

# 2019

- “SAVE THE DATES”**
- ♦ Sunday, Dec. 15, during worship: “Christmas Cantata”
  - ♦ Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5:30 PM: Christmas Eve service of Lessons & Carols



# NOVEMBER

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SONGFEST, AN APPALACHIAN MUSIC EXPERIENCE—NOVEMBER 3 AT 3:00 PM**

**Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 PM at University Parkway Baptist Church**  
 Plan to join Family Promise for a great afternoon of music! Come out to see Carson Peters & Iron Mountain, Ed Snodderly and Friends, and from the ETSU Old-Time Music Program, the Burnett Sisters. This event is free to the public, donations are welcomed. **Donations will support Family Promise of Greater Johnson City.**

**STEWARDSHIP 2020**

We encourage all of our members and regular attenders to stand together and pledge your financial support for the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church for 2020. It is from these pledges that our Administration & Budget Committee and Session are able to develop our budget for the coming year.

The practice of generosity is a faith discipline. Growing in generosity is the mark of a developing faith and a deeper walk with Christ. As a congregation, we are seeking to be fed spiritually and to actively engage the world where its deepest needs meet our abilities and, with God’s help, to be a difference for good.

**If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge card for 2020**, you may leave it in the offering plate, bring it or mail it to the church office, or send an email with your intention to [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org). Pledge cards and envelopes are on in the pews in the Sanctuary and on the tables in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to Covenant for 2020.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
**SERVE GOD – GIVE MORE – CONSUME LESS**

Don’t get us wrong. Mission Committee members still go Christmas shopping for our kids and grandkids like we always have. But when we draw up our own Christmas list, we think carefully and prayerfully about what we put on it and often we say to each other “I really don’t need or want anything. Why don’t we go to the Alternative Gift Fair after church this year and give to someone in real need?” On November 17<sup>th</sup>, four mission organizations will participate with us in worship and attend our fair in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. Each will have a representative to help explain their work.

- 1) Family Promise of the Greater Johnson City Area
- 2) The River
- 3) Holston Presbytery Camp
- 4) World Missions (BABMOC, the Christiansens, and the Rices)

Another program that is administered from Covenant, the **Prison Fellowship Angel Tree** (*see next page*), will also be available at the Alternative Gift Fair.

If you have a friend or family member who really doesn’t need the latest widget, why not consider giving to one of these groups that need your help with their chosen mission? Greeting cards will be available for you to fill out and mail to your friend/family so that they will know what has been given in their names. We’re sure they will appreciate your thoughtfulness. If you can’t make it to worship on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the opportunity to give to these ministries will continue through the Advent season, so you will still have ample time to participate. (Alternative Gift Fair Giving Forms will be in your bulletins and on the table in the Narthex.) Hope to see you there!

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**COVENANT COURIER**

## **ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—NOVEMBER 3 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. This month we will travel to Italy! Bring a light snack to share.

## **THE LUNCH BUNCH IN NOVEMBER**

The Lunch Bunch will gather on **Wed., Nov. 6 at 12:30 PM at Tomy Thai**, 1736 W. State of Franklin, and on **Wed., Nov. 20 at 12:30 PM at Applebee's**, 2100 N. Roan St. Please 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.

## **AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

The theme for the **November 10** After Church Lunch is **Favorite Winter Comfort Foods**. Another great theme! Chili? Beef Stew? A hearty chowder? Sweet potato casserole? Chicken and dumplings? Bring your family's favorite to share at our fellowship tables. See you there!

## **SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—NOVEMBER 16 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY**

Join us Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the library for *Night at the Museum*, starring Ben Stiller and Robin Williams. Dreamer Larry Daley thinks he's destined for something big but his imaginative ideas never pay off and in desperate need of a job, he accepts to be a security guard at the Natural History Museum. During his watch, Larry makes a startling discovery! Join us to find out just what he discovers! Bring a snack to share and join us for a fun night at the movies! Rated PG (family friendly). Running time: 108 minutes.

## **COVENANT AT FAMILY PROMISE: NOVEMBER 18 & 19**

Covenant is scheduled to serve at Family Promise on November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. This is an **excellent** mission outreach opportunity for a group in the church to consider participating in. Perhaps a Sunday School class or a Bible study group? Maybe a PW Circle? How about members of another committee in addition to the Local & World Missions committee? Please contact Don Coble (dwcoble1@gmail.com or 423-483-6493) or Patti Coble (patticobl@gmail.com or 423-943-5580). They have packets of information they would be thrilled to share with you!

## **PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE MINISTRY**

**At the Alternative Gift Fair on November 17<sup>th</sup>**, we will again have the opportunity to help strengthen the relationship between children and their parent who is in prison. We do what an incarcerated parent cannot do by providing a gift of clothing and/or a toy in their parent's name. You can put your faith into action by choosing a child's name from the Christmas tree that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall during the Alternative Gift Fair. This year we have 20 children from 11 families on our list! **Your gifts can be brought to the church, wrapped and labeled, on or before Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Angel Tree Volunteers will deliver the gifts on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **POINSETTIAS**

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias this year for Christmas. These may purchased in memory or in honor of family, friends, and loved ones. **The cost for the poinsettias is \$10 each.** Order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins and on the table in the Narthex beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>. **The deadline to order is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please fill out an order form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate or in the church office. (Please make checks payable to *Covenant* and note "poinsettia" in the memo line.)



## **THE MITTEN TREE**

The Mitten Tree is a tradition here at Covenant. Every year we collect hats, scarves, and mittens for children in our area who need a little warmth during the winter. The tree will be set up in the hallway across from the church office early this year (November 3) so that we can get these items to the kids at Rise Up! for Kids before winter really sets in. **Please bring hats, scarves and mittens to hang on the tree by Sunday, November 24**. The committee will distribute the items after Thanksgiving.



## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

**BOB HART**

BY

Jon & Shaunda Fales

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

**WILLIAM "BUDDY" WILEY, III**

BY

Billie Price



## **2019-2020 LECTURE SERIES AT KING UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR FAITH & CULTURE**

All of the King Institute events are free of charge, and all are open to the public. See the schedule on the wall in the Narthex or visit

Faithandculture.king.edu  
for more info.

### SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Income to General Fund September

Actual	\$17,418.99
vs. Budgeted	\$20,777.00

#### Expenses from General Fund September

Actual	\$12,034.39
vs. Budgeted	\$20,777.00

#### Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual	\$189,045.37
vs. Budgeted	\$186,993.00

#### Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual	\$172,873.49
vs. Budgeted	\$186,993.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for September was \$95.00.*

**ENTERED INTO  
THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:  
Harriette Susan Cheek Carr  
October 29, 2019**



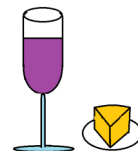
### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**2019-2020 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY—  
LOVE CARVED IN STONE:**



#### **A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

There are 3 Presbyterian Women's Circles at Covenant: the **Friendship Circle**, the **Joy Circle**, and the **Red Tent Circle**. All women of the church (and friends of the women of the church) are welcome.

- **The Joy Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Anne Smith.)**
- **Friendship Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wed., November 13 at 1:30 PM in the church library. (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)**
- **The Red Tent Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)**

### 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.*

**DONATE  
ONLINE**

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### Church Office Hours:

**MONDAY: 1:00P - 4:00P**

**TUES.-THURS.: 9:00A - 4:00P**

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.**

**Daylight Saving Time ENDS on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour  
before you go to bed on Saturday night!**

### **BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**



**Black/White Dialogue** meets at the Carver Park Center at 322 W. Watauga Avenue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month **from 6—8 PM**. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 11**. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you. (*location MAY be changed for November.*)

### **GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING**

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, November 24**. This month they need: **Mac 'n Cheese and Peanut Butter & Jelly**. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

### **BRIDGE & OTHER GAMES**

Join us for **BRIDGE AND OTHER GAMES** in the Library at the church on **Tuesday afternoons from 2p—4p**, everyone is welcome!! There are usually enough players for a regular bridge game, and other games are played as well.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us as we lift up our church, community and world missions at our weekly time of intercessory prayer. We meet before the Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM in the High School Classroom next to the Fellowship Hall entrance from the office.

### **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.