



**CHRIST**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**September 2020**

**KIVA**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Welcome back Sunday, September 13!**



# A Word From Our Pastor...



Imagine the Exodus experience. What a journey it must have been. Their wilderness journey lasted 40 years! We are coming on to six months. It's been awful and yet some wonderful things have come of it.

I suppose it's always like that. Life is a mixture of joys and sorrows, of successes and failures, of easy and struggle.

Most of all, I pray that we be as faithful to God in Christ as we can be, no matter the circumstance we face.

And if that's what future generations say about us... then, Hallelujah.

If that's the direction your life is going, then keep going. If it's not, change direction and get it there.

It's that simple, though I know it's terribly complicated. But that's how we are called to live, and this is the life we are called to live it in. So, let's do all we can to give future generations something inspiring to look back on.

Peace in our Journeys,  
Pastor Steve Melde

# Stewardship and Finance Page

As we continue in 2020, we continue to celebrate our current Stewardship Theme “Vision 2020,” which is our main source of funding for our General Budget.

September and October will feature the introduction of our 2021 Annual Stewardship Campaign Theme: **Blest Be the Tie That Binds.** Each week in worship we will be led by folks in lots of different ministry and mission areas of our congregation who will be sharing what’s being planned and how our giving will help fund those directions. It’ll be an exciting time for all of us to see how we are tied together as a church family to follow God’s leading into the coming year(s). Thank you for your ongoing support. Your generosity this year has been incredibly humbling. And we are confident that you will want to continue to support the mission and ministry of our congregation in the coming year.

We will dedicate our 2021 pledges to the General Fund on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you CPC for being a CPC

Christ Presbyterian Church is a Caring,  
Passionate Community.

# Sunday Worship

## **Sunday, September 6: One Service Broadcast at 10 a.m.**

As we begin the month we will join Pastor Lesley Abrams and the congregation of St. John in the Desert for a combined online service where we will all be celebrating communion together. We'll broadcast together at 10 a.m. Be sure to join us with your communion supplies.

## **Sunday, September 13: 8:30 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.**

We will begin our combined online and in-person worship services.

Beginning Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (unless our stats in Pima County/Tucson change drastically), we will begin to welcome people back into the worship spaces or to remain online, whichever is best for them. Our worship will be a hybrid of live-led and pre-recorded videos to enhance the experience of worship for those who remain online and those who choose to be come to the campus. Both services will take place in the Sanctuary, utilizing an every other pew distancing plan. We will email a "Sign-Up Genius" in the week prior to get an idea of how many to expect in worship.

If the State/County/City statistics change, we will remain online only until it is safer to worship together. We are so grateful for everyone's patience and understanding throughout this pandemic. We're doing what we faithfully can to provide as safe an environment as possible.

Worshippers assume their own risk by attending in person.<sub>4</sub>

Worshippers are asked to follow CDC guidelines:

- **Masks will be required** at least through the month of September.
- Hand Sanitizing stations will be available at the entrance.
- Worshippers will sit in alternating pews, keeping distance between different households.
- (Alternating pews will be changed between services)
- Offering will be received by ushers at the door.
- Attendance pads will not be used/shared.

Music will be led by leaders or virtual choirs;  
Congregational singing will not occur at least through the month of September.

Sermons will continue to be a combination of preached live in the pulpit or pre-recorded from another site. You know Pastor Steve... you just don't know where he will show us the Word of God!

Fellowship Food/coffee will not be served; water bottles will be available, though we encourage you to bring your own, if needed.

Please do not attend if you have any signs or symptoms of illness. We want to faithfully care for each other in the process of returning.

We know that many will need to stay online only. Our commitment is to recreate worship in such a way as to provide an inspirational experience both for those in the room and those online. We will be welcoming your feedback as we move into that hybrid model of worship fully into the future.

# SundayFunDay



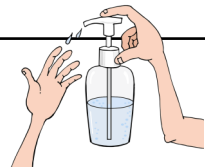
Dear Families,

Thank you for your support as we try to figure out how to approach Sunday Funday School. On Sunday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. we will be resuming Sunday Funday on line via Zoom.

This will allow those of you who choose to attend in- person services to make it safely back home. We will be starting with the Lord's Prayer. I can't wait until we can all be back together again in person!

Ms. Robin

## CPC Office in September



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 September keep the office visits to a minimum.

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

# **2-4 Youth Fellowship**

**Physically-Distant Picnic  
For Parents and Youth**

**Sunday, September 13, 6:00 p.m**

**In the Grass Quad**

**Dinner will be served! Families should bring  
blankets and/or lawn chairs.**

**Masks required!**

**Come help us plan  
the fall activities!**





## Congregational Care Corner

### Compassion Connections Ministry

Many thanks to our Compassion Connections Team! We continue to call, write, and pray, with our VIPP. We did not have an August Zoom meeting and will meet again on September 8, 2020.

September is typically the month we renew our commitment to the Compassion Connections ministry and welcome others who would like to serve in the ministry with us. If you are interested in finding out more about Compassion Connections, please contact me. I would be happy to set up an orientation session for any who are interested.

My goodness, it's September.....September! It feels like our lives have been on hold since March and here it is 6 months later. We are still here, still waiting to get back to "normal". Waiting for what? What is it we are waiting for? What we "were" will most likely not ever be again. So where do we go from here? How do we move forward?

During visits with some of our VIPP, I've on occasion been asked, "Why am I still here? Why hasn't God called me home? What is my purpose?" Strange how God works sometimes because as I was thinking about what I was going say about this, I ran across an article that spoke to the very same questions. I was touched by the answer, it is so simple and yet sometimes complicated. This same questions pops up for most of us at some time or another and seems to be a question deep within our souls. We want to know God's plan for us. We want to serve a purpose while here on earth, yes? Could it be that our purpose, our reason for being, is God? *To live a life with God.* We don't have to find our purpose, we can love God, who loves us now, right here. **Our purpose is to live with God.** What are we waiting for?..... (Please read Psalm 57)



## *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'll call you back, call my phone, or send me an email, [cpc.congcare@gmail.com](mailto: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



Lou and Julia Potter  
Would like to thank their church family  
for their cards and kind words  
at their time of loss of their son, Jeff.



## **Prayer Shawl Knitters Update for September.**



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.



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, September 4, 2020, 1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m. in Room E/F.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

Lesson #1 is "The Heart of Lament."

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

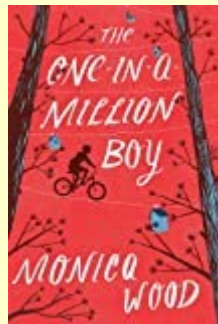
**Hermosillo Mexican Children's Hospital:** Clean plastic caps of any size are accepted.

**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.

# BOOK CLUB



For next month we have chosen ***The One in a Million Boy*** by Monica Wood. This quirky novel is a nice change of pace and quite a change from our last two reads. Hopefully, you will enjoy the book and be able to join us on Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m.

*“The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don't they teach you anything at school?”*

So says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who's been sent to help her out every Saturday morning. As he refills the bird feeders and tidies the garden shed, Ona tells him about her long life, from first love to second chances. Soon she's confessing secrets she has kept hidden for decades.

One Saturday, the boy doesn't show up. Ona starts to think he's not so special after all, but then his father arrives on her doorstep, determined to finish his son's good deed. The boy's mother is not so far behind. Ona is set to discover that the world can surprise us at any age, and that sometimes sharing a loss is the only way to find ourselves again.

*“Readers won't be able to resist falling for Ona ... The conclusion will leave them smiling through their tears.”—Shelf Awareness*

*“Poignant ... There is much to enjoy in this heartfelt tale of love, loss, and friendship.”—Express*

*“A must-read book ... Whimsical and bittersweet.”  
—Good Housekeeping*



## Craft Group



The PW of CPC Craft Group Aka Crafty Ladies continues to safely meet each Wednesday in room AB from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We wear masks, practice safe distancing and do not serve snacks, but have enjoyed meeting to prepare for the December Christmas sale (this year's newest Hershey Bar cover is now in production), in whatever way we are able to present it. If we are not able to hold the traditional sale, which is quite possible, we will need to find a way to sell online or take advance orders, etc. If anyone out there is willing to help us with that need, if it comes to pass, we would love to hear from you.

Additionally, we continue to have a nice assortment of cloth masks available in various sizes. The \$5 minimum donation per mask profits are a benefit to the Community Food Bank. Masks may be purchased on Wednesday mornings when Crafts meets, or by contacting Pam Cullop, 520-271-6678 or [pjcullop@gmail.com](mailto:pjcullop@gmail.com) to make alternate arrangements.

*Disclaimer:* These cloth masks are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. The CDC recommends the use of cloth masks in public when social distancing is difficult to maintain. The CDC says it helps to slow the spread of the virus and helps people who may have the virus, but are asymptomatic from transmitting it to others.

Your support of these Presbyterian Women's Mission ministries is greatly appreciated!

The PW of CPC Craft Group



## Flea Market Donations & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Weekends

Yes, we are collecting and processing donations for the 2021 flea market sale and we are in need your no-longer-needed/wanted, stuff. Got a friend or relative who needs to get rid of stuff? We will gladly take that stuff off their hands. To help everyone get the word out, we have made up some ¼ page flyers which outline when and what, we collect for the sale. If you would like one (or some), get yours from us in the MPR/ GYM where we accept donations OR contact Pam Cullop – 520-271-6678 for an electronic file for personal printing or email attachments.

The next 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Weekend is September 12 & 13. Donation collections and processing on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We can use volunteers for processing. We practice safe-distancing, wear masks, do not provide meals and welcome the help!

If you have a large/heavy donation that you are unable to transport contact Vera Bare 520-981-1710. For general flea market questions, contact Pam Cullop.

Thank you!

The Flea Market Team

Vera Bare, Pam Raines, Doug Thompson, Pam Cullop

# 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 September 16.  
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, September 28, 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](mailto:ridingsc@comcast.net).

# Our September Birthdays!

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Rada Rich          | 22 Barbara Pattengale |
| 2 Shirl Negus        | 23 Dennis Noonan      |
| 2 Debbie Teece       | 24 Ron Sharp          |
| 4 Lois Lettson       | 27 Jeanne Ringgenberg |
| 4 Michael Rowe       | 28 Kristen Samoy      |
| 4 Pam Elitharp       | 29 Larry Biehl        |
| 5 Chris Green        | 29 Kate Lagle         |
| 6 David Ridings      |                       |
| 6 Eve Thorburn       |                       |
| 7 Nancy Ward         |                       |
| 8 Marc Negus         |                       |
| 8 Ren Parker         |                       |
| 8 Van Den Assem      |                       |
| 8 Eileen Lamse       |                       |
| 8 Thomas Black       |                       |
| 8 Ron Morgan         |                       |
| 9 Ellie Standifer    |                       |
| 9 Genny Standifer    |                       |
| 9 Jean Rosene        |                       |
| 9 John Griffin       |                       |
| 10 Diane Denien      |                       |
| 10 Joyce Judah       |                       |
| 14 Phoebe Hoffman    |                       |
| 19 Michael Judah     |                       |
| 20 William Braucher  |                       |
| 21 Michael Courville |                       |
| 22 Paula Draper      |                       |
| 22 Kittie Davis      |                       |



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

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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Please submit your articles and  
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