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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 2020

KIVA NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



Thank you.

That's what this month is about. It's about taking time to be grateful.

Here's your challenge.... Ready???

Every day give thanks for one part of your life... whatever/whoever that is. Just one each day. Write it down on something that will give you space for all 30 days of the month. Then at the end of the month, keep that list and look back at it whenever you feel you have nothing to be grateful for in your life.

Sounds simple doesn't it? Sounds silly? Sometimes we need a reminder that there is much more good in our lives than not.

So, try it!

Peace in our journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

Congregational Zoom Discussion in November

Debby Anderson and Pastor Steve will be leading some "CPC Chats" throughout the month of November. We'll be using Zoom meetings through the internet. Each chat will include no more than 12 persons so that we can all have a time to talk and get to know each other. These are just fun, casual times of connecting with others in the church. They will last up to 90 minutes. Join us for one or all.

Thursday, November 5: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11th: 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17th: 4:30 p.m. (Happy Hour!)

Wednesday, November 25th: 7:30 a.m. (Breakfast!)

Sunday Worship

We worship together every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
All are welcome.

We gather on-line and in-person (masks are still required).

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Highlights:

Sunday, November 1st:

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

Dedicating our Estimate of Giving Pledges to the 2021

General Fund:

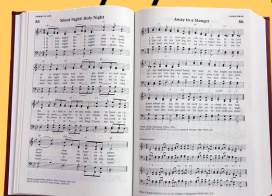
Blessed Be The Tie That Binds

Sunday, November 29th: The First Sunday of Advent

(Yay, Christmas is Coming!)

We begin a four week series: Reporting from Bethlehem

Sunday Hymn Sing



You are invited to join Susan Simpson, our 10:45 a.m. worship accompanist for a hymn sing on Sundays, 9:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. We'll be broadcast on all three of our sites so that you can sing along or just enjoy the hymns of faith. Videos will also be archived so you can watch at any convenient time.

Sing Out Loud!

Stewardship and Finance Page



Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Sunday, November 1st, join together as a church family as we dedicate our Estimate of Giving Pledges for the 2021 Annual Stewardship Campaign: Blessed Be The Tie That Binds.

We hope you have received your pledge card in the mail (if not, call us in the church office). We encourage you to fill that out and return it either in-person in worship or by mailing it in to the church office. We will have a special moment of dedication of those pledges in worship that morning.

Your pledging allows our leadership team to make better and more specific plans for the coming year's ministry and mission. If you are not able to make a pledge at this time, we encourage you to send us a note to let us know.

It's been incredible what we have been able to do together, even while apart. Thank you for your ongoing support of this congregation and your part in it.

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds... our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above!

In Christ,
Your Stewardship and Finance Team

Update on CPC Finances—September 30, 2020

Just a brief update on the CPC financial reports as of September 30th. We are definitely blessed with a very generous congregation and this has allowed us to meet the 2020 budget that was set at the beginning of the year. Income and expenses are amortized over the 12 months of the year so overages/shortages are for the first 9 months of 2020.

Pledged income is over budget by 4403.15. This is due to some people pre-paying their annual pledge amount and some were able to give an additional amount over their pledge. Non-pledged income (from people who did not pledge for 2020 but are regular givers) is over budget by 3804.34. Loose offering (money put into offering plate, but givers are unknown) is under budget by 6416.85 which, of course, is due to the fact that we were not been able to attend in-person weekly worship for several months. Rental income from various groups who use the campus is under by 8680.00 because of the campus shut down in the spring. As we are able to open up to groups, this may recover slightly by year end.

Some expenses are down in the year-to-date numbers. These expenses include building and ground expenses, facility monitors, as well as hospitality costs (food served after Sunday services). We have incurred additional expenses for items such as copies and postage to maintain contact with everyone during our months of not worshipping in person.

With many contributions to our Needy Family Fund we have been able to assist various families in meeting their monthly expenses such as rent and electric bills. It has been amazing to add this mission work to our existing projects.

The mission team has been able to fulfill the budgeted mission projects as well as contributions to other organizations.

If you have any questions regarding the financial status of CPC, please do not hesitate to call me or contact the church office. Once again, thank you to everyone for the support you give to CPC.

Looking forward to our 2021 Stewardship Campaign – Blessed be the Tie that Binds!

Pam Raines

CPC Treasurer

SundayFunDay



Thanks for your patience as we and the Safety team figure out when to resume in-person Sunday Funday School. Until then, we will continue to provide it through Zoom on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Contact me if you need the Zoom meeting information. Thank you for your on-going giving to the children and youth of CPC!

2-4 Youth Fellowship

Our youth, 6th-12th Grade are a mighty group. We will meet for fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of November (2-4 Youth Fellowship).

November 8 and 22 (6 – 7:30 p.m.)

We are still figuring out what we can do together with safe, physical distancing. Stay tuned for details.



CPC Office in November

As we continue a phased re-opening of our campus, we are asking you to help keep our office staff safe. If it's at all possible, please call ahead of time and let us know that you are coming to the office and what help you will need. This way we can take care of some of it ahead of time. We will be asking you to wear a mask and hand sanitize as you come in. The office space is small, so we are continuing trying to avoid crowds.

Thank you for understanding and helping to keep your staff safe.



Yes, CPC is still working with Haven Totes, Inc. to provide food and school supplies to children of Kellond Elementary School. Things at school are different, as you may be experiencing first hand. At the end of October Tucson Unified School District will be deciding when and how students and staff will be returning to the buildings. So our plans to provide help to children and their families could possibly change a bit.

Here are some things that we know as of today, October 20:

- CPC has added another neighboring school, Hudlow Elementary. Their enrollment is much smaller than Kellond as the neighborhood has aged, but their needs are just as critical.
- Haven Totes, Inc. opened another food pantry at Catalina High School to help more families in their area. This makes 3 pantries open – Fountain of Life Church, Lauffer Middle School and Catalina High. **THIS IS GREAT NEWS!**
- Communications to both Kellond and Hudlow families have gone out inviting them to contact their school if they are in need of food. School contacts and teachers are also on the look out for anyone in need. More challenging since most contacts are online.
- CPC is helping more with the Haven Tote Pantry “rescue food” from designated grocery stores, stocking and organizing shelves, and assisting family shoppers. Other needed foods are purchased with donations.
- CPC is providing schools with Emergency Family Food Boxes as needed. These include 3-4 meals to help them out until they can get to the Food Pantry and/or may need to make it to the next paycheck.
- CPC is providing weekend Totes to children who are homeless and living in a vehicle or hotel. These are similar to Totes we packed in the past.



Rescue Food, stock/organize shelves, assist on pantry days,

Pack/deliver emergency food boxes and weekend totes to schools.
Contact Janis Parks (info is in ShelbyNext) or call the office.



Congregational Care

Compassion Connections Ministry

Your Compassion Connections Team continues to find ways to stay connected to our VIPP (visited in person people) and for that I am so thankful. I am continually amazed by their commitment, compassion and deep faith.

We lost two of our VIPP last month: Russell Clink and Trish Watwood. Russell's wife, JoAn passed in the spring and Russell moved to Minnesota to be near family. Trish's husband Vern also passed a few months ago and Trish recently moved to Michigan to be near her family. We will miss them all. We give thanks to God for their lives, celebrate that they are reunited with their beloved spouses, and will carry their memory in our hearts.

New Congregational Programming

Pastor Melde and I are working with the Membership Care Team to offer some small group ZOOM meetings. In October we offered 4 groups for Pandemic Discussion. Just a place where folks can check in with one another, see how we are doing and share joys, concerns and prayer. So watch for opportunities to join in future small group ministries. Be sure to let us know if you have some specific content discussion suggestions.

As we begin to head into the holidays, I want to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving even though this year's celebration might look a lot different than other years, may we all take time to recognize all of the blessings we do have and all that God has given us.

I share this prayer from a daily devotional I use, **A Prayer a Day**: Father, thinking back on the early settlers of this country makes my heart swell with gratitude - for their courage, bravery, and endurance. Most of all I am thankful for the belief and trust they showed and for not giving up hope. I am proud to carry on their

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tradition of celebrating their faith among their first harvest. They gave thanks and acknowledgment to You, and it's a tradition I want to carry on as well. You are wonderful to provide such abundance both then and now. All praise to You. Amen.

I pray we will all pause to give thanks to God! Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

If you would like to contact me, please leave a message with the church office, 886-5535, call my cell/home phone, or send me an email, cpc.congcare@gmail.com. I will get back to you.

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

Blessings,
Debby Anderson

Thank you CPC Congregation!

I am so grateful for all your help, networking and prayers for employment. Today, after 8 months of unemployment, and literally one more check left of accrued payments, I have been offered a job! I will be starting on October 19, 2020 in Employer Relations at Auguste Escoffier Culinary Arts. God has blessed me, as this is also a remote position.

Blessings and gratitude,
Kerri Budwine (Donna Kuehn's daughter, and new resident of Tucson, AZ)



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

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 - 2021

The 2020 - 2021 Bible Study is ***Into the Light— Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*** by P. Lynn Miller. All women are invited to participate. The Bible Study meets on the first Friday of the month.

The next meeting is Friday, November 6, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Room E/F. The meeting will also be broadcasted live online.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Lesson #3 is "Women's Lament"

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

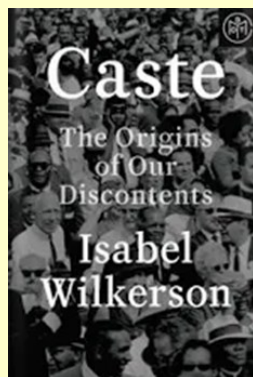
Hermosillo Mexican Children's Hospital: Plastic caps are no longer being collected.

Ronald McDonald House: Please hold all pop tabs, disinfectant wipes, and chemo caps until further notice. These items will be accepted after the COVID-19 virus subsides.

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses ARE being accepted.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on November 10, 1:00 p.m. on Skype to talk about the current book selection,



In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. She documents how the Nazis studied the racial systems in America to plan their out-cast of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against; she writes about the surprising health costs of caste, in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity. Beautifully written, original, and revealing, **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents** is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

“As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power—which groups have it and which do not.”—
Dwight Garner, The New York Times

Christmas Craft Sale



We'll be *Gnome* for Christmas...

We are excited to share this news: The PW Women's Craft Group (C-19 permitting) will hold the annual Christmas Craft sale! To minimize close contacts and adhere to social distancing guidelines, it will operate over the course of three days on the first weekend in December and be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The sale hours will be:

Friday, December 4 from 12 noon until 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 6 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

We are sparing nothing...everything you look forward to from the sale will be offered from several varieties of home-baked cookies; our own varieties of wrapped Hershey Bars, (featuring gnomes this year); a multitude of holiday sewn and crafted items that you will find both gorgeous and useful; and even masks made of holiday fabrics for pairing with your favorite Christmas top... and so much more!

Additionally, two varieties of quilted treasures will be offered in a raffle this year. One is a gorgeous quilted crib-size comforter and the other a lovely shoulder bag featuring a trapunto (stuffed quilting technique) design.

We will practice all the safety measures in place for meeting at church: hand sanitizer for everyone at the door, required masks, and that you practice social distancing while you shop.

Flyers will soon be available for you to distribute to friends and relatives as will a notice on the CPC Facebook page.

As always, this fundraising event will benefit the various Presbyterian Women of CPC's ministries. We appreciate you supporting us to support them!

If you have any questions about the sale, please contact Pam Cullop, 520-271-6678 or pjcullop@gmail.com



November Flea Market News

**Please note: This is one of those unusual months when the 2nd Sunday is preceded by the 1st Saturday*
November – 2nd Hand Weekend:

Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8

Saturday hours: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday hours: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If you have large/heavy pieces, you may contact Vera Bare to arrange a donation pick up.

We can always use an extra hand if you would like to help process or store donations. Wear your mask, bring your lunch, and join the fun!

We need bubble wrap if you have any to spare.

Position to fill: The Flea Market needs a “Marketing Coordinator.”

Someone computer savvy, with creative marketing ideas, who would be willing to donate a few hours each month throughout the year... and then a few more each month from January through the end of March to promote and advertise the Flea Market event.

If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in volunteering for CPC's biggest fundraising event, please contact one of the Flea Market Team members (Pam Cullop, Pam Raines, Vera Bare, Doug Thompson) for more details. Our cell phone numbers are listed in Shelby Next. Or contact the church office and they will pass the message along to us: 520-886-5535.

Donations: Now that the MPR/Gym is being rented for outside activities, we ask that you kindly wait to drop off your donations until the Second-Hand weekends as we have an extremely limited amount of storage space. For larger items, please contact Vera Bare our donation coordinator: 520-981-1710.

**Due to holiday activities there will not be a 2nd Hand Weekend in the month of December, so we ask that you not drop off any donations in that month. If you are not able to bring in November, please wait until 2nd Hand Weekend in January, which will be January 9, 2021, and January 10, 2021.*

Thank you!! The Flea Market Team

Fellowship and Fun

Men's Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to join us each Third Wednesday in CPC's Fellowship Hall when Pastor Steve will provide breakfast. We will be studying the Bible to learn how to be better men of faith.

The next breakfast will be November 18, 7:30 a.m. Masks are still required except when eating.

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

Note: Will not meet until further notice

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



Casa Maria Sandwich Making

Tuesday, November 24, 8:30 a.m.

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen is an organization that has been providing hundreds of meals daily since 1981 to Tucson's hungry women, men, and children.

CPC Casa Maria Sandwich Making Ministry meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to put together one hundred lunches.

Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies.

If you would like to provide sandwiches (meat and cheese) please bring them to Fellowship Hall before (they can be kept in the freezer) the fourth Tuesday of the month or by 8:30 the morning of. If you would like to help put the lunches together, contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net.

Our November Birthdays!

1 Leslie Courville
1 Meghan Koch
3 Kathy Kimball
3 Olivia Smith
4 Jody Watkins
5 Carole Pyter
7 Joyce Coon
7 Jan Marshall
8 Madelyn Doubrava
9 Marilyn McConnell
12 Tina Bentley
16 Beth Cullop
19 Lee Blackledge
20 Phil Mendoza
21 Ben Koch
22 Jonathan Alberding
22 Chris Courville
23 Tom Bradlely
23 Murry Short
23 Bob Sundt
24 Ava Gardiner
24 Cole Gardiner
24 Nathan Parkey
25 Catherine Botts
25 Elsie Watkins
27 Beth Larsen
29 Katie Gilbert
30 Cassie Hoke
30 Dale Rosene



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If we've missed your
birthday, please let us
know.



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Deadlines

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requests by **Wednesday at
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