

## VISION ROLL-OUT, SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT 4:30 PM

### Mark Your Calendars for a Very Important Evening!

#### **Sharing a Vision for Covenant Presbyterian Church**

Please make plans to join us on Sunday evening, April 29 at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of sharing a vision for Covenant Presbyterian Church.

For nearly a year now, a Vision Task Force (appointed by the Session) has been meeting to discuss setting a vision for the future of Covenant, and we'd like to share that vision with you! The Task Force presented its findings and recommendations to the session of Covenant at the regular, stated meeting on March 11. The report and its recommendations were adopted by the session, and now it's time to share them with you.

That evening we will share with the congregation the process, challenges and opportunities identified, and what the Task Force sees as a path forward to help ensure the success and growth of Covenant Presbyterian Church for years to come. We will have time for conversation with task force members, and, as always, snacks and coffee.

The Vision Task Force was asked to help craft a map. Moving forward is something we do together.

Please plan to join us on this very important and exciting evening!

*Paul*

### BLOOD DRIVE AT COVENANT, SUNDAY, APRIL 8

**Sunday, April 8 Noon – 4:00:** Let's do it again! 19 units of blood were donated at our drive in December. Let's go for 20! Blood can be donated every 56 days so we're all eligible again.

If you're at least 16 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in generally good health you are probably eligible to give blood and help save a life. You can donate at Covenant on Sunday, April 8. American Red Cross will park their bloodmobile bus in the front driveway and accept donations from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Appointments are encouraged so it goes faster for you. For more information or to set an appointment contact Gwen Hunter [grhunter1951@gmail.com](mailto:grhunter1951@gmail.com) 423-612-6559, or go to [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and reserve your time.

What a wonderful gift healthy people can give. With all the advances in medicine there's still no substitute for blood. God uses people to manufacture this precious product. Thanks for helping save lives!

*Gwen*

### AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—APRIL 8

**This month's After Church Lunch's theme will be BBQ!** The Congregational Life Committee will provide the BBQ—please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your Covenant family.

### CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY, APRIL 14

**Please join the Property Committee on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for Church Spring Clean-Up Day!** (rain date is April 21) Some of us will begin at 8:30 AM, others at 9:00 AM and continue until we are done or until everyone gets tired. The Committee will have some cleaning materials available, but everyone is encouraged to bring cleaning-type supplies and materials, such as cleaning cloths/buckets/brooms/step ladders etc. The work tasks will be split into groups such as window cleaning group, floor cleaning group, landscape bed cleaning, etc., so come prepared to work on a particular task, or several. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Property Committee member.

# April



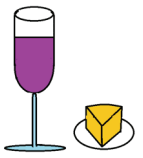
# 2018

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COVENANT COURIER



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### 2017-2018 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: CLOUD OF WITNESSES THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST IN HEBREWS



- ♦ The **Friendship Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Tues., April 10, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library.** (Contact for this Circle is Sally Nagel: 423-928-0853.)
- ♦ The **Red Tent Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Thurs., April 12, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.** (Contact for this Circle is BJ King: 423-791-0254.)
- ♦ The **Joy Circle** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Tues., April 17, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler: 423-314-7143.)

*And the award goes to...*

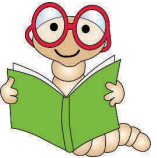
The **2017 Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women** was awarded to Eileen Madden for her service and dedication to her church and community. Congratulations, Eileen!



### BABMOC NEWS—SUNDAY, APRIL 15



**BABMOC's school in Liberia needs BOOKS for its library.** If you have any books—fiction or non-fiction—that are appropriate for children and teens, please bring them **by Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.** There is a bin in the Narthex. Isaac Mayon, our school director and founder of Bear Another's Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC), will be visiting on that Sunday and plans to take the books with him to New Jersey for shipping to Monrovia, Liberia.



**You're Invited to the BABMOC Open House on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 2—4 PM** at the Cary's home, 601 Douglas Drive in Johnson City.

[www.isaacsdream.org](http://www.isaacsdream.org), Facebook: *Isaac's Dream for Liberian Kids*

### BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—APRIL 9, 2018

Black/White Dialogue now meets at the Carver Park Center at 322 W. Watauga Avenue.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 9, 2018, from 6:00—8:00 PM. The topic this month will be “Washington County Mayoral Candidates”. You may find information at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/160087798041982/>.

If on FB, please indicate on the event page whether you will attend and invite friends.

Everyone is invited. Please come, and bring a friend!

*Peace, Ed Wolff*



### GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, April 22.** This month they need: **Mac 'n Cheese.** Thank you for your continuing generosity!





## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study has just begun discussing the book of Jeremiah. They meet in the Fellowship Hall every **Thursday morning from 8:00 to 9:00 AM**. All men of the church are welcome, no need to reserve a spot – just show up!!

## THE LUNCH BUNCH IN APRIL

The next gathering of "The Lunch Bunch" will be on **Wednesday, April 4, at 11:30 AM. at First Watch, 1150 W. State of Franklin. On Wednesday, April 18, we will meet at 11:30 AM at El Charolais, 1805 W. State of Franklin, #1200. Contact Caryln Sue Hoffman at 423-202-7281 for more information and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.**

## **SIGN UP NOW!!**

**Deadline to Register is Sunday, April 29**

**Holston Camp and Retreat Center: August 24 – 26, 2018**



Sure it's early, but **it's time to SIGN UP** for this year's retreat so we can confirm our reservation at Camp! **Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center** is a beautiful site surrounded by mountains, trees and two lakes. Biking, swimming, zip-lining, crafts, campfires, worship and fellowship with your church brothers and sisters will be on the agenda. You may turn your **registration form**, which can be found on the table in the Narthex, along with your payment, in the offering plate or to Tina in the church office. The cost this year will be \$125/person, children are still free. Questions? Call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.



## AWAKENING THE DREAMER SYMPOSIUM—APRIL 21

In celebration of Earth Day 2018, you are invited to attend the **Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream Symposium on Saturday, April 21, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, 119 West F Street.** There is no charge to attend.

Co-facilitators, Frankie Wolff and Linda Good offer this description of the workshop: *The Awakening the Dreamer Symposium is about waking up from the "dream of the modern world" that is destroying our planet and way of life. Through videos, presentations, and discussions, we aim to create an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human presence on Earth. While we initially deal with some disturbing facts, we promise that you will leave feeling optimistic, empowered and inspired to help create our new future.* You can find out more about the Alliance by viewing the videos at the URL's given below or by visiting the Web site at [www.pachamama.org](http://www.pachamama.org)

For a brief (four-minute) video about the Symposium click here: <https://vimeo.com/2217073> . A longer version of the overview (seven minutes) can be seen at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoXJZ\\_3-J9w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoXJZ_3-J9w)

Through your participation in community activities, you are already involved in shaping a new future. This Symposium will give you an opportunity to connect with others in the community and forge new collaborations. Information concerning like-minded local organizations will be included.

Please mark your calendars and plan to spend 4 hours with us on that Saturday afternoon. There will be snacks and water available.

We hope you will join us.

First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton  
Peace Making Team

## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE



We are looking for two or three people willing to learn the church sound system. As we upgrade and integrate the components, we would like additional people who understand the setup and can make adjustments. We also hope to add more capabilities, so if you have an interest in electronics, please contact Hal Hunter at 423-612-6505 or the church office at 423-282-5324.



**NOTE: No Armchair Travelers or Humor Me! in April.**

## REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM MAUREEN KNECHTEL

The **Milligan College PA Program** is currently looking for volunteers to serve as “patients” during history taking and physical examination testing for our students. These volunteers will not be required to disclose any of their personal medical history to the students. Instead, they will be given a patient script that they will be required to follow which will allow students to be tested on certain clinical skills or physical exam techniques.

Volunteers will be asked to arrive at 7:45 AM on exam days (see below), and they will leave no later than 1:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and each person who volunteers will be given a \$20 gift card to either Walmart, Dunkin Donuts, Chick Fil A, or Pal’s.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Maureen Knechtel at [maknechtel@milligan.edu](mailto:maknechtel@milligan.edu) or (412) 759-9714.

### Exam Dates:

May 24

June 21

July 19

August 7

October 11

November 20

November 27



## BRIDGE & OTHER GAMES

Join us for **BRIDGE AND OTHER GAMES** in the Library at the church on **Thursday afternoons from 2p—4p**, everyone is welcome!! There are usually enough players for a regular bridge game, and other card games are played as well.



- The deadline for the weekly bulletin is on Wednesday afternoons, before 2:00 PM.
- The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month.
- If you have a question about an event, please check the calendar.
- Please rinse cans before you bring them to the church for recycling.
- Remember to lock doors, turn off heaters and lights after your meetings or events.
- Church office hours are:

Monday: 1:00p – 4:00p (I am here in the morning, but “open” hours are from 1 – 4.)

Tuesday thru Thursday: 8:30a – 4:00p

The office is CLOSED on Fridays and Saturdays.

## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**PHILIP WILLIS**  
(C.B.'s brother)

**BY**

Mike & Hope Lee

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**FRANK WOLFF**  
(Ed's brother)

**BY**

Mike & Hope Lee

**GIVEN TO THE  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUND  
IN MEMORY OF:**

**FRANK GAMMO**  
(Melanie Jones' father)

**BY**

Steve & Jackie Bader  
Alan & Donna Bridwell  
Bob & Betty Maletich  
Claudia & Michael McCord  
David & Sharon Miller

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**SANDY NELSON**  
(Jan Pavegio's sister)

**BY**

Mike & Hope Lee



### THANK YOU, CPC

Dear Covenant Congregation,

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers the past couple of weeks. They have greatly lifted my spirits and helped my recovery immensely. I love you all.

Sincerely,  
*Mark*



Covenant Presbyterian,

Wow! We are so grateful for your servant leadership as volunteers in the first week of the Habitat Faith Build in Johnson City. Your diligence and willingness to work in snow, rain, wind and sun is a testament of service and we thank all the volunteers!  
*Holston Habitat Staff*

*(Both cards are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex)*

#### FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

**Income to General Fund  
February**

Actual	\$18,725.08
vs. Budgeted	\$21,277.00

**Expenses from General Fund  
February**

Actual	\$20,639.98
vs. Budgeted	\$21,277.00

**Year to Date Income  
General Fund**

Actual	\$48,458.52
vs. Budgeted	\$42,544.00

**Year to Date Expenses from  
General Fund**

Actual	\$42,668.98
vs. Budgeted	\$42,544.00

***The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for February was \$257.00.***

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Find us on Facebook:*

*“Covenant Presbyterian Church (Johnson City, TN.)”*

*Instagram: @covenantpcjohnsoncity*

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Updated Ivory-colored Church Directories are on the table in the Narthex...**please take one!** Or two (keep one in your car)! If you would like me to send you the directory electronically via e-mail, please let me know. It will NOT be available on our website. If you find any errors, please contact me and I'll place the corrected information in the bulletin.



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If you wish to be **added or removed** from our mailing list, either snail-mail or e-mail, please contact the Church office at 282-5324 or [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org).

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels; Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service; the Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ's will for our lives and the life of our church, and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.