

March



2018

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVENANT COURIER

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29, 6:00 PM

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Passover meal (Seder). Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church has been invited to join us.

Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling or e-mailing the church office by March 26.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 6:00 PM

There will be a Tenebrae Service/Service of Shadows at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:00 PM. (610 E. Watauga Ave., J.C.) We encourage everyone to attend.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM

This will be a brief service. Meet in the Narthex.

Traditional Service at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

EASTER LILIES

The Worship Committee will be placing lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1. They will be de-pollen-ed and hypoallergenic for the comfort of our members who have allergies. The lilies will cost \$10 each. Order forms are in your bulletin and on the table in the Narthex; the lilies may be gifted to the church in honor of or in memory of family or loved ones. **Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, March 18.** Lily donations will be noted with a special insert on Easter Sunday.



AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—MARCH 11

This month's After Church Lunch's theme will undoubtedly prove to be a new favorite: **DEEP SOUTH!** Start planning. Will it be Memaw's chicken and dumplings? Or Papa's barbecue ribs? Maybe Aunt Martha's banana pudding? We'll be sharing some memories and good food at our fellowship tables, for sure.

CHASING SNAKES—SATURDAY, MARCH 17

The annual **Chasing Snakes 10K Road Race & 4K Family Walk** will be held on Saturday, March 17th in Johnson City. The race is sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church with **proceeds going to Family Promise**. If you would like to participate watch the Johnson City Press for details or call Family Promise. Also, we need volunteers to assist St. John's in putting on the race. You should be available at 7:30 am on the 17th and you should be finished by 10:00 am. Volunteering basically involves being at different intersections to ensure the safety of participants.

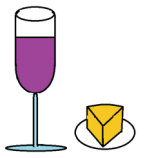
If you would like to help you may contact Mary Jane Kelley for specific details at 423-262-8135 or mjkkelley250@gmail.com.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2017-2018 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: CLOUD OF WITNESSES

THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST IN HEBREWS



- ♦ The **Red Tent Circle** meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Thurs., March 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 **Friendship Circle** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Tues., March 13, 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., March 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.)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD – MARCH 21 – 24

There are still openings available for **volunteers** to help build a new home for a local family! Find Tony Madden or another member of the Mission & Outreach Committee at the Habitat display table in the Narthex after worship for details or you can **sign up online at:**

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

or call Mandy at Holston Habitat at 423-239-7689, ext. 0. **If you wish to donate monetarily to this project, please do so through the church so that your donation will count towards Covenant's commitment.** You may make your check payable to "Covenant Presbyterian Church" and note "Habitat" on the memo line. Thank you!

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MARCH 12, 2018

NEW VENUE: Black/White Dialogue will be meeting at the Carver Park Center on March 12, and will continue meeting there in the months ahead. The address is 322 W. Watauga Avenue.

INTERSECTIONALITY IN THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT—FROM THEN TILL NOW

"Intersectionality" considers that the various aspects of humanity, such as class and race do not exist separately from each other, but are complexly interwoven, and that their relationships are essential to an understanding of the human condition. When systems of justice or other entities attempt to look at each aspect in isolation, then misconceptions may occur and essential understandings may be lost. Rather than thinking of identity as a collection of separate elements, it is better understood if the elements are thought of as "inextricably linked" with each other, and that all aspects of identity are "integral, interlocking parts of a whole".

March is "Woman's History Month." That's a good reason for this to be the topic for the March meeting of Black/White Dialogue. Unfortunately, in American, it is the focus on the history of middle class Anglo-American women. This needs to change. The focus of this month's meeting will attempt to discuss the interrelationship of African-American and European-American women and our cultural dynamics of interdependence.

The meeting will consist of a panel discussion on the topic. Then, we will break into small groups to reflect and discuss the subject matter under discussion. Before closing, the panel will reconvene and small groups can share what they discussed for the panel and the group to reflect on collectively.

In this time, where attention is given to women's leadership, this is a timely discussion, worthy of your presence. Everyone is invited. Please come, and bring a friend!

Peace,

Ed Wolff

**SIGN-UPS HAVE BEGUN 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.

We know it's rather early in the year, but we want to 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 on the table in the Narthex, to Tina in the church office. The cost this year will be \$125/person, children are still free. Questions about scholarships, transportation or accommodations? Call Tina in the office or Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

- ♦ **Thank you for signing up to bring After Church Snacks.** Please, please continue to do so. The snacks do not have to be homemade or fancy, truly. We'll always fix the drinks for you. If you put your snacks on the cart you will find in the kitchen, we will gladly take them to the library for you.
- ♦ **Special Reminder:** The cart in the Fellowship Hall where we place forgotten **food containers** is becoming overloaded again. If you are unable to pick up your container(s), please ask someone to do it for you this week. We'll be recycling or donating those items soon.

GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING



Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, March 25**. This month they need: **Canned Meats (Vienna Sausage, beef stew, etc.)**. Thank you for your continuing generosity!



ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 FROM 3—5 PM



Experience travel from the comfort of our Church Library on the first Sunday of the month. This month's we will be "touring" Sweden! Snacks are optional, as this will be after lunch, but before supper. Join us, won't you?



HUMOR ME! - MARCH 18 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!!)



POSSIBLE MOVIE-GOER'S GROUP??

Do you like going to the movies? Perhaps enjoying lunch or dinner, then seeing a movie with a group of like-minded people? **If you are interested in participating (or leading) this group activity**, please contact Tina in the church office at 423-282-5324 or office@cpcjc.org. She will add your name to the list. If there is enough interest, be sure to check future bulletins and newsletters for announcements.

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN MARCH

The next gathering of "The Lunch Bunch" will be on **Wednesday, March 7, at 11:30 AM. at Longhorn Steakhouse, 2280 N. Roan St. On Wednesday, March 21, we will meet at 11:30 AM at Wok and Hibachi, 101 E. Unaka Ave. 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.**



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.

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

For those who love the smell of fresh cut grass...

We are looking for individuals to help cut the grass at Covenant. We are not asking for full-time mowing team members, but someone who is willing to step in if one of the regular team members has a schedule conflict. This means you may only be asked once or twice over the summer. Each cutting cycle takes about two hours. All cutting equipment is provided. Please see Chris Sutter or contact the church office if you would like to join the team.

GROW

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!*) Please note: GROW will not meet on Feb. 28 or March 28.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Church Keys: Do you have a church key that you no longer need? 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!



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@cpjc.org.

Gentle Reminders:

- ♦ The deadline for the weekly bulletin is on Wednesday afternoons.
- ♦ The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month.

Church Office Hours:

Monday:	1:00p – 4:00p
Tues.–Thurs.:	8:30a – 4:00p
Closed on Friday.	





GIFTS TO THE CHURCH



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

PHILIP WILLIS
(C.B.'s brother)

BY

Bob & Estelle Armistead
Harry & Janet Powell

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

FRANK WOLFF
(Ed's brother)

BY

Bob & Estelle Armistead
Harry & Janet Powell
Gary & Anne Smith

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

GARY KERR
(friend of Gary Smith)

BY

Gary & Anne Smith

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the congregation for your many expressions of sympathy and concern following and leading up to the death of Bill's mother. We appreciate your support.

Bill and Ann Freeman

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT COVENANT SUNDAY, APRIL 8 FROM NOON – 4:00

Let's do it again! 19 units of blood were donated at our drive in December. Let's go for 20! Blood can be donated every 56 days so we're all eligible again.

If you're at least 16 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in generally good health you are probably eligible to give blood and help save a life. You can donate at Covenant on Sunday, April 8. American Red Cross will park their bloodmobile bus in the front driveway and accept donations from 12:00 – 4:00pm. Appointments are encouraged so it goes faster for you.

For more information or to set an appointment contact Gwen Hunter grhunter1951@gmail.com 423-612-6559, or go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and reserve your time.

What a wonderful gift healthy people can give. With all the advances in medicine there's still no substitute for blood. God uses people to manufacture this precious product.

Thanks for helping save lives!

Gwen



JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund January

Actual \$29,713.91
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

Expenses from General Fund January

Actual \$22,029.00
vs. Budgeted \$21,277.00

Year to Date Income General Fund

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*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for January was \$113.00.*

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Jim & Sue Crandall
416 Chantilly Dr.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
New email: bofus2inparadise@cox.net.
Same telephone number.

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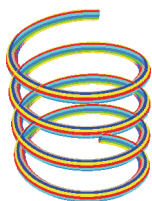
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Instagram: @covenantpcjohnsoncity



**Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 11!
(Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour
before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 10th!!!)**

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.