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St. Andrew's  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# CHRISTMAS at SAPC

**Saturday, December 2**

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join us for a lovely frittata brunch together with SAPC's own Tyler Le Peau as speaker and music by SAPC Flute Choir. Our outreach projects are Courtney's Courage and Amphi Clothing Bank.



**Sunday, December 3**

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARTY  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Join the fun as we kick-off the Advent season! Following the 9:00 am Worship Service, enjoy a time decorating cookies out in the SW Patio as well as a special visit from Santa! Come join the party!



**Saturday, December 9**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
7:00 PM**

The combined SAPC music ministry presents the Worship Team, Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Wittman Ringers, St. Andrew's Sisters, and more in concert, featuring music to lead us joyfully and prayerfully into Christmastide.

**Thursday, December 21**

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
6:30 PM**

The holiday season isn't always merry and bright for everybody. This will be worship gathering and time to be honest about all the emotions that Christmastime may provoke. Join us December 21 in the Chapel.



**Learn more about Christmas at SAPC at [sapctucson.org](http://sapctucson.org).**

# CHRISTMAS EVE ✨ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

We invite you to join us for one of our services, each with a unique feel and style. All services will be in-person and livestreamed. We hope you will join us in celebrating this Christmas Eve!

## 10:00 am | Combined Sunday Worship Service

This year the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve, December 24. In lieu of our regular Sunday morning schedule, we will be having one combined service at 10:00 am to celebrate the last Sunday of Advent.



## 5:00 pm | Family Service & Christmas Play

Join us for an intergenerational service, featuring SAPC Kids in a Christmas Play! Classic hymns and a message make this service a perfect fit for all ages.



## 7:00 pm | Contemporary Candlelight Service

Our Contemporary Worship Team will lead us in this beautiful time of Candlelight Christmas Worship.



## 9:00 pm | Traditional Candlelight Service

Our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will lead us in Traditional Candlelight Christmas Worship.



## New Sermon Series: The Adventure of Christmas

The season of Advent, leading to Christmas, invites us into a posture of waiting and watching for Who is coming. We're not really good at waiting. Yet, God calls us to be a people who are constantly in anticipation of the in-breaking Kingdom of the King of Kings. This is an invitation to participate in the greatest story ever told, of God's love made Incarnate in the birth of the Christ child. It's this adventure story, the knowledge of our King's victory, and the anticipation of our King's return which gives us missional purpose and joyful hope. Read more on page 4.

# From Pastor Pete

Dear St. Andrew's,

Did you hear that Starbucks is issuing a new cup size for Christmas? **It's called the Advent!**

But, really, the Christian season Advent is no joke! During the four Sundays before Christmas Eve, we are invited to practice the discipline of waiting. We live our lives between two advents. The first advent happened with the coming of Christ as Jesus of Nazareth, born in Bethlehem. The second advent will be when Christ returns at the sound of trumpets, and the new Heaven and the New Earth will be ushered in by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. While Advent occurs during the darkest time of the year (in the northern hemisphere), we still can find light in hope. This light isn't Christmas, but it is Christ. This poem captures how it is to live in the darkness of the world in this season, while acknowledging the deeper and brighter truth of our coming Messiah.

*Looking toward Christmas*

*Advent again,  
And the very stones are silent.*

*In the east, no star;  
only shadows  
and to the threat of darkness.  
We have run out of light,  
and we wait in fear.*

*Still,*

*from the cosmic distance,  
tentacles of brilliance probe,  
seek us out, looking for a dwelling place  
among us.*

*- Caryl Porter, Advent, 1990*

I hope you will join us at St. Andrew's for worship and moments of brilliance in this season!

- Each Sunday during advent and into the new year, in person or streaming online.
- Blue Christmas Service on December 21 in the Chapel. The holidays are not merry and bright for everyone. This service will be about being real about all the honest emotions we may be experiencing this season.
- Make plans now to worship with us on Christmas Eve, **including praying about who you will invite to come with you!**
- You can be generous with opportunities to give to the Advent Mission Project, Adopt-a-Family, or with a year-end financial gift to the church's general fund.
- Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue their exciting and important work.
- Thank you for remembering your the church staff during this wonderful and busy season! Particularly in a time of pastoral transition, your encouragement, kind notes, and prayers mean so much.

I pray you have a blessed Advent and Christmas season, and a joyous New Year!

Counting it all joy,



Pastor Pete  
Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

## UPCOMING AT SAPC

DECEMBER 22 & 25	<b>Church Office/Campus Closed</b> Observance of Christmas
JANUARY 1	<b>Church Office/Campus Closed</b> Observance of New Year's
JANUARY 15	<b>Church Office/Campus Closed</b> Observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
JANUARY 21	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> 10:00 am - Sanctuary

## ADVENT SERMON SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 3	<b>The Adventure of Christmas</b> Matthew 1:18-25
DECEMBER 10	<b>The Adventure of Searching for the King</b> - Matthew 2:1-12
DECEMBER 17	<b>The Adventure of Exile</b> Matthew 2:13-23
DECEMBER 24	<b>The Adventure of Promise</b> Luke 1:39-56
DECEMBER 24	<b>The Adventure of Glory</b> Luke 2

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## Advent All Call for Volunteers

You can make the difference. None of this is possible without the body of Christ working together. We invite you to take the step to use your gifts and skills to set the stage for God to work. On our Volunteer Teams, you'll be a part of creating a comfortable environment for our guests so they can be open to hear the truth of God's Word. You are truly influencing environments where life change happens. Advent is the highest season for newcomers, returners, and guests. Please consider volunteering over the next four weeks, alleviating the overloading of Church Staff, and creating a welcoming space for others to experience the love of Christ at each of our services and events!

## Volunteer Roles to be Filled

### GREETERS

Greet each guest enthusiastically. Show them that you are glad they are here. Handshakes and high fives are welcomed! Sign up at [sapctucson.org/volunteer](http://sapctucson.org/volunteer).

### WELCOME DESK

Assist new guests by answering questions or walking with them to tour different areas of the church. Have knowledge of each ministry area including ages and locations. Sign up at [sapctucson.org/volunteer](http://sapctucson.org/volunteer).

### USHERS

Welcome guests and distribute bulletins as they enter the Sanctuary. Assist as needed with finding seats and collect offering during the service. Email Louise Davis at [maudis1125@gmail.com](mailto:maudis1125@gmail.com) to sign up.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT TEAR DOWN

Assist our Music, Worship, and AV Staff in tearing down the concert set up on the chancel and resetting for Sunday morning worship following the Christmas Concert on December 9. Email Ben at [benc@sapctucson.org](mailto:benc@sapctucson.org) for questions or just stick around the Sanctuary following the concert.

## Church Work Day

**Many thanks to those who showed up for the November 18 workday!** We did a lot of tree trimming, weeding, and cleaned up the SW parking lot. Preschool doors were painted, Sunday school and VBS materials were organized, and Christmas decorations were brought down for the Hanging of the Greens on November 26. These work days are fun, and a good way to get to know others better while serving our Lord.

## Prima Vera Foundation

This year the Prima Vera Foundation is celebrating their 40th anniversary of serving the Tucson Community! St. Andrew's started assisting with the Men's Homeless Shelter from the very beginning!

We prepare and deliver a complete meal for service on the 3rd Thursday every month. The Mission Committee funds this valuable program. We've had several folks assist with the preparation and service of this meal over the years.

**More helpers are needed for this important ministry.** Please contact Anita Degnan for more information at [adegnan@sapctucson.org](mailto:adegnan@sapctucson.org). Learn more about the Prima Vera Foundation at [primavera.org](http://primavera.org).

## Undecorating

What goes up must come down! Volunteers are needed to help undecorate the Chapel and Sanctuary on Saturday, January 6, at 9:00 am. Contact Debi Kromer with questions at [dskromer@comcast.net](mailto:dskromer@comcast.net).



# God Stories Serve Our City 2023

God's goodness shone through in our Serve Our City event. We had 18 churches and over 1500 volunteers participating this year. Thanks to El Tour de Tucson, over 900 bikes were given to students in need all over our community. We had 140 service project options with 15 schools receiving upgrades with much needed painting and landscaping or snacks and hygiene products. We also got to bless our Adopt-a-Families with hygiene items on top of that! The city collected 337 Thanksgiving food bags and 250 gift cards for families with 200+ food bags coming this weekend through our partnership with Catalina Foothills Church! Special thanks to our wonderful Boy Scouts for generously contributing to the food bags!

It is such a blessing to join with other churches to make a greater impact for Jesus. Faith that Works Tucson, the nonprofit that St. Andrew's launched, provided much of the funding for Serve Our City.

Thank you so much for your donations that help us continue to make a positive impact for Jesus in our city. Here are some of the wonderful comments that we received:

**"Hello, I wanted to thank the sweet group who put together treat bags for teachers. I received a bag today and I appreciate the time, effort and thoughtfulness it represents. Thank you from a teacher at Amphi High School who LOVES treats."**

**"An ICS recipient said she is so grateful for all the help she received and how beautiful her yard turned out. She was so thankful that they planted her plants that had been sitting there waiting for family that never returned to help do. She was so thankful for the prayers from the volunteers."**

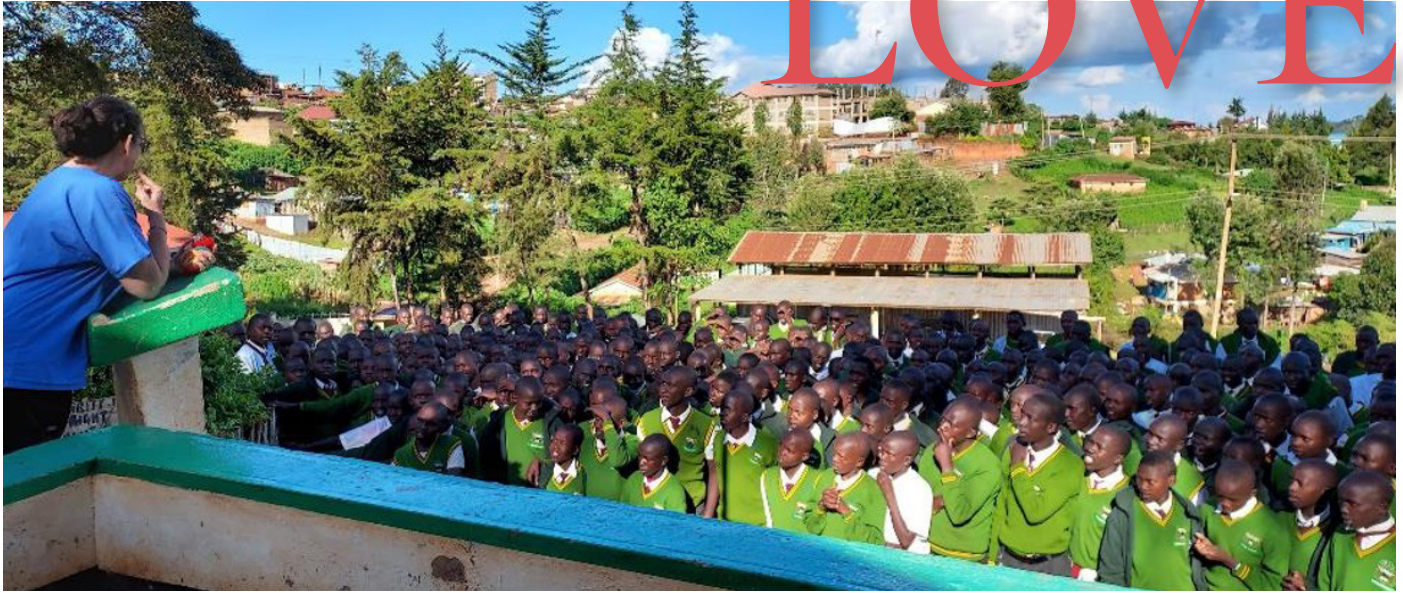
**"Hendricks staff is so grateful for you! Thank you for the yummy pumpkin bread!"**

**"Please share this note with the team at St. Andrew's Church. Thank you for coordinating the donation and assembly of bikes for our Flowing Wells students. We truly are grateful for your support of our community!"**

**- Kevin Stoltzfus, Superintendent**



# LOVE



## Christmas Mission Offering

KAPSOWAR MISSION HOSPITAL CHARITY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For 2023, our annual Advent Mission project will be the Kapsowar Mission Hospital Charity and Scholarship Fund. The Kapsowar Mission Hospital is a 130 bed hospital that provides the majority of medical care to a remote region of northwest Kenya. The Gospel and Christ's love is shared with the patients, staff, and visitors to the hospital. The people in the region are primarily farmers whose average income is \$100/month. Jerry and Elizabeth Koleski travel from Tucson to Kapsowar annually to provide medical services at the hospital and in the community.

The Koleskis are starting a charity and scholarship fund to help people with the cost of healthcare. These funds would be distributed as needed to patients and families who would otherwise be unable to pay for them. Some examples of what funds would be used for are the following:

- Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) screening (\$30/session)
- RHD is the primary heart disease killer of children and young adults in the region
- Will help expand RHD screening to other locations in Kenya
- Maintain and update ultrasound equipment for RHD screening (as needed)

- Penicillin shots for children with Rheumatic Heart Disease (\$1.50/child/month)
- Will help prevent potentially fatal progression of the disease
- Ambulance transport of patients to the large government hospital (\$70/person, which can be two-three weeks pay for many patients, or \$300 to Tenwek specialty hospital five hours away)
- CT scan or MRI \$40-\$55
- Specialty drugs for TB or HIV \$57-\$70
- Surfactant used to mature newborn babies lungs \$220
- Lab tests for sickle cell anemia \$30
- Community Health Evangelism (CHE) Training of Trainers in Nairobi (\$300/student)
- Will train people in the villages around Kapsowar to teach their own neighbors to solve their community's health issues

Having a charity fund can be a literal life saver, as well as a source of funds to promote health and development.

Please make sure to designate "Advent Mission Project - Kapsowar Mission" on your contributions. Thank you for supporting the physical and spiritual health of the people in Kenya!

# Youth With A Mission



Hannah has been serving with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) for eight years. She served in Lesvos, Greece at a refugee camp. During that time God opened her eyes to the needs of refugees as well as the incredible open door we have to the unreached Muslim world. She has traveled between Greece and the Middle East serving refugees and training others to reach these nations.

She is currently based in Thessaloniki, Greece. There she has trained and mentored youth, and their team

launched the first Christian youth center in the second largest city in Greece!

She and her husband, Juan (13 years with YWAM), are moving at the end of the year. They will serve with the same organization next year in Paris.

Hannah's partnership with St. Andrew's began years ago when she met and worked with Dick Kampa after being invited to Tucson by Cherie Gray to work at International Kids Kamp.

# Tucson Refugee Ministry

Tucson Refugee Ministry opened Building Bridges Community Center in the heart of a rough Amphitheater neighborhood. As a resource center, we offer employment resources, transportation resources, food, opportunities for building social networks, and a lot of hope!

As a ministry that concentrates on relationships, we knew that it would be not only the 532 refugee families that we work with, but also the homeless and working poor in the area directly around the community center, that would need to know and feel the love of Jesus through our relationships with them.

We opened our free coffee shop and the word got out. More and more people from the neighborhood broke their loneliness and isolation and started to come in. As they came in, they started to feel an ownership over the community center. They realized it is where they find relationships, community, and hope. It is making the



neighborhood safer as they begin to build relationships with us and each other. They have begun to get out of enemy mode and get into healthier relationships!

Some of our biggest needs are volunteers for connection, resources to continue programs like the coffee shop and food pantry, and prayers! Learn more at [tucsonrefugeeministry.com](http://tucsonrefugeeministry.com). We appreciate St. Andrew's so much!

## Café Justo: Fresh Coffee makes a GREAT Christmas gift!

Fresh roasted, mountain grown, organic coffee from Café Justo makes a great Christmas gift. We have just received a brand new shipment of coffee AND we have Christmas bags to wrap up your coffee, so your gift is ready to go. This delicious coffee will taste even better knowing that we are helping our brothers and sisters in Chiapas, Mexico; our mission

partner Café Justo. This Mission Partner addresses the root cause of migration and allows the farmers to stay on their land and support their families. To purchase your coffee, contact Sandy Kreamer at 520-400-3287 or [sandrakreamer@gmail.com](mailto:sandrakreamer@gmail.com) or just stop by the Coffee Cart in the Gathering Place any Sunday.

# Youth Ministry

## Annual Blanket Tying Mission Project

DECEMBER 10, 10:45 AM -12:00 PM

Join us for our annual Christmas blanket tying event during our regular Sunday School programming. This year we are trying to tie 30 blankets to donate to a local ministry.

## Christmas Parties

Our White Elephant traditions will continue this year! Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift (something you already have or can buy for under \$5). High School will be December 19, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, and Middle School will be December 20, from 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm. Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged!

## College and Career Reunion Dinner

If you are College-Age (or alumni), you are invited to the College & Career Reunion Dinner on Monday, December 18, at 7:00 pm. Enjoy food, fun, and fond memories of your youth group days. Location TBA

## Youth Program Break

Youth Ministry will be taking a Program Break from December 24 - January 8. We will resume with High School Youth Group on January 9.

## 30 Hour Famine

8:00 AM, FEBRUARY 10 - 12:00 PM, FEBRUARY 11

On February 10 and 11, our Youth Group is participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. It is not right that thousands of kids are dying from hunger each day. We are going without food for 30 hours to raise money so others can eat. It only takes \$40 to help feed a child for a month. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for these kids in need and with your help, we can change the world! Here's how you can help: Pray, and ask God to bless our students as they overcome hunger. Volunteer, come and join us during our famine weekend. Give, just \$40 can feed and care for a child for a month. More information and online donation can be found at [sapcyouth.com](http://sapcyouth.com) or [30hourfamine.org](http://30hourfamine.org).

## Moonlight Dinner Donations

It is that time of year again! We are starting to collect items for the 2024 Moonlight Dinner and Auction. Your donations are tax deductible! All money raised at the event goes to support the Youth Intern Program, Camp Scholarships, and mission opportunities. Items can be donated through the Youth Office. For more information, contact Tim Christian at [tchristian@sapctucson.org](mailto:tchristian@sapctucson.org). Thank you so much for supporting the Youth Ministry!

# JOY

## Preschool & Kindergarten

Lots of celebrations happen this time of year in the Preschool and Kindergarten! We finished our month of gratitude by learning about how families celebrate holidays and talking about what we are thankful for. As we enter the Christmas season, with the hope and joy that Jesus brings, may we approach the season with wonder just like our Preschoolers and Kindergarteners do!

As we welcome our new year, registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins January 18! Our Preschool and Kindergarten offers small class sizes, two qualified teachers in each classroom, indoor and outdoor play based learning curriculum, within a faith based environment. Church families have an early opportunity to begin registration for classes in our 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, and Kindergarten classrooms. A full list of our class offerings are available at [sapcschool.org](http://sapcschool.org).



# Children's Ministry

## Christmas Eve Play

Get ready to shine Jesus' light this Christmas through Stellar Christmas! This program will incorporate favorite Bible Memory Buddies and music from Stellar VBS. The Christmas story will be retold by members of the starry host who were twinkling away the night Jesus was born. Rehearsals will be December 10 and December 17 at 10:30 am in Room F. We will have a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 23, at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. There will be speaking parts and non-speaking parts. All ages are welcome! Please let us know who wants to be involved by signing up at [sapctucson.org/kids](http://sapctucson.org/kids). The performance is during the Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 pm. Contact Heather Brannock at [hbrannock@sapctucson.org](mailto:hbrannock@sapctucson.org) for more information.

## Kindergarten Prayer Partners

It's that time of year to start thinking and praying about being a Prayer Partner. Please consider being part of this ministry and walk alongside a child in his or her faith journey. Five adults are needed for this. You are committing to pray for and with your partner, and the children commit to pray for you as well. If you have been a prayer partner in the past and want to volunteer again, please do so! Contact Heather at [hbrannock@sapctucson.org](mailto:hbrannock@sapctucson.org) to volunteer or for more information. Prayer Partners will meet January 28 during the 9:00 am Sunday School time.

## Holy Mollies Upcoming Events:

**December 20:** God Can Speak Through Angels

**January 17:** If We Listen to God, We Can Hear

## Super Friends

Our special needs ministry, called Super Friends, will meet on December 3 and January 7, from 10:30 am to 11:15 am, in the lower level of our SW Campus. We invite families with children with special needs to attend a parent support group while their children have a class created just for them. For questions, please contact Heather at [hbrannock@sapctucson.org](mailto:hbrannock@sapctucson.org).

## No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on December 24 or 31. Childcare is available for children five years old and younger in Room L. There will be activity clipboards available in the Sanctuary for elementary aged kids.



## Save the Date for VBS 2024!

VBS 2024 will be June 10-14 and registration opens March 24, 2024. Get ready for an undersea adventure with SCUBA VBS!

## VBS Planning Committee

Are you interested in being on the 2024 VBS planning committee? We are starting our journey to VBS in early March. (Yes! It's that early!) The VBS planning committee heads up the other VBS teams: Imagination Station (science gadgets and experiments), games, Bible Adventure (a hands-on way to tell the Bible story), Sticky Scripture (This all-new rotation station is where kids learn to apply the daily Bible Verse to real life—their life!), snacks, preschool, and decorating. Let Heather know if you're interested in any of these areas at [hbrannock@sapctucson.org](mailto:hbrannock@sapctucson.org).

## Childcare Providers Needed

We are looking for nurturing individuals to help with weekday morning childcare. The position is part time, on an as needed basis, and pays \$13.85 an hour. Applications can be submitted to Anita Degnan at [adegnan@sapctucson.org](mailto:adegnan@sapctucson.org).

# Adult Ministry



## Friday AM Women's Bible Study

Friday Mornings

9:00 AM | FRIENDSHIP HALL

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Friday Morning Women's Bible Study will be taking a break for the holidays and will resume on January 5. We will begin a new study on the book of Isaiah. New women are welcome to join us and take the opportunity to connect with other women through fellowship, studying God's Word and praying for each other. Contact Jan Littlefield to register at (520) 299-6851 or [jan.littlefield@comcast.net](mailto:jan.littlefield@comcast.net).

## Thursday AM Men's Bible Study

Thursday Mornings

8:00 AM | ALPHA

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Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study will be taking a break December 21 and 28 and will resume January 4. Our morning study consists of a study led by one of our pastors on the current sermons series, prayer requests, and church announcements. We welcome all members and friends of St. Andrew's as we have an enjoyable time together in sharing, prayer, and study. Contact Pastor Mat for questions at [mgrover@sapctucson.org](mailto:mgrover@sapctucson.org).

## HUGS Senior Ministry

Wednesdays

10:15 AM - 12:45 PM | FRIENDSHIP HALL

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HUGS, our non-denominational senior outreach offers socialization, stimulation, and a wholesome environment for senior adults living with family members, alone, or in residential care facilities in the NW region of Tucson. Come and enjoy singing, devotions, games, educational programs, entertainment, and a healthy lunch (\$4).

### Upcoming Schedule:

December 6	Birthdays & Bingo
December 13	"White Christmas" movie & popcorn (Begin at 10:00)
December 20	No HUGS
December 27	No HUGS
January 3	Birthdays & Bingo
January 10	Wildlife Museum



## January Series

Monday, January 15 - Friday, February 2

10:30 AM - SW SANCTUARY

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The January Series will begin on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15, with a lecture by Lerone Martin, an associate professor of religious studies at Stanford University. That is followed the next day by a composer, Dan Tepfer, whose performances incorporate musical improvisation and computer programming. Next, we'll hear Robert George, a lawyer who will discuss "Religious Liberty and Human Good."

This is just the beginning of three weeks of timely and stimulating lectures on a variety of subjects by authorities in their fields of expertise. From January 15 through February 2, this award winning series from Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI, will be available in the comfort of your own home on Zoom and in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary with other enthusiastic viewers. The lectures begin at 10:30 am in this time zone and end in one hour, 11:30 am. Refreshments will be served and a time for discussion follows the presentation.

There is more information at [calvin.edu/january](http://calvin.edu/january). Brochures are available at the Welcome table and in the Library for information on the roster of speakers. Any questions? Contact Ellen and Dave Vellenga at [ebvellenga@comcast.net](mailto:ebvellenga@comcast.net).

## Faith Uncorked

Friday, January 19

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Women of all ages are invited to come together for fellowship, food, fun, and prayer for each other. This month our host will be Connie Randall (1361 W Placita Del Rey, Oro Valley, AZ 85704). Please bring your favorite appetizer/snack and adult or any beverage. For further information please contact Cherie Miller-Gray at [cbmiller12@comcast.net](mailto:cbmiller12@comcast.net) or 520-400-8053.



# PEACE

## Prayer & Care

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### Stephen Ministry

As we move towards the celebrations and traditions that the holidays brings, there can be a tension between excitement for what is to come, but also remembering our losses that have happened over the last year. Times to gather with family can emphasize the loneliness we might be experiencing. A Stephen Minister can provide a safe place for you to reflect, remember and share. If you or anyone you know might benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact the Church Office at 520-297-7201, [care@sapctucson.org](mailto:care@sapctucson.org), or Cheryl Smith at 520-271-6591

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### Care Giving Tips

#### From Your Faith Community Nurses

Most caregiving is done by the person's family and if that were to stop, USA would have a national crisis. There is no playbook for caregiving since every situation is different. Many times the situation is overwhelming and the caregiver may need help in identifying their needs and where to ask for help. It is important to know community resources. The following are some in the Tucson area:

- Pima Council on Aging - Offers classes on caregiving skills, financial management and understanding certain diseases like Dementia and Parkinson's.
- Interfaith Community Service - Transportation, short term respite, financial management, food bank, End of Life classes.
- Alzheimer's Association
- Parkinson's Association
- St. Andrew's Faith Community Nurses

Please contact the Church Office for more information on how Faith Community Nurses can assist you in your role as a caregiver.

# SAPC Gallery Artists

## DIANE ENSIGN

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December 3, 2023 - January 14, 2024

### About the Artist

Diane's photography has been marketed and displayed in local and nationally known galleries, stores, professional and corporate offices. She has given many slide presentations, lectures, and art shows to the public, private groups, photo clubs, schools and universities. Diane's professional career began when few women were photographers & there was no photoshop, cell phones, digital, computers or auto focus, just roll film with negatives or transparencies. You never knew if you got your "shot" until you got your film back from the drug or camera store. There were no review or delete buttons, so you had to know how to use your limited camera.

Diane's commercial photography included portraits of people, pets, weddings, interiors, sports, company brochures, and portfolios. She taught privately and

through the Flathead College Elderhostel and Glacier Institute programs.

Diane's love of nature and adventure is seen through her wildlife and nature photography. Her photos have won numerous awards and been extensively published in numerous magazines, books, calendars, newspapers, postcard and greeting card companies. Among just a few to name are: National Geographic Society; National Wildlife; Arizona Highways; Colorado-Alaska-Montana Magazines; Frontier Airlines-Horizon Air-Republic Airlines Magazines; Brown Trout and Willow Creek Press calendars; Powder Ski-Sailing-Sierra Club Magazines, etc.

Note from Diane: I was so blessed to have had my career successes in much earlier years. I do not use today's modern technological advancements in photo equipment and editing programs like photo shop, Light Room, etc. in my photographs. I do have a digital SLR ancient camera though with a very short telephoto so I have to be very close to my wildlife and still not disturb them.

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## RACHEL IVANYI

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### Do You See What I See?

The Magical Realism of Rachel Ivanyi  
January 21 - February 25, 2024

### About the Artist

Rachel Ivanyi is an award-winning contemporary nature artist, illustrator, and art educator. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of California, Davis, and a Graduate Certification in Natural Science Illustration from the University of California, Santa Cruz. As a Signature Member of Artists for Conservation, her art lives in the hope that people look closer, feel deeper, and make positive changes in their lives and in the lives of others. Her work has been featured in solo, two-person, and group exhibitions, with many of her paintings appearing throughout the U.S. and internationally, as part of permanent museum collections, and in numerous private collections. Her illustration clients include National Geographic, Scientific American, Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Smithsonian, and nature institutions around the world. Rachel has also taught a wide variety of art classes as a core instructor for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Art Institute, in her beloved desert home of Tucson, Arizona, for over 20 years. She is represented by Keep Contemporary in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

[rachelivanyi.com](http://rachelivanyi.com) Instagram [@rachelivanyi](https://www.instagram.com/rachelivanyi)



# Pastor Transition

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) call process reflects the way our ministry is governed today. Our church polity is representative, and this form of government is seen throughout the call process. Learn more about the PC(USA) and the call process at [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

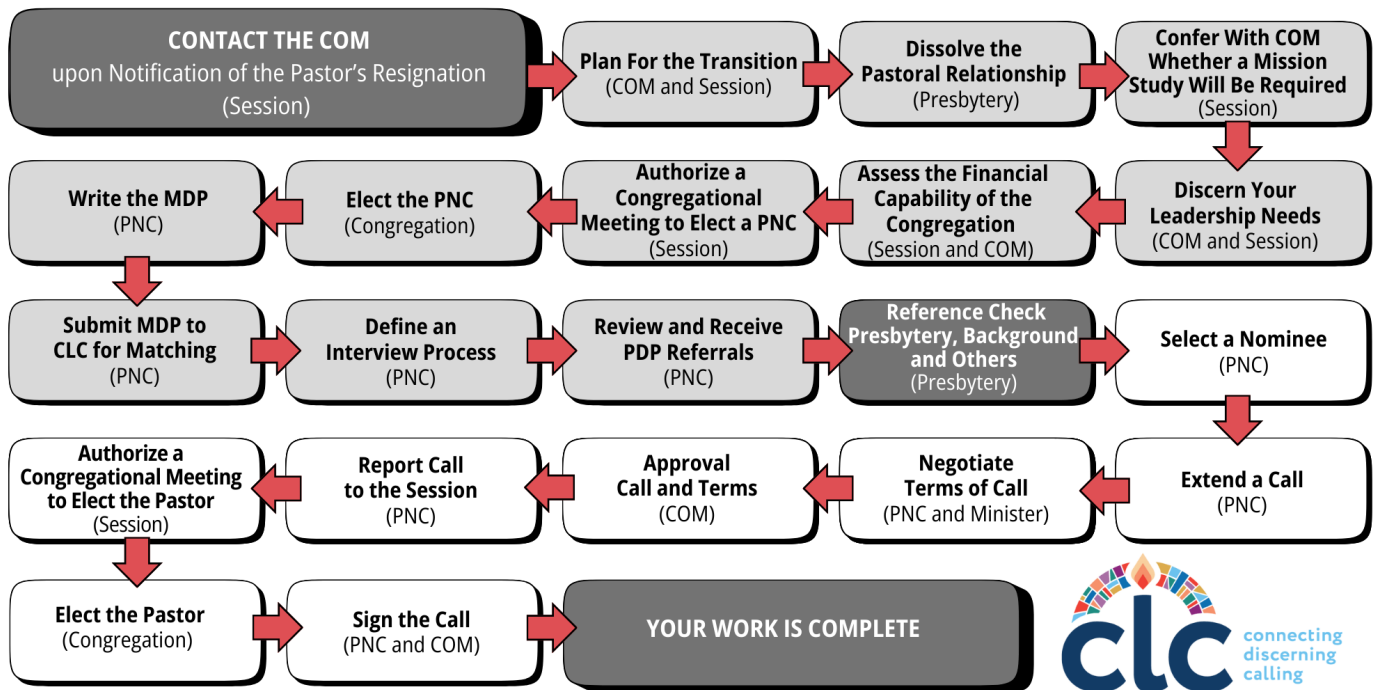
The SAPC Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work for months in this process and are continuing to Review and Receive PDP Referrals and conducting interviews with potential candidates. Please continue to pray for this committee as they dedicate many hours each week in service of our Pastoral Search.

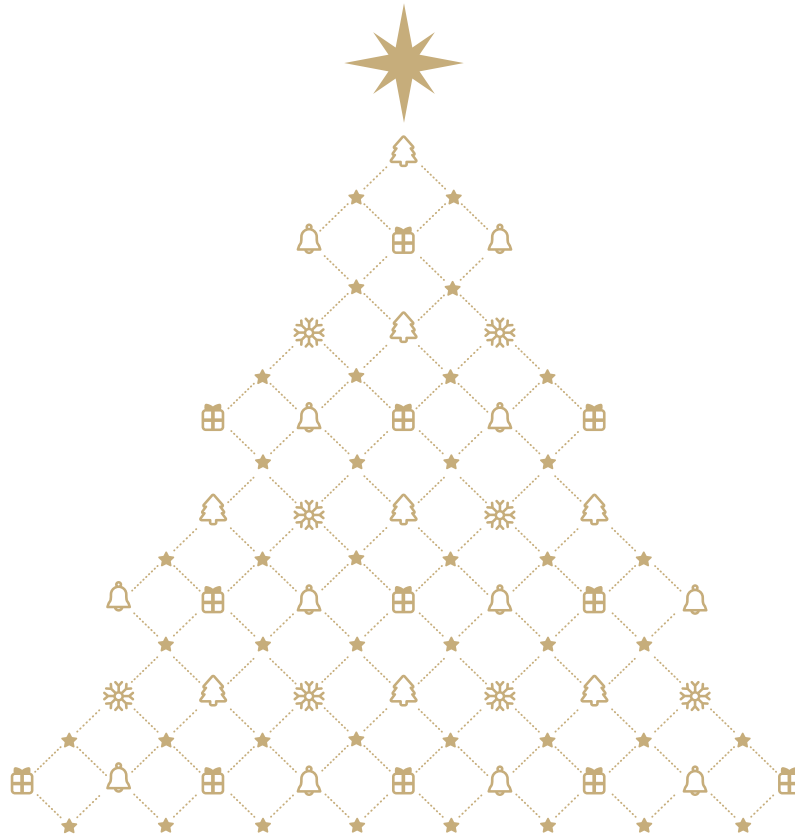


## GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

- CLC - Church Leadership Connection
- COM - Commission on Ministry
- MDP – Ministry Discernment Profile
- PNC - Pastor Nominating Committee
- PDP – Personal Discernment Profile

## THE CALL PROCESS





# YEAR END GIVING

We are celebrating all that God has done through the ministry of St. Andrew's over the past year! Your generosity has a direct and tangible impact on our families, community, and beyond. So as you make your final 2023 giving plans, would you prayerfully consider how you will give to St. Andrew's today and in the coming weeks as we look to finish the year strong.

## Financial Update

October total revenue	\$188,635
Monthly revenue required	242,054
Difference	(\$53,419)
Year to date revenue	\$2,268,756
YTD revenue required	2,118,661
Difference	\$150,095

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