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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**September 2022**

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**NEWSLETTER**



## A Word From Our Pastor...



September! “Welcome to the slide-into-the-fall-and-winter-holidays.” Here comes Stewardship season, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

Most of us greet this knowledge by saying, “No! Not yet!”

Most of us groan thinking about all of them mashed up together and all that we go through to prepare and celebrate.

I find that sad, but I understand. It is a bit overwhelming. I wish we could have spread them out more, but I also appreciate the fall and winter holidays, well, at least I appreciate the intent of them.

I think taking time to give God Thanks is a good thing. I think celebrating God with us, Immanuel, is a good thing.

I think the intent was to encourage us to look beyond ourselves and out to God. I think it’s good to look above our earthly lives (Colossians 3:2) rather than focus on our earthly lives so much. I think it’s good to look to what’s coming from God in heaven rather than what we can get on earth.

It’s all in our mindset on how we approach the next several months ahead of us.

I invite you to dig deeper into your faith and face the slide into the fall and winter holidays with joy, hope, and gratitude. Let’s see what that does not just for us as people of faith, but for all of those around us in the world.

Peace in our journeys,  
Pastor Steve Melde  
P.S. Happy Holidays

# Sunday Worship

Join us for worship in-person or on-line:

Sundays live:

8:30 a.m. in/from Fellowship Hall with the music of the Band

10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary with the music of our Choirs

(or you can worship when you are able on-line)

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September will be a theme of harvesting... let's get growing

- 4: Communion  
Prepping: Mark 4:1-9; 13-20  
Liturgist: Eb Wilkinson
- 11: Planting: Galatians 6:7-10  
And honoring 9-11  
Liturgist: Marian Rogerson
- 18: Tending: John 4:31-38  
Liturgist: Laura Cech
- 25: Harvesting: John 9:35-38  
Liturgist: Sally Brandon

How about inviting someone to worship with you? Bring someone to worship or invite them to worship with you on-line! Help us spread the Word of God in Christ.

# Sunday Funday

Our Sunday Funday School is a great way to become part of the story of God in Jesus Christ.

Our elementary children are led in our Rotation Model of teaching. We immerse ourselves into a story for about a month, experiencing it in several different modalities. This allows children to really come to know and remember the story; it also recognizes that we can't all make it to Sunday school every Sunday. This way our children don't miss learning the stories. Our children begin together in Room 6/7 at the west end of the grass quad.



## Confirmation Commissioning Class

It's time! We are hosting a confirmation/commissioning class for all of our high school youth. Laura Cech is our main teacher/leader. All high school youth are invited to explore their faith more deeply in a way that will lead them into full membership in our congregation. COVID set us behind so this is an opportunity for all of our high school youth to study together. Confirmation/Commissioning Sunday will be Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Robin Gilbert [robbert77@juno.com](mailto:robbert77@juno.com)

# 2-4 YOUTH

Come on all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders! Join us for some fun and fellowship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

**September 11: 6 p.m. Meet at the Breaking Point** (5740 E. Broadway) for a night of Axe Throwing. Don't worry, we will be safe. We'll have pizza and an axe throwing party. Drop off and Pick up at the Breaking Point

**September 25: 6 p.m. Make Something Of It**  
Small Groups will be given "special" ingredients and have to make something of it for dinner! This is an exercise in trust and creativity.



## Faith Filled Fridays

Join Pastor Steve for a few moments of faith and inspiration, Fridays at Noon. Broadcasting on our Sunday morning sites, participants have a chance to take a moment's breath of Spirit in the midst of the day.

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Do you have some questions of faith that you'd like him to respond to? Do you have some topics you would like to hear his opinion on? Send him an email with suggestions of ideas for our Faith Filled Fridays. [PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com](mailto:PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com)

## Adult Faith Studies on Sunday Mornings

9:30 a.m. is a great time to join us for one of our two Adult Faith Studies

**Bible Study: Room A/B** We're in the midst of Matthew's Gospel. This group takes time to walk through the scripture slowly and deeply to discover the nuances and meanings of the words, phrases, and stories.

**Christian Living: Room Starts September 11, Room E/F** **"Saving Jesus"** This video discussion series from "Living the Questions" will give participants an opportunity to look at how Jesus has been described over the generations of the church and how those descriptions have created challenges for people's relationship with Jesus through the Church. This class also uses Zoom, so participants can join in from anywhere.

Zoom ID: 860 2777 0751

## Prayer: Does it make any difference?

Pastor Steve will offer a monthly update on the Lenten study we did together in Lent, prior to Easter. We'll be using Philip Yancey's book and video: *Prayer, Does it make any difference?* Join us on Zoom (or in-person for the evening gathering) for these conversations on prayer. This month the topic will focus on "How to Pray."

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:

10 a.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 815 8808 8357

7 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 883 1118 9175 (or in-person in room E/F)

## CPC Grief Support News

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 835 3681 1738

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., on Zoom, as Pastor Steve leads participants in a time of grief support. We spend some time talking about grief, our own grief, and helping each other move through the process. It's a very casual but meaningful time. Join us from wherever you are.

## 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 E/F. Our next meeting will be September 6. 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.

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

# Connecting to God through Worship

Our Worship Team continues a special study of our worship experiences so that they can discover ways to improve our worship services, both in-person and on-line. If you have some thoughts about what helps you connect to God, and even what hinders that connection, please send Pastor Steve an email.

We're open to ideas even about lighting, sound, projection, seating, prayers, music, and all things for worship. Send your thoughts and ideas to Pastor Steve:

PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

## Talk about it Tuesday

**Tuesdays at Noon** Zoom ID 839 0008 2868

Join Pastor Steve on-line, via Zoom, Tuesdays at Noon, as we talk about the sermon and worship from the previous Sunday. We'll spend up to one hour together going further with the themes of worship and the sermon each week.



## Stewardship and Finance News

It is a humble experience to be a part of the CPC family. The generosity we share in God's name through our faith in Jesus the Christ is overwhelming. People's giving of their time and talents, their presence in worship (on-line/in-person) all help us work together to share the Gospel in ways that are helping people grow deeper in a relationship with God. What a privilege we get to share in this journey together.

In the midst of this year, our Session Leadership Team has discovered how generous people have been financially. And we would like to go a step further. We've had such successful Flea Markets that net about \$30,000 which we usually plan on to use in the annual budget. But we feel compelled that God is calling us to make that Flea Market a full mission fund raiser and not use any of the profits for our budget, but to give them out into the community to make a positive and substantial difference for Christ.

Our Mission Team is working with a few organizations to see how we can make a major impact in their ministry and will let us know what and how that will be in October.

So, our Session Leadership Team is inviting and challenging the congregation to increase our giving even this year so that we don't have to use the profits from the Flea Market for our own budget. If you are able, we encourage you to make a special donation beyond your pledge, so that we continue our own 2022 budget and are able to make that \$30,000 a gift into the community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of all the ministries and missions of this congregation.

Your Stewardship and Finance Team, Mission Team, and your entire Session Leadership Team.



# CPC Missions CORNER

It may be summer, but your time, talents and donations are still working. And more opportunities to help too. Check out what's happening and how you might be able to help:

- **OPPORTUNITIES:** On October 22nd CPC Mission Team will be hosting a fundraiser, "Where There is Life, There is Hope" for **Exodus Community Services**, Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for a new sober living facility and upgrades on existing buildings. The Exodus Community Services has helped many hours with the CPC Flea Market. This is a way to say thank you and pay it forward. This is a 501c3, non-profit, Qualifying Charitable Organization.

We are in need of items for the silent auction such as restaurant, salon, and Target gift certificates, resort stays, jewelry! We have "ask" letters for potential donors.

Plan on attending the event or purchase a table for \$300. Please contact Pam Raines, 520-405-8956 or Claudia Howell, 520-850-0637. Visit [www.exodushelps.org](http://www.exodushelps.org) for more information.

- **HELP NEEDED: Haven Totes Pantry** at Fountain of Life Church needs some help Monday mornings organizing and shelving food that is rescued. Usual hours are 9:00-11:00 AM. If you are interested email Janis Parks at [azteach2001@gmail.com](mailto:azteach2001@gmail.com)

**Fisher House at VA Hospital Campus** received homemade quilts from CPC members. Every guest gets a quilt to take home.

**Sister José's** received your donations. Always needed are "vacation size" soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, and personal hygiene items. All donations can be put in the Mission cabinet in the Patio Room.



## Save the Date!

*"Where There is Life, There is Hope"*

CPC is hosting a Silent Auction & Dinner  
for Exodus Community Services  
Saturday, October 22, 2022

You won't want to miss out!

If you can donate auction items such as gift cards or certificate for restaurants, entertainment, gift baskets, vacation packages, etc. please contact

Pam Raines, 520-405-8956  
Claudia Howell, 520-850-0637

The auction items will need to be received by October 1.

If any of these missions are of interest and you want to contribute your time, talents or funds, please contact Janis Parks at [azteach2001@gmail.com](mailto:azteach2001@gmail.com). We welcome all ages!

# MINISTRY

# Music



We've moved to Thursday rehearsals.

**6-7 p.m. Handbell rehearsal** in the Sanctuary (use North patio door)

**7-8:30 p.m. Vocal Choir rehearsal** in the choir Room (ring doorbell if gate is closed)

Luke, our Director of Music, and Susan, our 10:45 Accompanist invite you to join in a new night of rehearsing and in leading our 10:45 worship with music. Come on in and give us a try. We have a lot of fun and have a great schedule of music planned. We will rehearse throughout August and begin leading worship in September. New ringers and singers are welcome.

For more information contact Luke's email:

[LA24diamondcpc@gmail.com](mailto:LA24diamondcpc@gmail.com)

The Book Club will meet on September 13 at 1p.m. in the Patio Room and Zoom

(subject to change) to discuss **Hag-Seed** by Margaret Atwood.

# Book Club

**“A marvel of gorgeous yet economical prose, in the service of a story that’s utterly heartbreaking yet pierced by humor, with a plot that retains considerable subtlety even as the original’s back story falls neatly into place.”—*The New York Times Book Review***

Felix is at the top of his game as artistic director of the Makeshiweg Theatre Festival. Now he’s staging a *Tempest* like no other: not only will it boost his reputation, but it will also heal emotional wounds. Or that was the plan.

Instead, after an act of unforeseen treachery, Felix is living in exile in a backwoods hovel, haunted by memories of his beloved lost daughter, Miranda. And also brewing revenge, which, after twelve years, arrives in the shape of a theatre course at a nearby prison.

Margaret Atwood’s novel take on Shakespeare’s play of enchantment, retribution, and second chances leads us on an interactive, illusion-ridden journey filled with new surprises and wonders of its own.

“What makes the book thrilling, and hugely pleasurable, is how closely Atwood hews to Shakespeare even as she casts her own potent charms, rap-composition included. . . . Part Shakespeare, part Atwood, *Hag-Seed* is a most delicate monster—and that’s ‘delicate’ in the 17th-century sense. It’s delightful.”—*Boston Globe*

“Atwood has designed an ingenious doubling of the plot of *The Tempest*: Felix, the usurped director, finds himself cast by circumstances as a real-life version of Prospero, the usurped Duke. If you know the play well, these echoes grow stronger when Felix decides to exact his revenge by conjuring up a new version of *The Tempest* designed to overwhelm his enemies.”—*Washington Post*

“A funny and heartwarming tale of revenge and redemption . . . *Hag-Seed* is a remarkable contribution to the canon.”—*Bustle*

# Congregational Care Corner

## Compassion Connections Ministry



1 JOHN 4:19

*We love because he first loved us.*

Greetings,

Other than the months of our celebrated Christian holidays, September is my favorite month. Back to school, new beginnings, end of summer and I'm looking toward fall, but

the best thing about September for me is it is the month in which I was married, and anniversaries were always celebrated during our September vacations. For me, this month represents LOVE in its purest form.

Notice I did not use my favorite scripture, 1 Corinthians 13 (which is still my favorite) because I think we need the reminder from John that we love because God first loved us. **The very character of God is love.** He is divine love and He initiated love in our heart and inner soul. It is only because of His love for us that we are able to love. The world needs love right now more than anything. With love in our hearts, hatred would have no place, evil would be defeated. If only we would spread our love over the world, it would indeed be heaven on earth!

Do you recall the old song "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire?  
It goes:

Do you remember The 21st night of September?

Love was changin' the minds of pretenders

While chasin' the clouds away

Our hearts were ringin'

In the key that our souls were singin'

As we danced in the night, remember

How the stars stole the night away, oh, yeah

Hey, hey, hey  
Ba-dee-ya, say, do you remember?  
Ba-dee-ya, dancin' in September  
Ba-dee-ya, never was a cloudy day

My thoughts are with you  
Holdin' hands with your heart to see you  
Only blue talk and love, remember  
How we knew love was here to stay

How the stars stole the night away, oh, yeah

That takes me back to 1 Corinthians 13:13 “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”  
And John tells us why, “We love because he first loved us.”  
May your September be as special to you as it is to me: filled with faith, hope and love.

The CPC Compassion Connections Ministry Team continues to search for ways to keep our congregation connected. We meet monthly to review our VIPP list of those in our community who could use a little extra TLC. We pray for our congregation, our ministry and the world. We write notes and send cards, we make some phone calls and we share our joys and concerns of those in need of prayer. Covid has temporarily changed our outreach of in person visitation. However, we can make exceptions under certain circumstances. If you or someone you know would benefit from our ministry, please let me know.

Please keep us posted on how you are doing and any prayer requests you may have. Call the church office and leave a message for me, 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](mailto:cpc.congcare@gmail.com).

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

Peace and LOVE be with you,  
Debby Anderson

# Flea Market News

## Donations Needed!



**Secondhand Weekend this month: Sept 10 & 11.**

Hours on Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Donations have been coming in rather slowly over the summer months, probably due to the heat and vacations, but if you do have items that you would like to donate, we'd be very happy to get them. As you may already know, the proceeds from this fundraising project are used for CPC Mission work by the Mission Team and the church, making this a very worthwhile event.

We prefer to have donations delivered to the church on Secondhand Weekends so we can process or place in a pod, as needed. Donation hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays, but only from 9:30-12 p.m. on Sundays please, so we can get everything cleaned up by end of the day.

In the event you are not able to get friends or family to help you deliver large and/or heavy items to CPC, we can put you in contact with the company we use for heavy lifting and moving.

For Questions about large/heavy donations or scheduling alternative drop-off dates (instead of Secondhand Weekends), contact Vera Bare, our Flea Market Donation Coordinator, at 520-981-1710

**We can always use another pair of helping hands** if you find yourself free during Secondhand Weekends.

This is when we gather to sort, clean, price (we can help you decide how to do this), and box donated items for storage until February when it all comes out to be displayed for the annual Flea Market Sale (March 16, 17, 18 in 2023).

We provide coffee, bottled water, and snacks. For those who can stay all day or at least through the lunch hour, please plan to bring yourself a bite to eat at noon.

Please join us with this fundraising mission project as you are able.

The Flea Market Lead Team



# Presbyterian Women of CPC

## Crafts Group Happenings



During the month of September, the “Crafty Ladies” as we are often called, will continue to meet on each Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in rooms A/B, where we work on various projects which will be sold to raise money for charity. The first weekend in December our group holds an annual Christmas & Cookie sale and since that is only a few months away, we are currently focused on preparing for that sale. The proceeds are used as a donation to various organizations, especially those who help women and children in need.

If you like to color, you may want to help in our Greeting Card project. If you like to knit, sew, or do other craft items, there is always something going on to participate in. Not everyone in our group considers themselves to be a *craft*er or an *artist*, but there is always a project that doesn't dictate that you are.

We break around 10:30 for some type of small refreshment. The coffee pot is always on and tea bags available. The best part of the time we spend together is the fellowship...we laugh a lot, share stories, and simply enjoy the few hours we set aside each week being together. Come and go as you are able. We are eager to meet you, or to have you join us to meet us and see if we are a 'fit' for you.

All items are available for sale throughout the year, not just for the December sale.

Many of the more popular things are displayed in the hallway outside of the classrooms where we meet. If you would like to buy anything from the glass case or other displays, they are all tagged with the purchase price indicated. If you would like to write a check and leave it in the box on the glass case, please make it payable to: “CPC” and in the memo line add “PW Crafts”.

If you have questions, call or text Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or send me an email: [pjcullop@gmail.com](mailto:pjcullop@gmail.com).



## Men of Faith Breakfast



Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 a.m.

All men are welcome to join us at Biscuits every 3rd Wednesday of the month

7026 E. Broadway

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

Each of us pays our own way, and Pastor Steve leads us in a challenging discussion of faith. No preparation or skill level needed.



## Casa Maria Lunches

Tuesday, September 28, 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 Lunch Making Ministry meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to put together 200 lunches for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

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 8:00 the morning of. If you would like to help put the lunches together contact Cindy at [ridingsc@comcast.net](mailto:ridingsc@comcast.net).

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**Accepting donations of the following:**

**Ronald McDonald House:** Pop tabs, disinfectant wipes, and chemo caps.

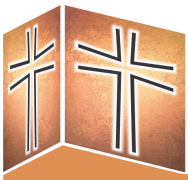
**Lions Club Glasses:** Lenses, frames and any glasses.

## Our September Birthdays!

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Debbie Teece      | 9 Genny Standifer     |
| 4 Pam Elitharp      | 10 Diane Denien       |
| 4 Lois Letson       | 10 Joyce Judah        |
| 6 Dave Ridings      | 14 Phoebe Hoffman     |
| 7 Nancy Ward        | 17 Ingrida Cazers     |
| 8 Tom Black         | 19 Mike Judah         |
| 8 Eileen Lamse      | 21 Michael Courville  |
| 8 Ron Morgan        | 22 Barbara Pattengale |
| 8 Van Van Den Assem | 23 Dennis Noonan      |
| 9 John Griffin      | 28 Kristen Samoy      |
| 9 Jean Rosene       | 29 Larry Biehl        |
| 9 Ellie Standifer   | 29 Kate Lagle         |



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



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## Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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## Deadlines

**KIVA** October 2022 Issue  
articles due by 12 p.m. on  
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**Weekly Bulletins and Friday  
News, requests for flyers or  
inserts**

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



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