

The Call Newsletter
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GIVE THANKS

A THANKFUL GOD

Our Vision

To know Christ and to make Christ known, by developing disciples in meaningful community and doing the work of Christ in our neighborhood and world.

Our Mission

We will be a church:

Of, By and For God's people.

Our Focus

- +Worship
- +Education
- +Nurture
- +Outreach

Our Slogan

Growing in Christ as He teaches us to serve.

Rev. Dr. Tony Stiff

Rev. Brett Everett

Rev. Mike Shirey

NOVEMBR HAPPENINGS

- 3 Angels in Voices
Session Retreat
- 10 Veterans Day Breakfast
Klackle Memorial
- 17 Pastor Tony Installation
- 22/23 Happy Thanksgiving—
Office Closed

This is the time of year when we are encouraged to be thankful, and if we are of a religious persuasion, to count our blessings. These are noble and worthwhile endeavors, but should hardly be relegated to a single day or season of the year. I have encountered many people over the years who approach this time of year with dread, rather than thankfulness, because it reminds them of loved ones they have lost and often leaves them feeling exhausted and depressed. The basic problem is the last two months of the year tend to focus on self-gratification and unrealistic expectations. This makes it even more difficult to be thankful, especially when we are expected to do so on command.

Let me suggest a different approach this year. Instead of listing all the reasons to be thankful and feeling blessed, why **don't we reflect on what we can do to bless God and bring** thankfulness to his heart? This may sound strange, but it has a solid foundation in the Bible. Do you remember the story of creation in the book of Genesis? Each time God completed a phase of the creation process, he declared it to be good. I **can't help but think that God was pleased with what he had** done; it blessed him. Later, when humankind had strayed from the path of obedience, God was still pleased when they took time to offer him sacrifices, not because he needed the animals but because it reflected their devotion to him.

What pleases God? What blesses God? What makes God **thankful? King David declared of God, "Behold, you delight**

in truth in the inward being” (Psalm 51:6 ESV). The prophet Samuel once asked God’s people this important question: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD?” (1 Samuel 15:22 NIV). These verses reveal that God is pleased when we are honest with ourselves and him. He is pleased when we admit our sins to him and seek his forgiveness. He is thankful when we put obedience to his commands ahead of trying to appease him with scripted behavior and meaningless ritual. This is nowhere near as difficult as we make it out to be; we simply get more caught up in getting what we want than doing what God wants.

God has given us everything. He sent his Son to the cross to die in our place. God has opened the door to eternal life with him in and through Jesus. Do you want to thank God for this incomparable gift (you should!)? Instead of counting your blessings, count the ways you can bless God through acts of service, expressions of love, and sincere efforts to set aside anger, hatred, resentment, jealousy, and all the other emotions the devil uses to lead us astray. Give thanks to God by giving God reasons to be thankful for you.

Pastor Mike

Associate Pastor...

THIS “LITTLE” THING CALLED PRAYER

Over the past few weeks, I have been tasked with digging up photos from the history of our church. In the process, I have had a great opportunity to reflect upon God’s faithfulness to the people of Christ Church over the years – and specifically as this relates to sharing the gospel with our community and world. In my contemplation, I have concluded that God has and continues to do great things through us. We as his people who have been obedient in our response to His call to service. But, that’s only half the picture, for I truly believe God has honored those times when we have been faithful in our prayer lives – both individually and corporately. Purpose and blessing come when we faithfully bathe the life, leadership and ministries of our church in a “little” thing called prayer.

But truth be told, there is nothing “little” about prayer – for it is truly our lifeline to God. This should not come as a secret to anyone. The Bible is filled with God’s promises regarding His joy in receiving our prayers. Proverbs 15:8 tells us, “the prayer of the upright pleases him”. The Bible also speaks of God’s pleasure in responding to our requests. One of my favorite passages of Scripture comes from 1 John 5:14-15. It states, “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him”. Several phrases from this passage stand out when I read it. One, we can approach God with confidence in prayer. Secondly, God will hear us when we ask for anything in His will. Thirdly, if God hears us, He will answer us.

Events like the Haiti Mission trip, Feed My Starving Children, and VBS remind me of my lifeline to God. They demonstrate a fulfillment of the promise – if we ask, we shall receive. Yet, at the same time, they also take me back to other times when I have not depended upon God – the times when I failed to turn my **attention to prayer and in essence said, “Lord, I do not really need you today. I can be totally self sufficient all by myself. No, really... I can handle it! I will be sure to let you know when something big comes along”**. When we do not pray, that is indeed, what we are saying to God. More so, it is an indication we may have neglected to confess to God, in a spirit of humility, our own weakness or we have failed to see the true power of God at work in our lives and ministries.

Prayer must be an attitude of total dependence upon God. We must think of this lifeline as more of an umbilical cord than a telephone line. We pray not only to talk to God, but also to fully rely on Him to support our very existence. He is willing to be a daily part of everything we do – to have a hand in our family life, our jobs, our schools, our play, our relationships, and our ministries – if we allow Him.

You may be saying to yourself right now, “So what? Why tell me what I already know?” I do so simply to remind us we have a God who is of infinite power – the One “... who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20)”.

Friends, have you recognized that infinite power in all areas of your life? Despite our successes in mission and ministry, **in what ways have we as a church limited God’s involvement in regard to our local and global ministries?** In what ways have we not allowed God to use us in the actualization of the Great Commission? **Or, putting it another way, are we spreading the “light” of Christ with a flashlight when God’s infinite power can supply us with the sun (Son!)?**

Much remains to be done if we desire to be obedient to Christ’s Great Commission and Great Commandment as a church. It must start with each of us on our knees in humble submission and prayer. Many of us say we yearn for revival in our churches, our communities, and our world. I firmly believe God wants to bring about this revival, but that we are not doing our part today to make it so. **Have we committed ourselves to not only individual prayer, but to the equally important collective prayer of God’s people as well? Have we called upon the Lord in His infinite power?**

J. Edgar Hoover, the first director of the FBI, once said, **“The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-controlled powers, because prayer is man’s greatest means for tapping the infinite resources of God.”** Do you find his words encouraging? How do you really feel about this little thing called prayer?

Pastor Brett

INSTALLATION SERVICE SLATED FOR PASTOR TONY

A special worship service of Installation will be held at CPC on Saturday, November 17th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Honored guests are Rev. Nate Dreesman, from the Synod Office of ECO; and Rev. Bill Good, Moderator of Hope Presbytery. They will give a charge to the congregation and a charge to Pastor Stiff installing him as the Senior Pastor and Head of Staff.

A service of Installation is a very special and significant time for every Presbyterian Church, as it calls for the congregation to support the new Senior Pastor as the new Spiritual Leader of the church, as well as charging the new Senior Pastor with his responsibility to serve the congregation faithfully and to the best of his ability.

This service marks the beginning of new leadership and direction for CPC. Mark your calendars and plan to support Pastor Tony by attending this wonderful and meaningful event.

Fellowship and light refreshments will be served in the Atrium immediately following the service.

Music Ministry...

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for your positive reception of the “Hymn of the Month” program. I have heard from many that knowing something of the background of a hymn, and being able to sing it more than once, enlightens your worship experience. You can now look forward each month to singing a new hymn that edifies the sermon theme. If the tune is unfamiliar, you will have weekly opportunities to learn it.

As the holiday season approaches, here are some dates to add to your calendar:

Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (on Thomas just off Litchfield Road)—the combined choirs of CPC and St. Thomas Aquinas, soloists, and orchestra will present the *Fauré Requiem* in a special All-Saints Day Evening Service. This 20th century masterpiece is one of the most beloved settings of this memorial text. The public is cordially invited to celebrate the holy tradition of honoring the departed.

Saturday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m.—*Angels in Song*, Crystal and Candice Sipe, your favorite singing twins, plus guest artists, will present a special holiday concert to benefit the Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome. Invite friends and family to this afternoon of inspiring music.

Sunday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m.—*Piano recital by Yuriy Vereschchagin*. Yuriy, one of our newest CPC members, will play his ASU Masters Piano Recital showcasing the music of Tchaikovsky.

Sunday, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. – *I Am Family Uganda Children’s Choir*” will perform a joyful and colorful concert to benefit the Uganda Adopt-A-Child Program. We hosted them several years ago, and your response to this talent-filled choir was “bring them back soon.” So we have. Invite friends and family, and especially children, to this heart-warming event.

Saturday, December 8th at 4:00 p.m. – the CPC Music Department invites you to *An Old-Fashioned Christmas* featuring the Chancel Choir, Praise Ringers, Praise Team, Readers’ Theater, Youth and Children’s Choirs, soloists, and you, the congregation. Come enjoy festive holiday music and sing your favorite carols.

Sunday, December 16th at 1:00 p.m. – *Holiday Piano Recital* by Vitaly Serebriakov. Our own piano virtuoso will play another of his technically-brilliant and inspiringly-passionate recitals. You won’t want to miss this musical treat.

Saturday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Atrium- T.B.A.

I want to personally invite you to these unique opportunities to hear inspiring music beautifully performed and programmed especially for you, your friends and your family.

Can I hear an “Amen” to that?

David Wilson,
Director of Music



Nurture and Equipping Ministry...

WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE?



The next New Member Class will be Sunday, February 24, 2019. A light lunch is provided and, if needed, childcare. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, March 10th, at the service of their choice. Please indicate your interest in participating in the class by completing the Welcome card in the chairback on Sunday or calling the office at 623-882-0721. Also, feel free to attend the class if you just want more information about CPC. There is no pressure to become a member on the day you attend class.

Deacon Ministry...

Jill Gates – Care Community #16

Hello my name is Jill Gates. I was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, and have lived in Arizona for ten years. **Currently I reside in Goodyear and have three children; Steven 29, Michael 24, and Angel 17. I've been married to Kevin Gates for 16 years. I've been a dialysis technician since 2011. My family has been attending CPC since around 2008 and I work in the AV booth along with my husband Kevin.**

The coffee hour schedule for November is as follows:

November 4 th	Wanda Miller	Group 14	wlm0629@gmail.com
November 11 th	Bob Gates	Group 15	dgates316@aol.com
November 18 th	Jill Gates	Group 16	jillybean0701@gmail.com
November 25 th	Shirley Castor	Group 6	bobshirl@cox.net

COMING SOON-BARGAIN BOARD!

Look for the Deacon sponsored Bargain Bulletin Board hanging in the breezeway advertising household items for sale or give away/donation (no pets, vehicles or business cards/ads). Please use the cards in the plastic envelope attached to the bulletin board to indicate the details of the item(s) **for sale/donation along with the seller's contact information. Buyers will** contact the seller to work out the details of the sale and arrange pick-up.

Postings will remain on the board for 30 days and may be reposted for an additional 30 days, if needed.

Please contact Shirley Castor with questions – phone: 308-340-0512 or email bobshirl@cox.net



Judy Harding
Moderator – Board of Deacons

Mission & Outreach Ministry...

TRUNK OR TREAT



As I wrote this article, final preparation was underway for our annual Trunk or Treat. A big thank you to all who assisted with this major outreach to our community! I look forward to being able to report on a huge success next month!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is not too late to pick up boxes to fill for this wonderful mission opportunity. For the past 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and to hear the Gospel. Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also participate in a follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, which teaches them how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others. We will still have boxes available for you on Sunday, November 4th. The last day to return your filled boxes is November 11th. You can turn them into the office anytime, or bring them to the Mission Team Member in the Atrium on Sunday morning.



CHRISTMAS JUG



The Christmas Jug is placed in the foyer on Sunday mornings. Please help us fill this jug with your extra change, or even greenbacks. Our Credo Youth will select families that are in need and distribute the collected funds in December .

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Ever been on a Mission Trip? Would you like to join the traveling team for the next trip to Los Aguas, Haiti? Dates set for the trip are May 31 to June 9, 2019. Contact Pastor Brett or Mitch Jackson if you would like more information. Those desiring to go will be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month after the 2nd service to prepare for the trip.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

We're turning periods into pathways. Days for Girls Surprise Chapter increases access to menstrual care and education by providing washable feminine hygiene solutions to impoverished women who had previously gone without feminine hygiene products. This enables them to live with independence. Join CPC on the second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in room 203 to prepare sustainable feminine hygiene kits to be **distributed to mission teams. Can't make Saturdays but would like to help, contact Leissa Gashler at leissa@cox.net.**



PICK YOUR PASSION

Remember we are always looking for donations of various items each month. Place your donations in the appropriate labeled bins in the hallway off the Atrium. There is always need for non-perishable food items **for the Agua Fria Food Bank. The Food Bank no longer accepts egg cartons, so please don't bring those.** Agua Fria also accepts clothing donations for which there is a designated bin.

- * Heavenly Hygiene Kits: items needed are soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo and conditioner
- * Days for Girls: items needed are gallon-size Ziploc® freezer bags, girls panties sizes 10-14, travel soaps, safety pins, terry cloth washcloths, and 100% cotton cloth remnants in solids or prints
- * Agua Fria Food Bank: items collected all yearlong are canned goods and non-perishables
- * Clothing bin: please place items for the Knitting for the Needy in this bin

Sydney Roosa
Elder – Mission & Outreach

Specialized Ministries...

DIVORCE *Care*

GRIEF *SHARE*

Surviving the Holidays, a one-evening course, was presented to both the DivorceCare and GriefShare participants. This course focuses on the difficulties of the holiday season after suffering a loss.

DC4K
DivorceCare for Kids

DC4K - A special needs teacher has been added to the staff.



Journey of Peace, supported by the Men of I.A.M., is hosting a Veterans Day breakfast on November 10th. *See the article elsewhere in this issue.*



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) - This very successful program is larger than ever. A team of CPC Mentor Moms provides invaluable support.



Please pray that our many caring ministries will continue to strengthen and grow.



*For more information, contact
Carol Phillips, 623-340-9205 or cphillips02@cox.net*

*Carol Phillips
Elder, Specialized Ministries*

MEN OF I.A.M.



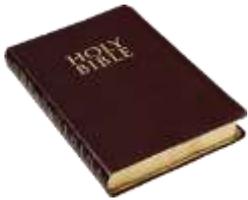
November 10th Program – This month the Men of IAM are working with Tony Madrid's Journey of Peace ministry to present a special Veterans Day program.

See the article elsewhere in this issue for the details.



December 8th Program – Join us at 8 AM in the Atrium for a special program led by our own Pastor Tony!

We will be again serving our traditional Steak & Eggs breakfast!



2019 Program – We are currently deciding on our Bible Study topic for 2019. If you have any suggestions, contact John Reichard or Russ Schultz.



Feed the Youth – The Men of IAM feed the youth on the second Sunday evening of each month at 6 PM in Room 209. This a great chance to meet and chat with members of our youth group. Contact John Reichard for further information.

For further information, please contact:



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Scott Phillips, Secretary
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L.A.F.

The LAF business meeting will be held on November 20th at 1:00 p.m. L.A.F. meets at the Golden Corral located on the corner of Van Buren and Dysart.

We will have lunch and fellowship prior to our meeting. So, please come and join us. All you need to do is show up! Nothing else is required to become part of Laughter and Fun. Hope to see you there.

God Bless, Lovey

W.O.W.

All of us should be back from vacations and enjoying the Arizona weather.

The Women of the Word will meet Saturday, November 10th, 10 a.m., in room 102. Lesson 14 – What Really Matters, I Peter 3:13-16 and Romans 8:35, 37, & 39. Speak kindly, but with conviction to those who are eager to know about God.

Veterans First Ltd: The “Beauty Bash” at Paul Mitchel’s Beauty School was a smashing success. The veterans received makeovers, beauty tips and products, and massages. Many materials were available regarding housing, PTSD, and combat stress (women). W.O.W. contributed loads of beauty products. All products were free to veterans and any leftovers went to various shelters.

November 10th, 8 a.m., CPC will hold its Veterans Day Program. Speaker: Retired Admiral Clark. Women wear your **red**, **white**, and **blue**.

Line Sauer, Moderator 623-849-6402

Lil Kerswill, Secretary 602-999-1499

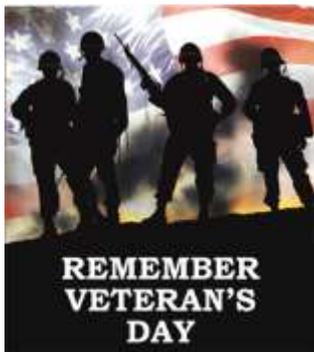
KNITTING FOR THE NEEDY

Demand for handknit and crocheted items increases during the holidays. Have some fun while you use up some of your scrap yarn. Hats, mittens, scarves, blankets and 8" squares for all ages are needed. Place completed projects in the clothing bin in the breezeway.

Can a homeless teen, newborn, child in foster care, or deployed service man or woman count on you this winter?

Jan Shaffer





This year **Veteran's Day** will be celebrated Saturday, November 10th.

We at Christ Presbyterian Church would like to invite all veterans, active duty personnel and their spouses to a special **Veteran's Day Breakfast** celebration...

To be held in the church Atrium from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

This special event is to honor and show our sincere appreciation for the sacrifices made by these brave warrior.

The celebration will include breakfast, patriotic music, and a very special guest speaker: Retired Admiral Vernon Clark – Chief of Naval Operations.

There is no cost to attend. Child care will not be provided.

RSVP? Though not required, will be helpful to ensure adequate seating and food. To RSVP, please call (623) 882-0721 or email info@cpcgoodyear.org

Finance Team...

2018 Contribution Report

YTD Actual Income	\$617,917
Actual Expenses	\$659,744

Surplus/(Deficit) \$(41,827)

Time & Talent...

SUNDAY	Worship Total	CCS Adult	Credo Youth	Arctic Children	MOPS	
					Adult	Children
October 7	283	46	22	22	DNM	DNM
October 14	326	41	11	06	135	64
October 21	346	34	12	29	DNM	DNM
October 28	330	53	40	32	NA	NA

DNM = DID NOT MEET

NA= NOT AVAILABLE

Worship Ministry...

Did you know sermons are available on our Facebook page and website located at www.cpcgoodyear.org?

If you prefer, please call the office or email holli@cpcgoodyear.org and a CD of the sermon can be made for you. The cost is \$3.00 per CD. If you are interested in an entire sermon series, we can put the sermon series on a USB drive. The cost is \$6.00.

Session...

Session met on September 24th. Below are some of the highlights of our meeting.

- Session approved an expenditure for the 2019 budget of \$846,203.69. This is a slight increase from 2018, which was expected as costs are rising.
- Session approved to refinance our mortgage with KS State Bank. The plan is for our monthly payments to remain the same.
- **Pastor Tony's office and prayer room rearrangement has been completed at minimal cost. Thanks to the people who helped make this happen by providing their time and talents.**
- The fall Christian Education programs for adults and children has commenced with all the teacher positions filled. Praise God for our volunteers.
- Kick-off Sunday for Operation Christmas Child will be October 7. The goal is to fill at least 300 boxes. This continues to be an important mission of our church.
- The use of our social media postings and announcements is increasing.
- We are looking to purchase equipment to video sermons each Sunday. They will be posted on our website for shut-ins and others who want to become familiar with our church.
- Each service will have a designated lead usher who will manage usher teams. First service - Dean Sehm, Second service - Jeff Miller. Thanks guys.
- Session approved an Emergency Action Plan as a living document -to be revised as the need arises. This is an important step to improve the safety and security of people coming to our church and our facilities. Pastor Tony emphasized that for the document to be effective, an implementation plan for training the proper people for the areas of the plan that each person needs to become knowledgeable of.
- **CPC's Legacy Fund policy was revised and approved by Session. The Legacy Fund was created to encourage special gifts that may continue long past the donor's lifetime. The purpose of the fund is to expand and enrich the mission of the congregation by receiving contributions, and providing a source of financial support for goals and activities of the church. This generated income will provide support for special projects, activities or improvements not in the regular budget. The Trustees are responsible to oversee this fund. Please remember CPC in your will or trust.**
- **Session approved the Deacon's request to create a bulletin board.**

Jim Rains, Clerk of Session

COMMUNICATIONS

Church Library – There are lots of new books available in the library. Come and look! If you wish to read a book or two, please feel free take them and return after you have finished. We currently do not have a way to check out books. Please put the returns on the cart labeled “returns”. There are several categories of books including a large section of fiction and children’s books. There are also several jig-saw puzzles available. If you wish to donate any books or puzzles, please put them on the “returns” cart. For questions or comments, contact: Kay Kenney (kay_kenney@outlook.com) or Kathleen Davidson (kequilterqueen@yahoo.com)

Church Photographer – Do you have a passion for taking pictures? CPC is looking for individuals to be a part of the photography team. Please let the office know if you are interested in taking pictures at church events.

PROGRAMS

Sunday Flower Donations Reminder – If you would like to order flowers for the sanctuary, the sign-up sheet is in the office. Deadline is noon on the Wednesday preceding the Sunday you want them displayed and listed in the announcements. Arrangements *in honor of* or *in memory of* are \$40. Rosebuds for birth announcements are \$15 (twins \$18). You can place the money in your offering envelope and indicate under “other” or pay in the office. There are many dates available in 2018! If you would like to take the flowers home after second service, please enjoy them. Returning the vase to the admin office is appreciated - CPC receives credit for the vase.

Ink Cartridges – CPC accepts all types of ink cartridges for our recycle program. We receive credit at two local office supply stores. Thank you for supporting this program.

NEW Fry’s Community Rewards Program Number – Did you know you can support our nonprofit organizations just by shopping at Fry’s? It’s easy when you enroll in Fry’s Community Rewards! To get started, sign up with your Fry’s V.I.P Card online or in the store, and select CPC using the new code **ID685** in the search. Select our church to support and enroll. Once you’re enrolled, you’ll earn rewards for CPC every time you shop and use your V.I.P Card. Remember...all participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization.

THANK YOU’S



Wow! How do we even begin to thank each of you for the thoughtful acts, words of encouragement, affirmation, and love, which you generously pour out on my family and me during this month deemed “Pastor Appreciation Month” and every month for that matter!? Words fail to express our most sincere gratitude!

You have truly shown us what it means to be part of a special family – one that only God could bring together. Thank you for making us feel so special. Thank you for all the received cards, letters, kind words, e-cards, emails and thoughtful gifts that have flooded our hearts with joy during this past month. Know that we cherish each of these thoughtful gestures. We thank God for you - our church family, every day. It is so easy to serve a church when it contains people you love so much. Please know we appreciate each of you, too, and the chances we have to co-labor in Christ with you!



May God richly bless each of you. May He truly receive all the glory for the great things done here at Christ Church, and for the unity we strive to demonstrate to Him as His body.

With sincere gratitude and in Christian love, Brett, Heather, Nathaniel and Hannah Everett

CREDO CORNER...

Attention Parents: It's that time of year again when your Credo student will be coming home with the annual **"Credo Parent-Student Information Request Packet"**. Please fill these out and return them promptly to ensure your student won't miss out on any of the fun in 2019.

Attention Christ Church Family! Did you know...!? Credo Youth Ministries has a Shutterfly® page (www.shutterfly.com) – which is used to disseminate information, documents and pictures relating to events, the youth calendar, as well as event announcements/cancelations and other information pertinent to families and teens. Students and family members are also afforded the opportunity to post **comments, engage in message boards, blogs, etc. in this "member validated" media platform**¹. It is a wonderful way to keep up with all our Credo activities for students, parents and the Christ Church family!

¹Students must have parental consent before being registered for our Shutterfly page. All parents and guardians are encouraged to register as well. Anyone in the Christ Church family is welcome to take advantage of this offering! To register, please contact Pastor Brett with an email address you would like to use to receive updates.



OPPORTUNITIES

Invitation to Join Us for Making Advent Decorations

Saturday, December 1st

9:00 am until 12:00 Noon

Location: Education Building, 1st Floor, Rooms 103, 105, and 107

The Christmas Season is almost upon us! One of the great events for our children is the Advent Crafts workshop. We will have all the material and pieces pre-sorted and ready for making various types of Advent decorations, such as angels, stars, mangers, and ????. The children can pick from the variety of **decoration "kits" that they would like to make, and our adult helpers will watch over them and provide assistance as needed.** There will be lots for the kids to choose from and plenty of time for them to try their **hand at different types of decorations.** **And....with the help of our church members, there will be cookies for treats.** We are looking for 12 dozen different types of cookies. Since we have children with nut allergies, please, no cookies with nuts. If you are interested in bringing a dozen or more cookies, we will have a **sign-up sheet in the Atrium in early November.** **We are also looking for volunteers who are "crafty" to assist in helping our children.** If you are interested in either helping with the children, and/or providing a dozen cookies or more, feel free to give me a call or email me.

Raub Randels,

Elder, Children's Ministry

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The Stephen Ministry logo symbolizes that we all are broken people and that it is **only** through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole.

Stephen Ministry is one of the “stealth ministries” at Christ Presbyterian Church - why do I say this? It is a ministry that flies under the radar - we don’t do fund raising; we don’t hear many details or buzz about our work as it is confidential Care Giving; and our success stories (and there are many) are also confidential. So, what *can* we tell you about our Ministry?

We currently have 10 fully-assigned Stephen Ministers working with members of our congregation and the community who are facing challenges in their lives and have requested a Stephen Minister to walk with **them and help them through a difficult time. This is the “good news”. It is “bad news” that we have no available Stephen Ministers to address the additional requests as they come in. It is heartbreaking to receive requests and have no one to fill those needs. We have asked God to bless our ministry and give us more people to serve.**

In it we have learned that Jesus will pour out his Spirit, equipping and empowering us to love others as he has loved us---YOU! Jesus will be with us each step of this journey. In fact, Jesus will go *ahead* of us to **prepare the way for our ministry. We will never make a caring visit, listen to a person’s story, or say a prayer without Jesus – our companion, our guide, our strength and our inspiration. J-esus, O-thers, Y-ou – this is the JOY of a Stephen Minister! Please pray for God’s blessing for our learning and serving as dedicated care-givers and that He might prepare the hearts even now for our assigned care receivers.**

“May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

Which leads me to the ultimate question? Do you have a servant heart? Are you a good listener? Are you compassionate? Are you full of faith? If so, prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. The Stephen Ministry program will give you all the skills you need to answer this call. If you feel called to consider this ministry or would like more information; please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Donna Gates, Arlene Aamot, or Shirley Lambert

Arlene Aamot
Stephen Leader/Awareness Coordinator



We're having a **DOUGH-RAISER!**

VISIT US AT AZNYDPPIZZA.COM TO SEE OUR MENUS.

Benefiting:

Christ Presbyterian Church-Haiti Mission Team

What's the deal?

NYPD will donate 20% of sales generated by Christ Presbyterian Church

What to do? Present this flyer from 11 am – 8 pm on Sunday, November 18th and get ready to enjoy a great meal and a great deal!

Where to do it? At NYPD Pizza – Dysart, located at 1619 N. Dysart Rd #103 Avondale, AZ 85392

Special Considerations:

This flyer is only redeemable on 11/18/2018.

1. Under no circumstances are flyers to be handed out in the restaurant, parking lot or vicinity. Failure to comply will result in a voided contract. We appreciate your understanding.
2. Coupons or discounts will not be honored in conjunction with any approved Dough-Raiser
3. Must present this flyer at time of purchase.
4. Excludes alcohol.

Want to receive future offers & coupons?

Please give us your email _____

Welcome New Members

10.14.18



L to R: Trish Kile, Fred Kile, and Jessica Stiff

Happy Birthday



1	Jim Hughes Aaron Martinez	19	Colton Brinker Kate Caler
2	Megan Dickerson Billie Gramlich		Bob Mercer Scott Phillips
3	Delilah Dear Trish Floyd Xiu Glenz Trinity Jones	20	Hannah Johnson Mary Schultz
4	Zoe Brinker Sandra Moon Yuriy Vereschagin	21	Alicia Eversole Orion Steen IV
6	Rita Stephens	22	Madison Annoh-Opong Steven Dick Jennifer Hartwig
8	Mathew Hinds Gretchen Schultz	23	Afua Annoh-Opong Josiah Astemborski Nancy Haupt
9	Rita Durham	25	Armando Salceda Jr.
10	Gladys Owuor	27	Tina Olvera Ann Scoular
13	Diane Wigal		Bill Colton Holly Enzi George Holzauer
14	Wendall Laurence Brenda Merrill	28	Alyssa Ahart Evelyn Mercer Rev. Gilberto Vargas
15	Markeeta Bundschuh Sharon Schmitz Linda Tempel Lucy Tooker	29	Joy Cook Al Crosson Wilson Floyd Churchill Jones Brenda Sutherland
17	Rachel Floyd Art Krudener Jacie McCaughin	30	



Happy Anniversary

2	Dr. Rick & Patti Reed Dennis & Kathleen Yaremchuk	19	Bob & Linda Enoch Roy & Jill Poole
3	Bruce & Kathy Balle	25	Rev. Stephen & Sydney Roosa
7	Martin & Effie Rosenberger	26	Walt & Arlene Hunt Bill & Ivy Jones
8	Joe & Rose Waters		Michael & Maria Santel
13	Bruce & Milea King	28	
15	Ed & Barbara Vitarius		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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NOVEMBER 2018

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Give Thanks IN EVERYTHING <i>1 Thessalonians 5:18</i>									
<p>8a MOPS Meeting 8:30a GreatLeaps 9:30a Women's Bible Study</p>  <p>6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p Al-Anon</p>	<p>10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga</p> <p>7p Antioch Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>Session Retreat 9a Communion Prep 9a Antioch Grace 10a Praise Team 12p Angels in Voices</p>	<p>Communion Observed</p> <p>CCS 9/10:30a 9:00a Tnd. WORSHIP Children's Church 10:30a Contmp. WORSHIP Elem. Church School</p> <p>12p Ministerio Hispano</p> <p>4p Confirmation 6p Youth Group</p> <p>Antioch Grace Church Heritage Baptist Church</p>	<p>GRIEF SHARE</p> <p>10a GriefShare 10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga</p> <p>6:30p Stephen Ministry Leadership 7p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8:30a GreatLeaps</p>  <p>6:30p DC4K, DivorceCare 7:30p Bell Choir</p>	<p>8:30a GreatLeaps 9a Sewing Guild 9:30a Stephen Ministry Supervisor Meeting</p> <p>6:30p CREDO 7p Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>8a MOPS DGL & Steering 8:30a GreatLeaps 9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30p Stephen Ministry Supervisor Meeting 6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p Al-Anon</p> 	<p>10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga</p>  <p>7p Antioch Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>8a Men of I.A.M. Veteran's Day Breakfast 9a Antioch Grace 10a W.O.W. 10a Praise Team 11a Days For Girls Sew 11a Bloom Meeting 12p Billy Klackle Memorial</p>
<p>CCS 9/10:30a 9:00a Tnd. WORSHIP Children's Church 10:30a Contmp. WORSHIP Elem. Church School</p> <p>12p Hair Team Meeting 12p Ministerio Hispano 1p Piano Recital 4p Confirmation 6p Youth Group</p> <p>Antioch Grace Church Heritage Baptist Church</p>	<p>GRIEF SHARE</p> <p>10a GriefShare 10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga</p>  <p>7p Deacon's Meeting 7p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8:30a GreatLeaps</p> <p>6:30p DC4K, DivorceCare 7:30p Bell Choir</p>	<p>8:30a GreatLeaps 9a Sewing Guild</p> <p>6:30p CREDO 7p Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>8a MOPS Meeting 8:30a GreatLeaps 9:30a Women's Bible Study 11:30a GreatLeaps Thanksgiving Pageant</p> <p>6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p Al-Anon</p>	<p>10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga</p> <p>7p Antioch Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>9a Antioch Grace 10a Praise Team 10a Prayer Chain Gang 11a Pastor Tony Installation Service</p>			
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OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

There are many opportunities to know Christ
and to make Christ known at CPC.

MEN OF I.A.M. — Saturday, November 10th at 8:00 a.m.

W.O.W. — Saturday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Center for Christian Studies (CCS)

Women's Bible Study "Be Free" — Mondays at 7:00 p.m. or
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Tony Stiff
Senior Pastor

Rev. Brett Everett
Associate Pastor

Rev. Mike Shirey
Assistant Pastor

Holli Bishop, *Office Coordinator*

Arlene Aamot, *Office Assistant*

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours

Traditional	9:00 a.m.
Contemporary	10:30 a.m.

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*The goal of this command is love,
which comes from a pure heart and a
good conscience and a sincere faith.*

1 Timothy 1:5



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