

June



2018

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVENANT COURIER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 GRADUATES!

Philip Hagelberg graduated from Science Hill High School on May 26, 2018. He plans to major at ETSU in Communication/Journalism. (2925 Antioch Road, Johnson City, TN 37604)

Grace Maxine Madden graduated from Science Hill High School on May 26, 2018. She will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and will major in Architecture. (1406 Woodmont Drive, Johnson City, TN 37601)

Blake Jones graduated from ETSU May 5 with a BS in ARTs and Science with a Math Major Concentration in Statistics. He has been accepted into the College of Business Master of Science Business Analytics program at the University of Tenn. which will begin in August. Blake will be moving home over the summer till grad school begins. (201 Sterling Springs Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604)

Sarah Cox, Dwight & Marilyn Sherman's granddaughter, graduated summa cum laude from Milligan College on May 5, 2018.

A SMALL GROUP TRIP

A Golden Opportunity to See an Exhibition of World-Renowned Dale Chihuly's spectacular Glass Art at the Biltmore House and Gardens in Asheville, NC.

Contact either **Kendall Harris** (423-943-8866) or **Victory Cooper** (423-282-4641) if you are interested in going as a small group. The cost is \$57 per ticket, which is the usual general admission charge for the Biltmore House and Gardens, based upon tickets for a weekday and purchased 7 days in advance. Most of us have visited the Biltmore before, but would find the additional treat of seeing the Chihuly glass creations in the beautiful Biltmore setting worth another trip!

We need to have a headcount by no later than Monday, June 4, in order for Kendall to purchase your tickets 7 days in advance. (If you later find yourself unable to go, your ticket value is still able to be applied to a visit on some future date or you can sell it or give it to someone else.) We will this week need to select one of the 4 following dates for the trip:

**Monday, June 11, Tuesday, June 12,
Wednesday, June 13, OR Friday, June 15**

Please contact Kendall or Victory at least by Sunday, May 27 and inform us of what one or two of the 4 days mentioned would work for you, so that we can choose the date that facilitates as many going as possible.

We will carpool. Kendall's car is available and another car or two should not be a problem. We should plan a full day there, seeing the House and Gardens, winery with free wine tasting, and other attractions at no additional cost.

Much of the Biltmore House is wheelchair-accessible. I (Kendall) would be happy to push a wheelchair for anyone who needs one part of the time. We would meet in the church's parking lot to carpool at 8:15 AM on the day we go and be back in town about 6:30 PM. Hoping you can go!

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—JUNE 10

The theme of the June 10 After Church Lunch will be **Salads**. Now, there's a wide open theme for you. At the risk of sounding like a character from Forrest Gump, you've got your **green salads**, your **veggie salads**, your **chicken salads**, your **bean salads**, your **quinoa salads**, your **pasta salads**, your **congealed salads**, your **potato salads**, your **fruit salads**, your **shrimp salads**, etc... You'll rise to the occasion and have some fun with this one!

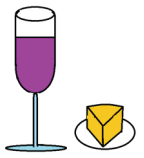
A little help with **clean up** will be so appreciated. And please sign up for **snacks!** We need **YOU!**





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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



- ♦ **The Friendship Circle** will meet on **Tues., June 12, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library.** (Contact for this Circle is Sally Nagel: 423-928-0853.) Summer break in July & August.
- ♦ **The Red Tent Circle** will meet on **Thurs., June 14, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.** (Contact for this Circle is BJ King: 423-791-0254.) Summer break in July & August.
- ♦ **The Joy Circle** will not meet in June, July or August. We will resume meeting in September.

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN JUNE

“The Lunch Bunch” will gather on **Wednesday, June 6, at 11:30 AM at Southern Craft BBQ, 601 Spring St.** On **Wednesday, June 20, at 11:30 AM,** they will gather at **Bella Vita, 2927 N. Roan St.** Contact **Victory Cooper at 423-282-4641** for more information and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

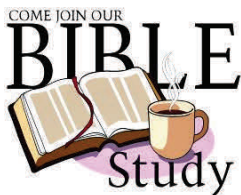
GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, June 24.** This month they need: **Peanut Butter!** Thank you for your continuing generosity!



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!!

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.



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.) 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. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Stacy Larsen

MOM POWER COVENANT FEEDBACK

The Mom Power team extends a heart-felt “thank you” to the congregation at Covenant Presbyterian for opening their doors and hearts to the Mom Power program. For 10 weeks, mothers and their young children had a warm and welcoming place to gather, to eat, to connect, and to learn and grow. The Covenant group consisted of 8 mamas and 11 kiddos. All families were lower income and had a range of needs—some mamas were recovering from addiction, many were struggling with mental health difficulties, and many were trying to offer their child(ren) a new experience than they themselves had in the face of past adversity and abuse. Mom Power is about growing healthy relationships between caregivers and children through offering healing and safe relationships with program staff and volunteers. We truly believe that by giving a mother the experience of having her needs seen and met, she will be better able to see and meet the needs of her child(ren).

Covenant was crucial in helping to see and meet those needs. We thank you for opening your church doors and sharing space, helping with transportation, helping with child care, providing toys and supplies, and feeding the families a delicious and nourishing meal each week. One mother reported that this was most supportive relational experience she had ever had. Several mothers reported that they didn’t trust others with their children due to past adverse experiences, but that they knew they could trust the Mom Power team. Many of the mothers had hesitations prior to group (e.g., they were nervous leaving the house, they were nervous to be around other mothers, they had traumatic experiences in the past and didn’t trust easily) and yet these very mothers came week after week with high attendance rates despite the high level of stressors happening outside of group. The mothers had glowing feedback about the church space and volunteers. Some of the key lessons that the mothers reported gaining from Mom Power were: learning how to better calm themselves so that they can calm their child, learning how to better understand their child’s feelings, learning discipline strategies other than yelling and hitting, learning how important routines are for helping children feel safe, learning how to balance being strong/in charge with warm and kind, learning to get curious about the “why” behind their child’s behavior, and learning that it’s okay to ask for help. During guest week, these mothers brought significant others, friends, parents, and support staff (home visiting nurse). The mamas reported that they were so excited about what they were learning at Mom Power that they shared it with co-parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. We are confident that a seed has been planted in these families to help grow stronger and healthier relationships. Thank you for all that Covenant did to support Mom Power and support these families!

Diana Morelen, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
East Tennessee State University

THANK YOU, CPC!

Dear Covenant Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for hosting Mom Power and providing all the lunches. Please share with all your volunteers. Everyone was always so nice and helpful. All the lunches tasted great, too! Thank you for helping out the community.

Very appreciated, *Danielle and Scarlett Grindstaff*

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I want to express my sincere appreciation to those of you who expressed your love and concern for me and my grandson, Carson Cox. I have missed a lot lately because of my own illness which I can't seem to shake.

You may remember that Carson was injured in a soccer game about two weeks ago. He had facial surgery and is doing well. Needless to say his injury was a frightening experience but we both felt your prayers and were most appreciative of the phone calls, cards, and many acts of kindness. I've always known that all of you are very special but “your little light” certainly shines brightly when people truly need help.

In Christian love, *Helen Davis and Carson Cox*

## DINNER FOR EIGHT

What a wonderful time everyone had on Saturday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>! Thirty-three couples and singles visited, dined, and visited some more! A special thanks to the hostesses and hosts who opened their homes to church family they knew and some they wanted to know better. Perhaps we'll do it again in early fall.

*Anne Smith*

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Irene Sanchez  
37 Meadows Edge Court  
Jonesborough, TN 37659



*Please make this change in your church directory.*

### CHURCH KEYS




Just doing another "key inventory".  
If you have a key and **no longer need it**,  
please return it to the church office. Thank you!

## FAMILY PROMISE 2018 SCHEDULE

July 15-July 22, 2018  
November 4-November 11, 2018

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for your constant concern and prayers for my sister, Lori. Your support means *everything* to me. I recently texted her that whenever I see any of you, your first question is, "How is Lori?" Her response was "Thanks, you and your church are the best!!!"  (We mostly text because her voice is going out again.) She is SO right!

The latest on her is that she had a cyberknife procedure on her brain because her cancer had spread there, although it was supposedly in remission. The procedure went very well and we will know if it was successful when she has another MRI in 3 months. So far she has not suffered any side effects from the radiation. If anyone wants to see the very freaky x-ray picture she sent me of her during the procedure, let me know!! It's very cool.

I'd also like to thank the PW Women's Circles for their gift. It was very thoughtful and generous, as are all of you. As is ALL of this wonderful congregation. You are all so special to me. Thank you for everything.

Love, *Tina*



### APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Income to General Fund

April

Actual \$24,647.88  
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

#### Expenses from General Fund

April

Actual \$14,086.46  
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

#### Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$92,927.88  
vs. Budgeted \$85,108.00

#### Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual \$84,930.64  
vs. Budgeted \$85,108.00

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

### ARE YOU GOING TO SIGN UP??

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!!

**Holston Camp and Retreat Center:**

**August 24 – 26, 2018**



**60** people (adults and kids) are signed up to attend this year's Retreat! There is still time to join them. **Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center** is 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. Just fill out and turn in a **registration form**, which can be found on the table in the Narthex, along with your payment, in the offering plate or to Tina in the church office. The cost this year will be \$125/person, children are still free. Questions? Call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

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

**FRANK GAMMO**  
(Melanie Jones' father)

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead  
Harry & Janet Powell  
Gary & Anne Smith  
The Tri Cities Airport Authority



**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**MARY LOU GAMMO**  
(Melanie Jones' mother)

**BY**

Gary & Anne Smith



**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**SANDY NELSON**  
(Jan Paveglio's sister)

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead

**ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:**

Janet Herring Allison Powell—May 9, 2018



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

**JANET HERRING ALLISON POWELL**

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead  
Robin & Kathryn Baker  
Cathy Bates  
Dave & Sharon Benner  
Dr. & Mrs. W<sup>m</sup>. A. Bridgforth, Jr.  
Alan & Donna Bridwell  
Cynthia Burnley & Bob Riser  
George & Bobbie Carroll  
Nancy K. Carter  
Jean Darling  
Caroline & Phillip Dennis  
Lynda Herring Dunne  
Clyde & Darla Duty  
Mark & Linda Eades  
Patte Earley  
Thomas & Kathleen Ecay  
Jon & Shaunda Fales

Vicky C. Fussell  
Frank & Betsy Hagelberg  
Mae & Styron Harris, and  
Rebecca, Mark,  
Michaela, and Carrie Cody  
Ann & Jerone Herring  
Judy Ingala  
Mickey & Vicki Jackson  
Henry & Flora Joy  
David Kalwinsky  
Gloria Lewis  
Ron & Jane Lindsay  
Edgar & Sue Lockett  
Bob & Betty Maletich  
Janet & John McGettrick  
Ken & Kendra Mijeski  
David & Sharon Miller  
Reg & Mildred Murphy

Said & Ashley Nazemi  
Mary O'Keeffe  
Marty & Natalie Olsen  
Pete Palermo & Family  
Dick & Sara Reichert  
and Bill, Betsy,  
Josie & Sadie Parkinson  
Jim & Marcella Payne  
Myron & Sarah Pitts  
Amy & Matthew Riley  
Gary & Anne Smith  
Jim & Norma Starr  
Dr. Dorman Stout, Jr.  
Luan Vinson  
Martha Campbell Williams  
Ed & Frankie Wolff  
Prudence & Otto Zinser



THANK YOU



Harry Powell and his family express their heartfelt appreciation to the congregation for the love and support shown in so many ways during this time of the loss and celebration of the life of Janet Powell, their beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother.

Special thanks are extended to those who participated in the choir and everyone involved with the wonderful music which expressed beautifully Janet's life and faith.

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*Instagram: @covenantpcjohnsoncity*

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).

### **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.