

# The Call

January 2024 CPC Goodyear



# *Farewell from Pastor Ron's Desk,*

Happy New Year CPC!

In some respects, it seems like just yesterday, Linette, and I arrived in Goodyear with the privilege of walking alongside the faith community of Christ Presbyterian Church. And in other respects, it seems like we've been with you for a much longer time.

Friendships have been forged. Acquaintances have been made. But no matter how well or how introductory our connection has been, I trust we shared one thing in common. We advanced the kingdom of God together in both small and significant ways.



Bill Enns, my mentor, coach, and friend (and CPC's search firm partner) once told those of us attending the first of four Transition Pastor classes, "Men and women, as a Transition Pastor, you are to be a "faster-pastor"—doing what a called pastor does over twenty years, in two."

The idea being that this is not merely a time for "handholding"; just trying to keep things and people together until the "real" pastor arrives. Instead, it's a time to prayerfully discern what God wants to accomplish and where He wants us to go, in the relatively short season we have together. Then with your session and staff, my focus has been to lovingly lead you, His people into it. I believe, hope, and trust we did just that, at least in some measure.

To say we will miss you is an understatement. You have become part of us.

We do hope, if possible, you will join us in person at 10am, January 7 for one blended worship service in the sanctuary. I'll be sharing from Paul's letter to the Philippians (Ch. 1:3-6), "Partners in the Gospel." Stick around if you can for a sweet treat and cup of coffee. But if you can't we look forward to greeting you one last time as you depart into your Sunday afternoon.

Thank you. God bless you and may His favor continue to shine on you and yours.

Rev. Dr. Ron Hawkins  
Transition Pastor

P.S. If you are a Covenant Partner or consider CPC your church home you are encouraged to attend either the 9am Traditional or the 1030am Contemporary service on January 21st. Pastor Jerry Cooper and his wife Ingrid will be with CPC that weekend and he will preach. Then, all are invited to gather back in the Sanctuary at 11:30-ish for a Congregation Meeting in which Covenant Partners have the privilege and responsibility to cast a vote as to whether one senses God is calling Pastor Jerry to lead CPC into God's exciting future.

# Getting to Know Pastor Jerry

This week, we start a new series focused on getting to know Pastor Jerry, CPC Goodyear's Pastoral Candidate. You'll quickly discover that he has a deep passion for God, values outreach and discipleship, and has a sacrificial love for the Church. True belief is seen in action, and Pastor Jerry wants to use his gifts of leadership, teaching, and love to bring people to salvation in Jesus Christ. However, this isn't a "one and done" kind of approach: salvation includes growing and discipling believers to become ambassadors for Christ. These are the foundational elements of Pastor Jerry's ministry, and as we partner with him in these efforts, we'll glorify God by building his kingdom.

## Men, Women's & Care Ministry

### Men of IAM Bible Study:

Plan to join us on Saturday, January 13th, at 8 AM in the Auditorium. We'll start with a great breakfast prepared by Chef Gary Miller and Sous Chef Bill Snook. Our Bible Study will be led by Ron Cole. It will be the next to last lesson in our series on Forgiveness. We'll wind up with a mercifully short business meeting. Fellowship, food, and forgiveness!

### Women's Ministry

We will be meeting on January 13 at noon in the Auditorium for our pot luck lunch and Bible Study. This month's study will be led by Shawna Farrish and feature Syntyche. Don't remember her? Join us to learn her story.

### GriefShare

Are you or a friend mourning the death of a loved one? Let them know about our GriefShare ministry. Through this 13 week class developed by Church Initiative and thoroughly grounded in Scripture you will find help in healing from your grief. The goal is not to "get over" your loss, but to cherish your loved one's memory while moving through "the valley of the shadow of death". Every week you have an opportunity to share your grief with the group and from experts in the field of grief by watching a video that tackles the topic for the week. There is a participant guide that will reinforce the lessons we've discussed in the time we are together. You may join this group at any time during the 13 week cycle and catch up during another cycle as most of our participants go through the program more than once. If you or anyone you know is interested, please look up the program online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). This website gives a comprehensive view of what you will experience through the program. For more information leave a message at 623-633-2432 or email me at [ndrsn52@gmail.com](mailto:ndrsn52@gmail.com). Becky Anderson

### DivorceCare

Going through a divorce? This program offers help and healing through the of the difficulties and division that come with a divorce. The program is structured with a 13 week cycle and includes in person discussion, videos and a participant guide. We do not have a program running at this time, but anticipate a new session starting in February. If you or someone you know are interested in joining a group in the next cycle please contact Becky Anderson at 623-633-2432 (call or text)

# *It's in the Music*

What a joyous celebration of music we had this past month of December! It started with a beautiful Christmas concert, featuring the Traditional Choir, accompanied by the talented, Vitaly Serebriakov, and included a guest cellist, Greg Hamilton and guest drummer, Joshua Guese. The concert also featured the Praise Team and Bell Choir.

As we look forward into the new year, we would love to continue to expand our choir and encourage interested members to join us! This is a truly rewarding ministry, where you can share your gift of music with others and experience a personal connection with God through the power of song! If you are interested in joining, please contact the front office, add it to your welcome card or email the director at: [choir\\_director@cpcgoodyear.org](mailto:choir_director@cpcgoodyear.org)  
We are looking to add at least 10-15 more voices. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm and sing at the 9am service on Sundays, gathering at 8:15am. We hope you will consider joining us!

Blessings,

*Shanna Steinback*

# *Community*

## Blood Drive News

As of November 2023, CPC has hosted four blood drives, collected 115 units of blood, and averaged 29 units of blood per drive. Thank you to everyone who has participated in making these drives successful.

We already have blood drives scheduled for 2024: February 24, April 20, and June 29. The drives are from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM. We will host a fourth drive in September or October. The blood drives are always on a Saturday.

Each drive takes volunteers to help it be successful. If you are wanting to help, the following are areas in which you can volunteer:

1. Clear auditorium the morning of the drive (arrive @ 7 AM) – 4 people.
2. Greeter/registration table (arrive @ 8:15 AM) – 2-person team – can do a few hours or the entire time of the blood drive.
3. Canteen host/hostess – 1 person to be in the refreshment area to keep things stocked, welcome and thank donors, and hand out any reward item the Red Cross might have.
4. Clean up and re-set the auditorium for Sunday worship (arrive @ 1:45 PM) – 4 people.
5. Blood Donors!!



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*Communities Coming Together*

**Blood Drive**  
**Christ Presbyterian Church**  
**Goodyear**

**Auditorium/Atrium**  
**925 N. Sarival Ave.**  
**Goodyear, AZ 85338**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**  
**8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

To make an appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED CROSS  
or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use Sponsor Code: ChristPresbyterian



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# Arctic Kids

WE ARE ALL PIECES OF GOD'S PLAN

Happy New Year CPC Families and Friends!

2023 was an exciting year with some successful changes, some growth and wonderful heart filled memories made while helping your children understand how God loves them. Your Arctic Kids leaders, are continuing to help the kids understand how they are a piece of God's plan while working on making 2024 just as amazing and heart filled.

We are planning on having a few Arctic Kids events, at least one large family event as well as our traditional annual events such as Family Easter Event, Vacation Bible School, and our 2nd Annual Summer Sunday Blast program. We have a "Clean Up and Workday" scheduled for January 11 at 10am (if you would like to help, let Shawna know).

Ways you can help this year:

Prayer: For our teachers/leaders (current and new), kids, events and of our community.

Serve: One Sunday a month or more, events, or workdays. One hour or one day, any help is amazing.

Collect supplies: We will be asking for supplies for our events, donation the items or gift cards to purchase needed items

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. I am so excited to see what 2024 brings to Arctic Kids Family and Friends. If you are interested in serving please contact me, 209-986-6486 or shawna@cpcgoodyear.org

In Christ Shadow,

*Shawna Farrish*

Interim Children's Director

## Save the dates

### Pails & Tails Family Easter Event



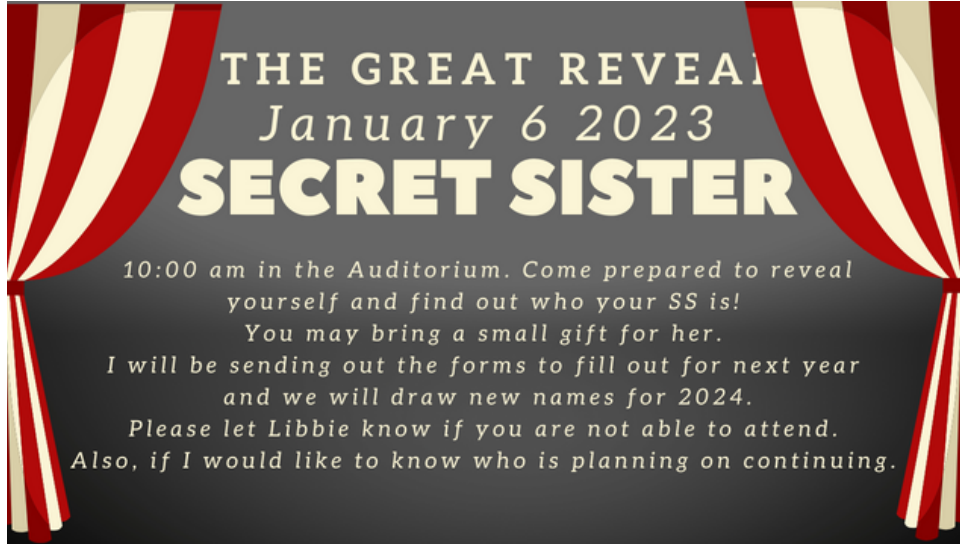
**March 30, 2024 10am**

### Vacation Bible Study 2024



**June 17-20, 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

# Calendar Reminder



**THE GREAT REVEAL**  
*January 6 2023*  
**SECRET SISTER**

10:00 am in the Auditorium. Come prepared to reveal yourself and find out who your SS is!  
You may bring a small gift for her.  
I will be sending out the forms to fill out for next year and we will draw new names for 2024.  
Please let Libbie know if you are not able to attend.  
Also, if I would like to know who is planning on continuing.



*Hope to see you...*

Pastor Ron & Linette's last Sunday is January 7th in which he will preach at a blended service at 10 am.

Join us for some hugs,  
handshakes & sweet treats.



SUNDAY JANUARY 21

*Pastor Jerry Cooper*

PREACHING AT 9AM & 10:30AM  
CONGREGATION MEETING,  
11:30AM

# Money Matters

November Monthly & 2023 YTD Summary	Nov-23	YTD (1/1 - 11/30)	Notes
Beginning Cash Balance	\$416,477	\$244,881	Beginning of fiscal period
Income			
Normal Designated Fund Income	\$810	\$30,957	
Normal Operating Fund Income	\$61,536	\$553,245	
Sub-total Normal Income	\$62,346	\$584,202	
Extraordinary Cash from Cell Tower	\$0	\$239,828	
Total of All Income (Includes Extraordinary)	\$62,346	\$824,030	Normal plus Extraordinary Cash for period
Expenses			
Designated Fund Expenses	\$1,577	\$35,403	Sept expense for Maui
Operating Fund Expenses	\$53,797	\$568,988	
Mortgage Liability Reduction	\$4,081	\$45,153	
Total Expenses	\$59,455	\$649,543	
Total Normal Net Cash Increase (Decrease)	\$2,891	(\$65,342)	Does NOT include Extraordinary Cash
Total All Net Cash Increase (Decrease)	\$0	\$174,487	Includes Extraordinary Cash
Ending Cash Balance	\$419,368	\$419,368	End of Fiscal Period Balance



## **Staff**

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