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NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



Lent is the season in the church of penitence, reflection, and preparation.

Penitence: the action of feeling regretful, sorrowful for wrongdoings

Reflection: on what God in Christ endured that we might be forgiven

Preparation: to celebrate the Grace of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

For most of Christianity, it's a season of sacrifice, giving something up, that you might get focused on the joy of the Resurrection. For me, that doesn't work. We tend to create what we focus on, so, if my focus is on what I'm giving up, I just think more about that. Instead, I take something on. Doing so, focuses my attention on what I am trying to grow in, to know more of, to become.

This year, I invite you to take on worship attendance, from Ash Wednesday (February 26) to Resurrection Sunday (Easter) on April 12. Each worship will give you an opportunity to focus on Psalm 23, each time a particular part of the psalm. Each week will feature a presentation by one of the characters Haste brought to the manger of Jesus. You will see how encountering the baby Jesus, following him throughout his ministry, led people deeper into their faith. Resurrection Sunday will find Haste at the empty tomb, forever changed by the Christ.

Haste? Yes, remember, the Shepherds went with Haste to see what the angels had told them as they were watching their flocks by night. There they found the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, in a manger. There they held the very presence of God, and found their lives changed, forever.

Come and experience, in person or on-line, the ways our faith in God through Jesus changes our lives.

www.cpctucsonaz.org

www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

Peace in our journeys,

Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Sunday mornings provide opportunities of worship and Christian formation for all ages.

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall... worshipers are gathered around tables in this more casual setting. Coffee and juice is available; some bring their own. We are led by the music of our contemporary band.

9:30 a.m. Sunday Funday School for all ages... throughout the campus you can get your faith growing in a Christian formation class.

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary... worshipers gather in pews, use more of the traditional hymns, but are seated in the round. We are led by the music of our choirs and pianist.

March 1- Communion Celebration

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

March 8- Psalm 23: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the still waters, he restores my soul.

March 15- Psalm 23: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

March 22- Psalm 23: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me.

March 29- Psalm 23: Your rod and staff, they comfort me.

Stewardship and Finance Page

We are so blessed to have so many of you financially supporting the ministry and mission of our congregation. Together we are doing some amazing things for God's Realm.

In January we began supporting our denomination again by dedicating our per capita (PCUSA Support) of \$47/member. This helps us reach out in mission throughout our nation and world. If you haven't taken the opportunity to give that \$47, we encourage you to do so, as you celebrate being not only a part of this congregation, but this denomination.

In February we bought a gigantic Twister game for the youth and children to enjoy and use to learn how to share and get along with each, while having some fun!

In February we purchased some cloth and printer ink to make the Psalm 23 cloths to give out to everyone on Resurrection Sunday.

In January we bought more supplies for our Haven Totes packs that are given to children at Kellond Elementary School each Friday to have enough food at home over the weekend.

In January we bought 30 new Bibles, 4 of them large print, for use in Room E/F for Bible and Faith studies. The Christian Living Class was thrilled to have clear print, and some larger print!

In February we paid the copy repair guy to fix the copier after Pastor Steve got it jammed up making copies of booklets for the new member class.

All through the year, we use the gifts you share in all kinds of ways to help people grow in their faith in God through Jesus as their Savior. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the General Fund and to our designated missions and ministries. It's amazing what we can do together.

Your Stewardship and Finance Team.

SundayFunDay



9:30 a.m.

Children (Pre-K through 5th Grade)

begin in Room 6/7 at the west end of the grass quad.

Middle School (6th-8th Grades)

begin in Room D of the North Wing

High School (9th-12th Grades)

begin in Room C of the North Wing

Adult Bible Study *The Old Testament Book of Joshua*

Meets in A/B of the North Wing

Adult Faith Study Christian Living

Meets in A/B of the North Wing

Youth Ministry News

Middle and High School Youth Ministry is alive and thriving at #cptucsonaz.

Confirmation/Commissioning Class has begun for our 8th graders, led by Laura Cech.

Sunday Funday School, Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms C and D, gives our teens a chance to talk about how their faith can guide them in every part of their lives.

2-4 Youth Fellowship gives our teens a chance to have some fun together and practice their faith with others on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.

March 8: Bowling Night (meet/pick up at Tucson Bowl:
7020 E. 21st St.(22nd & Kolb) 85710

March 22: Tucson Zoo (Noon-3 p.m.)

CPC Welcomes Susan Simpson,

Our new Accompanist for
the 10:45 a.m. Service



Susan earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Western Michigan University, with a double major of piano and choral conducting, and continued graduate work in music education. She has a broad range of experience as a pianist, working with choirs, chamber groups, vocalists, instrumentalists and musical theatre. Her teaching background includes over 30 years of piano instruction and 20 years teaching vocal and general music in Michigan and California public schools. From 2000 – 2004, Ms. Simpson was on staff at the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music. Susan has worked as a church musician and choral conductor in Michigan, California & Tucson. She is currently a member of the Tucson Symphonic Choir. During recital season, Ms. Simpson accompanies students at Pima Community College & U of A. On a personal note, Susan has two grown daughters, one in Tucson, the other in North Carolina, four grandchildren, & a mischievous little dog.



Eagles Wings of Grace is an organization which assists women in a holistic manner that includes referrals to services they may need, providing clothing for job hunting, financial coaching, and nutritional education.

CPC donated \$250 to them in 2019. In the organization's thank you letter to CPC they said:

"These women come to us without hope. Your contributions help us to provide them with clothing, toiletries, and basic services that give them the confidence to take their journey to the next step to success."



Thank You!

Your donation to the Interfaith Community Services Food Bank has made a difference in the lives of those in need in our community. Thank you for your generous and continued support. We wish you many blessings!

Date: 12/19 Estimated Amount: 2,054 pounds

with your help, ICS is able to:

- Provide emergency food boxes to almost 30,000 recipients a year
- Supply Holiday Food Packages to thousands of low-income families
- Fight Hunger throughout Pima County

"Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,

Your are amazing people! Thank you for your generosity and kindness. As a teacher, I spend a lot of my own money to get the supplies my students need. It's so wonderful to have such caring people who take the time to think of others!

You all are those wonderful people!

I hope you know how much I appreciate you!

My students and I are so grateful for you and all you do for Kellond!

Sending you love and hugs today and always!

Love,

Georgina Carillo, Kellond Elementary School"

*"Miss the Worship! Miss the Beautiful campus— the patio
— the steps THE WHOLE PLACE! But most of all...
THE PEOPLE! HIS LOVE TO ALL!"*

Norma Hall



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in the **Patio Room** on **Tuesday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m.** Come check it out. They always have a nice time knitting, crocheting, and visiting. You don't have to attend the monthly meetings to participate. They make shawls that are 18-22 inches wide and about 60 inches long. You may use any pattern or color (blue is the most requested color). Prayer shawls are a blessing to many in our congregation, and other beneficiaries of the missions of the church. **LuAnn Cobb, 520-721-7338**, would love to answer any questions you have about this ministry. Also, shawl request forms for someone you love, are available in the office or you may contact LuAnn.



Haven Totes Tax Credit and Donation Form

An Arizona Charitable Tax Credit for helping low income residents of Arizona can be taken in addition to tax credits for helping Arizona schools. Report donations on AZ Form 321. Arizona allows until April 15 to qualify for a tax credit for the previous year. An individual may be eligible for a tax credit up to \$400 filing single, or \$800 filing taxes jointly. Your tax credit will be applied to reduce your tax liability, dollar-for-dollar actual credit off the amount you pay in state taxes. Please consult your tax advisor.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

AMOUNT DONATING: _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to Haven Totes, Inc. Send your donation to Haven Totes, Inc. 710–3 S. Kolb Rd., Tucson, AZ 85710 A letter of receipt will be sent to you.

Or if you'd prefer, go to www.haventotes.org and make your contribution online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Congregational Care Corner

Compassion Connections Ministry

We have 31 VIPP +2 Temp VIPP (a few folk who could use a little extra TLC while they recover) on our rolls who are receiving visits, calls, cards, and communion from the 19 volunteers and staff who make up our Compassion Connections Ministry Team. In the month of February we made 50 phone calls, 37 visits, sent 26 note cards, 31 valentine cards, and shared communion 14 times with our VIPP. PLUS our Youth sent valentines to each of our VIPP! What a big bunch of love that was! Thanks so much! Our VIPP love to hear from our youth and children.

The Compassion Connections ministry is one of the most rewarding ministries in which to participate. **You see the results, feel the appreciation, and build loving relationships.** We are always looking for more people to join our ministry. We particularly need people who are willing to visit our VIPP in their homes. Orientation/Training/Support is provided. Please contact me if this feels right for you. It is truly a vital and meaningful ministry.

We lost Dorothy Graham on Feb 16, a beloved member of our congregation who struggled with dementia, was one of our VIPP, and the mother of our own, Nancy Kluge. Please hold Nancy and the entire family in prayer. It was such a blessing to visit and share our ministry with Dorothy and she will live on in our hearts.



Please continue to pray for all of our VIPP as well as their families and those who are keeping our folks connected to CPC.

Exciting news: Soon we will have a web page on the CPC site for Congregational Care which will bring you updates of our Compassion Connection/VIPP ministry as well as helpful information for the congregation. Including health and wellness, links to service/help related website referrals, and downloads which will enrich your lives.

If you have an emergency or crisis situation, please contact Pastor Melde at the church office or on his cell.

If you would like to contact me, please leave a message with the church office, 520-886-5525 and I will return your call, or send me an email, anderson9575@msn.com.

May you fill each day with love, patience and kindness. We never know what someone else may be going through in their life.

Blessings,
Debby Anderson



Summer is right around the corner and it's time to sign up for camp!

CPC will be hosting the Montlure Traveling Day Camp June 8th-12.

Traveling Day Camp (TDC) is a week long, unique blend of outdoor ministries and congregational ministry. Day Camp is designed for campers who have completed grades K-5th.

Camp will run each day from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with an optional extended care from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m..

The cost for the week is \$75 for the first child in a family and \$50 for each additional child in the immediate family.

The extended care is an additional \$25 for the week per child. Space is limited, so register early at montlure.org.

Please contact Robin Gilbert, 520-204-6629 if you would like more information.

Montlure also has Overnight Camp for students entering 4th grade through 12 grade. It will be held at Wilderness Ranch in Lakeside, AZ. Registration is also at montlure.org

The dates are:

Senior High: June 7-12

Junior High: June 14-19

Juniors: July 5-9



Did you know??

All women of the CPC congregation are members of Presbyterian Women and are invited to participate in Bible study and learn about local, national and international mission service projects.

Bible Study for 2020

The 2020 Bible Study will be *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Gamble. All women are invited to participate!

Next meeting: Friday, March 6, 2020, 1:00 p.m., in the Patio Room.

Lesson 6: Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Sacred.

Thank you to all who support the Women's projects!

Hermosillo Mexican Children's Hospital: Clean plastic caps of any size are accepted.

Menaul School, Albuquerque, NM: Educational labels with the with the current expiration date on the bottom are accepted.

Ronald McDonald House: is continuing to collect the metal tabs and disinfectant wipes and chemo caps.

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses are appreciated.

Presbyterian Women in de Cristo will have a spring gathering on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church at 9252 E. 22nd St. Call Julia Potter for further information.

Casa de la Luz Bereavement Support

- Drop-in Bereavement Support Group: First Thursday of each month, Patio Room, 10:00 – 11:30 am; no registration required.

- Individual Counseling: By appointment only; call 520.544.9890



Although it is common to want to find our own way through grief and avoid seeking help, grief support can make a difference. Experiencing the death of a loved one can often overwhelm our ability to cope; some things are simply bigger than we are and require more resources in times of need. Most of us feel strengthened, encouraged, and supported when we learn about grief, understand how grief affects us, identify coping strategies and learn new methods to help ourselves through the grief experience. Casa de la Luz bereavement groups and counseling provide support to the Tucson community, regardless of whether your loved one was cared for by our hospice or not. All groups and counseling are open to the public and are free of charge.

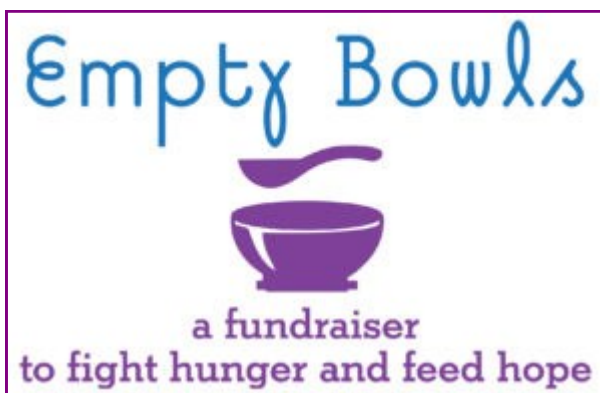
Sessions will be led by Casa de la Luz Bereavement Counselor Christy Noriega, MSW. Christy has a wealth of experience providing resource and therapeutic support for individuals and loved ones during life transitions, including 10 years as a hospice social worker and bereavement counselor.

***Next meeting will be March 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Patio Room.**

Contact 520.544.9890 for more information.

About Casa de la Luz

Casa de la Luz is the leading provider of end of life care in Southern Arizona. Offering hospice, community palliative care and extensive bereavement services, the breadth of programs at Casa de la Luz extends through every stage at end of life.



**Saturday • March 7,
2020**

**at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center
1288 W. River Road**

**11 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.
Tickets \$25 each at
icstucson.org**

Benefiting the ICS Food Banks & Service



BOOK CLUB



The group chose ***Next Year in Havana*** by Chanel Cleeton for our next read. We will discuss it at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 in the Music Room. Hope to see you there!

After the death of her beloved grandmother, a Cuban-American woman travels to Havana, where she discovers the roots of her identity—and unearths a family secret hidden since the revolution.

Havana, 1958. The daughter of a sugar baron, nineteen-year-old Elisa Perez is part of Cuba's high society, where she is largely sheltered from the country's growing political unrest—until she embarks on a clandestine affair with a passionate revolutionary.

Miami, 2017. Freelance writer Marisol Ferrera grew up hearing romantic stories of Cuba from her late grandmother Elisa, who was forced to flee with her family during the revolution. Elisa's last wish was for Marisol to scatter her ashes in the country of her birth.

Arriving in Havana, Marisol comes face-to-face with the contrast of Cuba's tropical, timeless beauty and its perilous political climate. When more family history comes to light and Marisol finds herself attracted to a man with secrets of his own, she'll need the lessons of her grandmother's past to help her understand the true meaning of courage.



Flea Market News

As you know by now, we are in full-swing for the 2020 CPC Flea Market. This issue contains **Key Dates** where volunteers are needed in this final month of preparation and execution of the event.

March 1: After Sunday School ends: Set up tables in Classrooms: A/B, E/F, C&D, 5/6/7, Fellowship Hall and grassy quad area. *10:30 am until done*

March 1: After tables are set up, unload Quad, Classroom and Xtra Pods into those classrooms and quad area. *10:30 am to 2:00 pm (or until done)*

March 2-10: Complete Setup: Sort, clean, price, unpack & stage donated items. *9 am – 2 pm*

March 7: Setup Furniture Tents & Barrels! We have 2 – 20x40 tents to set up in the north parking lot connected to 32 water barrels for anchors! *8 am – 2 pm (or until done)*

March 10: Unloading the Furniture and Large Appliances from the Pods: Need those who can carry heavy & light pieces of furniture. Some on dolly's some with a helper on the other end. *8 am -2 pm (or until done)*

March 8-11: Final touches! Come help between *9 am – 2 pm*.

March 12-14: Flea market open to public. 7 am-2 pm

March 14: 11:30-12:00 doors close to ready ½ price sale; all attendees must exit

March 14: 12:00 -2:00 everything half off!

March 14: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Ready FH and Sunday School classrooms for church the following day. Need a huge crew to stay long enough to finish this task.

March 15-17: Complete campus clean-up

March 22: Join us in Fellowship Hall for a piece of Volunteer Thank You cake

Please mark your calendars to help as often as possible to get this huge CPC fundraiser up and running. For general questions and to volunteer call Pam Cullop 520-271-6678. For donation questions call Vera Bare 520-981-1710.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

The Flea Market Team



Fellowship and Fun

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, March 18th at 7:30am.

Join us for breakfast at Biscuits (7026 E. Broadway Blvd.). We're studying men in the Bible to learn how to be better men of faith. Men of all ages are invited to join us each Third Wednesday of the month.



Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

CPC has increased our lunch donations to Casa Maria to 200 lunches. Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies. We will make sandwiches on Sunday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

Saturdays, 7:30 am—8:30 am. Enjoy fellowship and sharing experiences and beliefs!

Our March Birthdays!

6 Ingrid McKee
7 Michael Beck
8 Pat Werner
9 Belinda Courville
9 Ruth Jafvert
9 Donna Kuehn
11 Emily Bittman
12 Nancy Cella
13 Erin Cech
13 Connie Feddick
14 Vickie Forbes
14 CJ Gorman
14 Ron Rice
16 Francene Johnston
17 Andrew Robinson
17 Nathan Robinson
18 Ken Friskey
18 Marjorie Letson
21 Nancy Hummel
21 Bret Lewallen
22 Dennis Crosby
22 Karl Ver Burg
24 Jim Kercheval
25 Tony Manning
26 Leah Harroun
27 Doug Powers
31 Lianne Puzzo

**Happy
Birthday**





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Please submit your articles and
requests by **Wednesday at noon!**

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