

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE – CANCELLED ☹

Or at least postponed. Due to burst pipes and a flooded house, the Amstutz' will not be able to host the Christmas Open House on Sunday evening. Once the carpet is dry and the walls and ceilings, etc are fixed, we will try again. Maybe a Groundhog Day Open House??

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## REMINDER FOR PLEDGES

Next year is almost around the corner. Here are just a few reminders as you consider your year-end contributions to the church. If possible, please consider fulfilling your "2010" Pledge. To those who have made your 2011 Pledge, thank you for supporting the church and its mission. If you are planning on giving a contribution of stock, please have a broker statement in the Church Office no later than Friday, December 31, 2010, for the gift to be included as a "2010" contribution. All donations must be delivered or mailed (and postmarked) on or before December 31, 2010 in order to receive a charitable tax donation for "2010". Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2011 will not qualify for a charitable tax contribution deduction in 2010. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in "2010" will be deductible in 2010 even if not received by the church until 2011. Thank you for your generous gifts to the church, the Stewardship Committee.

**Please note:** Your **2011 offering envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held as part of our **After Church Lunch on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Highlights of 2010 will be reviewed, the 2011 budget will be presented, and we will elect members of the church Nominating Committee as well as officers of the corporation. Please plan to attend! It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what's happening at Covenant.

## 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:	Valerie Robertson
Acolytes:	Julia Hagelberg & Carolee Mabe	Nursery:	Erma Hyers
Chimer:	Cameron Hopkins	Coffee Hostess:	Lauri Zembower

## 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 19</u>		<u>Wednesday, December 22</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice	7:30p	Choir Practice
<b>5:00p</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling</b>	<u>Thursday, December 23</u>	
<u>Monday, December 20</u>		8:00a	Men's Bible Study
<b>COURIER DEADLINE</b>		9:30a	Women in the Bible
<u>Tuesday, December 21</u>		Noon	Al-Anon Mtg.
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting	<b>Friday, December 24</b>	
		<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
		<b>5:30p</b>	<b>Pre-Service Music</b>
		<b>6:00p</b>	<b>Service</b>

## NEW CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Sharon: sharon@covenantpresjc.org

Andy: youth@covenantpresjc.org

Tina: office@covenantpresjc.org

## PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Jack Fletcher, Agnes Plank, Lattie Collins, Jim Crandall, 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.*