

2009



April

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Lenten Service—Wednesday, April 1

6:15	Light supper	Fellowship Hall
6:45	Evening Prayer	Sanctuary

A brief service of music, scripture, prayer and silence in the middle of your busy week.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 5th, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 9th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

As Jesus' disciples today, we will gather for a light supper together, worship and the sacrament of communion.

Good Friday

April 10th

Stations of the Cross

Noon to 6:00 p.m.

(enter church through courtyard)

Trace the last steps of Jesus and be profoundly touched by his experience of humiliation, loneliness, betrayal and suffering. Nine "stations" are laid out throughout the church to allow you to journey at your own pace from the garden of Gethsemane to the cross.

Tenebrae

6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

A dramatic service of readings, silence and music recounting the Passion of Jesus. As the light of Jesus' life is extinguished, the light in the sanctuary is slowly extinguished as well.

Easter

April 12

Sunrise Service

**7:00 a.m., courtyard & Sanctuary
(dress warmly)**

Pancake Breakfast

7:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship Service

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

A nursery will be available for all events.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary for Easter, order forms are available in the bulletins and in the Narthex. (Also see back page of newsletter.) Easter lilies are \$12.00 each.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 5, 2009.

Church Night Potluck Supper

Please note: There will be no Church Night Potluck Supper in April. Please join us for Lenten and Holy Week Suppers and services.

ConneX

Sunday, April 26, 2009—6:00 p.m.

Covenant is starting something new. Beginning April 26th, we're going to have an alternative multi-sensory Sunday evening service once a month. We're calling it ConneX. What is the "X"? The X is us. The X is God. The goal is for us to connect to God and to connect to each other in fresh new ways. The service is open to the entire congregation and will be followed by dinner. Are you going to ConneX?

Presbyterian Women

Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Sue Crandall, Co-Hostess: Helen Davis

2102 Camelot Circle, J.C., 915-1086

To carpool, meet at the church at 7:15 p.m. Bible Study: Lesson 8

Mission & Outreach Committee

Each year, the General Assembly of our church establishes a Mission Theme. This year the theme is "Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8), which celebrates the blessing that is putting faith into action. The Mission and Outreach Committee extends to all an invitation to join us on the first Tuesday of each month when we gather to explore our faith and the ways that we can put it into action.

The numbers for the 2008 Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Ministry have now been published, and I would like to take this opportunity to report them to you. Tennessee received applications from 3,399 inmates for a total of 6,149 children in our state. This number is up by about 400 children from 2007. Due to the hard work of many volunteers, our church base almost doubled, adding 75 new churches in the state. Tennessee broke the mold with most of the rest of the country as the trend across the U.S. this year was not only a fall in the number of children served but also a decrease in the number of participating churches. Tennessee can be proud because as a state we increased our numbers; for instance, the number of participating churches grew by some 45%. Of almost 6,100 children, about 4,500 were sponsored by churches, about 1,000 received \$25 WalMart gift cards, and about 600 in the Nashville area received toys collected from Toys for Tots, Healthmark Partners, and the Tennessee Attorney General's Office.

Covenant Presbyterian, alone, had the blessing of serving 22 children from 11 families. In the past, we have extended The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree ministry beyond the Christmas season and are considering doing so again. The possibility of Covenant sponsoring an Embraced Family Workshop to learn more about the social, economic, and psychological conditions of the children we are serving, this ministry, and the many opportunities for service is being discussed at our upcoming meeting in April. If you would be interested in participating in this workshop or in any of the many activities that this committee coordinates, we welcome you to join us Tuesday evening, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church office.

Phyllis Thompson, Co-Chair

News from Holston Camp

NOTICE: Due to severe cuts in the Presbytery appropriation to Holston Camp, the matching funds program has been reduced from \$100 per camper contribution from a local church to a \$50 match. The camp staff and board regret having to make this change at this time, but saw no other option. You may contact Hal Hunter if you have any questions.

Discover Camp—April 24-26

Parents, bring your first to fifth grade children to Holston Camp and introduce your child to the world of the outdoors & God's ministry in nature. Cost: \$100/ea. Stay in Main Camp cabins. Eat meals in the dining hall. Arrive Friday evening, leave after Sunday Worship. There will be traditional camp activities – campfires, songs, mountain sliding, age-appropriate hikes & lots of games.

Register on-line (www.holstoncamp.org) OR call the office (828-898-6611) for a three-minute registration. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, be a camper parent for the weekend!



Senior Travelers

Tuesday, April 28, 2009



Join the Senior Travelers for the 2009 Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage led by Sally and Jerry Nagel, this year at our Holston Presbyterian Camp near Banner Elk, NC.

The date to remember is Tuesday, April 28th. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM—back by 5:00 PM. Thanks to our friend, Hal Hunter, for arranging for a nice lunch to be prepared by the camp staff at \$ 8.00 each.

We have a slide show before lunch and then a stroll, searching for as many species of wildflowers we can find and hoping to beat the results from last year at Laurel Run, when we found over 20 beautiful species. We have invited other churches from our Presbytery to join us and expect a goodly number of these guests. Expect to have a great time, meet new people, experience Christian fellowship and participate in a fun learning experience.

Gas expense will depend on attendees. Sign up in the Narthex!



March Session Highlights... Evelyn Kemp

- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Collections were \$2800 to the positive in February.
- ◆ Fred Dulin attended the March Presbytery meeting. Presbytery Meeting Minutes can be found on www.holstonpresbytery.org.
- ◆ The church's portion of the Pentecost Offering will be sent to the IHN Van Fund.
- ◆ There are plans to improve the nursery in terms of safety and security, decoration, heating, cleanliness, and a system for communication in the event of an emergency.
- ◆ A refurbished laptop with digital recording capability is being donated for recording sermons.
- ◆ There will be a contest among the youth for the most original pancake design at the Pancake Breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service.
- ◆ The youth going on the Mission Trip to Charleston in June will assist at a food bank and Union Mission. Evening activities and time at the beach are planned.
- ◆ The new roof on the Fellowship Hall has been completed.
- ◆ The All Church Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. Rain date is one week later.

Good Coffee for a Good Cause!

Equal Exchange coffee, tea, hot cocoa, chocolate, and more are available in the Narthex!



Attention Shepherds: If you are missing any part of your Shepherd's notebook, please call Tina in the church office (282-5324).

Volunteers needed for mowing teams!

Work every 5th week for 2 to 3 hours on the weekend. We furnish all equipment! Contact Bob Maletich 282-6684.



All Church Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please come and stay as long as you like! Help beautify our church! For additional information, contact Bob Maletich. (If it rains, we will meet the following Saturday, April 11th.)

To Our Friends at Covenant:

Everyone is so kind, caring to us. Words cannot tell you enough how we appreciate all that you do for us and the love you have for us. We love you all, too.

Ed and Marie Britt

Memorials & Honorariums

Given in Memory of:

Gene Sullenger

By

Jeff Lane & Mary Beth Buchholz

Mary Jo Chambers

Richard, Suzie & Stephanie Lane

Given in Honor of:

Randy & Pat Adams

By

Edward & Glenda Adams

Good Samaritan Food Offering

Please keep in mind that all financial gifts Good Samaritan Ministries receives in April will be matched by the Alan Shawn Feinstein \$1,000,000 grant. All food items donated will count as \$1.00.



Treasurer's Report February

**Income to General Fund
February**

Actual \$21,997.83

vs. Budgeted \$21,038.16

**Expenses from General Fund
February**

Actual \$18,120.20

vs. Budgeted \$21,038.16

**Year to Date Income
General Fund**

Actual \$37,750.02

vs. Budgeted \$42,076.32

**Year to Date Expenses from
General Fund**

Actual \$46,792.39

vs. Budgeted \$42,075.88

**The 5-cents a Meal Offering
for February was \$189.01.**

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Check out Covenant's newly re-designed website:
www.covenantpresjc.org !

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary for Easter please complete this form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate. Note "Easter Lily" on your check made to Covenant Presbyterian Church. Easter lilies are \$12.00 each. The deadline for orders is April 5.

Name of person ordering: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Given By: _____



Total Lilies Ordered: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____