



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TUCSON, ARIZONA

February 2018

Kiva Newsletter



FROM OUR PASTOR...



Love, Love, Love....
All you need is love.

If that is true, how come
the world still has so much messy stuff to it?
How come people are still hurting each other,
the environment, themselves?

Maybe we need more than just love....
Well, at least the noun!

Maybe we need more of love... the verb!

Jesus called us not only to believe, but to live our beliefs. And as his followers, disciples and apostles, we need to do more than talk about love, we need to love... all the time, as much as possible and then some.

Faith without works? According to the New Testament letter of James, Can't be.

Love without love? Can't be according to God in Jesus Christ.

This month of February, be sure to put your love for God in Christ into more action. See what can happen when you do!

Peace in our Journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

Love
in Action

Sunday Worship

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall - Sitting around tables, having coffee (and whatever donuts you might bring), gives worshipers a casual setting to worship God. Children are always welcome in worship, and we do have a nursery for the toddlers, if that helps parents have some worship focus time.

10:45 a.m. in the Round Sanctuary- Things might be a bit more traditional in the Sanctuary worship space, except for being in the round. A mixture of traditional and new hymns are used throughout the year. The choirs, piano, and organ fill our spirits with the sounds of faith. Children are always welcome in worship, and we do have a nursery for the toddlers if that helps parents have some worship focus time.

February Worship Themes

4th: Communion and Ordination/Installation of Deacons and Elders

11th: The Transfiguration



Lent Leads to Easter Sunday

“Get a Life”

Our Lenten theme on Sundays will explore the lives of some people who met Jesus, and we know nothing of what happened to them after meeting him.

Each week Pastor Melde will take on a different character.

This is a great time to invite and bring someone with you to worship at CPC.

14th: Ash Wednesday Services in the CPC Library

7 a.m., Noon, 5:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m. (join us as we prayerfully begin the Season of Lent)

18th: The Rich Young Guy: Matthew 19:16-30

25th: The Boy who fed 5,000: John 6:1-14

Middle and High School Youth Ministry News

**Middle and High School Youth ministry
is alive at CPC.**

Each Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., we gather in the North Wing to study, “Faith Questions,” a great teaching series on understanding our faith.



January 14, 21, 28: I Believe: What does it mean to say, “I Believe”? Is it just something we feel? Think? Say? Each week will challenge us to go deeper in our faith.



2-4 Youth Fellowship

On the second and fourth Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Middle and High School gather for fun and Christian Fellowship. We share a meal together and do activities that help us deepen our faith and our friendships.

February 11: What would you do?

February 25: Mission Night

Fellowship and Fun



Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, February 21st
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.

This month we will meet at CPC, as John Arbuckle will be making his famous breakfast to get Lent started. Bring a friend or two.

Mary's Yoga Class

Yoga Canceled

Unfortunately, Mary is not able to lead Yoga for a while due to shoulder injuries.

Rincon Country Gentlemen

Friday, February 16th, 12:30 p.m.

Music and Dessert (see pg. 19)

Women's Breakfast

Thursday, February 15th 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.
They're starting a new book. It's a great time to join in on the fellowship. See page 11 for details!!



Sunday Mornings 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

It's time to start a brand new year of Sunday Funday School- the rotation model that we use for Sunday School for our preK-5th grade students. Children will focus on one Biblical story for 4-6 weeks where they will learn about the story through hands-on, engaging activities with a different emphasis each week.

Some of the ways that we approach the stories are through crafts, storytelling, games, science, cooking, videos, and mission. This helps the children really get to know the stories of the Bible and personally relate to them.

Come join us as we enter into a new year!

February 4/11: Daniel in the Lion's Den. We will be making puppets to tell the story, playing games, and watching a video.

February 18-March 18: The Woman and the Alabaster Jar. A lesson about building loving relationships.

March 25-April 22: We will turn our focus to learning about Lent as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We hope that you will join us!



Men's Weekend
April 5-8, 2018

Women's Weekend
April 12-15, 2018

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
THE WALK TO EMMAUS IS COMING TO CPC IN APRIL!**

What is the Walk to Emmaus?

- The Walk is a spiritual life retreat of the highest quality. The time is given to inspiration, instruction, sacrament, sharing in small groups, festive events, and delicious meals.
- It is based on the story of Emmaus found in Luke 24:13-35.
- The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience which takes a new Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and, through them their families, congregations and world in which they live. Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church.
- The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.

If you might be interested in spending a weekend deepening your faith, then give us a call in the church office, and we will get you in touch with others who have taken the Walk to Emmaus.

Crafty Ladies



***Wednesdays
9 a.m.—Noon***

Wednesday mornings at CPC are pretty crafty. We have a group who meet and make all sorts of crafts that are then sold to help support special mission projects throughout the year. This group is always open to new people and new ideas!! (women and men) Last year they collected over \$5,500 to support the special missions of Presbyterian Women (pg. 12) Come join us for fun, fellowship, and mission.





Much has been happening with Haven Totes at CPC thanks to all your donations of time and resources.

- Currently serving 35 students in 21 families at Kellond Elementary School.
- In January special donations of \$6,400 came in to CPC to help with this mission project. We are humbled by the generosity and now the ability to serve these children even more than we had dreamed.

- So, we are looking at how to expand the whole program at CPC.
- Food donations have helped so we don't have to shop as frequently. Thanks!

We are currently setting up the volunteer schedule for the remainder of the school year. If you haven't heard from Janis Parks and want to get on the calendar either email her at azteach2001@gmail.com or call her 520-403-4526.

There is always room for more helpers.

Food Donations – We are always accepting donations. Items can be left in the MPR kitchen or in the office. See the

list of requested items, which allow the children to make meals by themselves if needed.



- Individual serving cereal boxes or veggie cups, spaghetti O's, Vienna sausages, microwave Mac N' Cheese
- Pudding, fruit cups, and microwave popcorn
- Juice boxes

Tax Credit donations for 2017 Tax Year can be accepted through April 15, 2018.

Thank you to all the volunteers of time and resources!



Thank you for
your generosity.

2,129 Pounds... (1.06 tons)

Of non-perishable food was generously donated by our CPC family to the Eastside Food Bank of the Inter-faith Community Services.

131 Reverse Advent bags were filled with much needed year end food supplies to help people on the eastside of Tucson.



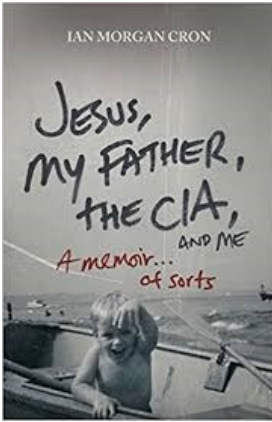
Our February mission project is with Kellond Elementary school. We are asking the congregation to donate tissue boxes that can be used in classrooms throughout the spring flu and cold season!

Decorate the boxes to say, GOD BLESS YOU, from Christ Presbyterian Church.

Write a note on the box so that whoever uses it knows that they are blessed by God!

We are collecting decorated Tissue boxes now through February 11th, when we will dedicate and bless these boxes in worship. We will be delivering them to Kellond School on Valentine's Day.





*Saturday Morning
Men's Fellowship
CPC Library
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Saturdays*

At the age of sixteen, Ian Morgan Cron, was told by his mother that his father, a motion picture executive, also worked for the CIA in Europe. This astonishing revelation, coupled with his father's dark struggles with alcoholism, upended the world of a boy struggling to become a man. Decades later, as he faces his own personal demons, Ian realizes that the only way to find peace is to voyage back through a childhood marked by extremes, - privilege and hardship, violence and tenderness, truth and deceit -that he's spent years trying to forget. In the surprisingly funny and forgiving memoir, Ian reminds us that no matter how different the pieces may be, in the end we are all cut from the same cloth, stitched by faith into an exquisite quilt of grace.

We would like to encourage other men of the church and/or friends of friends to come join us for the study of this book. We enjoy a close interpersonal group sharing our personal experiences, beliefs, and sometimes changes of heart as they relate to our study book. We typically have an hour long meeting and enjoy munchies provided by one of the group and coffee provided by the church as we discuss the chapters and how it relates to our lives and experiences.

Steve Hutchins, leader



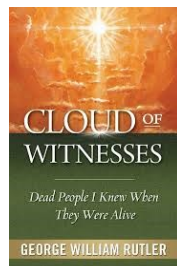
Did you know??

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.

PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Bible Study for 2017

First Friday of each month



Bible Study Friday February 2, 2018.

Room A/B of the North Education Wing

Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews.

Lesson #5 In Community With the Tradition of the Past

CROSS STREET MINISTRY: Provides a hot meal, showers, a clothing room, and fellowship to homeless people in South Tucson every Monday and Friday morning. Men's clothing and hygiene items are needed.

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

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE: Provides temporary housing for families whose kids are in the hospital, especially dealing with cancer. Disinfectant wipes, chemo caps, and metal soda tabs are welcomed.

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO CHILDREN'S CANCER HOSPITAL: Plastic caps of any size please. They are melted down and turned into craft items that can be sold to support the hospital.

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!

Adult Bible Studies

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. They are just finishing a study of Hebrews and headed into studying Philippians or James. Come help us choose!



**The Christian Living class will be studying
Everything is Spiritual**

Join us in Room E/F at 9:30 am Sunday

Based on his speeches around the country, this video series will give you a chance to see God's Spirit in action, in every part of life.

Rob Bell is a best selling author, international teacher, and highly sought-after public speaker. A person of deep faith, whose faith has changed over the years of his life, Bell causes his audience to see faith with new perspectives. In 2011 he was profiled in Time Magazine as one of their 100 most influential people.



THE 2018 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

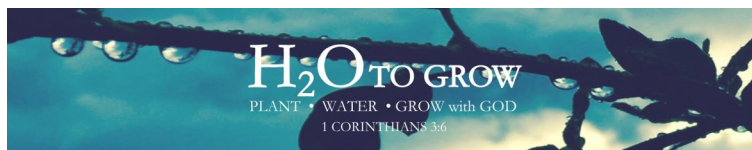
Ripples of Caring

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TUCSON, ARIZONA

Thank you for your incredible generosity that has gotten our new year of stewardship support of the ministry and mission of CPC off to a great

Your loving, generous support of the annual stewardship fund allows us to do so many faithful things in the name of Jesus Christ, not only in Tucson but throughout the world. Your sacrificial giving continues to support all of our mission and ministry: Children and Youth faith formation, adult spiritual growth, worship, caring for those in need and so much more. Have you seen our recent Mission Brochure that shares information about all these activities? We have copies in the church office. It's amazing. Our annual expense budget of \$490,000 is a mighty powerful thing. All of us together can make Ripples of Caring on God's behalf this year. We still have a few boxes of giving envelopes if that helps you. Just ask in the church office.

Your 2017 Giving Statements should be in your hands now. If you didn't receive one, and need one, please call us soon so that we can get them to you in a timely manner. (or stop by and meet Erica (office manager) and Robin (bookkeeper).



We are in the homestretch! The final Year! We've almost reached our goal.

Our three year Capital Campaign will be complete in December of this year! It's hard to believe we've come this far. We've done some wonderful improvements to our campus. The roof looks gorgeous and doesn't leak! Townsfolk call and tell us they like the new cupola and the new marquee. We've improved our lighting and sound in worship. And just now are completing the wife project on campus that will allow us to use the new video/sound to record much better quality videos of worship and other events. We retired all of our old debt, while we incurred some debt to make this happen. The current debt payoff will be complete at the end of the year. AMAZING.

Please continue to give generously toward your pledges to the campaign so that we can meet this goal.



The 2018 Flea Market

Thursday, March 15th

Friday, March 16th

Saturday, March 17th

7 a.m.—2 p.m. Each Day

We need everyone's help as we enter these final weeks of preparation. You will find sign ups on Sundays, or you can call the church office to volunteer especially for the days of the sale.

Sunday, February 11: 5-7 p.m. Dinner/Training

This dinner is free for all volunteers and is a great time to learn what help is needed and how you can be a part of the Flea Market. Call the church office to let us know of your attendance so we can prepare plenty of food for all.

**Free
Dinner!**



CPC has become
A partner with
Care Portal!

Care Portal connects children and families who are struggling, with churches willing to offer support.

We come alongside children who are in the Department of Child Safety Care System in Pima County. Many of these children are being placed in foster care homes, or into homes of other family members for a while, or back into their homes as DCS works to reunite them safely. Many of them have more needs that they can meet. So, CPC will be providing needed material goods for their homes. Often a twin bed and bedding are needed. Sometimes a larger dining table and more chairs can help add children to family gatherings. Also dressers to hold their clothes or other household items are often needed.

You can help in several ways: (Call the CPC office & we will get you on the list!)

SHOPPERS: When needs are identified, help us quickly shop for them at thrift stores or garage sales. We'll reimburse you!

DELIVERERS: When we get the needed items, we have to get them to the kids. Have a truck? SUV? Trailer?

FIXERS: Because we shop the thrift stores/garage sales, some items may need some repair before we take them to the kids (dresser needs painting, chair leg needs fixing, etc.)

PRAYERS: Together, we can show them God's Love.

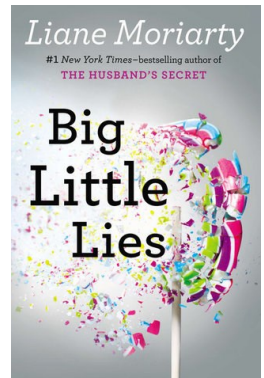
FINANCIAL SUPPORT: You can donate to CPC, noting the gift is for Care Portal, so that we can do more shopping and helping.

Book Club

Tuesday, February 13th, in the
CPC Library from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm.

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

Sometimes it's the little lies that turn out to be the most lethal. A murder...a tragic accident..
..or just parents behaving badly? What's indisputable is that someone is dead. But who did what? This book follows three women, each at a crossroads in their lives. It is a brilliant take on ex-husbands and second wives, mothers and daughters, schoolyard scandal, and the dangerous little lies we tell ourselves just to survive.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on February 6th 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.

Pie-a-palooza.....

Meet our Presbytery de Cristo
Mission Partners

Join supporters from all over our Presbytery as we learn about and bless our mission outreach partners for 2018.

Our mission partners are:

- Companeros en Mision,
- Frontera de Cristo
- Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson
- Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship
- Montlure Presbyterian Camp
- Papago United Presbyterian Church
- Presbyterian Campus Ministry



Sunday, February 11th

2-4 p.m.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
400 E. University Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85705
(University and 4th Ave)**



We need 5 pies donated for the event.

How about baking?

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

CPC has increased our lunch donations to Casa Maria to 200 lunches. Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies. The Youth Group will be making the sandwiches this month, we will be delivering on Tuesday February 27th, 8:30 a.m.



Rincon Country Gentlemen

Singers Extraordinaire

Friday, February 16th: 12:30 p.m.

In the CPC Fellowship Hall

Join us for Dessert at 12:30 p.m.

And

Fun Music

**Call the church office to let us know you will be there, so we have plenty of desserts!
(No, we are not serving a full lunch!)**



"DATE NIGHT"
SAT, FEB 10, 2018
HELP FEED OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
CHILDREN

Free, Adults Only Spaghetti Dinner

All proceeds will go to benefit the children served by Haven Totes, Inc. Won't you please help us to make a difference in the lives of these children suffering from food insecurity (hunger)?



<http://www.haventotes.org>

Haven Totes, Inc.

Free, adults only
 spaghetti dinner, silent
 auction, music and
 guest speakers

Freewill offering to help
 support Haven Totes

Silent auction items
 include gift baskets,
 trips and many more
 individual items.

Dinner includes spaghetti,
 garlic bread, salad and a
 dessert. Ice tea and water
 provided, other beverages
 available for purchase.
 You must pre-register to
 attend.

For Info, Janis Parks
 520-403-4526

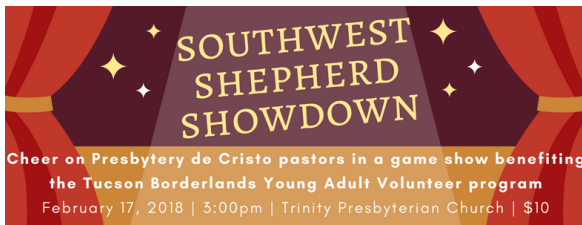
FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

710 S. Kolb Road
 Tucson, AZ 85710

Family Life Center

Saturday, February 10, 2018
 Doors open at 5:00 PM

Contact us in the church office for tickets. The event is free, and we are hoping you will generously bid on the silent auction items (there are some really great



Come and support one of our Mission Partners:
Young Adult Volunteers in the Presbytery de Cristo
It's a fun event and fundraiser for this mission.

A poster for the Family Feud game show. It features a red curtain background with a dark purple center. The text "SOUTHWEST SHEPHERD SHOWDOWN 2018:" is written in a white, serif font. Below it, "FAMILY FEUD" is written in a large, bold, gold, serif font. At the bottom, in a white, serif font, is "FEB. 17, 2018 AT 3PM". Below that, in a white, serif font, is "Trinity Presbyterian Church (400 E University Blvd)". Below that, in a white, serif font, is "Tickets \$10 - available at the door". Below that, in a white, serif font, is "Cheer on Presbytery pastors & Tucson Young Adult Volunteers in a Family Feud-style game show benefiting the Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteer program. Laughter and stories for all ages!". At the bottom, in a white, serif font, is "The Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteer Program is a partner ministry of the Presbytery de Cristo. Young Adult Volunteers spend a year in service in Tucson, seeking God's call in their lives. Visit www.tucsonborderlandsyavp.com/f feud for more info."

Christ Presbyterian Church

2018 Session Leadership

Elders (starting February 1st)

Kean Nordbrock: Youth Elder	Debby Anderson: Vision
Laura Cech: Children's Education	Cheryll Dunafon: Mission
Marian Rogerson: Nominating	Vickie Forbes: Worship Planning
Sharon Beck: Youth Education	Tracie Couzens: Personnel
Linda Tillema: Finance	Linda Tillema: Treasurer
Cathy Wade: Buildings/Grounds	Dorothy Courville: Membership Care
Ann Larrabee: Adult Education	Julie McCrea: Clerk
Fred Hubbard: Outreach/ Communications	

Deacons

Kathy Kimball and Lois Koch: Cards of Caring
Judy Hamlet and Sally Brandon: Helping Hands
Judith Peters and Ingrid McKee: Memorial Receptions
Diane Denien and Laura Thompson: Prayer Chain
Pam Cullop and Susan Hein: Sunday Fellowship
Larry Biehl and Don & Pat Schneider: Compassion Connections

*Thank
you*

CPC, Thank you so much for all you do for the children of Kellond. You are a blessing to our families all year, but especially during the holiday season.

We cannot thank you enough,
Brenda Meneguín, Principal



**Change of
Address**

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Our February Birthdays

- 3 Gordon Custis
- 5 Bob Powers
- 5 Tom Workinger
- 6 Don Schneider
- 7 Pam Maher
- 8 Juanita Garcia
- 8 Bonnie Sorek
- 9 Lin Giorgi
- 9 Arlene Lenox
- 10 George Gaumand
- 11 Dawn Custis
- 11 Lew Carlross
- 12 Sally Lanyon
- 13 Vera Schlieter
- 14 Ken Byrum
- 14 Gail Craig-Jager
- 14 Andrea Heck
- 16 Jim Cech
- 16 Bev Workinger
- 17 JoAnn Bryan
- 17 Darby Cech
- 18 Gayle McCann
- 19 Dorothy Buchanan-Barrow
- 19 Kean Nordbrock
- 19 Julia Potter
- 19 Ruth Richards
- 21 Staci Fehringer
- 21 Mary Jean Koch
- 21 Lloyd Redding
- 22 Luke Nagele
- 24 Laura Brock
- 24 Linda Tillema
- 25 Joanne Forbes
- 25 Kathleen Graler
- 25 Marilyn Redding
- 26 Pete Cella
- 27 Sherrie Sink
- 28 Cindy McKnown Perry
- 28 Norma Patrick
- 28 Nancy Schneider
- 29 Mary Richmond



Please call the church
office, if we missed
your birthday. We
don't want to omit
anyone.
Happy Birthday to All!





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Weekly Bulletins and Thursday

News Please submit your
articles and requests by
Wednesday at noon