

# 2018



October

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COVENANT COURIER

## THE GATHERING—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 FROM 3 TO 5 PM

On March 31, 1968, just days before his assassination, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words from the pulpit of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.:

**“We must face the sad fact that at eleven o’clock on Sunday morning when we stand to sing ‘In Christ there is no East or West,’ we stand in the most segregated hour of America.”**

We don’t have to look very far in our world, and sadly in our own community, to realize that not much has changed since Dr. King spoke these words over fifty years ago. Realizing that we don’t want our children and grandchildren to regretfully say the same thing fifty years from now, representatives from Thankful Baptist Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church began meeting together a few months ago to create an event to remind us that the Church is best when the Church is whole. That event is simply called **THE GATHERING**.

**THE GATHERING** is a small step, but a significant one, where we seek to know, not just our neighbors, but our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Johnson City. **THE GATHERING** is an intergenerational, inter-racial FUN event where we will laugh together, play together, sing together, and of course EAT TOGETHER. More churches have been invited and all are welcome as we seek to regain even just a glimpse of the Church that Jesus had in mind.

**THE GATHERING** will take place on Sunday, October 14 from 3 – 5 PM at the Farmer’s Market Pavilion, adjacent to Founders Park, in downtown Johnson City. Our meal will be a pot-luck with smoked chicken provided at the event. In the coming weeks, Kathi Cary will let us know which pot-luck item Covenant has been assigned to bring (either a salad or dessert).

All I ask for now is that you put **THE GATHERING** on your calendar. Plan to attend, and plan to celebrate the joy, the beauty, and the richness of the Church of Jesus Christ with friends in Johnson City. Come to **THE GATHERING!**

*Paul*

*(Note: We will be outdoors so, as you do for Worship in the Park, please bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and bug spray.)*

## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence. Initial assessments suggest catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months. The storm’s path has cut across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the Psalmist says, “a river whose streams make glad the city of God.” PDA has deployed teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual emotional care and Long Term Recovery to address unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts we draw hope out of the chaos. If you wish to make a donation to this effort through the church, please make your checks payable to Covenant and note “PDA” on the memo line. You may also give online through the church website. Thank you for your support.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

**HOMEMADE CRAFT & GOODIES SALE AT THE RIVER  
Friday, November 2, 2018 from 5p to 8p.**

## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—OCTOBER 7 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 are still in England, so come join us! Bring a light snack to share.

## THE LUNCH BUNCH IN OCTOBER



The Lunch Bunch will gather on **Wed., October 3 at 11:30 AM at Moe's Original BBQ**, 1011 Hamilton Place Dr. and on **Wed., October 17 at 11:30 AM at Miso Teriyaki House**, 1811 W. State of Franklin Rd. **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.

## FALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Property Committee has planned a **Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning about 9:00 a.m.** We should finish around lunchtime. There is a list, and the tasks range from sharpening pencils for the pews to washing tables and chairs to working in the landscape beds. Even if you can only be here for an hour, we would still greatly welcome your help. There will be some cleaning materials available, but everyone is encouraged to bring supplies and materials, such as cloths/ buckets/ brooms/ step-ladders, etc. Wear older clothes, bring gloves, and join in the camaraderie of making Covenant look great going into the winter season! If you have any questions please contact a Property Committee member or the Church office. (Rain Day is Saturday, October 27.)

## GATEWAY TRIP TO STICKLEY FARMS—OCT. 20, 1:30—3:30

Again our many school systems cannot seem to get it together when it comes to fall break. Later in October still seems like the easiest time to make a trip to the pumpkin patch. We are going to try a new one this year—Stickley Farms in Bluff City. Prices and activities are similar to Fender's. Here is the website with directions. <http://www.thestickleyfarm.com>. Please contact Jane Deaton if you plan to join in the fun.

## GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Offering will be received on **Sunday, October 28**. This month they need: **canned vegetables**. Thank you for your continuing generosity!



## SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—OCTOBER 20 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

This event will meet on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month** from now on. This month, in recognition of the upcoming mid-term elections, Saturday Night at the Movies presents “**Dave**” starring Kevin Kline as Dave, a practical, good-hearted Washington businessman who happens to be a dead ringer for the President of the United States. Also starring Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Ving Rhames, Charles Grodin and Frank Langella. Everyone is welcome, no tickets required! Lemonade and water provided, snacks are welcome!

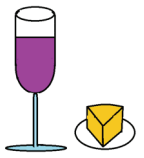


## FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

- **BIG NEWS!!!** Because of Barbara Quisenberry's servant's heart and her love of our congregation, the kitchen has a **new commercial Refrigerator and a new commercial Freezer**. These appliances will be of good service to our church family for years to come, just as Barbara intended. Please stop by the kitchen to admire them and please be sure to thank Barbara for her thoughtful generosity.
- Instead of our usual second Sunday **After Church Lunch** in October, we have the amazing opportunity to have fellowship and share a meal with members of Thankful Baptist Church and other people in our community. You'll find info about **THE GATHERING** on page one. We'll resume our regular schedule in November.
- Please check the easel in the Narthex and sign up to bring Sunday snacks. October is wide open!



**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., Oct. 9, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library.** Hostess: Pat Willard. Discussion Leader: Elaine Warehime. (Contacts for this Circle are Sally Nagel and Pat Willard.)
- ♦ **The Joy Circle now also meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Tues., Oct. 9, 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., Oct. 11, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.** (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

**BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**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, October 8.** The subject for October is **INTERSECTIONALITY.** It has become a significant subject as we continue to struggle with equality, justice, and inclusivity. It first grew public awareness through women of color. This subject was discussed earlier this year, but because of inclement weather that also prevented speakers to attend, along with internet challenges, we were provided just an introduction. We plan to be more extensive this time.



**INTERSECTIONALITY** is an analytic framework which attempts to identify how interlocking systems of power impact those who are most marginalized in society. **INTERSECTIONALITY** considers that various forms of social stratification, such as class, race, sexual orientation, age, disability, and gender do not exist separately from each other but are interwoven together. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

**HABITAT HOME COMPLETED – T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

As a gesture of thanks and recognition, Holston Habitat for Humanity has provided a **free T-shirt** for each participant and supporter of the “Harrison Build” recently dedicated for use and occupancy. Holston Habitat used the list of Covenant members who registered online to compile the list of recipients and shirt sizes. Members may pick up their T-shirts in the Church Office during regular office hours.



Last year about this time, Covenant committed to Holston Habitat to join 8 or 9 other local congregations to raise money for and build a Habitat home for Ryan & Olivia Harrison and their children. On a recent Saturday, September 15, representatives from those congregations gathered with the Harrison family and representatives of Holston Habitat in the living room of the completed home on Hamilton Street in Johnson City to see the finished home and share in the dedication of the home for the Harrisons.

Bringing closure to this mission commitment, Covenant participants could note that by budget allocations and fundraising efforts we met and exceeded our agreed financial commitment to Holston Habitat. Then, beginning on a cold Saturday with snow flurries, and on work days in succeeding days and weeks, members from Covenant worked with hands and backs to construct the house.

The dedication ceremony was an opportunity by Holston Habitat to recognize the efforts of all the participants who provided money, labor, food, and support to complete the home for the Harrison family.

## **NEW WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP**

A new Weekly Prayer Group began last month. It meets on Sundays, 9:30 AM – 9:55 AM, in the High School Classroom next to the Fellowship Hall entrance from the office and is led by Bob and Estelle Armistead. This group lifts up in prayer our church family, pastor, new Church Vision, neighborhood and global communities. Everyone is welcome. Join us!

## **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. (their latest obsession is Password!!)

## **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 Bible.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE RIVER**

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at The River on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 PM**. Men, women, and children are invited and a guest speaker will provide a "sermon" each time. 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*

## **FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER JOHNSON CITY VOLUNTEERS**

**Mark your calendars!!** Our next support week in assisting our host church, First United Methodist, will be **November 4—11**. If you are interested in helping or have questions about this ministry, please contact Covenant's Family Promise liaison, Mary Jane Kelley.



## **THIS & THAT & THE OTHER**

- ♦ **Doors:** If you are the last person out, please check the doors behind you when you leave **from the outside** to make certain they are **BOTH** closed securely and are locked.
- ♦ **Water:** Please make certain that faucets are OFF when you are finished using them.
- ♦ **Lights:** Please make sure lights are turned off in all rooms, including the bathrooms, after events and meetings.
- ♦ **Recycling VS. Garbage:** There is a gray plastic tote for **STEEL CANS** in the corner of the Narthex, a box for **PAPER** under the bulletin board in the Narthex, and a red bin in the kitchen for **recyclable PLASTIC, GLASS, and SODA CANS**. Please place all **GARBAGE (UN-recyclables)** in trash cans, which are located in the library, the Fellowship Hall, the restrooms, and in the kitchen. (Remember, not **ALL** things paper are recyclable.)

**THANK YOU!!**

## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

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

**JANET HERRING ALLISON POWELL**

**BY**

Gary & Alexis Burkett  
Lattie & Jeter Collins  
Steve & Laura Hicks  
Jerry & Sally Nagel



**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:  
CONRAD CROW**

**BY**

Alan & Donna Bridwell

**GIVEN IN HONOR OF:**

**BOB HART / RICH & BETSY MOAKLER**

**BY**

the late Kenneth Brumit

### ONLINE GIVING!

**Did you know** that you can now make your contributions to the church online? You may also give to Special Offerings, such as 5 Cents a Meal, BABMOC, Good Samaritan, The River, as well as pay for your Fair Trade coffee or give a memorial gift or other contribution online. 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](http://www.cpcjc.org) and click our Online Giving link. There is also a box you can check (optional) if you wish to help the church offset the cost of providing online giving. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*



### AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Income to General Fund

August

**Actual**                   \*\* \$12,041.87  
**vs. Budgeted**           \$21,277.00

#### Expenses from General Fund

August

**Actual**                    \$23,112.47  
**vs. Budgeted**           \$21,277.00

#### Year to Date Income

General Fund

**Actual**                    \$154,506.39  
**vs. Budgeted**           \$170,216.00

#### Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

**Actual**                    \$163,869.15  
**vs. Budgeted**           \$170,216.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for August was \$136.00.*

*\*\*Note: Online Giving began in June.  
There is a one-month delay for Online  
Contributions to show on our reports.*

...to **Jim Paveglio** for refinishing the candle columns that we use every communion Sunday and also refinishing the Baptismal font. Jim did a glorious job!

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Dear Covenant Friends,

Greetings from Woodland Park, Colorado! We are so grateful for all your cards, letters, and kind thoughts. We are currently looking for a new church to call our own but it will never replace Covenant.

Things are moving along. We are patiently awaiting phone and internet connections. The grandkids are wonderful to be around and very energetic!

Once again our very best wishes to you. Stay in touch.

Peace,

*Steve and Jackie Bader*

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### ADDRESS CHANGES

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### **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.