

# 2018



# AUGUST

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**COVENANT COURIER**

## SHARING A VISION FOR COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Mark Your Calendars for a Very Important Sunday Morning Meeting!

Please make plans to join us on **Sunday morning, August 19<sup>th</sup>**, in the Fellowship Hall for a morning of sharing a vision for Covenant Presbyterian Church. *(This will take the place of Sunday School.)*

For over a year now, a **Vision Task Force** (appointed by the Session) has met 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 morning 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 morning!

*Paul*

### ALL CHURCH RETREAT AT HOLSTON CAMP



Covenant's All Church Retreat is fast approaching! **August 24 – 26**. If you haven't **submitted your payment for the retreat or filled out and turned in your Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible!** The cost this year is \$125/person, children are still free. Betsy Moakler is setting up room assignments and making carpool arrangements. Please give her a call at 423-314-7143 if you need a ride up to camp or if you have any other questions.

### GOIN' TO THE CHAPEL...!!



In case you haven't heard the news, **Lynnea Hunter & David Salinas** are engaged to be married! They will celebrate their wedding here at Covenant on **December 29, 2018**. More information (including photos and stories!) can be found on their wedding website: <https://www.theknot.com/us/lynnea-and-david>.

**Congratulations, Lynnea & David!!**

### AFTER CHURCH LUNCH AND AFTER CHURCH SNACKS

**Summer Favorites!** That's the theme for our next **After Church Lunch on Sunday, August 12**. You'll have fun figuring out what to share at our fellowship tables! See you there!

Please check the easel in the Narthex and **sign up to bring Sunday snacks!** We need your help to make this important time of fellowship possible.

### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

A new social activity has begun in the church library on the second Saturday of the month!

Coming in August to Saturday Night at the Movies: **Secondhand Lions** (2003), starring Haley Joel Osment as Walter, an awkward, introverted boy sent to spend what turns out to be a remarkable summer on a dusty Texas farm with his eccentric great-uncles, Hub and Garth, played by Academy Award winners, Robert Duvall and Michael Caine.

Join us in the library **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Everyone welcome, no ticket required! Lemonade and water provided, snacks are welcome!



## **GREENFAITH & SPLENDOR**

The Green Team at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church is busy putting together new and exciting opportunities for the church and the community to learn more about caring for God's creation. A new program series called "SPLENDOR" is scheduled for **three consecutive Wednesday evenings in August, the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. These meetings will be held at WAPC, 610 E. Watauga Avenue.

The evenings will begin with a light catered meal at 5:30, with the program and facilitated small group discussions taking place from 6:00 to 7:00. There will be a **signup sheet** in Covenant's Narthex so that Tina can let WAPC know how many people from Covenant will attend. This will help them to prepare or order enough food for those attending. **Deadlines for signing up will be on Mondays of each week.**

"SPLENDOR" is produced by Green Faith and stands for Spiritual Life, Ethics and Nature, Deepening Our Reverence. The program introduces participants to the relationship between religion and the earth. The following link provides information about SPLENDOR from the GreenFaith website.

<http://www.greenfaith.org/resource-center/spirit/religious-environmental-education/splendor>

If you want to attend but cannot (or forget to) sign up by Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, or 27<sup>th</sup>, let Tina know and she will place your name on the signup sheet. Please indicate which date and how many people will attend.

## **BABMOC UPDATE**

Dear Friends,

We have built and opened an elementary school in Liberia providing completely free education to 68 children who were not attending school because their parents couldn't afford the fees to send them.

One of our students is Reuben. He is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, has not been to school in three years, and lost his mother in 2016. He is living with a relative of his father in the Kpelle Town community where our school is located. He told us, "With BABMOC's school, I am hopeful that my dream to become a builder is now just a matter of time."

We are currently looking to raise \$9,000 to fund the construction of a new classroom for the school to accommodate Reuben's rising fourth grade class this September. We have raised \$7,066 so far. You can help!

We are also looking for pledges to pay the tuition for Reuben and his classmates. It costs \$45 a month and \$450 per school year for each student to attend the BABMOC School. To set up a 10-month, \$45 monthly donation to support one child's education or to make any type of donation, visit our website: [www.isaacsdream.org](http://www.isaacsdream.org).

*Thank You from All of Us on the BABMOC Board!*

(If you wish to donate through the church, please make your check payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church and note "BABMOC" in the memo line OR you may use the Online Giving link on our website at [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org), noting "BABMOC" in the notes section.)

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Covenant,

I want to thank everyone who planned and came to my surprise Birthday Party!! (and those who couldn't make it!) Seeing as I think I know everything that's going on here, I was genuinely surprised and I'm impressed that you all pulled it off!! Especially Paul, who I noticed was acting squirrely that afternoon, but I never suspected a thing! I am truly grateful for everyone's cards and your good wishes and loving kindness, not only on my birthday but all year long. I love you all.

Tina



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES**

Covenant has three Presbyterian Women's Circle Study Groups. All meet monthly from September through May or June. All three use the same curriculum. The schedule will be in the September Courier.

- ♦ **Friendship Circle** meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 1:30 PM in the church library. Contacts are Sally Nagel and Pat Willard.
- ♦ **Red Tent Circle** meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King. Contact is BJ King.
- ♦ **Joy Circle** meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the church in the Bible Discovery classroom. Contact is Betsy Moakler.

### **NOTICE FOR WOMEN**

**(Especially women who have some available time in the afternoon!)**

Covenant's daytime Circle, known as Friendship Circle, meets Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May. We tend to be the women who no longer choose to venture out in the evenings. We want you to know that any woman even remotely connected with Covenant Presbyterian Church is welcome to join us. We are a nifty group of women and you might enjoy getting to know us and participating in our study and fellowship and service.

We have light refreshments as we gather and catch up on the news—ours and other people's; we send cards of love and concern to people whom we think might need or want a special remembrance; we read the bible and study a lesson from the Horizons Bible Study which is lovingly and carefully prepared by the Presbyterian Women of PC(USA). This (2018-19) year's study is, "GOD'S PROMISE - I am with you". The study is designed to combine what we know with new ideas and to provide challenging ways of thinking. The discussion will be more interesting if you are with us.

This year, we are adding a new feature. During each meeting, we will learn about a saint (as designated by the Roman Catholic Church). We think of these people as saints, too, but often we know little about them. Until Vatican 11, we Protestants tended to avoid anything connected with the Roman Catholic Church but now we are more open to looking at how other people encounter God. The saints can be fascinating. The Rev. Pat Willard will lead this part of our afternoon discussion. We will study women, beginning with Saint Hildegard. Hildegard lived about the middle of the Christian times and will be an interesting start. Afterwards we will go backward and forward to cover different times during the past 2100 years.

**We look forward to our first meeting on September 12 at 1:30 in the church library.** For more information or discussion call Sally Nagel at 928-0853 or Pat Willard at 926-6704.

### ***May 10, 2012***

Pope Benedict XVI has formally declared that Hildegard of Bingen is a canonized saint.

Although she has been revered as a saint for centuries, and several Roman Pontiffs have referred to her by that title, the process of canonization was never officially completed in her case. So Pope Benedict eliminated any lingering uncertainty by announcing on May 10 that St. Hildegard should be inscribed in the catalogue of saints. The Pope made this announcement as he approved a series of decrees from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints regarding other candidates for beatification and canonization.

St. Hildegard of Bingen (1089-1179) was noted not only as a mystic and theologian but also as a poet, musician, and scientist. In 2010, when he delivered a series of talks on the great thinkers who have shaped the thought of the Church, Pope Benedict devoted two consecutive public audiences to the thought of St. Hildegard of Bingen, noting that her vision was unusually "rich in theological content." The Pope said that the German mystic's keen interest in the sciences was a natural outgrowth of her spirituality, since in her eyes "all of creation was a symphony of the Holy Spirit, Who is in Himself joy and contentment."

## NEWS FROM SESSION

- Congregational Life Committee encourages individuals and/or families to sign up to provide after church snacks on Sundays. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You don't have to be Martha Stewart – casual, low stress, finger food is very much appreciated to enhance the time of fellowship after church.
- Mission Committee reports that the Jon & Kathy Christiansen has returned to Africa. Jon had back surgery while they were in the U.S. Please be in prayer for their mission and his health.
- Property Committee reports that the garden area in front, below the cross, will be cleared and weeded as soon as the landscapers can get Covenant on their schedule.
- Stewardship Committee encourages everyone to check out the on-line giving link on our website, cpcjc.org. It's a quick and easy way to donate – at home or on vacation when you miss a Sunday.

## FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The Congregational Life Committee would like to thank everyone who participates in serving the lunches, stays for the important friendship time, tackles the cleanup, and provides the Sunday snacks. **YOU, dear reader**, are what make our fellowship and our church warm and welcoming to members and visitors. Our church is blessed to be composed of folks with hearts and hands for service to one another. Again, thank you for all you do.

## FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- ◇ We want to thank everyone who came to Worship in the Park both for your presence and your delicious food. This year was the largest attendance ever! We hope it was a positive experience for everyone.
- ◇ About our regular Sunday service: in the future there will be times when we'll have singing during Communion. Please do join in with the choir as we raise our voices in praise and prayer.

## THE LUNCH BUNCH IN AUGUST



The Lunch Bunch will gather on **Wed., August 1 at 11:30 AM at Applebee's Grill & Bar**, 2100 N. Roan St. and on **Wed., August 15 at 11:30 AM at Yamato's Japanese Steak House & Seafood**, 509 N. State of Franklin. Contact **Victory Cooper** at 423-282-4641 for more info and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

## GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING



Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, August 26**. This month they need: **Spaghetti Sauce!** Thank you for your continuing generosity!



## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—AUGUST 5 FROM 3—5 PM

Join us in the Library on the first Sunday of the month from 3—5 PM as we travel to faraway places from the comfort of our armchairs or the sofa! Bring a light snack to share.

(Please note that **Humor Me!** will not meet in August.)

## BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, AUGUST 13

**Black/White Dialogue** meets at the Carver Park Center at 322 W. Watauga Avenue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 6—8 PM.





## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIVEN TO THE MUSIC FUND  
AND THE VISION FUND  
IN MEMORY OF:

**JANET HERRING ALLISON POWELL**

BY

Hal, Alice & Kelley Burrows  
Cheryl Patterson  
Peggy Sharpe  
Judy Story  
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Wilson



## 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE RIVER

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at The River on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.** Men, women, and children are invited and a guest speaker will provide a "sermon" each time. Covenant is such a huge supporter of our ministry, and we would love to have your congregation join us and fill The River with the Holy Spirit. The River is located at 125 West Main Street. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Stacy Larsen*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

Greetings all,

I share that the final touches are being made on the Habitat home you and volunteers from your faith groups help build for Ryan and Olivia. On Sunday, July 29, volunteers from Discover Church will put in the landscaping and the home will be nearly complete. On behalf of Ryan and Olivia and their family, Holston Habitat sends our thanks for your commitment to this Faith Build. We also invite you to share our appreciation with all the volunteers from your community group and church who prayed, provided food, and worked on this Habitat build.

As you know, each Habitat family must do their own volunteer "sweat equity" as part of the Habitat program. Ryan and Olivia are still working on theirs, so we are waiting to schedule the home dedication

around Ryan and Olivia's completion of this requirement. Once this is done, the Home Dedication date will be set and you will be notified and invited. Since the dedication is a great celebration and time of thanksgiving for the family and for all those, like you, who have helped build the home, we hope you and many from your group will attend.

I also share that the past weekend's storm damaged some homes near this Faith Build home on Hamilton Street, but Ryan and Olivia's home was untouched. We are grateful.

I will be in touch again soon and look forward to seeing you at the Home Dedication for Ryan and Olivia's Habitat home.

*Trish Patterson*, Executive Director  
Holston Habitat for Humanity

[www.holstonhabitat.org](http://www.holstonhabitat.org)

**Holston Habitat – we build strength, stability  
and self-reliance through shelter**

### JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Income to General Fund June

Actual \*\* \$13,368.20  
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

#### Expenses from General Fund June

Actual \$20,722.25  
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

#### Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual \$122,506.98  
vs. Budgeted \$127,657.00

#### Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual \$122,626.44  
vs. Budgeted \$127,657.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for June was \$261.00.*

*\*\*Note: online giving began in June.  
There is a one-month delay for online  
contributions to show on our reports.*



### NEW ADDRESS

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### **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 games are played as well. (the latest is Password!!)

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Bible Study meets 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!!



### **ONLINE GIVING!**

Covenant now provides **online giving**. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit the church website, [[www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org)] and click our online giving link. Gone are the days of remembering your checkbook on Sunday (or ever!). *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

### **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.