



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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KIVA NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



Don Moen wrote a song, “Give Thanks.” In it the lyric sings:

Give thanks with a grateful heart...

When I first heard the line, I wondered, “Isn’t that why we give thanks? Because our hearts are grateful?” And then I realized that sometimes I’ve given thanks because I was told to, “Say Thank you.” Sometimes I’ve given thanks because I’m supposed to but I wasn’t really thankful. Sometimes I’ve given thanks just to make someone else feel better or to get them to leave me alone.

How sad!

Moen’s song goes on to sing about the main reason we give thanks.... Because God has given his son, Jesus Christ. And I can tell you, my heart is filled with gratitude for this gift. In Christ I know that I am forgiven, don’t need to be perfect, need to challenge myself to be more faithful, can’t do it on my own and don’t have to, and that God has a plan that includes life eternal with God for me, for all.

It’s November, a season of giving thanks. Don’t give thanks because you have to; Give thanks because your heart is filled with gratitude for the gift of Jesus the Christ in your life, in all life. And let all your giving thanks be rooted (and routed) in that gift. Let it guide you in all your ways, decisions, thanksgiving.

Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Peace in our journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

We worship together every Sunday....

8:30 a.m. in/from Fellowship Hall with our Band

10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary with our choirs and accompanist.

You can attend in person (masks are still recommended, but not required), or online:

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the home page)

[www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson](https://www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)

www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

Remember: children are always welcome in worship. We do have a professionally staffed child care room for our youngest “littles” if parents choose to use them.

Nov. 7: Communion Celebration

Dedication of our Estimate of Giving Pledges for 2022

9:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting to elect deacons/elders.

4:00 p.m. Memorial Service

Nov. 14: Blessings Can Hurt Genesis 32:22-32

Honoring our living military veterans

Nov. 21: Thanksgiving

Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent



Memorial Service for our Loved Ones

Sunday, November 7, 2021

4:00 p.m. Tucson Time

A Time to honor our loved ones who passed away during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Join us in the Sanctuary to honor loved ones who passed away during the pandemic and gathering restrictions. We will have the opportunity to partake in the sacrament of communion and celebrate their lives in word, song, and prayer.

Sunday Funday



Sunday Funday School is back up and running! Join us in person or on-line each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We are learning about being lost and found through the parables and will be focusing on learning about Jesus' birth through December.

CPC's nursery is back open for our youngest members from 8:15 a.m. until 12 p.m. We are taking every precaution to make this a safe and fun place. Ms. Meghan and Ms. Tara have fun activities to keep your children happy while you enjoy service or adult Sunday School.

Journey to Bethlehem is coming (December 19)! If you, your children and youth would like to be a part of our annual Christmas program, please let Ms. Robin know. Practice will be mainly during Sunday School.

2-4 Youth Fellowship

Our Middle and High School Youth are such a vital part of our church family. They meet for fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.

November 14: Surprise Fun Night (Baked Potato Bar for dinner)
Susie and Luke Nagele, Parent Helpers

November 28: Zombie Night (Salad Bar for dinner)
Emily Hilyard, Parent Helper

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow Phase 2: **The 2022 Budget**

On Sunday, November 7th, we will dedicate our Estimate of Giving pledges for the 2022 General Budget of our congregation. We hope that you have received our mailings, if not, please let us know.

Your generosity has given us the ability to live out the Gospel of Christ in some amazing ways during the pandemic. We've increased our on-line community even while our community of faith has begun to return to in-person worship.

As we look forward to next year's ministries and missions, your estimate of giving pledge will help your Session Leadership Team know how to allocate funding in ways that will guide us in our continued endeavor to not only grow in our faith, but also to invite others to join with us in this journey.

You can bring your pledge card to worship or mail it in to the church office so that together we can ask God's blessings on our plans for next year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this church family,
Your Stewardship and Finance Team

First Friday Bible Study

On the first Friday of the month (Nov 5) Pastor Steve leads a Bible study in/from Room E/F at 11 a.m. Tucson Time. This season we are studying the women in Jesus' genealogy. Take some time to read Chapter 1 of Matthew's Gospel. This month we will focus on Tamar from Genesis 38. You can join us in person or via Zoom. Contact Pastor Steve for the Zoom link if you'd like to join on-line
PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

CPC Mission Corner

Courtney's Courage

Courtney's Courage is a local organization and a designated mission partner with CPC. Courtney's Courage is dedicated to raising funds for children's cancer research at Banner Hospital in Tucson and to assist with support services for Tucson's pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Childhood cancer did not take a break because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Children are still being newly diagnosed, and many more are in various stages of cancer treatment. Families continued to receive help with essential bills and were provided with food and snack deliveries while in clinic and the hospital. Customized Courtney's Angel and Sibling Pak request continue to be provided. Only with your help will we be able to support these very special families and continue to fund desperately needed cancer research. Courtney's Courage passes thru \$.96 of every dollar to support these needs.



Courtney's Courage has formed a cycling team for this years El Tour for Tots on 11/20/2021. Three CPC members, Cheryl and Darrel Dunafon, and Claudia Howell will be riding 28 miles to raise funds for our CPC Mission recipient and we need your support to help them meet and exceed their goal.

Go online to CourtneysCourage.org and click on the photo of El Tour for Tots and follow donation prompts. Please specify your pledge for Cheryl, Darrel or Claudia by clicking on their name and photo. Please pledge by 11/5/21 or organize your own team! While at the website learn more about the organization.

No pledge is too small. How about \$1 per mile for \$28 dollars, or whatever feels right for you.

Thanks to each of you and God Bless

Honoring Our Veterans

On Sunday, November 14, we would like to take time in worship to honor our living military veterans. If you have served in the military, we would love to have you send us a photo of you (preferably in your uniform... so yes, it can be an old photo). Please get that photo to Pastor Steve by Thursday, November 11. If you don't have one in your uniform, just send us a photo of you. PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com You can email or text it to him, or bring it in or send it in to the church office so that we can make a digital copy.

The Tucson Masterworks Choral

Fall Concert

Sunday November 21, 6:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

The Tucson Masterworks Choral, which includes several of our CPC choir members and is directed by our very own Luke Diamond, will be presenting their fall concert here in the CPC sanctuary.



Tickets must be purchased in advance at:

tucsonmasterworkschorale.square.site/

The Christian Living Class

9:30 a.m., Room E/F. and on Zoom

The Christian Living Class is currently viewing and discussing videos by Rob Bell, a bestselling author of 11 books, including ***Drops Like Stars, Love Wins***, and ***Everything is Spiritual***. His podcast is called ***The Robcast***. In 2011 Time Magazine named him one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

If you want to join us on Zoom, please email (office@cpctucsonaz.org) or call the church office (520-886-5535) and let us know so we can send you a Zoom invite

Casa Maria Sandwich Making

Tuesday, November 23, 8:00 a.m.

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

CPC Casa Maria Sandwich Making Ministry meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to put together two 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 refrigerator) 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.



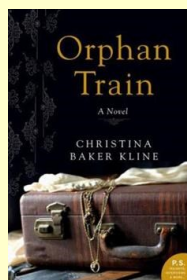
Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in rooms E/F. Our next meeting will be November 2. We look forward to seeing all of our members and would love to see some new faces appear, so if you knit or crochet, please consider coming to our meeting and see what we do. We will be following church recommendations of wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

If you have any questions, please call LuAnn Cobb, 520-721-7338.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 9, 1 p.m. for a hybrid in-person (Patio Room) and Zoom Meeting to discuss ***Orphan Train*** by Christina Baker Kline



If you would like to join in-person or on Zoom, please contact Ann, annlarrabee4@gmail.com

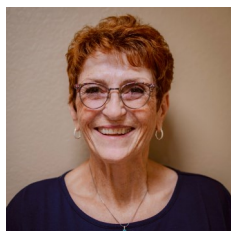
Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude?

As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly was one such child, sent by rail from New York City to an uncertain future a world away. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence on the coast of Maine, the memories of her upbringing rendered a hazy blur. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past.

Seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer knows that a community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping her out of juvenile hall. But as Molly helps Vivian sort through her keepsakes and possessions, she discovers that she and Vivian aren't as different as they appear. A Penobscot Indian who has spent her youth in and out of foster homes, Molly is also an outsider being raised by strangers, and she, too, has unanswered questions about the past.

Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of second chances, and unexpected friendship.

“A lovely novel about the search for family that also happens to illuminate a fascinating and forgotten chapter of America’s history. Beautiful.”—Ann Packer



Congregational Care Corner

Compassion Connections Ministry

Grateful and Blessed for New Seasons

"May Joseph's Land be blessed by the Lord...with the bountiful harvest from the sun and the abundant yield of the season."

Deuteronomy 33:13-14

Happy Thanksgiving Season!

It's amazing, at least to me, that we find ourselves in this new season. The year even though full of all kinds of ups and downs, has quickly almost ended. Can't say that I'm sad about that. I will be happy to end the year and begin anew. Even though there has been much change, loss, and sadness in this year, it has also been a year of excitement, hope, and renewal. Just as the hot dry days of summer turn into cooler temperatures, fall winds and breezes to give us a reprieve, the Lord does the same for our hearts and lives. May we each see the new ways of God's glory and give thanks knowing that He is with us at every turn in life's seasons.

Giving thanks and being grateful even in hard times is always such a comfort and blessing for me. One of the blessings that I return thanks for is being a part of ministry at Christ Presbyterian Church. Serving along side church leadership and our Compassion Connections Ministry Team is a highlight of my life. It is heart warming to watch our team grow and flourish in compassion for one another and our congregation. It's an honor to see the dedication and renewed commitment of our team members as we strive to find new ways to reach out to our homebound members and congregation. Ways that will grow our faith, build relationships, and share love, comfort and compassion through the love of Christ Jesus

Our team is helping to bring you a beautiful worship experience and provide a time to give thanks for those loved ones we lost over the past two years during the pandemic. This special memorial service will be held at CPC on Sunday, November 7, at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

Keep us posted on how you are doing and any prayer requests you may have. Call the church office and leave a message, 886-5535, and I will return your call. Call my cell phone (please leave a message, if I don't answer), or send me an email, cpc.congcare@gmail.com.

If you have an emergency or crisis situation, please contact Pastor Melde at the church office 520-886-5535, or on his cell.

Grateful for New Seasons,
Debby Anderson

Thanks CPC, for making 460+ cards for our troops!

Dear Ann,
Your package has arrived. And we are so pleased that you have continued to support our project. Please express our deepest gratitude to the card makers at Christ Presbyterian Church in Tucson. We always enjoy receiving your lovely cards. Our troops will enjoy sending these cards back home to their families and friends. Thank you all so much.

Blessings, Pat Brodsky, Making Cards For Our Troops

Men of Faith Breakfast

Biscuits Country Café, 7026 E. Broadway Blvd.

The Men's Breakfast meets every third Wednesday of the month. This month we are meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17. We're Men studying the Bible to become better men of faith. All ages are invited. Bring a friend! Separate checks!

To my CPC Family:

Thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, cards, and concern. It was a hard year, but I am doing well now.

Thank you again,

Ingrid McKee



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Did you know?? All women of the CPC congregation are members of Presbyterian Women and are invited to participate in Bible Study (see page 5) and learn about local, national, and international mission service.

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

Ronald McDonald House: Please hold all pop tabs, disinfectant wipes, and chemo caps until after COVID-19 subsides.

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

The Gifts of Love Tree

The Gifts of Love tree will be on the patio **November 21st and 28th**. It will be a little different this year. There will be colored tags hanging on the tree with directions for returning the gift on one side and the name of the child or parent with their gift request on the other side. You will register the tag with the people at the table on the patio, so we know who took the tag and we will have your phone number in case we need to get ahold of you. The gifts can be returned any time, but must be back by **December 12th**. The Mission Team will be sorting them by family and then delivering them to ICS for pickup by each recipient family. It is VERY important that the colored tag be attached to your gift, as well as your gift tag with the child's name on it. If you are not attending church in person, but would like to take part in this mission, please, call Pam Elitharp (801-792-5022) and we can make arrangements to get you a tag. Thanks for helping some families have a very Merry Christmas.

November Flea Market News



Sorry, we cannot accept any donations until the March 17-19 Flea Market is completed.

Donation collections will officially begin on April 9th, which is the first Secondhand Saturday after the 2022 fundraiser.

A Huge "Thank You"

To all who volunteered at the October 9, one day Flea Market Parking Lot sale!

As you might have noticed, we were able to empty enough items from the pods to have one of the storage units removed. This helps not only with the monthly per unit rent, but also with available parking spaces now that more of our regular attendees and winter visitors have begun returning to church. And... More space than ever will be needed for flea market set up as we have more (2 years' worth) items to display than ever before. While this parking lot sale total of \$3600 was less than anticipated, it was still a good chunk of fundraising change to collect in four hours!

Please note:

Volunteer signups for the March Flea Market 3-day sale will begin in December. Please watch your Inbox for the emails that will allow you to volunteer electronically through *SignUpGenius*. If you prefer to volunteer in person, there will be advertised Sundays when Flea Market Team Leads will have the paper calendars and be available to assist you with the dates, times, positions and needs.

The 2022 set-up process begins on February 18 and will run straight through to the last day of cleanup, which is currently scheduled on March 24. This Flea Market will have more items than ever before which means we need lots of folks to help. Please, help as often as you are able.

A Gentle Reminder of Donations we can no longer accept:

- Mattresses of any size, condition, or quality.
- Mechanical beds and chairs (medical or lift type).
- Large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, built-in microwaves or ovens, washers, dryers, etc.)
- Plumbing/remodel fixtures (sinks, toilets, kitchen counters, flooring, tiles, similar items)
- Big box TV's
- In General: Any item that is broken/damaged/dirty beyond a gentle cleaning (includes clothing, furniture, any normal household items, electrical and mechanical machines, tools, etc.) please toss rather than donate.

Thank you for understanding. The Flea Market Team

Presbyterian Women of CPC Crafts Group Happenings

November

Hours will be different during the month of November, as we begin preparing in earnest, for the annual Crafts Sale, which takes place over the first weekend in December (4 & 5).

If you would like to join in the crafting fun, we would be thrilled to have you join us! We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. You are welcome to craft with us or contribute some of your own creations for our Presbyterian Women Mission fundraising sale. If you would rather craft, sew, crochet, or knit from home, that is perfectly okay too. The profits from the sale of our items go to many worthwhile organizations.

November dates and hours:

Wednesday, November 3 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10 9 a.m. – 2p.m.

Wednesday, November 17 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24 No Crafts (Thanksgiving
related activities or guests)

Wednesday, December 1 9 a.m. – 2p.m.

Please bring your lunch if you plan to stay for the full day.

Masks are no longer required for the fully vaccinated, but optional, as you desire.

Contact Pam Cullop – pjcullop@gmail.com or call/text:

520-271-6678 to help with projects or to get into the hallway to look at what we have for sale.



Our November Birthdays!

1 Mary Rosaire Anderson	22 Jonathan Alberding
1 Leslie Courville	22 Chris Courville
1 Meghan Koch	23 Tom Bradley
3 Kathy Kimball	23 Murry Short
3 Olivia Smith	23 Bob Sundt
4 Jody Watkins	24 Cole Gardiner
5 Carole Pyter	24 Ava Gardiner
7 Joyce Coon	24 Nathan Parkey
7 Jan Marshall	25 Catherine Botts
8 Madelyn Doubrava	25 Elsie Watkins
8 Marilyn McConnell	27 Beth Larsen
12 Tina Bentley	28 John Couzens
16 Beth Cullop	29 Katie Gilbert
20 Phil Mendoza	30 Cassie Hoke
21 Ben Koch	30 Dale Rosene



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





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Deadlines

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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