

## ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 6, 2019

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, the Worship Committee will be hosting a **light lunch (soup) followed by an Ash Wednesday service**. We will begin serving lunch at 11:30, followed by the service at 12:15(ish). Please join us for this special time as we observe the beginning of the Lenten season.

# 2019



## ANNUAL SENIOR BRUNCH—FRIDAY, MARCH 8 AT 9:30 AM

**IT'S THAT TIME ONCE AGAIN! (Sign-Up Deadline is March 5<sup>th</sup>!!)**

Can you believe another year has passed and it's time for our **Annual Senior Brunch** once again? Our invitation is open to all of you, even if you are not a senior! (We will not check ID's!) The date is **Friday, March 8 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. If you would like to join us, please **sign-up in the Narthex** (or by contacting the church office) **by March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Visitors are urged to join us and get to know more of the folks at Covenant and share in the fellowship. Our promise to you is that for **\$4.00 per person** (payable at the door), you will get a home-cooked breakfast that is **unbeatable** and a whole lot of fun. Hope to see YOU there.



*Helen Davis*

## AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Something wonderful will be happening at our **After Church Lunch on March 10**. Here's what you need to bring to our fellowship tables: your open heart. No food. Nothing but your open heart. The Local and Worldwide Missions team will be serving a Melting Pot meal to our church family.

The team will try, as much as possible, to duplicate the experience of a Melting Pot meal service so that we can learn more about this ongoing, vital outreach ministry. You'll see the team's hands and hearts for service for yourself. You may want to add your hands and heart for service to theirs in the future.

Your generosity has supported this ministry for years. Here's your opportunity to experience its powerful impact firsthand.

*(Learn more about the Melting Pot on page 4!)*

## GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—MARCH 24

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, March 24**. This month they need: Canned Meat (Vienna Sausage, beef stew, etc). Thank you, as always, for your continuing generosity to this important local mission.



## EARTH CARE CHILDREN'S 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](mailto:office@cpcjc.org), or speak to Ann Freeman.

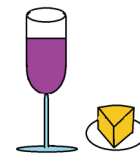


Daylight Saving Time begins March 10.  
Remember to **SPRING FORWARD** next Saturday night  
(March 9) before you go to bed!!!

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COVENANT COURIER



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



- ◆ **The Friendship Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., March 12, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library.** (Contacts for this Circle are Sally Nagel and Pat Willard.)
- ◆ **The Joy Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., March 12, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler.)
- ◆ **The Red Tent Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Thurs., March 14, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.** (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

**ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS – SUNDAY, MARCH 3 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. Snacks are optional, as this will be after lunch but before supper.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH IN MARCH**

The Lunch Bunch gathers at various restaurants on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 11:30 AM. In March, we will only meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday because of the Ash Wednesday lunch and service. **Please contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.



**Wed., March 20: Sahib Indian Restaurant, 1803 W. Market St.**

**SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

**MARCH 16 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY**



Join us in the library on March 16<sup>th</sup> to see “**The King's Speech**”, based on the true story of Queen Elizabeth II's father, Prince Albert, and his struggle with a debilitating stammer. His impromptu ascension to the throne of the British Empire upon his brother's abdication in 1936 inspires his wife to engage Lionel Logue, the unconventional speech therapist who helps him overcome his stammer. “The King's Speech” garnered international critical acclaim and won an Oscar and a BAFTA for best picture of 2010, along with numerous other awards. Colin Firth stars as Prince Albert with Helena Bonham Carter and Geoffrey Rush. (Rated R for some strong language. Running time: 119 minutes) **Cream tea will be served at intermission!**

**BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019**

The next Black/White Dialogue meeting will be on March 11, from 6—8:00 PM, at the Carver Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC.

**Program:** The Ferguson unrest began the day after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer on August 9, 2014, in Ferguson, Missouri. The unrest sparked a vigorous debate in the United States about the relationship between law enforcement officers and African Americans, the militarization of police, and the use of force-law nationwide.



The Johnson City Police Chief at that time, Mark Sirois, was concerned about the impact in our area. In consultation with Bill Coleman, the Johnson City Community Roundtable was formed. It's primary purpose was to provide a relationship between the JC Police Department and the city's community, focusing on the JC black community.

Police Chief Karl Turner o Johnson City will facilitate a discussion of the Police Department's commitment to a positive community relationship, the challenges that exist, and the community's opportunity to strengthen its relationship with the department. A special focus will be on the commitment of the community and the Police Department to embrace the communities of color.

Peace and love, *Ed Wolff*

## **BEAR ANOTHER'S BURDENS MINISTRY OF CHRIST**

Help! BABMOC is still looking for folks from Covenant to serve on our Board. You can be involved as much or as little as you want. *There is not a skill-set that we do not need.* Tasks we could use help with include jobs like stuffing envelopes, helping organize events, school curriculum review, business accounting skills, and digital media, among others. If you think you are being called to be a part of another cause to help others, or are ready to make a change in your volunteer work, contact Matt Cary at [mcarymd@aol.com](mailto:mcarymd@aol.com), 423-737-5379 or Virginia Farr at [Vsfarr@aol.com](mailto:Vsfarr@aol.com), 423-914-8140. or Like us on Facebook: Isaac's Dream for Liberian Kids Babmoc or visit us at [www.babmoc.org](http://www.babmoc.org).

### **THE BABMOC SCHOOL NEEDS TOOLS**

**We are looking for donations of the following items for your BABMOC School:**

#### **TOOLS**

2 Weed eaters, gasoline  
1 Hedge trimmer, gasoline  
1 Chipper electric or manual  
5 Grass Hooks/Double Blade Weed Cutters (scythe)  
1 Push mower, gasoline

#### **SPORTS GEAR**

4 Sets of Jerseys for boys & girls teams  
5 Soccer balls  
2 Volleyballs  
1 Volleyball net  
5 Jump Ropes

**Call Matt Cary at 423-737-5379 or Laura Arnfield at 423-647-2670 for us to arrange pick up of any of the items above.**

We have also started our **Spring fundraiser** with a goal of raising \$10,000 for the construction of a classroom for the soon-to-be 5<sup>th</sup> grade class (we currently have grades K-4). And, gathering 47 **student tuition** support pledges of \$340 each for the 2019-20 academic year.

For donations, go to our website where we take credit cards and PayPal: [www.babmoc.org](http://www.babmoc.org) or make a donation through Covenant. Checks should be made out to Covenant with "BABMOC" written on the memo line.

**Or checks can be sent directly to:**

BABMOC, P.O. Box 3702, Johnson City, 37602

And, for those of you that shop amazon.com, below are instructions so that BABMOC can get a small donation from smile.amazon.com with each purchase:

Shop [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and the Bear Another's Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC) School receives a half-cent from Amazon for every dollar spent! Go to [www.babmoc.org](http://www.babmoc.org) and click the [smile.amazon](http://smile.amazon.com) button at the bottom of the page or go directly to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), click the Supporting tab, and then type BABMOC in the Search Charity box.

*BABMOC is a 501(c)(3) public charity. All donations made in the USA are tax deductible.*

**Save the date for the First Annual BABMOC BBQ on Saturday afternoon, May 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Dear Covenant Presbyterian Church,

Many, many thanks to you for the generous financial support that you continue to provide to BABMOC School. Be assured that your assistance and consistent involvement in developing our program makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and their families. We are so appreciative of your recent gifts to us that came by way of the Alternative Gift Fair. This show of support was a great source of encouragement for BABMOC School! Your funding will go a long way toward developing a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, which is one of our main goals at this time.

Again, thank you for believing in our mission and walking along beside us as we continue to develop BABMOC School in the coming years. We wish all of you a healthy and wonderful New Year!

Sincerely,

*Virginia Farr*

Treasurer for BABMOC



## **MELTING POT MINISTRY**

*[Our March After Church Lunch will replicate the meal served once a month by Covenant's Melting Pot volunteers. This article explains the Melting Pot ministry.]*

One of the most important missions at Covenant is our Melting Pot ministry. The Melting Pot is located at Munsey Methodist Church in downtown Johnson City. It is also affiliated with Good Samaritan Ministries.

Each weekday, lunch is served to anyone in the community who is in need of a nice meal. Many churches in the city participate in this ministry, each having a designated day on which to serve. **In Covenant's case, our day is the first Monday of each month.**

The church has two groups, or teams, which serve lunch in alternating months. Each team is comprised of approximately ten members, depending on who is available to participate on that particular day. Often, people from the Melting Pot itself volunteer to help us serve the meal.

The lunch we prepare is the same each month. We cook ham, green beans and corn in the Melting Pot kitchen and also make a salad. A roll is served with each meal as well. Members from Covenant also bake or purchase cakes and cupcakes for dessert.

After the devotion and prayer, the "Covenant Assembly Line" is formed and lunch is boxed up for folks who live at the Sevier Center who are unable to make it to the cafeteria. People from Melting Pot deliver these lunches across the street. We then begin serving those who have come to the cafeteria itself.

Anyone who is there receives a full plate for lunch, taken to their table on trays by people from the team. Seconds are available from food that is extra. All in all, Covenant serves approximately 150 hot meals each month.

This ministry is possible because of those at church who are willing to help. It is a very significant and rewarding experience. If you have never participated, it is well worth your time and effort.

*Charles Trifiletti*

Melting Pot Volunteer

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

Monday, March 11 at 7:00p in the Indian Trail Intermediate School Auditorium (307 Car-Mol Dr, J.C.)  
**2019 Spring Concert: Musical Dedications by The Johnson City Community Concert Band.** Dr. Christian Zembower, Conductor. Admission is free, donations welcomed.

**Covenant at Family Promise: March 17 – 24**

Sunday, March 31 from 3p—5p at the Willow Tree, 216 E. Main St. in downtown J.C.

**Women in Politics Forum**

Presented by the Outreach Committee

## **DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE!**

Two new drip-grind coffees are available on the EQUAL EXCHANGE coffee cart in the hallway across from the church office. Try a new variety or stock up on your old favorites. Check out the SALE shelf.

### **ORGANIC MAMA TIERRA COFFEE**

These one pound bags of medium roast coffee are from the heart of Oaxaca, Mexico. Proceeds support work of Catholic Relief Services to restore and protect coffee communities across southern Mexico and Central America with clean water, healthy soil and resilient farmers.

### **ORGANIC SISTERS' BLEND COFFEE**

With these one pound bags Equal Exchange honors women coffee farmers who are active in their cooperative and women across faith-based denomination in the U.S. who advocate for small farmers.

### **From the Congregational Life Committee: Help, Please!**

**After Church Fellowship** eats are a snack-tastic way to get to know each other better and to make visitors feel welcome. We all enjoy this time together, and we need **YOU** to sign up to bring snacks. The snacks do not need to be elaborate: just finger foods we can grab while talking to one another. Won't you please step forward and help? The signup sheet is on the easel in the Narthex.

# GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**GIVEN TO THE CHOIR IN MEMORY OF:**

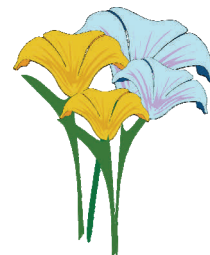
**DAVID BENNER**

**BY**



Bob & Estelle Armistead  
 Steve & Jackie Bader  
 David & Sharon Burke  
 George & Bobbie Carroll  
 Matt & Kathi Cary  
 Rita Castillo  
 Pete & Jodi Headley  
 David & Melanie Jones  
 Sharon Castillo Jones  
 Henry Joy & Family  
 Patsy Kennedy

Gloria Lewis  
 Bob & Betty Maletich  
 Larry & Laurretta Martin  
 Kenneth J. Mijeski  
 Mary O’Keeffe  
 Harry Powell  
 Scott & Sheryl Robbins  
 Gary & Anne Smith  
 Dr. Lewis & Marcia Songer  
 Judy Story



**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**JANET POWELL**

**BY**

Kay Sweat



My Covenant Family,

I do not have the words to adequately express my gratitude for the love and support shown to me and my family during my Dad’s brief illness and passing. You prayed, texted, visited in the hospital, cooked, sent cards, hugged, sang, cried, welcomed the cousins, emailed, coordinated meals, comforted and mourned with us. For the Benner, Madden, and Castillo families let me simply say Thank You.

We cherish your prayers as we continue to grieve the loss of our beautiful husband, father, and friend.

*Eileen Benner Madden*

“I give thanks to my God always for you.” 1 Cor. 1:4



Dear Covenant Family,

There is no way I can tell you how much your prayers, cards, emails, visits, treats and phone calls have meant to me during the last several weeks while I have been homebound. I miss being a part of Covenant’s active life and look forward to being back, but that will probably be a while yet. So thank you for keeping me up with the news of our folks.

Fondly,  
*Sally Nagel*



## ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at [cpcjc.org](http://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.*

### JANUARY TREASURER’S REPORT

**Income to General Fund  
 January**

**Actual**                    \$34,851.41  
**vs. Budgeted**            \$20,777.00

**Expenses from General Fund  
 January**

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***The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
 for January was \$171.00.***

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*“Covenant Presbyterian Church (Johnson City, TN.)”*

*Instagram: @covenantpcjohnsoncity*

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**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.