

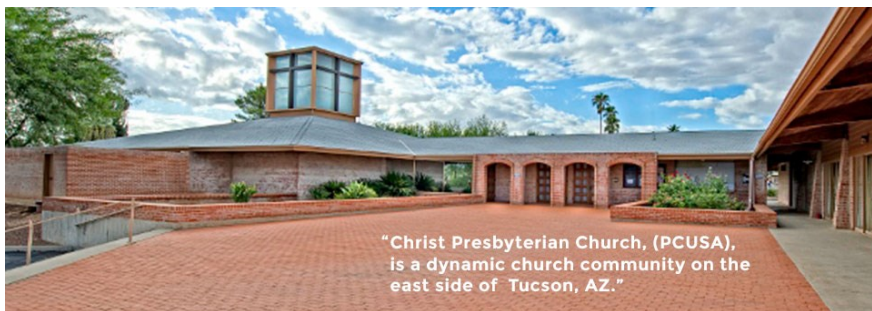


CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TUCSON, ARIZONA

March 2017

Kiva Newsletter



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



Pastor Melde's Page

Lent... Give it up but be careful what you fill it with!

Tradition calls us to “give something up for Lent.” Sacrifice is a spiritual discipline. It allows the faithful to learn to live more simply, to rely more on God than ourselves and especially on our stuff! So, over the generations we have been encouraged to make a sacrifice during Lent.

If you are going to give something up, make it something meaningful. A break from chocolate might be good for you, if chocolate is controlling you and taking you away from God. Otherwise, we call that a diet.

Perhaps giving up an extra moment in the day when you might check your social media, and taking that time to pray.... Might be a better spiritual discipline.

For most of us, when we take something out of our lives, we fill our lives with something else. So, don't give up chocolate to eat a carrot. It may be healthier for you, but we still call that a diet.

When you give something up and make more room for God in your life, we call that a spiritual discipline. So, taking away a moment when you are mindlessly exploring what other people post about their dinners, and take time to pray with God, you are learning to grow your relationship with God.

Now that's what Lent is about. And sacrificing those human things, allows more room for Spirit. Welcome to the season of Lent. Lent will lead you to the Empty Tomb... which is filled with Grace. Hmmm. Wasn't God smart!

Peace in our journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

worship at CPC

Gather with other Christian Disciples to Worship God

Sunday Worship in March 2017

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall with the Band

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with the Sanctuary

Our Worship theme for March, and the season of Lent, is “What difference does the Resurrection make in your life?”

Over the Sundays of Lent, people from our congregation will be sharing their faith in worship by answering that question for us.

We invite you to join us weekly, in person, or on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)

Two Special Worship Experiences in March:


Wednesday, March 1st: Ash Wednesday

Join us for one of our brief worship experiences in the Library as we honor this special day in the church calendar. We will contemplate the 7 Last Words of Christ, and be blessed with the ashes. Service will last no more than 30 minutes, so stop in for a bit and begin Lent in worship.

7 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 5:30 p.m. • 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 4th: 5:30 p.m. First Saturday Communion Worship

This prayerful service allows worshipers moments of deeper contemplation in the Word of God. Gathering around the Table, even more intimately than usual, allows participants a chance to imagine themselves at the original table with Jesus.



1st Saturday Night Worship at CPC

A LENTEN SERVICE OF REPENTANCE, MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Lent, in the Christian tradition, is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is the season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Sundays are not counted in the forty days, because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

*The word, lent, comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.*

On March 4 at 5:30, for our First Saturday of the Month Meditation Service, we will continue our time of reflection that we begin on Ash Wednesday and we will gather to **praise God, pray together**, reflect on Psalm 32 and listen for the Spirit of God to speak to our hearts. And we will, as we always do, celebrate the Lord's Supper, in memory of the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. Please join us as we once again meet in the Upper Room of Christ Presbyterian Church.

~ Pastor Steve Brownson



Stewardship 2017: See What the Water Is Doing

CPC Headline News!

Sunday, February 5th, at 9:30 a.m. when you normally know teens want to be sleeping, our teens were cleaning up at a park!

CPC youth went to Palo Verde Park, just south of Broadway, off Jessica, to clean up trash. About 15 youth enthusiastically joined together to help create a safe environment for children and families to use this public park, directly across the street from our adopted school, Kellond Elementary.

They went to each baseball field, the center football field, around the edge of the park, and anywhere else they saw trash. 5 trash bags were used to clean up the whole park.

Because of your ongoing giving to CPC's annual stewardship campaign and budget, we are able to have available all the supplies our youth needed to live out their faith in the community. Thank you CPC. Your monies are being used in faithful ways, especially in the ministry of youth and their faith development.



Christ Presbyterian Church

Session Leadership

Elders

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

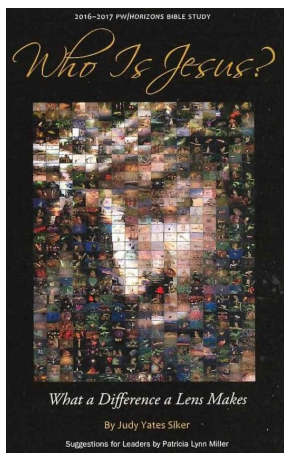
A handwritten "Thank you" in a cursive script, rendered in a light gray color with a subtle drop shadow, positioned to the right of the Elders list.

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)

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 2017
(the first Friday of each month)

**"Who is Jesus?
What a Difference a Lens Makes"**

Lesson #6 March 3, 2017
According to Hebrews
Room A/B, 1:00—2:00 PM

(Julia is still looking for someone to lead discussion after the study)

Thank you for your continued support of prayer and donations
for these mission projects supported by the Presbyterian Women!

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

MENAU SCHOOL: Albuquerque, NM: 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

Interested in more information about Presbyterian Women at CPC?
Please call either Marilyn McConnell (579-8438) or Julia Potter (298-4415)

Important Update, Change of Venue and Date

The Presbyterian Women of Presbytery de Cristo will have their Spring Gathering on April 29, 2017 at 8:30 am 'til approximately 2 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Martha Ashton. The lunch will be catered by the Mid Eastern Fellowship at a cost of \$10 per person.

Julia Potter can provide more information.



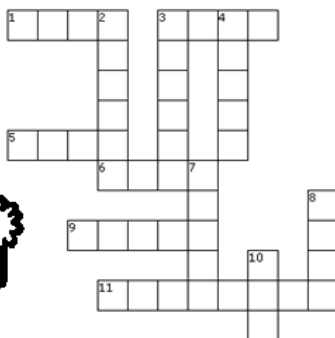
Waldrens' 70th Anniversary



Elder/Deacon Ordination

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
3. The period from birth to death
5. A strong feeling of affection
6. Goes faster than walking
9. What we use to speak
11. One who takes care of the sheep

DOWN

2. The male parent
3. To hear or pay attention to something
4. A group of sheep herded together
7. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
8. The opposite of bad
10. A small place where animals are kept

Words Used

good	sheep	runs	listen
shepherd	wolf	father	pen
life	flock	voice	love

Middle and High School Youth Ministry News

Sunday Funday School for youth, grades 6-12, happens each week at 9:30 a.m. in the North Education Wing. There's a class for Middle School and one for High School. They are currently in the midst of studying our Biblical ancestors.

March 5: Helping with the Flea Market
March 12: Pontius Pilate
March 19: Mary Magdalene
March 26: Thomas

• **Sunday Night 2-4 Youth Fellowship** •

meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.
We begin with a pizza dinner!

March 12: **Game Night at CPC

March 26: **Visit an Elder Care Center

D.O.O.R. Trip Hollywood
for High School Youth is June 4-11.

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2017 Flea Market News!



'March Madness' of a different kind...

We on the Flea Market Team use the term "March Madness" to describe the flurry of activity that takes place from the time we begin occupying the classrooms and grassy quad church campus areas that will hold everything not in the MPR, or furniture and large appliances.

Beginning March 5, the minute Sunday morning classes are over in rooms A/B, E/F & 6/7, they will be transformed into clothing, art, and record/cd/movie shops. The grassy quad will be filled with shoes, garden supplies and plants. Tools and suitcases of all sizes will like the surrounding sidewalks. Toys, stuffed animals, pet supplies, household cleaning supplies, sporting equipment and oh – so much more will completely cover the lawn.

To get those items in place, we will need to empty another pod. Yup – sorry to say, but true. We have one pod packed to the gills with outdoor items destined for the grass quad.

In the MPR, there are mounds of clothes that will need to be schlepped into rooms A/B & E/F. Huge amounts of art, and media items need to be ferried over to rooms 6/7.

Of course, many tables will be needed for those spots. We need more tables if you can lend for those rooms. If you can stay after Adult Bible class, Youth or Sunday Funday schools, to help with the set-up of these areas, that would be awesome!

The days between March 5 and March 15, you will find us at church every day between 8 and 2, while we plug away at the process of getting ready for the Huge Flea Market (Mar 16-18).

No time clock to punch. Help when you are able and as it fits into your schedule.

Gratefully,

The Flea Market Team



...more Flea Market News! The Final Push!

- **Furniture & Large Appliances:** There are three (3) pods FULL of furniture and large appliances that will need to be emptied before the pod projects are complete for 2017.

Unloading date will be either March 12, or March 15 (discussion is in progress of setting up these heavy items in the church parking lot, rather than in the FH and front brick patio area). But “heavy lifters” will be sorely needed on one of those days!

- **Fellowship Hall Set Up:** The Fellowship Hall will need to be emptied of excess round tables on Sunday, March 12, after 1st service, to allow for the Flea Market transformation.

- **Green Valley:** For those who had planned to go with us to Green Valley this year to help us glean their Patio Sale items, on Sat Mar 11, *that pick-up has been cancelled. You may erase that circle from your calendar from this year only. Next year remains to be determined.*

- **Volunteer Only, Shopping Night:** To ensure that you can use your 20% off coupon before the expiration date of March 15, we on the Flea Market Team have planned a special pre-sale shopping night just for you. On Wednesday, March 15, between 6-8 pm, the campus will be open to 20% coupon holders only. Get your coupon before March 12 and begin shopping! Flea Market Team Leads will be on the brick patio most Sunday mornings for the next few weeks, or come see us in the MPR on the following days: M, T, Th, Sat & Sun 8am -2pm. (You may use your coupon at any time after you receive it, until it expires at 8 pm on March 15.)

- **Post-Event Clean Up:** The sale is over at 2 pm on Saturday, March 18. Clean up begins immediately. The campus must be ready for worship on Sunday morning. Many hands make light work. Please stay and help...even if the Cats are in the other “March Madness” event. The sooner we finish, the sooner we all enjoy the game!

The goal: \$50,000

Thank you in advance, and for all year-long....

Donna, Pam, Vera, Pam & Shirley
The Fund Development Team (FDT)

STUDY THE WORD

Adult Bible Study is offered at the 9:30 am Sunday School hour in room A/B. Bob Powers is leading a study through **Titus**, and when that finishes up, Ken Friskey will begin leading a study of **Acts 1**.

When interviewed for this article, Bob let us know that they take the material seriously, but not themselves!

March 5th, **Christian Living** class will begin a series titled **Animate: Faith**. We will engage in seven conversations about faith.

1. God: Faith Is a Quest
2. Religion: Spirituality Is not Enough
3. Jesus: The Revolution of Love
4. Salvation: Abundant Life Now
5. Cross: Where God Is
6. Bible: A Book Like No Other
7. Church: An Imperfect Family.

Each session begins with a video. We will discuss the video and share ideas with the group in an open, often lively, discussion.

We meet in E/F at 9:30 am every Sunday. We would love to have you join us! - Ann Larrabee



Crafty Ladies

The CPC Craft Group, meets each Wednesday morning from 9 am until 12 noon.

Bring your own project, or just show up and join in what others have started. We stop for snacks, bring sack or potluck lunches on longer days, and no one is forced to punch a time clock. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

Questions? Call Pam Cullop – 520-271-6678, email: pjcullop@gmail.com.



Prayer Shawl Group

If you've ever received a Prayer Shawl, you know what a comfort it can be during a difficult time for someone.

The Prayer Shawl group meets once a month on the first Tuesday of each month from 1-3 pm in Room E/F. Meetings are not required to participate. You can drop off a shawl in the church office too.

We make shawls that are 18-22 inches wide and 60-62 inches long. You may use any pattern or color, although blue is the most requested color.

Prayer shawl request forms are available in the church office or you may call LuAnn Cobb, 721-7338, with your request.

Haven Tote Helpers for March 2017

March 3	Ann and Dennis Diers and Janis Parks
March 6-10	John and Elizabeth Arbuckle
March 13-15	Lana & Rada Rich / Cathy Wade (note earlier date)
March 20-24	Spring Break
March 27-31	Rocky & Clarabel Rockhill



Tucson Society of the Blind

meets at CPC on Tuesday Mornings in classrooms 6/7. This is a wonderful group, doing loving, caring work in our community. They need help from someone, maybe from our church family, to serve and provide assistance. 9:30-am—Noon on Tuesdays. Please contact Barbara at 298-2427 if you're interested in helping out.

CPC Fellowship....

Lunch Together takes March off, due to Flea Market Activities.

Market on the Move

Saturday March 25th

8:00 am—11:00 am

Volunteer workers are especially needed for set-up
from 6:30-8:00 am. Thank you!

The Market will be located in the front parking lot.
\$10 buys up to 60 lbs of fresh produce.

You can bring a friend and split it!

You can share with your neighbors!

You can freeze some of it!

You can take less than 60lbs!



...more CPC Fellowship

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30am.

Join us for 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.

Women's Breakfast, Thursday, March 16th at 8:30 am.

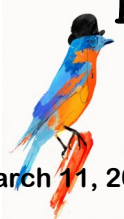
Each Third Thursday of the month
ALL WOMEN are invited to breakfast at 8:30 am at Biscuits (7026 E. Broadway). Join us for good food, fabulous fellowship, and excellent conversation. No reservations needed. Bring a friend! Bring a smile! Bring your laughs! And even bring your tears! Together we eat, and separately we pay.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We Play Dominoes Every
Thursday @ 1pm in (A/B)
NO experience is necessary. We'll
even show you how to play the game!
We're skipping March 16, due to
Flea Market. :(



CPC Arts Activity Group EVENT CALENDAR



Save the Dates

March 11, 2017 : Desert Museum Ironwood Art Gallery
Sorry, this event is cancelled...

March 11 and 12, 2017 “Splendor in the Desert” Quilt Show at Las Campanas Recreation Center. 565 W Belltower Drive, Green Valley AZ. on Saturday March 11 (10am—5 pm) and Sunday March 12 (10 am—4 pm) Debi is available to answer all your questions at 928-587-7273 and dblack512008@yahoo.com. The Valley Quilters Guild website is www.vqgaz.com.

We have some great activities coming up. Stay tuned!
See Sally Brandon for more details. Call 349-2909 or email brandosally@gmail.com.

Book Club

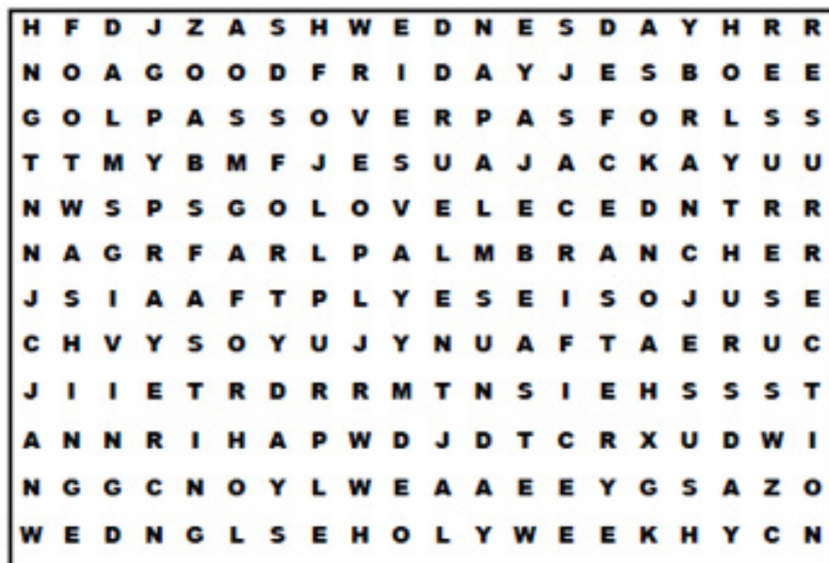


Our group will meet on the 14th of March at 1 pm in the CPC library . Please read our next book **A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman in preparation for our meeting. It’s a great book about reaching out and the rewarding relationships that can be built when we do.

This is a nice group and everyone is welcome. We always meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

*Please contact Ann Larrabee
for more information ph 745-6310.*

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



Our March Birthdays

3/1	Pauline Fuus	3/21	Brett Lewallen
3/4	Barbara Unger	3/22	Lois Harvill
3/6	Ingrid McKee	3/24	Jim Kercheval
3/7	Michael Beck	3/25	Tony Manning
3/8	Patricia Werner	3/27	Doug Powers
3/9	Belinda Courville	3/28	Jim Doidge
3/9	Ruth Jafvert	3/28	Brianna Ede
3/9	Donna Kuehn	3/31	Lianne Puzzo
3/11	Emily Bittman		
3/12	Nancy Cella		
3/13	Erin Cech		
3/14	Vickie Forbes		
3/14	CJ Gorman		
3/14	Ron Rice		
3/16	Francene Johnston		
3/16	Carole Mulholland		
3/17	Andrew Robinson		
3/17	Nathan Robinson		
3/18	Diana Campbell		
3/18	Ken Friskey		
3/18	Marjorie Letson		
3/19	Angela Schlegel		
3/21	Nancy Hummel		

If we missed your birthday,
we are sorry. Please let us
know in the church office so
we can get you on our list!
Happy Birthday to All!





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