

2018

## MOM POWER—STARTS FEBRUARY 6

Covenant has a wonderful opportunity to partner with Families Free and ETSU Psychology Department in implementing **Mom Power**, a trauma-informed parenting and self-care skills group designed for mothers of young children (ages 0-5). This 10-week program begins here at Covenant on **Tuesday, February 6**. Please call **Julie Wood at 423-328-0788** if you would like to be a part of this exciting outreach. Specifically, we are looking for people to help prepare the noon meal, and others to provide transportation. More information is available in the Narthex or in the church office. Thank you!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Groundbreaking ceremony is on **Saturday, February 17** from **10—11 AM** at **440 Hamilton Street in Johnson City**

**Habitat Build Volunteer Sign Up starts now!** In March, Covenant will participate in a Habitat for Humanity project! We will help build a new home for the Harrison family! We are scheduled to work on **March 21, 22, 23 and 24**.

Needed are the following:

- 1) Construction volunteers, 8-10 per day;
- 2) Site Hosts, one per day;
- 3) People to provide lunches and snacks each day of the build.

Please use this link to sign up online:

<http://donate.holstonhabitat.org/campaigns/5621-ryan-olivia-s-build>

Alternately, there are sign-up sheets on a table in the Narthex or you can call Mandy at Holston Habitat at 423-239-7689, ext. 0. There are volunteer forms and information about being a Site Host on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you all in advance for volunteering to help build this new home for Ryan and Olivia and their three children!

*Tony Madden* for the Mission & Outreach Committee

## ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 14 AT 11:30 AM

On **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, the Worship Committee is hosting a light lunch (soup) followed by an Ash Wednesday service. We will begin serving lunch at 11:30, followed by the service at 12:15(ish). Please join us for this special time as we observe the beginning of the Lenten season.



## LITURGIST WORKSHOP & TRAINING—FEBRUARY 17

Being a liturgist should be more than reading words on a page. Liturgists are worship leaders! But as with so many things in life, there is a danger in getting comfortable just going through the motions. Worship is the work of the people and it deserves our best attention and best intention.

If you enjoy helping to lead worship as a liturgist or would like to begin helping in this important way, then you are invited to join us at Covenant, in the library, on **Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm** for a liturgist workshop and training led by Rev. Pat Willard. This is an opportunity to grow deeper in your understanding of what we do in worship, and what it is that makes our worship unique. It is also an opportunity to learn how to be a better leader in worship.

So, whether you're a liturgist on a regular basis or you've never been one before but would like to, please plan on joining us. There will be coffee, breakfast snacks, and doughnuts. Grow deeper in your faith and work at Covenant. I know you'll be glad you did.

*Paul*

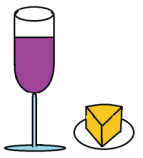
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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### 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., February 13, 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., February 8, 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., February 20, 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.)

### AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—FEBRUARY 11



The theme for February 11<sup>th</sup> After Church Lunch is a new one: **Asian!** Share your favorite Japanese, Chinese, Thai, Korean, etc., dish at our community table. It's BYOC (bring your own chopsticks), if you have good eye/hand coordination. Domo arrigato in advance!

**Special Note:** Jon & Kathy Christiansen, our missionaries in Zimbabwe, will visit us Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have a **special joint Sunday School at 9:45a** (there will be coffee & donuts!!) and they will join us for worship and lunch. Come and learn more about the Christiansens and their work.

### BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Black/White Dialogue will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, February 12, from 6—8:00 PM.** The discussion will be facilitated by the local Neighborhood Reconciliation Services, including the concern of schools being the pipeline to correctional institutions and disparage in the educational system.

Neighborhood Reconciliation Services, Inc. works with courts, schools, institutions of higher learning, law enforcement agencies, churches, correctional institutions, various organizations, and neighborhoods to introduce the practice of Restorative Justice to the community as an effective instrument of conflict resolution.

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

### ANNUAL SENIOR BRUNCH—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 9:30 AM

**IT'S PARTY TIME ONCE AGAIN! (Sign-Up Deadline is February 19<sup>th</sup>!!)**

Can you believe another year has passed and it's time for our **Annual Senior Brunch** once again? We, being the very nice people that we are, realize how very left out all of you youngsters and visitors must feel, so our invitation is open to all of you! The party date is **Friday, February 23 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.** If you would like to join us, please **sign-up in the Narthex** (or by contacting the church office) **by February 19<sup>th</sup>.** Visitors are urged to join us and get to know more of the folks at Covenant and share in the fellowship. Our promise to you is that for **\$4.00 per person** (payable at the door), you will get a home-cooked breakfast that is **unbeatable** and a whole lot of fun. Hope to see YOU there.



*Helen Davis*



## GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, February 25**. This month they need: **SOUP**. Thank you for your continuing generosity!



## THE LUNCH BUNCH IN FEBRUARY

The next gathering of “The Lunch Bunch” will be on **Wednesday, February 7, at 11:30 AM. at Ruby Tuesday**, 1208 Harris Drive (off State of Franklin across from ETSU). **Watch your bulletins and email for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (Feb. 21) location. Contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** for more information and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 FROM 3—5 PM



Experience travel from the comfort of our Church Library on the first Sunday of the month. This month’s itinerary is not available, but it’s sure to be exciting! Snacks are optional, as this will be after lunch, but before supper. Join us, won’t you?

## THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE AT TUSCULUM

**When?** Tuesdays in February (6, 13, 20, & 27) at 10:00 AM

**Where?** Chalmers Conference Center at Tusculum

The 2018 Theologian-in-Residence series will join with people around the world in commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. To make reservations, call 423-636-7303 or e-mail [bsell@tusculum.edu](mailto:bsell@tusculum.edu) or visit <https://web.tusculum.edu/church/theologian-in-residence/> for more details. There are also brochures on the table in the Narthex.

## HUMOR ME! - FEBRUARY 18 FROM 3—5 PM



**HUMOR ME!** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 3—5 PM in the **Library at Covenant**. Laughing is good for your health, so the idea behind this group is to laugh, have fun and feel better! We are using a variety of humor resources and we look forward to laughing with you! (Consistent attendance is not required—drop-in’s are welcome!!)



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2018

**AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS:** Won’t you consider signing up to bring snacks to share during our fellowship time after the worship service? It doesn’t have to be an elaborate spread, just a few VERY SIMPLE snacks to go along with the coffee and lemonade provided by the Congregational Life Committee. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**USHERS:** The Worship Committee is looking for a Few Good Men – and Women! **Ushers** are needed for 2018. The job is easy – passing the offertory plate. You can assist in two ways. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for specific dates. Or, you can let it be known that you’d be glad to serve on an as-needed basis. (Which means that Jim Starr will draft you into service if we need someone that day.) If you would like to usher on an as-needed basis, please let Jim Starr know, or e-mail one of the Worship Committee co-chairs: Mary O’Keeffe ([maryok528@gmail.com](mailto:maryok528@gmail.com)) or Kathi Cary ([tilegal2@aol.com](mailto:tilegal2@aol.com)).

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Are you an elder of the church and are you available and willing to help serve communion during 2018? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## 2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS

A new Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, February 4 and will conclude on Easter Sunday, April 1. Paul will be teaching the class. If you have any questions, please contact Paul.

## BRIDGE & OTHER GAMES

Join us for **BRIDGE AND OTHER GAMES** in the Library at the church on **Thursdays from 2—4 PM**, everyone is welcome!! If you want to learn to play bridge, Glay Hood will teach you. There are usually enough players for a regular bridge game, and other card games are played as well.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

✿ The **2018 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the hall outside the sanctuary. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary to honor or remember someone or a special occasion. (*Ordering instructions are posted next to the calendar. Please contact Tina in the office if you need assistance and also to let her know details for the bulletin.*) ✿

**Church Keys:** In order to provide our new elders with keys to the church, we're asking anyone who no longer has need of theirs to return it to the church office. We have no more extras and want to avoid the added expense of having more made. Thank you!



For your convenience, **2018 Church Offering Envelopes** are available on the table in the Narthex. If you wish to have a box of envelopes but do not see your name, please contact Tina in the church office.

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).



## REV. DR. BARBARA EDEMA'S NEW BOOK

Rev. Dr. Barb Edema, longtime friend of Covenant, recently published her **THIRD** book, entitled *For Richer or Poorer: Book Three in the Pastor Maggie Series*. Her second book, *To Love and To Cherish: Book Two in the Pastor Maggie Series* has been updated to include a new character and a fun new storyline. All three of her books are available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) in both paperback and Kindle edition.

So, get the book and **SAVE THE DATE**, because Barb and Doug will be joining us for a special joint Sunday School class on **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Barb will share selected readings from the new book and answer questions about the book and the journey of writing her novels. Check out her blog at <http://barbaraedema.blogspot.com/>

## SIGN-UPS BEGINNING FOR: 2018 ALL-CHURCH RETREAT: AUGUST 24—26, 2018!

Covenant's All-Church Retreat will again take place at **Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center**, 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.

**So that we can see how many people are interested in attending**, sign-ups and payments will be from February 11—April 15. You may turn in your registration form, which can be found in the Narthex beginning February 11<sup>th</sup>, to Betsy Moakler or to Tina in the office. Questions about scholarships, transportation or accommodations? Call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

## JANUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...by Mary O'Keeffe

- ◆ Session is pleased to have Jessica Siple join Covenant as our Music Director/Accompanist.
- ◆ Pat Willard has developed a Liturgist training class that will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The class is open to anyone who is interested in serving with intentionality. Contact the office.
- ◆ The Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> after service. Please plan on attending. There will be coffee and snacks.
- ◆ February 11, Jon and Kathy Christiansen will join us for a combined Sunday School where they will share their work with us. They will also participate in the worship service and join us for the after church lunch.
- ◆ Covenant is participating in the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. Our assigned time is March 21 to 24. Please contact Tony Madden ([tonymadden458@gmail.com](mailto:tonymadden458@gmail.com)) if you can work, or provide food or help in any other manner. Everyone is asked to support this important work through prayer.
- ◆ Property Committee reports a new HVAC system has been installed for the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Worship Committee reports that we will have Ash Wednesday Lunch (soup) and Service on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will begin at 11:30. The service will begin at 12:15 and should be finished by 12:45. Watauga Presbyterian will be invited to join us.
- ◆ Worship Committee will have lilies in the sanctuary for Easter. Just like last year they will be de-pollen-ed for the comfort of those with allergies. Watch the bulletin for the order form.



Save the Date:  
 April 8, from Noon to 4:00 PM  
 Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant  
 Details to come!

### GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**JEAN MARIE FREEMAN**  
 (Bill Freeman's mother)

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead  
 Gary & Anne Smith

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**DEBORAH DEMAY**  
 (Victory Cooper's cousin)

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead



### DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Income to General Fund December

Actual	\$27,517.97
vs. Budgeted	\$20,702.00

#### Expenses from General Fund December

Actual	\$18,682.23
vs. Budgeted	\$20,702.00

#### Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual	\$250,229.40
vs. Budgeted	\$248,433.00

#### Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual	\$234,042.75
vs. Budgeted	\$248,433.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for December was \$173.00.*

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### **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.