



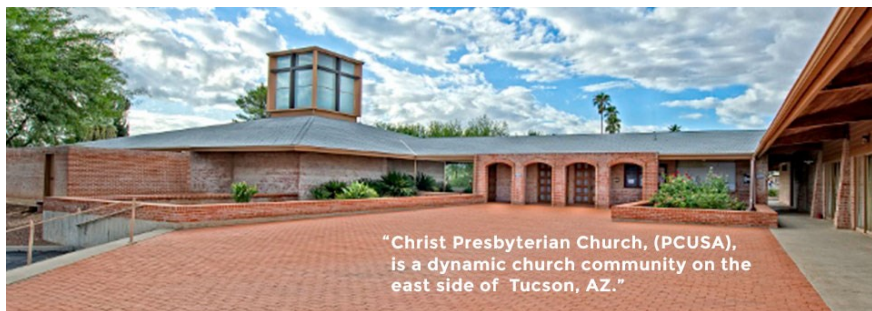
CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TUCSON, ARIZONA

**November 2017**



# Kiva Newsletter



"Christ Presbyterian Church, (PCUSA),  
is a dynamic church community on the  
east side of Tucson, AZ."

# Pastor Melde's Page



Dear CPC—

I'm always grateful for November. Our country sets aside a whole day to give thanks. I know, most give thanks for overindulging in gastronomic buffets of food that don't take nearly as long to eat as they do to prepare. I know, most are giving thanks for the plethora of sporting events to watch while eating ourselves into a sleepy fog from the turkey. I know, most give thanks for a day off.

But I give thanks that we are giving thanks.

Giving thanks is an important spiritual practice that can help you grow in your faith. For a few moments, you stop asking for something else and spend time giving thanks for what you have. And doing so shifts you into a different way of living, one that opens you more to living the kind of life God is calling you to live in Jesus Christ.

So, in this Thanksgiving season, make sure you are giving thanks. It will change your whole way of living.

Peace in our Journeys,

Pastor Steve Melde

# Sunday Worship

Every Sunday we gather, in person and on Facebook Live, to worship God in Jesus Christ together. It's an integral part of our faith and growing deeper in love with God. Come join us:

**8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Worshipers casually gather around tables and are led in worship by our CPC Band (a soft rock feel of top-notch musicians). This 45 minute service welcomes children, too.

**10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** Worshipers gather in the Round, in comfortable pews, and are led by the music of our choirs (vocal and handbell) and by our organist/pianist. This 60 minute service welcomes children, too.

CPC welcomes God's children of all ages in worship. Blue activity bags are available for our younger ones. We do have a professional nursery for infants and toddlers of parents who choose to entrust our caring nursery staff.

**November 5:** Communion and Dedication of our Estimate of Giving Pledges for 2018. We will be blessing our plans for mission and ministry in 2018.

**November 12:** Matthew 25:1-10  
Yikes, this one might be challenging to understand.

**November 19:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
The Rev. Sara Ver Burg will help us find Hope.

**November 26:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Pastor Steve Brownson will tell us what the point is!

# Middle and High School Youth Ministry News

“Faith Questions” is our curriculum for Middle and High Schoolers. Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. our two groups wrestle through some deep questions of faith and emerge with ideas and plans on how to live a Christian life. We’ve studied Justice, Money, and November will give us a chance to hunker in again on the life of Jesus as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.



## 2-4 Youth Fellowship



2-4 Youth Fellowship meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. All Middle and High School youth are welcome to join us. Dinner is included, at no extra cost!

November 12: Election Night Event

November 26: Thanksgiving Leftovers



## **Women's Christmas Brunch**

*A morning of fellowship and anticipation*

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CPC Women's Christmas Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in CPC Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold on the patio Nov 12, 19, and 26. The CPC Craft Sale will be open both before and after the brunch and, as always, we appreciate our fabulous gentlemen who help serve. Breakfast and socializing will happen in the 9:30-10:30 hour and a program of music and meditation will occur from 10:30-11:30. This year's speaker is Pastor Elizabeth Smith. It promises to be a beautiful and blessed morning as we gather to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. We hope you'll join us!



Do you remember the Bobs?





# CRAFTS!!

Wednesday mornings from 9-12 you will always find a smallish group of women in rooms A/B. The objectives now are to:



- Prepare Autumn and Christmas gift items and cards, from the revolving car/product racks outside of the classrooms, or in time for the annual Women's Christmas Brunch, or the Craft Sale the following morning. You may even see a 'tent' in Bethlehem, on Christmas Eve morning, as you wander the ancient city on your way to register for the census.
- Want to pre-order any of our notoriously cute Hershey bar animals? If so, please let me know no later than November 7th. (Pam Cullop 520-271-6678 or [pjcullop@gmail.com](mailto:pjcullop@gmail.com)). This year you can choose from Snowmen, Santas, Penguins, or Moose.
- Cookies, from Lianne's (& her volunteer bakers) famous line of 'yummies in a box' will also be available for pre-order. If you'd like to place an order contact: Lianne Puzzo, 520-237-6304 or [nanalianne@msn.com](mailto:nanalianne@msn.com). If not, you will find them at both the Women's Christmas Brunch and the next day during our annual Craft Sale.

Want to join us at Crafts? *Please do.* We'd love to share our time with you, and have you join in the hustle-bustle pre-sale activities!





## **Casa Maria Soup Kitchen**

CPC has increased our lunch donations to Casa Maria to 200 lunches. Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies.

## ***Haven Totes Helpers***



- Nov 6-9 Cathy Wade & Juanita Garcia
- Nov 13-17 Marian Rogerson, Mary Ellen Davis, & Ann Larrabee
- Nov 20-22 No Haven Totes, Thanksgiving
- Nov 27—Dec 1 Lana & Rada Rich, and Jeanne Ringgenberg

Thank you for continuing to donate non-perishable and healthy, kid-friendly foods.

Please call Janis Parks to be a part of this great team.

azteach2001@yahoo.com or  
cell 403-4526.





## Christmas Eve Pageant Breakfast & Snack Food



The Food Team is in preparation for the huge crowd that is expected at our Live Nativity on Christmas Eve morning. 500 is the number we've been asked to prepare to feed throughout the morning.

While the Food Team can prepare some of the casseroles, breads and coffee cakes, we cannot do it all.

We will need help with the following:

- 20 - Egg Casseroles prepared in 9x13 disposable aluminum pans. Recipes available upon request, or use one of your personal favorites.
- 10 - Coffee cakes (apple-spice, cranberry, cinnamon crunch, etc.). Please prepare and deliver in disposable aluminum pans, or wrap separately.
- 15 - Quick breads (pumpkin, banana, lemon, etc.). Please prepare and deliver in disposable aluminum bread pans, or wrap separately.

If you can help, please contact Pam Cullop – [pjcullop@gmail.com](mailto:pjcullop@gmail.com) or 520-271-6678. We will need to know specifically what you plan to contribute, to ensure we have enough of everything.

\*Freezer tip for keeping baked goods moist after defrosting, provided by one of our team members: wrap warm breads/cakes in plastic wrap, followed by a layer of foil, prior to putting in the freezer.

Many Thanks!



# Stewardship

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we invite all our CPC family to be in together in worship as we dedicate our Estimate of Giving Pledges for the annual budget of 2018. Our Session Leadership Team is hard at work making specific plans for ministries and missions in the coming year that will not only allow us to grow deeper in our faith, but also help others in the community and world know of God's love in Jesus Christ.

We will be making *Ripples of Caring* throughout our congregation, Tucson, and the world as we reach out in Christ's name. Our plans are to increase our giving in mission, supporting even more the Presbyterian Campus Ministry, our local Middle Eastern Fellowship, becoming a full partner with Care Portal of Tucson helping children and families in the court systems. We are expanding our support of worship as we need to buy new licenses to be able to video broadcast worship onto Facebook and the internet. We are expanding our office software so that we can soon be able to accept online giving through credit cards and even text-to-giving sources. We're planning to give modest raises to our deserving paid staff as they lead us in these ministries.





Session has set a budget goal for next year of **\$490,506** which represents a **3.5% increase** in spending. We are inviting you to increase your giving to our annual budget by at least that much so that we can proceed with what our leadership believes to be called to doing in the coming year.

If you are on our postal mailing list, you will receive your Estimate of Giving Pledge card in the week prior to our dedication Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please fill them out and bring them with you as we bless our upcoming plans. If you are unable to be with us in worship, please mail those pledge cards into the church office so we can include them in the blessing.

If you are not on our mailing list (or didn't get the first card in October), please give us a call in the church office. We are in the midst of switching computer programs and are hoping we didn't miss anyone in the new data entry, but it's possible! Please let us know.

We pray you will join Tony and Laura Manning on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, as they lead us into making

*Ripples of Caring* in 2018.



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.

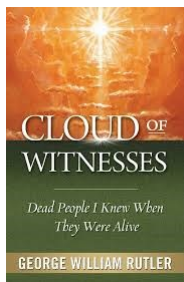
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WOMEN

## Bible Study for 2017

First Friday of each month

For November, the 3rd, Room A/B, 1-2 pm

Lesson #3 In Community with the Living Word



Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews.

**CROSS STREET MINISTRY:** This is a Men's shower ministry need of men's clothing, personal hygiene items and Large bars of soap.

**MENAUL SCHOOL:** Albuquerque, NM: Please keep saving Educational labels (box tops) and the POINT Labels with the Bar Code attached.

**RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE:** They need disinfectant wipes, the metal tabs and Chemo caps.

**HERMOSILLO, MEXICO CHILDREN'S CANCER HOSPITAL:**  
Plastic caps of any size please.

**Donated items can be placed in the Missions Cabinet** in the CPC Library. This cabinet is usually on the patio on Sundays. The bins are labeled. Thank you for your donations!

Presbyterian Women of Presbytery de Cristo will hold the **Fall Gathering** at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9252 E 22nd St, on Saturday November 18, 2017 from 9 am—2:30 pm.  
Please call Julia Potter (298-4415) if you're interested.

# STUDY THE WORD

**Adult Bible Study** is offered at the 9:30 am Sunday School hour in Classrooms (A/B). This group studies the Bible chapter by chapter. There is never a wrong time to join this group. They will always welcome you.



**Our other Adult Bible Study  
meets in classroom E/F at 9:40 am**

## **First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom**

Featuring John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg

Why did Jesus happen when He happened? Why the confluence of the Baptism movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus? Why the tiny villages around the Lake? Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there? Why were the titles of Caesar Augustus — Divine, Son of God, God from God, Lord, Redeemer, Liberator, and Savior of the World — taken from a Roman emperor on the Palestine hill and given to a Jewish peasant on the Palestine plain? What were the priorities of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom? How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message continues to indict empire today?

First Light is a 12-session study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. Join the Christian Living Sunday School Class every Sundays at 9:30 am in Room **E/F**.

All are welcome! We will watch a DVD followed by informal discussion.

# Sanctuary

FLOWERS

We're sure you've noticed the fresh and creative beauty of the Sunday fresh flowers recently! Jerri Fortunato, Linda Tillema, Sara Ver Burg, Ingrid McKee, Mary Somers and Jeanne Ringgenberg are all contributing to this effort. They can be congratulated. Everyone has been commenting on the beautiful flowers. Their smart shopping has led us to LOWER the price to those who purchase a dedication in the Sunday Bulletin. The price is now \$30. If you would like to get involved, please just call the church office. Turn in your receipts as you go, for reimbursement by the bookkeeper.

These flowers were  
arranged by  
Linda Tillema and  
Sara Ver Burg for the  
October 2, 2017 service.





# Book Club



**Tuesday, November 14th, in the  
CPC Library from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm.**

The Condition by Jennifer Haigh.

With compassion and almost painful astuteness, The Condition explores the power of family, the mythologies, the self-delusions, denials and inescapable truths that forever bind fathers and mothers and siblings.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on November 7th at 1 pm. 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** at **ph 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.

# Fellowship and Fun



## Men's Breakfast,

Wednesday, November 15th  
at 7:30am.

Join us for breakfast and Bible  
Roulette. We'll open the  
Scripture, and wherever our eyes  
go is what we'll read and discuss.  
Men of ALL AGES are invited  
to join us each Third Wednesday  
of the month at

Biscuits (7026 E. Broadway). We  
meet in the private dining area  
and each has a separate check.  
Bring a friend or two.



## Mary's Yoga Class

Every Wednesday at 4:30 pm  
in Fellowship Hall. Bring your  
own mat and drinking water.  
This is a gentle yoga class for  
all levels of experience and  
ability.

## Women's Breakfast

Thursday, November 16th at 8:30 am.

Each Third Thursday of the month

ALL WOMEN are invited to breakfast at 8:30 am at Biscuits  
(7026 E. Broadway). Join us for devotions, fellowship and  
friendship. No reservations needed. Bring a friend!

Together we eat, and separately we pay.

## Mexican Train Dominoes

We Play Dominoes Every  
Thursday @ 1pm  
in Classroom A/B  
NO experience is necessary!

## Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

CPC Library 7:30 am—8:30 am.  
We're discussing the book Same  
Kind of Different As Me by  
Ron Hall & Denver Moore.



## November Flea Market News



### Just a Reminder!

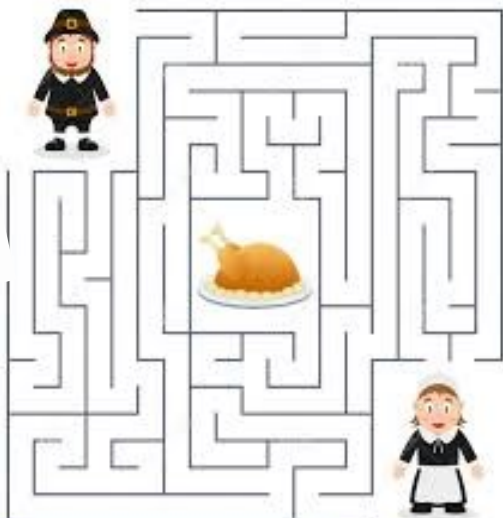
The Second-Hand Weekend for November will be on November 11 & 12. There was some confusion in October because while the Sunday was the 2<sup>nd</sup> one of the month, the Saturday was the 1<sup>st</sup> one. It is a bit crazy, but the only way we can keep it straight, is to pick one of those weekend days and deem it "Second-Hand Weekend". We chose Sunday as the determining day. It won't happen again until next year sometime, so we hope it will make easier planning to help from here on out.

Donations can be delivered on those weekends, but if you need to do it sooner, please contact first: Vera Bare 520-981-1710 and next: Pam Cullop 520-271-6678.

All volunteers will receive one, 20% off Coupon, which can be applied to one purchase. But that purchase can be for any number of items at a time. You can't be a bargain like that!!! Come help when you can. It's fun...really, it is!



Happy  
Thanksgiving!



# Christ Presbyterian Church

## Session Leadership

### Elders

Dean Friskey: Youth Elder	Laura Manning: Vision
Laura Cech: Children's Education	Cheryll Dunafon: Mission
Marian Rogerson: Nominating	Kenda Parkey: Worship Planning
Sharon Beck: Youth Education	Doug Thompson: Personnel
Linda Tillema: Finance	Tom Bradley: Treasurer
Cathy Wade: Buildings/Grounds	Dorothy Courville: Membership Care
Ann Larrabee: Adult Education	Julie McCrea: Clerk

Fred Hubbard: Outreach/ Communications

### Deacons

Lois Koch and Kathy Kimball: Cards of Caring  
Sally Brandon and Judy Hamlet: Helping Hands  
Glee Alberding and Judith Peters: Memorial Receptions  
Jonathan Alberding and Diane Denien: Prayer Chain  
Kim McDonald and Pam Cullop: Sunday Fellowship  
Pat Courtier and Larry Biehl: Compassion Connections

Thank  
you

# Our November Birthdays

11/1	Mary Anderson	11/22	Jon Alberding
11/1	Leslie Courville	11/22	Chris Courville
11/1	Charlotte Dye	11/23	Tom Bradley
11/1	Brooke Fehringer	11/23	Jack Dimond
11/1	Norma Fletcher	11/23	Murry Short
11/1	Meghan Koch	11/23	Bob Sundt
11/3	Sherrie Colbert	11/24	Ava Gardiner
11/3	Kathy Kimball	11/24	Cole Gardiner
11/3	Eva Letson	11/24	Nathan Parkey
11/3	Olivia Smith	11/25	Mary Brown
11/5	Carole Pyter	11/28	John Couzens
11/7	Joyce Coon	11/29	Katie Gilbert
11/7	Jan Marshall	11/30	Cassie Hoke
11/7	Calvin Pigman	11/30	Dale Rosene
11/8	Madelyn Doubrava		
11/8	Marilyn McConnell		
11/8	Glenda Van Doeselaar		
11/10	Stephanie Davis		
11/13	Dorothy Graham		
11/19	Lee Blackledge		
11/19	Craig Dye		
11/20	Phil Mendoza		
11/21	Ben Koch		

If we missed your birthday,  
we are sorry. Please call the  
church office so we can get  
you on our list!





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## **Deadlines**

**KIVA** December 2017 Issue  
articles due by Nov 15

### **Weekly Bulletins and Thursday**

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