

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Next Sunday, December 19th, we receive the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering supports the education of students at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges and helps families of active and retired church workers in need through the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember that as year end approaches, your tithes and offerings **will be credited to your 2010 Statement of Giving** if made **before** December 31st. (Or if mailed, **postmarked** by December 31st.)

FRIENDSHIP (AFTERNOON) CIRCLE

The December meeting of the Friendship Circle will be a Holiday Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 14th at 11:30 a.m.** We will meet at the home of Janet Powell (417 Shade Tree Way, J.C.), and we welcome all of our regular members as well as any others who would like to join us for lunch! Please call Janet at 610-0445 to let her know that you are coming and what you will bring.

JOY (EVENING) CIRCLE

The Joy Circle will meet on **Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Hostess & Discussion Leader: Melanie Jones, 201 Sterling Springs Drive, J.C., 282-8928.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

Please mark your calendars for a slightly different **Young Adult** gathering this month. We will be **meeting and greeting at Lynnea Hunter's house, 512 W. Maple St. for a Christmas Open House, Friday, December 17 from 6:00-10:00pm.** Feel free to bring other friends (the more the merrier!), come when you can and stay for as long as you can. Munchie food and drinks will be provided, but if there's some holiday treat you just can't live without, by all means bring it! Contact Lynnea for directions or if you have other questions.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Meet at the church (we will leave at 5:00 p.m. sharp) to carol at various members' houses and nursing homes. After caroling we will bring snacks to share at the Amstutz home.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for a Christmas Open House on **Sunday, December 19 from 7:00—9:00 p.m.** at the Amstutz home (611 Sharon Drive, J.C.). **Everyone is welcome!**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

You and your family and friends are invited for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall before the Christmas Eve Service on **Friday, December 24th from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.** It will be a great time to visit with folks that you don't get to see very often who are in town for the holidays! *Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies or snacks to share and enjoy this time of fellowship with us! Punch and lemonade will be provided.*

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Each year we are given the opportunity to provide monetary gifts to the Elder's Fund, the majority of which is used for Christmas honoraria for our fine staff. Our congregation has always been very generous in providing donations to the fund. Our members are appreciative of the dedication of our staff members, and this is a wonderful opportunity to show that appreciation. We ask that each member consider making their donations as generous as possible and, since it would be helpful for the staff to have their gifts well before Christmas, to make their donations as soon as they can. Just mark "Elder's Fund" on your checks and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. We know we can count on our membership, as we always have. Thanks so much, Max Wilson, Chair.

TODAY AT COVENANT:

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr	Gateway:	Kathi Cary
Acolytes:	Philip Hagelberg & Sean Madden	Nursery:	Linda Dulin
Chimer:	Julia Hagelberg	Youth Choir Director:	Anne Smith
	Covenant Youth Choir		

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz	Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Pianist & Interim Choir Dir.:	Jennifer Palmer	Secretary:	Tina Simon
Financial Secretary:	Anne Webb	Custodian:	Marie Britt

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:

<u>Today, December 12</u>		<u>Wednesday, December 15</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice	COURIER DEADLINE	
12:30p	After Church Lunch	7:30p	Choir Practice
1:30p	Session Meeting	<u>Thursday, December 16</u>	
<u>Tuesday, December 14</u>		8:00a	Men's Bible Study
11:30a	Friendship (<i>Afternoon</i>) Circle	9:30a	Women in the Bible
7:00p	Joy (<i>Evening</i>) Circle	Noon	Al-Anon Mtg.
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting	<u>Friday, December 17</u>	
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting	6:00p	Young Adult Gathering

NEW CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Sharon: sharon@covenantpresjc.org
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PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Jack Fletcher, Agnes Plank, Lattie Collins, Jim Crandall, Diane Bowman (Mary Bowman's daughter), Bob & Estelle Armistead, Roger Hecht, Rose Willis, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), John Brumit (Betsy Moakler's brother), Max Wilson, Pat Adams, Vi Block, Elva McCartt, Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, Aneita Carr

If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share with others please complete a prayer card with your requests.