

**CHURCH-WIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
ON IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RELIEF**

2019

The Local & Worldwide Missions committee invites you to join us at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall on World Communion Sunday, October 6th, for a special church-wide Sunday School class to explore, learn more about, and consider concrete ways we can respond to the needs of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers through immigrant and refugee relief. (*Refreshments will be provided.*)

As a church family, Covenant Presbyterian actively supports worldwide missions in various ways—through, for instance, support of our missionaries in Zimbabwe and South Sudan, Bear Another’s Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC) in Liberia, and Living Waters for the World. Following in the footsteps of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we, too, “choose welcome/Elegimos dar a bienvenida” and promote peacemaking and justice locally, nationally, and globally.

Mr. Mike Eastridge will facilitate this discussion. Mr. Eastridge practices law at Hunter, Smith, and Davis in Johnson City. He has over 25 years of experience practicing law and has practiced international and immigration law exclusively since 2006. Additionally, he lectures regularly on the subject of transitional justice and is founder and director of The International Interfaith Accompaniment Program, a non-profit organization engaged in international transitional justice initiatives in African states emerging from prolonged conflict. He also has served as a guest editor for the Journal of Religion, Conflict & Peacebuilding. We are delighted to have Mr. Eastridge lead our class.

During our class, we will define some of the terms that we need to know to enter into a conversation about these matters in a mindful, respectful, and informed way; explore the local and state situation; and brainstorm ways we are called to respond. Some of the topics we may cover could include:

- ♦ Who are immigrants? Who are the refugees in our community? Why are the numbers of refugees that we are accepting shrinking? What is the rationale behind that and the ramifications of that? (DEFINE)
- ♦ What are the local and state statistics on immigrants and refugees? What policies, protections, and legal measures exist in Tennessee? (EXPLORE)
- ♦ How do we respond to the needs of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers? How do we, as a church family, get involved through the PC(USA)? (BRAINSTORM)

At the end of this church-wide Sunday School class, we will provide participants with an information sheet of national and local organizations that are serving immigrants and their suggestions for local action and prayer. **We hope you will join us!**



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 27, 2019

October is Stewardship Month here at Covenant. You will be receiving a postcard in the mail encouraging 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.

Please make plans to join us on Stewardship Sunday, October 27. Pledge cards and envelopes are on the table in the Narthex and in the pews in the Sanctuary.



**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVENANT COURIER**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

Every year our congregation joins Christians around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

The central focus of this Sunday is the Lord’s Supper instituted by Christ and its unifying message for all who partake of it. We are one in Christ Jesus and not to be separated by the nations, ethnic groups or denominations we belong to, or for any other reason.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) also marks the day by a call to peacemaking, urging us to be followers of the Prince of Peace. One concrete way that we do that is by receiving the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. Through this special offering, we work together with others in our presbytery, our synod and nationally through the General Assembly’s Peacemaking Program to learn and live out the ways of peace. The Peace & Global Witness Offering invites each congregation to find ways to promote peace. For that reason, Covenant will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive to be given to Bear Another’s Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC) for the children in Liberia. Another 25 percent will go to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world. **Join us on October 6th to celebrate World Communion Sunday and to commit ourselves to working for the unity of the church and the peace of Christ.** Come ready to give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—OCTOBER 19

Join us Saturday, October 19th at 7:00 PM 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.



THE LUNCH BUNCH IN OCTOBER

The Lunch Bunch gathers at various restaurants at 12:30 PM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Victory will be out of town, **so please contact Carlyn Sue Hoffman at 423-202-7281** to let her know if you plan to attend. **Wed., October 2 at 12:30p: Red Lobster, 1909 N. Roan Street. Wed., October 16 at 12:30p: Freiberg’s German Restaurant, 203 E. Main Street**

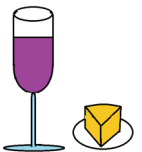
GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, October 27**. This month they need: **Canned Vegetables**. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



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 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, 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 2nd Wednesday of the month (note that this is different than last year). The next meeting will be on Wed., October 9 at 1:30 PM in the church library. (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)**
- ♦ **The Red Tent Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)**

THE RIVER NEEDS CRAFTS FOR THE HOMEMADE CRAFTS & GOODIES SALE!



Every year The River ministry for women holds a Homemade Craft & Goodies Sale on the First Friday in November. Every penny raised goes toward our mission— helping women to help themselves.

We need your help to make this year's Homemade Craft & Goodies Sale on Nov. 1, 2019 from 5 – 8 pm a huge success! Please consider sharing your talent to support a good cause. We accept anything that is handmade and original. This includes artwork, pottery, photography, embroidery, hand-sewn items, quilts, macramé, baked goods, canned items, prints, crafts, soaps, lotions, hand-sewn wonders, jewelry, and one-of-a-kind items to be sold at our sale. We have a wide range of costs from \$5-\$500 so please include a suggested price. We are a non-profit and all donations are tax-deductible. Please let me know if you would like a receipt for your work or if you would like it returned if it doesn't sell. We also invite you to include your business cards to help promote your talents with the several hundred guests who attend the sale and social media. **We need all items by Wednesday, October 30th.** If you are unable to bring them to The River, we are more than happy to come to you!



Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me with any questions at 423-926-8111 or theriverministryforwomen@yahoo.com.

Stacy Larsen

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Black/White Dialogue meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Carver Recreation Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC, from 6:00—8:00 PM. The next meeting will be on **Monday, October 14**. Everyone is welcome! The Black/White Dialogue meetings have been held monthly, without interruption, for several years. We've heard and learned about micro-aggression, white supremacy and privilege, lynchings, challenges to bridge the gap between cultures, efforts to develop young black leadership, and other initiatives and information that raises our level of awareness that sensitized us about racism and bigotry. We even took a trip to Pennington Gap to learn what some visionary people are doing to preserve African-American culture in Appalachia.

It is important for “white” people to be sensitized toward the effects of racism. Some participants from time-to-time have asked the question, “What do we do about it?” Black/White Dialogue is not an organized group for publicly responding to this is as a group; a purpose of its existence is to motivate people on their own to lift awareness in their sphere of influence, either on their own or participating with others.

The October meeting's focus will be just that. Joy Fulkerson and Linda Good will facilitate a group discussion to identify, through and from the group, the effort that can be made by those who commit themselves to changing the culture's attitude toward minorities, especially people of color, to create a truly cohesive community.



ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at 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.*

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund August

Actual	\$17,304.36
vs. Budgeted	\$20,777.00

Expenses from General Fund August

Actual	\$17,035.26
vs. Budgeted	\$20,777.00

Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual	\$171,626.38
vs. Budgeted	\$166,216.00

Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual	\$160,839.10
vs. Budgeted	\$166,216.00

The 5-Cents a Meal Offering for August was \$110.00.

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AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—OCTOBER 13, 2019

Italian! That’s the theme of our October 13 After Church Lunch. What’ll your dish be? Lasagna, spaghetti pie, antipasto, manicotti, Italian Cream cake, stuffed shells, a salad with Italian trimmings? This theme seems to be a delicious favorite with our church family. We’ll see you at the table!

Gentle housekeeping plea: Please check the cart in the Fellowship Hall to see if any of the items there are yours, and grab them. We need to make use of the cart and can’t if it’s loaded with the things left behind. Grab ’em before we donate them. Thanks!!

COVENANT AT FAMILY PROMISE: NOVEMBER 18 & 19

Covenant is scheduled to serve at Family Promise on November 18th & 19th. 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!

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.