

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, FROM 3—5 PM

THE CHILI GATHERING

Building on the success of “The Gathering” in October, pastors from several churches are preparing chili to serve at the Carver Recreation Center (322 W. Watauga Ave.) on Sunday, February 3rd from 3:00—5:00 PM. Although the weather may be “chilly” on the first Sunday of February, The Chili Gathering promises to be a warm and friendly gathering. Please plan to join us! Look for more details in your January bulletins and emails.

UN-GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Please plan to stay **after church on Sunday, January 6th** to help ‘Un-Green’ the church!

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN JANUARY

The next gathering of “The Lunch Bunch” will be on **Wednesday, January 2nd**, at **11:30 AM. at Johnny Brusco’s**, 2111 N. Roan St. **On Wednesday, January 16th**, we will meet at **11:30 AM at Moto’s Japanese Restaurant**, 2607 N. Roan St. **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, JANUARY 6 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. This month we will visit Turkey with with Rick Steves’ Travelog. Snacks are optional, as this will be after lunch but before supper.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

The theme for the January After Church Lunch is **Soup and Sandwiches**. Haul out the soup pot or the sandwich board and prepare your favorite recipes. We’ll be sure to enjoy them at our fellowship tables.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—JANUARY 27

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, Jan. 27**. This month they need: **Cereal! Lots and lots of Cereal!** Thank you, as always, for your continuing generosity to this important local mission.



WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Please join the **Weekly Prayer Group on Sundays from 9:30 AM – 9:55 AM** in the High School Classroom next to the Fellowship Hall entrance from the office. Led by Bob and Estelle Armistead, this group lifts up in prayer our church family, pastor, new Church Vision, neighborhood and global communities. Everyone is welcome. Join us!

MEN’S 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.

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.

JANUARY

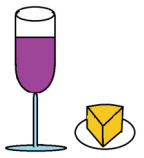


2019

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVENANT COURIER**



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



- ♦ **The Red Tent Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Thurs., January 10, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.** (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)
- ♦ **The Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., January 8, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library.** (Contacts for this Circle are Sally Nagel and Pat Willard.)
- ♦ **The Joy Circle now also meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., January 8, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler.)

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

The next Black/White Dialogue meeting is on January 14, from 6—8:00 PM, at the Carver Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC. We will reflect on 2018, its impact, and what it means for us in 2019. “What happened in 2018? What are you pleased about? In what are you disappointed?” In an informal setting at the Black/White Dialogue meeting, we will have an opportunity to discuss and share our hopes, concerns, passions, and commitment. Christina Erwin will be the lead facilitator.



SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

JANUARY 19 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY



To welcome the New Year, join us for **Calendar Girls** on Saturday, January 19 at 7:00 PM. After the death of her best friend's husband, Yorkshire housewife Chris Harper (Helen Mirren) hatches a scheme to raise money for a memorial in his honor. Utilizing a tradition from the Woman's Institute Association, Chris encourages Annie (Julie Walters) and their friends to create a calendar -- with a novel twist.

Based on a true story. *Calendar Girls* is rated PG-13 and contains suggested nudity, British humor, and thick Yorkshire accents! We'll see you at the movies!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2019

CHILDREN'S EARTH CARE MOMENTS: Covenant Presbyterian Church is a certified Earth Care Congregation. As part of our certification, we provide Earth Care Children's Moments once a month during worship. If you are interested in offering a small Earth Care moment to our young ones in 2019, please contact the church office at office@cpcjc.org, or speak to Ann Freeman.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP SNACKS: 2019 is a brand new year that offers up many opportunities for you to be of service to your church family. Won't you start the year off right by signing up to bring After Church Snacks for our important fellowship time as we greet visitors and spend time with one another? There's 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 2019. 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.

COMMUNION SERVERS: Are you an elder of the church and are you available and willing to help serve communion during 2019? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES



Members & Regular Visitors: For your convenience, **2019 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a box of envelopes for 2019, but don't see your name, please call or e-mail Tina in the church office! *(Several of you have told me that you don't need envelopes this year. If they are on the table, I apologize. Please mark an "X" through your name and I will remove them. Thanks, Tina.)*

The **2019 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.

There are **Purell hand sanitizers** located throughout the building. These were given to the church as a donation to help reduce the spread of illness during cold and flu season. So shake hands (or "fist bump") all you like, just stop by one of the hand sanitizers on your way out!



NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund November

Actual ** \$18,652.19
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

Expenses from General Fund November

Actual \$18,520.55
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual \$208,798.93
vs. Budgeted \$234,047.00

Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual \$218,343.70
vs. Budgeted \$234,047.00

***The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for November was \$73.00.***

*****Note: Online Giving began in June.
There is a one-month delay for Online
Contributions to show on our reports.***

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, & Jessica

DONATE
ONLINE

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.*

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2018 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Note to Committee Chairs: 2018 Committee Reports for the Annual Report need to be e-mailed to Tina by **January 4, 2019**. Questions? Ask Tina.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR WINTER:

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.