

July



2018

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVENANT COURIER

FAMILY PROMISE 2018 SCHEDULE

July 15-July 22, 2018

November 4-November 11, 2018

WORSHIP IN THE PARK—JULY 8, 2018

Please join us in the Harris Pavilion at **Rotary Park next Sunday, July 8 for Worship in the Park.** *(This is in place of our monthly After Church Lunch.)* Come one, Come all! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us. We all enjoy this service because it allows us to enjoy the beauty of nature while we worship. Dress is very casual (you might bring a light sweater if you tend to get cold). We will have a pavilion that is surrounded by trees, it's a very pleasant setting and because of the shade it isn't too hot. We will have lunch together after the service. The Worship Committee will provide BBQ, buns and beverages. Please bring a salad, dessert or your own specialty to share. We do have access to a kitchen, but with limited refrigerator space so plan accordingly. You may consider bringing a small cooler if your dish needs to be kept cold. **The LUNCH Sign-Up Sheet is in the Narthex.** There is a place on the sign-up sheet should you prefer a **veggie burger instead or require a gluten-free bun.** **PLEASE** let us know the total number of people who will be coming with you so we will have enough for everyone. We hope you will join us! (Directions are shown below and maps are available on the table in the Narthex and will be posted on the church door for anyone who shows up at our door that morning needing directions and an explanation as to where we are.)

Directions FROM THE CHURCH to Rotary Park, 1001 N. Broadway St.: If you are not familiar with the area, the simplest way to go is to take Sunset Drive past N. Roan Street (Sunset turns into Princeton Rd.) to Oakland Avenue and turn right. Follow Oakland Ave. to Woodland Ave. and turn left. Drive one block and turn right onto Broadway Street. Rotary Park will be on your right.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT AT HOLSTON CAMP

Covenant's All Church Retreat is fast approaching! **August 24 – 26.** If you haven't **filled out and turned in your Registration Form** or submitted your payment for the retreat, **please do so as soon as possible!** The cost this year is \$125/person, children are still free. Betsy Moakler will soon be setting up the carpools. Please call her if you need a ride up to camp, or if you have any other questions. Also, it's not too late to sign up as we may have another cabin to fill up! Betsy Moakler, 423-314-7143.

ONLINE GIVING!

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce that 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]** 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.*

ROTARY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE—TUESDAY, JULY 24

Covenant will be hosting a blood drive in the **Fellowship Hall** on **Tuesday, July 24, from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM** in partnership with the Rotary Club of Johnson City and the American Red Cross. **Please donate if you are able and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to donate, too.** To reserve a donation time go to www.redcrossblood.org.



THE LUNCH BUNCH IN JULY

“The Lunch Bunch” will not meet on July 4th. The next gathering will be on **Wednesday, July 18, at 11:30 AM at The Roots Vietnamese Restaurant, 600 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, July 22.** This month they need: **Canned Ravioli and Spaghetti!** Thank you for your continuing generosity!

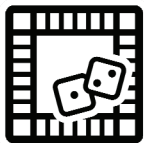


ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—JULY 1 FROM 3—5 PM

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.

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!!)



HUMOR ME! - JULY 15 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!!)

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!!



BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE

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

This month’s meeting will focus on diversity in education. We will have a guest Facilitator, Dr. Jacqueline Bragg, Director of the Community Economic Development Network of East Tennessee, Knoxville. Dr. Bragg led a program in Greeneville over a month ago, “Teaching for Change: Understandings and Strategies for Diverse Classrooms.” It focused on strengthening community and eliminating biases from a position of leadership. Though designed for educators, the lessons provided apply to community leadership roles in any group, such as youth or church organizations. Much of our discussion will incorporate the thoughts from that program. We have two public school systems, besides applying these thoughts to our workplace, neighborhood, and worship communities. In facilitating this discussion, let’s consider bringing the program provided in Greeneville to the NE TN area. This issue is important to the healthy growth of our area.



Peace, *Ed Wolff*

4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE RIVER

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at The River on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Men, women, and children are invited and a guest speaker will provide a "sermon" each time. (Paul is on the schedule for July 24th.) 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

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

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

JANET HERRING ALLISON POWELL

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Graham & June Robinson
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Anne & John Wilson



**GIVEN TO THE
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUND
IN MEMORY OF:**

FRANK GAMMO
(Melanie Jones' father)

BY

Phyllis Thompson & David Wood

Dear Covenant Friends

Last June Brownee and I moved to Statesboro, GA, to be closer to family as Brownee worked to recover her health. The only difficult part of the move was leaving so many good friends in Jonesborough, JC and, especially, Covenant PC. I thought it time to let you know how we are faring.

It has been a long but fruitful year. Brownee had been diagnosed with hydrocephalus just before we moved. Fortunately, we found a good neurosurgeon. Because her white blood cell count was very low, her RA medication was stopped before the surgery but, although there were concerns about her overall health, in August the surgeon successfully implanted a shunt in her head to drain off the excess fluid. After a brief spell in a rehab facility she came home and started with in home rehab. Thankfully, the rehab has her back to using a walker instead of a wheelchair although it is still hard work for her. Her appetite has improved and she is slowly regaining weight. She has been signed off the home rehab. In the meantime we have contacted a rheumatologist and she will be starting infusions of Orencia to attack her RA.

Unfortunately, so much time in bed caused a significant sore on her lower back which will require surgery. This has been delayed while she regained strength but we are hopeful that a date will be set soon to deal with this issue. All in all she is doing well and the next couple of months will be important. We are praying for positive results from the infusions of Orencia and a successful result from the surgery on her back. We ask for your continued prayers as she deals with that we hope will complete her recovery after two very difficult years.

Blessings to you all and thank for all the support you have provided.

Angus and Brownee Walton

MAY TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund

May

Actual **\$16,186.32**
vs. Budgeted **\$21,277.00**

Expenses from General Fund

May

Actual **\$19,543.07**
vs. Budgeted **\$21,277.00**

Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual **\$109,138.78**
vs. Budgeted **\$106,380.00**

Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual **\$104,473.91**
vs. Budgeted **\$106,380.00**

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for May was \$147.00.*

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THANK YOU, CPC

Dear Covenant Family,

We would like to offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for the love and prayers we have received from you over the past few months. As you know, Mark had surgery to remove his left eye on March 2nd; my father, Frank Gammo, passed away on March 20th; and my mother, Mary Lou Chandler Gammo, passed away on May 13th. It has been a challenging Spring for us, but your support has helped tremendously.

Also, we would like to thank everyone who made a donation or is planning to make a donation to the ETSU Foundation Accountancy Department in memory of my mother. We plan on using that money to set up a scholarship fund in her honor. She was the first female professor in the Department of Accountancy at ETSU.

Peace and Love, *David, Melanie, Blake and Mark Jones*

Dear Covenant Presbyterian Church,

Your generous gift of financial support to BABMOC School is very much appreciated! We are working hard to add a fourth grade class to the school in the 2018/2019 academic year. The financial support you are providing will make this dream possible! Thank you for being part of this ministry and please know how many lives you touch and improve with your care, concern, and prayers. We value your help and involvement a great deal!

Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely, *Virginia Farr*, Treasurer

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.