

JANUARY



2018

UN-GREENING OF THE CHURCH

UN-Greening of the Church will happen after our worship service on **Sunday, January 7th**. Please plan to stay and help!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held following worship on **Sunday, January 28th**. Highlights of 2017 will be reviewed, the 2018 budget will be presented, and we will elect members of the church Nominating Committee as well as officers of the corporation. (Please remember that no one should be nominated who has not previously been asked and agreed to serve.) Please plan to attend! It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what's happening at Covenant.

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE



The theme for **January 14th's After Church Lunch** is **Soup and Sandwiches**. Doesn't that sound like wonderful wintery lunch fare? Please bring your tasty favorites to share at our fellowship tables!



Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring **snacks** for our important **After Church Fellowship** time. Please sign up again soon! The new year is right around the corner and we need you!

Also, a big **“thank you”** for **helping with cleanup** after our church lunches. Don't be shy and think you aren't needed **because you are!** Just pop into the kitchen after the next lunch and ask what you can do to help. We'll let you know how to help and we'll be grateful for that help.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 FROM 3—5 PM

Experience travel from the comfort of our Church Library on the first Sunday of the month. This month we will visit ***America's Great Southwest: National Parks and Monuments***. Snacks are optional, as this will be after lunch, but before supper. Join us, won't you?

THE LUNCH BUNCH—JANUARY 17

(We will NOT meet on the first Wednesday in January.)

The next gathering of “The Lunch Bunch” will be on **Wednesday, January 17, at 11:30 AM at Ruby Tuesday, 1208 Harris Drive (off State of Franklin across from ETSU)**. **Contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

GROW, STARTING AGAIN ON JANUARY 10

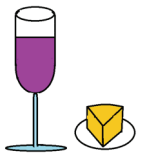
Come **GROW** with us on **Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the church library!** This conversational small group setting is a chance to discuss life and faith and have a great time doing it. The coffee will be hot and the conversation will be encouraging and helpful. No meal is provided but feel free to bring your dinner as we know some of you will be coming straight from work. *(Jump in and join us any time, you don't have to be here from the beginning to participate!)*

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVENANT COURIER



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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



- ♦ **The Red Tent Circle will meet on the 3rd Thursday this month.** The next meeting will be on **Thurs., Jan. 18, 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 Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., Jan. 9, at 1:30 PM** in the Church Library. (Contact for this Circle is Sally Nagel: 423-928-0853.)
- ♦ **The Joy Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., Jan. 16, 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.)

AWAKENING THE DREAMER, CHANGING THE DREAM SYMPOSIUM

Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2:00 PM—6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall at Covenant

As co-facilitators, Frankie Wolff and Linda Good invite you to join them in considering possibilities for building a sustainable, just, and fulfilling world. This transformative, multi-media workshop includes an exploration of how individuals can create this world, and leaves participants with grounded optimism and hope about the future of our planet and species.

This workshop is offered by the Pachamama Alliance. *Pachamama* is translated to English as *Mother Earth*. Find out more about the Alliance by visiting the website at www.pachamama.org.

RSVP: Frankie Wolff, frankiedwolff@aol.com, 797-0100.

SAVE THE DATE! FUN FOR ALL AGES!

The **2018 Annual Covenant Retreat** will be at

Holston Camp & Retreat Center

in Banner Elk, NC

Friday, August 24, 7:00 PM

to

Sunday, August 26, 9:00 AM

Please call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143
if you have any questions or if you would like to be
involved in the planning!!

ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES

Reg & Mildred Murphy
2101 Christian Lane, #203
Johnson City, TN 37601
(Home phone # will stay the same, 423-262-0473.
Cell is 423-430-3122.)

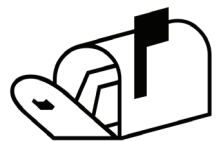
Cynthia Erdei no longer has a landline.
Her cell phone number is 469-233-6469.

Jay & Saffron McKenzie
1608 Wildwood Trail
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742



Vi Block
new MAILING address
(no, she hasn't moved)
P.O. Box 3185
Johnson City, TN 37602

Drew Amstutz
3915 Cherokee Woods Way, #103
Knoxville, TN 37920



BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE “COVERED DISH DINNER”—JANUARY 8, 2018

Our next meeting is as early in the month as can be. It's 7 days after the holidays are formally ended and one week before Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Don't you think that would be a good time to sit down and “break bread” together, reflect upon the past weeks, and consider the celebration of MLKJ's life?

For this purpose, we are planning a covered dish dinner to be held in the Fellowship Hall at Covenant Presbyterian Church from 6—8 PM with no formal program other than our table discussions. The date is Monday, January 8. We ask for those coming to bring a dish of their choosing. Of course, if it is not possible for a person to bring food, please participate anyway. (All covered dish dinners provide enough food to feed an army!)



If you plan on attending, please indicate so by e-mailing me at bbwolff1937@gmail.com or go to the FaceBook Event Page: https://www.facebook.com/events/308836472961816/?active_tab=about. We need to get an approximate idea on who is coming because it is a dinner.

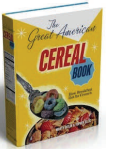
Since an event like this takes a little effort, if anyone would like to assist in preparation and cleanup of the dinner, please let me know.

Peace & love,
Ed Wolff

GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING



Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, January 28**. This month they need: **cereal, hot/cold, including baby cereal**. Thank you for your continuing generosity!



BRIDGE & OTHER GAMES—THURSDAYS FROM 2P—4P

We will be back on **January 11** to continue playing 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.

HUMOR ME! - JANUARY 21 FROM 3—5 PM



HUMOR ME! meets on the **3rd 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!!)



BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS!!

Eighteen units of blood were donated at our December American Red Cross blood drive. Our goal was 15, so, once again, Covenant exceeded expectations! Thank you to everyone who participated: Lynnea Hunter, David Salinas, Emily Helphinstine, Paul Helphinstine, John Deaton, Patti Coble, Don Coble, Dave Knechtel, Mike Lee, Amanda Livingston, Greg Marlow, Grace Madden, David Miller, Chris Sutter, Lauri Zembower, Philip Hagelberg, Ben DeWitt, Gwen Hunter. And a special thanks to Tina Simon who greeted donors and kept things moving smoothly all afternoon.

Gwen Hunter, Blood Drive Coordinator

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2018

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 signup 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) or Kathi Cary (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.

FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER JOHNSON CITY: Our support weeks in assisting our host church, First United Methodist, this year will be as follows: **January 14—21; July 15—22; November 4—11.** If you have any questions, please contact our Family Promise liaison, Mary Jane Kelley, at mjkkelley250@gmail.com or 262-8135. Thank you for all you have done and all you continue to do for Family Promise!!

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

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.

Attn: Committee Chairs. 2017 Annual Committee Reports are due by **Wed., January 3.** Please e-mail them to Tina at office@cpcjc.org. (2016 reports have been e-mailed to you—call Tina with questions.)

✿ 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. Contact Tina in the office if you need assistance.*) ✿

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.

THANK YOU, CPC

Dear Covenant,

I want to thank you for all of the beautiful cards you've sent to me while I have been in and out of the hospital. Thank you also for the food you've brought and your thoughts and prayers and visits during this difficult time. I am home now and recovering and miss all of you so much. I look forward to visits once I am better.

Blessings to you all,

Jeter Collins



From the staff at Covenant,

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you for your kindness and awesome generosity at Christmas time. It is our pleasure to serve such a selfless and generous congregation. Your concern for us and your respect of our work, our time, and our lives is much appreciated, all throughout the year.

Peace and Blessings to you all,

Paul, Marie, Jeanne, Shirley, Tina, & Melodye



DECEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...by Mary O'Keeffe

- ◆ Information from the December Presbytery meeting indicates that the ETSU Campus Ministry is growing.
- ◆ Paul has been chosen as the Commissioned Teaching Elder to represent the Presbytery at the June 2018 General Assembly.
- ◆ A new group, Mom Power, will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays for 10 weeks, starting the last Tuesday in January. Julie Wood is the point person for this group. She may be reaching out seeking volunteers to assist in various ways.
- ◆ Christian Education Committee reports that they can always use more teachers. See Anne Smith if you are available.
- ◆ Congregational Life reminds everyone of the opportunity to sign up for snacks after church and the need for volunteers to clean up after our monthly luncheons.
- ◆ Mission and Outreach wants to thank everyone for their participation in the successful Angel Tree project. Covenant will be joining in a Faith Build for Habitat for Humanity. We have been assigned a week in March. Tony Madden is coordinating that project. More information will come as our week approaches.
- ◆ Property Committee is working on updating the sound system in the Fellowship Hall. This will be especially helpful when we have large group presentations.
- ◆ Worship Committee wishes to thank everyone for his/her help in the greening and un-greening of the church. The Greening of the Sanctuary liturgy was meaningful for those in attendance and it is a service that the committee hopes to continue in the future.
- ◆ The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 28th. Please plan to attend.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIVEN TO THE KITCHEN FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

DAN QUISENBERRY

BY

The Quisenberry Family
*(for a new Refrigerator,
Freezer and Ice Maker)*

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

FRANK LAMONS

BY

John & Linda Honaker

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

REG & MILDRED MURPHY

BY

Reginald Fleming Murphy, Jr.



NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund November

Actual	\$21,281.89
vs. Budgeted	\$20,702.00

Expenses from General Fund November

Actual	\$19,068.25
vs. Budgeted	\$20,702.00

Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual	\$222,711.43
vs. Budgeted	\$227,722.00

Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual	\$215,360.52
vs. Budgeted	\$227,722.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for November was \$226.00.*

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Instagram: @covenantpcjohnsoncity



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.