

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE SEARCH FOR A NEW MINISTER?

1. Between now and calling an Interim Minister:
 - As previously noted, we have pulpit supply ministers lined up to lead worship through Christmas Sunday.
 - The Session, its committees, and each member of the congregation continue to do the work of the Church with faith and mutual encouragement.
2. Calling an Interim Minister:
 - The Session is responsible for this process and has decided that it should call an Interim Minister for one-half time.
 - This Call would be for a six-month period or until a permanent minister is available (whichever comes first), and will be renewable.
 - The Interim Minister will be responsible for worship leadership, pastoral care, various other administrative tasks, and can moderate the Session.
 - The Session has established an Interim Minister Search Committee. Members of this committee will be John Merriss, Charles Trifiletti, Maureen Knechtel, Josh Parsons, and Lauri Zembower.
 - **If you have suggestions for an Interim Minister, please speak with one of these Interim Minister Search Committee members.**
3. Electing a Pastor Nominating Committee:
 - A Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is elected by the congregation at an appropriately called Congregational Meeting and, once elected, is responsible to the whole congregation.
 - A PNC is to be representative of the congregation.
 - **Covenant's Officer Nominating Committee** (current members are Max Wilson, Hal Hunter, Sally Nagel, Bob Hart, Sharon Benner, and Tony Madden) **will nominate people for the PNC.**
 - **If you have suggestions for members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee, please speak with one of these people.**

The Session hopes that everyone will ask for God's love and guidance during this important time in the life of Covenant. Though the future is uncertain, it is also exciting. Current session members are Helen Davis, Hal Hunter, Lynnea Hunter, Melanie Jones, Evelyn Kemp, Alan Lewis, Anne Smith, Andrea Sutter, Charles Trifiletti, Max Wilson and Christian Zembower. Next year's class consists of Eileen Madden, John Merriss, Sally Nagel and David Wood.

Correction to the December Courier:

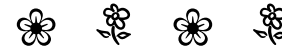
RE: The birthday list on the Refrigerator Page: If you received a printed newsletter, please add Allura Sutter's name on December 29th!

The Mitten Tree is in the hallway across from the church office! Please bring hats, scarves and mittens for children in our area who need a little warmth.

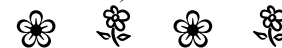
Note to Committee Chairs: 2011 Committee Reports for the Annual Report need to be e-mailed to Tina **before January 10th, 2012.**

The Joy Circle will meet on **Tuesday, December 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the church.** Lesson 4. Contact: Anne Smith (929-1604).

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held as part of our **After Church Lunch** on **Sunday, January 22nd**. Highlights of 2011 will be reviewed, the 2012 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.



The **2012 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the hall outside the sanctuary. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary to honor or remember someone or to mark a special occasion. (Please call Tina (282-5324) for ordering instructions.)



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.