



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2020

KIVA NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



How about some Pandemic Zooms?

This month Debby Anderson and Pastor Steve will host some small group “check-in” groups using Zoom. Groups will be limited to 12 persons (though a couple or family could join on one computer). This will allow everybody to see each other on their screens. These one hour times will give us a chance to catch up with others and share our lives together, even online, to pray with and for each other, and continue to be a church family.

We will use SignUp Genius for you to sign up for the gathering that best fits your schedule. A special email will be sent to the congregational directory. Make sure we have your correct email!

If we get a big response, we will open up more days and times. For now, we have scheduled one a week throughout the month of October, different days and times, with the hopes that one of them might fit your schedule.

Once you are signed up, we will send you an email with the Zoom meeting link.

We hope to see and talk with each other online in October.

Thursday, October 8: 10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 14: 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 22: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27: Noon

Peace in our Journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

October Nominating Update

I want to take this time to thank the members of Nominating Committee:

Tracie Couzens, Bart Kimball, Donna Kuehn , Jill O'Rourke, Marian Rogerson and Pastor Steve Melde.

All positions are filled for the Class of 2022.

Elders:

Adult Ed.: Ann Larrabee

Nominating Team: Fred Hubbard

B&G: Bob Howell

Mission: Janis Parks

Outreach/Com.: Elaine Murphy

Vision: Julie McCrea

Teen: Tommy Cullop (1 Year)

Clerk of Session: Doug Thompson

Deacons:

Cards of Caring: Nancy Hummel

Helping Hands: Dawn Custis

Memorial Reception: Laura Manning

Prayer Chain: Laura Thompson

Sunday Fellowship: Marian Rogerson

I want to thank all the members who accepted and those who prayerfully declined. You made our job this year easy. We only had one meeting and it all came together.

Blessings and Peace to all!! Doug Thompson, Nominating Chair

Sunday Worship



Worship continues every Sunday morning: 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Both services are in the Sanctuary.

We are broadcasting live (and archived)

on-line:

www.cpctucsonaz.org

Facebook: Christ Presbyterian Tucson

YouTube: CPCTucsonAZ

We are also worshipping together in the Sanctuary. **Masks will continue to be required.**

Stewardship and Finance Page

Vision 2020 has been our theme for this year's annual stewardship campaign. We are so grateful that so many were able to not only make a pledge but fulfill that pledge in such a challenging year to be a part of the church. We are so grateful for the giving of so many who weren't able to make a pledge but were generous in their support of the ministry and mission of our church family.



We hoped this would be a really clear year (20-20 vision), but it became cloudy... for a while. We learned that mission and ministry can still be done, even if we can't worship in the same space. And we did lots of it this year. We even expanded as we were blessed with extra financial support to help those whose income had suffered because of the pandemic closures. And because of all this, 2020 really did become clear.... There is a tie that binds us together that cannot be broken.



As we look to 2021 our Session Leadership Team plans to keep the overall budget the same, but to make some changes within it. We are rearranging how monies are spent. We'll keep a focus on our facilities to ensure they are disinfected, clean, and safe. We'll re-focus monies toward technologies that will enhance our worship and faith growth experience both on the campus and on the internet. We are looking at how we connect to people more deeply online through teaching and fellowship, all the while looking at how we re-connect people in those ministries on the campus as time progresses and it is safe to do so.

We encourage you now to begin considering and praying about how you can make a pledge toward the 2021 annual stewardship campaign, "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds." We will be highlighting parts of our budget and ministries on Sundays in worship and dedicating our pledges for 2021 on Sunday, November 1st. Special mailings will be coming to you this month as we prepare to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 2021.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our church family,
Your Stewardship and Finance team, Nancy Kluge, Elder on Session Leadership Team.

CPC Office in October



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 hand sanitize as you come in and to wear a mask. The office space is small, so we are trying to avoid crowds, and still in the month of October keep the office visits to a minimum.

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

Christmas Cards For Our Troops

Your Mission Team came upon an idea that will bring a smile to many during the holidays. It turns out that our deployed troops have difficulty finding Christmas cards to send home to their friends and family. In 2016 a group of women started making cards and sending them abroad to fill this need. We think this sounds like something CPC can help provide.

Here is what is needed:

- A2 size cards (4 1/2 inches by 5 1/2 inches, half of a standard sheet of paper) card stock is best.
- Envelopes size A2
- NO GLITTER. Twine, foil paper, and ribbon are fine.
- Other than any greetings you put on the card (Merry Christmas! etc.), **DO NOT PERSONALIZE OR SIGN**. Remember, these are for the troops to write and send to their family and friends.
- You might want to make some aimed at young children.
- Yes! Let your children participate in making the cards! They will be loved and cherished.

Please bring your finished cards (and envelopes) to church with you on Sunday, or, if not attending services, call the office at 520-886-5535 to make arrangements to drop them off before October 15 so the Mission Team can send them in plenty of time. Contact Ann Larrabee if you have questions.



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! Your generosity allowed us to gift a beginner Bible and a prayer shawl to our first-grader, Chloe, and study Bibles to our new middle-schoolers, Nathan, Andrew, and Johnny. These items will help them to continue building their relationships with God.

Blessings, Ms. Robin

2-4 Youth Fellowship

Our 2-4 Youth Fellowship has returned to some safe, physically-distanced gatherings. It's been odd to wear our masks, to keep a distance, to not play dodgeball, but we are making it fun and faithful.

Each October our Youth would sponsor a Trunk-or-Treat and Haunted House event for the neighborhood children. Because of COVID-19 restrictions we have decided to skip that event this year and hope for the return in 2021.

We'll be having some fun as a group and beginning plans for our High School Mission trip to San Diego, June 27- July 4, 2021. We hope we will be attend and work throughout the city of San Diego to see how large cities meet the needs of its people.

Keep the youth of CPCTucsonAZ in your prayers as they are led by Pastor Steve and Judy Peters.



Congregational Care

Compassion Connections Ministry

My continued gratitude to our Compassion Connections Ministry Team for their deepened commitment and sense of passion and caring for our VIPP, and one another in our group. The amazement I feel as we experience our ministry together is non-stop! We will continue calling and writing as we have been and we still do not know when we will be able to visit in person. We will continue our Zoom meeting through October and then re-evaluate after our October meeting. Our guest speaker will be Betty Delano from the AZ Atty General's office Task Force against Senior Abuse. This will help us to know how to be effective advocates for the seniors in our congregation.

I'm back in my office at CPC! Ohhh, it feels so good to be on campus and feel re-connected! For now my office hours remain the same: Wednesday and Friday afternoons 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. That is hopefully when I do our planning with Deacon Kathy Hutchins, make contacts by phone and write cards and letters to the VIPP and others from our congregation. This year of 2020, Instead of birthday cards to the congregation, we are sending anniversary cards, celebrating membership anniversaries. Perhaps you have received yours; hopefully it brightened your day to know you are remembered and a cherished part of the CPC family.

As the seasons begin to change, and hopefully bring us some cooler weather and healthy environments without dangerous illness lurking, may we be reminded that even though all things change, one thing remains the same. **The Lord is still the same powerful, loving, everlasting God that He has been and will be forever.** So be not afraid, Jesus is always with you and will never leave your side.

Congregational Care continued

May you all continue to be safe and stay well. May you feel God's love now and always.

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

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

Blessings,
Debby Anderson



Prayer Shawl Knitters Update for October.

Prayer Shawl Knitters have decided to delay their reunion until after the COVID numbers subside. When they resume their regular schedule, you are invited! They 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.



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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, October 2, 2020, 1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m. in Room E/F.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Lesson #2 is "Lamenting Together"

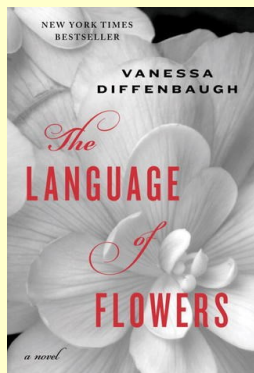
Thank you to all who support the Women's projects!

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 Tuesday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. on Skype to talk about the current book selection,

The Language of Flowers: A Novel

Vanessa Diffenbaugh 4 1/2 stars

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen and emancipated from the system with nowhere to go, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. And when she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.

A fascinating debut . . . Diffenbaugh clearly knows both the human heart and her plants, and she keeps us rooting for the damaged Victoria."—*O Magazine*

"Diffenbaugh effortlessly spins this enchanting tale, making even her prickly protagonist impossible not to love."—*Entertainment Weekly*



October Craft News

The Crafts - PW of CPC (Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church) are back in session. We are and will continue to be, assembling/creating an array of items, including the ever-popular wrapped Hershey candy bars for the annual Christmas Crafts Sale. Yes, despite the pandemic this PW Mission fundraiser will take place. The details have yet to be worked out, but you will be able to do a little Christmas shopping with us as early as November.

Face masks in four sizes continue to be available for the minimum \$5 donation (proceeds to Food Bank) price. There are even a few new sets to look at, which are masks made with matching cloth bags for keeping them clean and safe. The sets are priced at \$7. There is also a special "Hanky Mask." which is a 3-ply mask with a beautiful vintage handkerchief as the top layer, which can be worn on every day or on special occasions and is priced at \$8.

The Mask Table is located in the hallway outside of classroom A/B. Masks can be purchased on each Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or on most Sunday's between 9:30 a.m.- 10a.m. To arrange for an alternate time to get your mask, contact Pam Cullop – 520-271-6678

Craft Hours: Each Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please wear a mask and bring your own snack. You are invited to join whenever you are free, even as your time allows on any Wednesday.



October Flea Market News

Needed: 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 details of what is involved in volunteering for the biggest fundraising event that CPC has, please contact one of the Flea Market Team members (Pam Cullop – Pam Raines – Vera Bare – Doug Thompson) for more details. Our 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, the semi-permanent schedule that we have been using since July for collecting and processing donations (three days per week as well as on 2nd Hand weekends), had to stop. *We ask that you kindly save your donations until the second weekend of each month, as we have an extremely limited amount of storage space.*

2nd- Hand Weekend:

October 10 and 11

Hours on Saturday – 9 am to 2 pm. On Sunday – 930 am to 2 pm.

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

We can always use a spare hand if you would like to help process or store the donations. Wear your mask and bring your lunch and come join in the fun!

Bubble Wrap Needed!

If you have bubble wrap to donate, we really need it to wrap donations for storage. If you have some to donate, please bring it to the MPR during 2nd Hand Weekend, October 10, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

or October 11, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thanks! 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 October 21, 7:30 a.m.

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, October 27, 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 (peanut butter and jelly, cheese, or bologna) please bring them to Fellowship Hall before (they can be kept in the freezer) or by 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. If you would like to help put the lunches together, contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net.

Our October Birthdays!

1 Jim Hoke
3 Norma Mentzer
4 Mary Feild
5 Amy Tiggelman
5 Ron McCrindle
7 Pam Cullop
7 Warren Jafvert
9 Marilyn Collins
10 Shirley Peat
11 Marge Biehl
11 Midge Bothwell
11 John Lamse
12 Hannah Draper
12 Terry Harroun
13 Scarlett Street
13 Barbara Wright
14 Ellen Bittman
14 Bob Graler
14 Dot Young
16 Debbie Melde
18 Misty Gwin
18 Paula Johnson
19 Kim McDonald
22 Skeeter Muscato
22 Christie Street

23 Scott Melde
25 Tommy Cullop
26 Scott Draper
27 Julia Baker
31 Norma Hall
31 Lou Helen Walker



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

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



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Monday—Friday

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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