

2019



April

HOLY WEEK LABYRINTH

Walking a labyrinth can provide a time for prayerful reflection and meditation. Again this year we will have one on the lawn in the front of the church during Holy Week. Labyrinths have been used for centuries in Christian churches as a way to deepen prayer lives. A Labyrinth is like a maze, but it has no dead ends. The walk to the center of the labyrinth represents our life's journeys – there are many twists and turns, but life's path will lead us to the center. The center represents that part of ourselves that is irrevocably connected to God (nothing can “separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”). After prayerful reflection in the center, the walk away from the center represents our taking the grace we have received in our relationship with God out into the world through seeking justice, through acts of loving kindness and through humility.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVENANT COURIER

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18, 6:00 PM

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Passover meal (Seder). Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church has been invited to join us. ***Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling or e-mailing the church office by Monday, April 15.***

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 6:00 PM

There will be a Tenebrae Service/Service of Shadows at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:00 PM. (610 E. Watauga Ave.)

We encourage everyone to attend.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21

Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM

This will be a brief service. Meet in the Narthex.

Traditional Service at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

EASTER LILIES

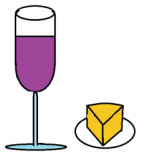
The Worship Committee will be placing lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21. They will be de-pollen-ed and hypoallergenic for the comfort of our members who have allergies. The lilies will cost \$10 each. Order forms will be in your bulletin and on the table in the Narthex; the lilies may be gifted to the church in honor of or in memory of family or loved ones. **Deadline for placing an order is Monday, April 8th.** Lily donations will be noted with a special insert on Easter Sunday.

(We realize this is short notice, so you may call or email the church office by April 8th to let us know how many lilies you would like to order, then turn in your completed form and payment no later than April 14th, either in the offering plate or by mail, so that your lily is included on the special insert on Easter.)





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
2018-2019 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: GOD'S PROMISE
I AM WITH YOU



- **Friendship Circle** will meet **WEDNESDAY, April 10th at 1:30 PM in the church library.** We are meeting on Wednesday rather than Tuesday this month because Mom Power meets on Tuesday. We are few; they are many. We want to support this great program in any way possible.
- **The Joy Circle** meets on the **2nd Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., April 9, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler.)
- **The Red Tent Circle** meets on the **2nd Thursday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Thurs., April 11, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.** (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS - SUNDAY, APRIL 7 AT 3:00 PM

Experience travel from the comfort of our Church Library on the first Sunday of the month from 3—5 PM as we view travel logs and cultural videos. Snacks are optional, as this will be after lunch but before supper.



THE LUNCH BUNCH IN APRIL

The Lunch Bunch gathers at various restaurants on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 11:30 AM. **Please contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

Wednesday, April 3: McAlister's Deli, 2111 N. Roan St.
Wednesday, April 17: Sabores, 202 E. Main St.



SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Join us at 7:00 PM on April 20 in the Library this month for *Last of the Dogmen*.

When bounty hunter Lewis Gates finds the bodies of three escaped convicts he's been tracking in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest, he discovers they were killed with primitive arrows. He has questions, and consults anthropologist, Lillian Sloane, a Native American expert specializing in Cheyenne studies. Together they follow clues through the mountains to discover a heretofore unknown tribe of Cheyenne.

Starring Tom Berenger and Barbara Hershey, and narrated by Wilford Brimley. Rated PG. Runtime: 118 minutes.



MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

All men of the church (and friends of the men in the church) are invited to the Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. We meet every week in the Fellowship Hall, rain or shine. The coffee is hot and the discussion is lively. We'd love to have you join us, even if you aren't able to come every week. More participation equals more perspective, and more perspective can lead to a greater understanding of the Bible.

NOTES FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE:

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—APRIL 14

The theme for the April 14 (Palm Sunday) After Church Lunch is **Barbecue**. Bring your favorites—meats, sides, and desserts. Shredded pork, ribs, soy curls, pork tenderloin? Your taste buds will guide your decision-making about what to bring to our fellowship meal. See you at the table!

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COFFEE AND SNACKS

Don't forget to sign up to bring **snacks!**

No need for anything fancy.

Just something for folks to snack on while they drink their coffee and chat with each other!



Also, it's time to pass the coffee prep baton!

Will someone please step forward and agree to take care of the coffee prep ministry?

Contact Mischele Hart or let Tina know if you can help out.



Thank you, Butch Carr!

As you know, Butch has been serving our congregation and caring for us with coffee preparation for years and years. We are grateful to him for his service.



Thank you, Helen Davis!

Here's a heartfelt thank you to Helen Davis for several years of service coordinating the Annual Senior Brunch. The brunches you planned were appealingly delicious and prepared by skilled hands guided by a true servant's heart. Thank you for demonstrating your love of our church family by serving up good food and fellowship with a warm and ready smile. Enjoy your well deserved retirement from coordinating the brunch. Next year, you can sit at a table and let others serve you! Again, thank you, Helen. You are appreciated.



GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—APRIL 28

The Good Sam Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, April 28**. This month they need: **Mac 'n Cheese! All shapes, all sizes!** Thank you!



FAMILY PROMISE OPENS ITS THRIFT SHOP APRIL 1!

Please donate clothes, shoes and small household items to them at 215 W Watauga Avenue.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MOM POWER VOLUNTEERS!

The group feels so welcomed by everyone...meals and warm hospitality. The sessions are going well... mothers are learning new parenting skills, and babies are well cared for. The last session will be April 30. We will have a report for the congregation after that time.

SAVE THE DATE!

THE FIRST ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER FOR BABMOC

Saturday, May 18th, from 1:00—4:00 PM at the home of the Cary's
(601 Douglas Drive, J.C.)

Come join us for *Blues and BBQ for BABMOC!*



BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MON., APRIL 8

The next Black/White Dialogue meeting will be on April 8, from 6—8:00 PM, at the Carver Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC. These two hours should be very thought-provoking:

The past Dialogue meetings have discussed how to reach out in our attempt to dismantle racism. Some have suggested getting out of our comfort zone and experiencing deep dialogue. Others have suggested talking with those who are unaware of racism. (An old adage is, “When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.”) To help us understand the dynamics of those who do not recognize racism, we will provide an audio presentation with Christena Cleveland who discusses the six steps of mutuality.

Rufus Houston and Ed Wolff will facilitate the meeting that includes a discussion.
See you there.

Peace & love,
Ed Wolff



2017–2018 COVENANT PHOTOBOOK

A print copy of the 2017–2018 Covenant photobook is now available in the church office! The photobook depicts some of the many ways our church family worships God; serves and cares for others, each other, and the earth; and enjoys spending time together.

Sincere thanks to those of you who sent pictures to me, and to the many of you who kindly allowed your picture to be taken!

Sincerely,
Donna Bridwell



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT COVENANT SUNDAY, APRIL 28 FROM NOON - 4:00

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 28. American Red Cross will park their bloodmobile bus in the front driveway and accept donations from 12:00 – 4:00pm.

Appointments are encouraged so it goes faster for you. For more info or to set an appointment contact Gwen Hunter grhunter1951@gmail.com 423-612-6559, or go to 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



**American
Red Cross**

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIVEN TO THE CHOIR IN MEMORY OF:

DAVID BENNER

BY

Randy & Pat Adams
 Laura Boyle
 Alan & Donna Bridwell
 Claudia & Chuck Jachens
 Melinda Lee and Rob Kurk
 Eloise & Phill Lee
 Karen Rogers
 Jim & Norma Starr
 C.B. Willis



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

CARL HUGHES

(Margie McGonagle's husband)

BY

Sharon Benner
 Alan & Donna Bridwell
 Connie Taylor (Carl's sister)



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

JANET POWELL

BY

C.B. Willis



Dear Covenant Choir,

Way back when, Dad and I joined the choir together – and clearly we both loved being a part of both the music and the fellowship. Your music is always a blessing, but at Dad's memorial service it was a beautiful gift. The piece was lovely, but how sweet it was to see all your loving and familiar faces – and some remembered – at such a time.

Thank you, thank you for ministering to Mom and me and Eileen's family in honoring Dad so beautifully.

In Jesus' love,

LaVerne Benner Castillo



ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at cpcjc.org. Getting started is easy—just click on the Online Giving link. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund February

Actual	\$13,928.62
vs. Budgeted	\$20,777.00

Expenses from General Fund February

Actual	\$16,848.66
vs. Budgeted	\$20,777.00

Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual	\$48,780.03
vs. Budgeted	\$41,544.00

Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual	\$40,578.35
vs. Budgeted	\$41,544.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for February was \$198.94.*

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 1:00P – 4:00P

TUES.–THURS.: 9:00A – 4:00P

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.

Messages may be left on the church voicemail at any time, 423-282-5324.

Press “2” to leave a message for Tina; press “1” for Paul.

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.