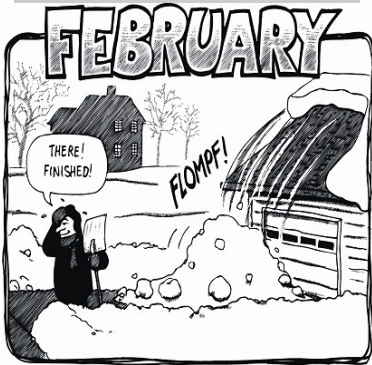


2009



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

From the Worship Committee

It's that time of year again, the time to look at the year ahead and start planning how to make the most of the year. As you make decisions about what to include in these plans, the Worship Committee would like you to consider using your time and talents in our worship services.

There are several things to do that are quite easy:

- ?? If you are an elder, you can serve communion. Ask Helen Davis what dates are available or a sign-up sheet will be on the board in the Narthex.
- ?? We need ushers to take up the offering every Sunday. Sign up individually, or maybe the whole family would like to participate. (If Marcos can do it, you can too!) You can contact Helen Davis, 929-2085, or there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- ?? Put flowers in the sanctuary. All you have to do is call Sue Sheffield about how to order and the price ranges. She does all the work. You even get to take the flowers home with you after the service. Check the Flower Calendar for what dates flowers are needed, and then call Sue at AnnaMarie's Florist (434-2500). The Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board across from the coat racks.
- ?? Pick up cups in the sanctuary after communion. Ask Audrey Thompson or Jim Starr and they will show you what to do.
- ?? Visit homebound members and serve communion. If you are an elder, you can serve communion. If you are not an elder, you can go along to visit and show your care and concern for homebound members. Sharon will also be holding a training session for these visits on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

If you are looking for a little more involvement, you might want to be a liturgist. If you can read and talk in front of a crowd, you can do this. Sharon will give training if you have never done it before. Call her at 282-5324 if you are interested.

If you are musically inclined, you might consider being part of the choir or playing the chimes. Choir practice is Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Chime choir practice is Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Even if you are not musically inclined, you might try the chime choir. Some members of the chime choir have never played music before and are doing quite well. Call Randy Adams, 257-2643, for further information.

The Worship Committee hopes these suggestions motivate you to use your time and talents in our worship services. We hope, above all, that you will spend time in prayer asking God how He would like you to serve Him this year.

Presbyterian Women

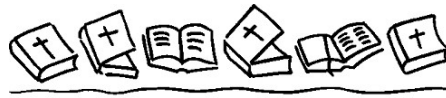
Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Janet Powell, Co-Hostess: Betty Maletich

417 Shade Tree Way, J.C., 610-0445

To carpool, meet at the church at 7:15 p.m.

Bible Study: Lesson 6



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study group is beginning a 12-week examination of the parables of Jesus. All men of the Church are invited to participate. We meet at 8:00 AM every Thursday and currently have twelve members. That's a significant number, but more is even better!

If you can, join us on Thursday and, if you want, bring a friend or two. Covenant membership is not a requisite.

John Merriss

Progressive Dinner

It's time to sign up for the Annual Covenant Progressive Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009. This program is for 20 couples to progress through four courses, with appetizers beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by salad, main course, and dessert.

Here is how it works. Sign up for the course of your choice (it's suggested that those living farthest from the church serve appetizers in their home and those that can't serve in their home serve dessert at the Hecht's house). By February 9th at the latest, all choices will be entered into a computer so the Sunday before the dinner each couple will receive their individual assignment indicating where they go for each course and who will be their guests at the course they host.

Each couple hosts three other couples as guests in their home for one course. Make your course simple-everyone will be at a total of four. For the dessert course, everyone gathers at the Hecht's home. The four couples that choose to host the dessert course all contribute to the dessert, drinks and other things needed. This provides a perfect mix as all couples meet an entirely new set of couples at each course until they get to the dessert course. Sign up in the Narthex and enjoy!

2009 Theologian-in-Residence Series

ECUMENICAL (And? Or?) Evangelical?, a sometimes divisive issue for the church, will be explored during the 2009 Theologian-in-Residence lecture series. Dr. Marian McClure, who directed the World-wide Ministries of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. for a decade, will lead the annual series, co-sponsored by Tusculum College and the Holston Presbytery.

The lecture series will be held on the four Tuesdays in February beginning on Feb. 3. The series will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12:15 p.m., and a wrap-up session convening at 1:00 p.m. Sessions will be held in the Chalmers Conference Center on the Tusculum College campus. There is no charge for the series or the luncheon.

To register, contact Angela Shipley at 1-800-729-0256, extension 5319, or 636-7319 or e-mail her at ashipley@tusculum.edu.

News from Holston Camp

Holston Camp has several activities/events planned for the spring months.

Family Ski Weekend, March 13 & 15 If you are a skier, here is a great way to enjoy the slopes for the weekend. Enjoy March Madness discounts on the ski slopes, and spend the night at our camp for SALE prices! Cost: \$14/night for each person

Open House, April 4 For families, children and adults that have not been to Holston Camp, you get to see the facilities, meet the staff and learn about our programs. Explore camp, bring a picnic lunch, and take a guided tour. Cost: Free

Discover Camp, April 24 - 26 First-time campers (in 1st - 5th grades) and their families enjoy a small taste of our summer camp program. Experience campfires, songs, age-appropriate hikes, mountain sliding, and more! Stay in Main Camp cabins and eat in the Dining Hall. Cost: \$100/person. Several summer camp discounts apply to this activity, too!

The staff of Holston Camp is gearing up for another year of fun, excitement and growing in God's world beginning in June. Wildcat Lake has been repaired and will be used for canoeing. Lake Lyons continues to be developed and will be the center of camp activities. Brochures are on the table in Narthex if you have not received one as a previous camper.

January Session Highlights... Evelyn Kemp

- The 2009 budget was adopted and will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2009.
- The Mission and Outreach committee reported that 18 hats, 58 pairs of mittens, 6 scarves and a headband were donated for the kids at Range Elementary School in Carter County.
- Gary Smith was elected as Treasurer for 2009.
- Fred Dulin will be the representative to the Presbytery meeting in March.
- Committees and leaders for the 2009 session are as follows:
 - Christian Education: Elder Fred Dulin
 - Congregational Life: Elders Andrea Sutter and Butch Carr
 - Human Resources: Elder Karen Mabe
 - Mission and Outreach: Elders Tony Madden and Phyllis Thompson
 - Property: Elder Bob Maletich
 - Stewardship: Elders Hal Hunter and Shirley Hines
 - Worship: Elder Melissa Hopkins
 - Clerk of Session: Elder Evelyn Kemp
 - Melanie Jones: (committee unspecified at this time)

Thank You to CPC People

Many thanks for the many Christmas kindnesses you all have shown me: the cookies & other treats, the Elders' Fund gift & all the others. I am truly blessed to be your pastor and your friend.

With love,
Sharon

Pat and I appreciate very much the generosity and thoughtfulness shown us during the recent holiday season.

God bless,
Randy

Dear Covenant,

Thank you for your generosity this Christmas. It has truly been a blessing. Thanks for being so willing to bless others.

Grace and peace,
Matthew

The phrase "thank you" doesn't even begin to express the gratitude that I feel towards the people of Covenant. Your kindness, generosity, and love are overwhelming and I thank God that He is giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful congregation.

Love,
Tina



Treasurer's Report December

Income to General Fund December	
Actual	\$22,192.11
vs. Budgeted	\$21,426.83
Expenses from General Fund December	
Actual	\$21,364.11
vs. Budgeted	\$21,426.83
Year to Date Income General Fund	
Actual	\$244,032.89
vs. Budgeted	\$257,122.00
Year to Date Expenses from General Fund	
Actual	\$241,344.73
vs. Budgeted	\$257,122.00
The 5-cents a Meal Offering for December was \$146.00.	
Remaining Mortgage: \$122,733.66	

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February Church Night Potluck Supper

Sunday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for supper in February. The Dulin's will present a brief program (with pictures) about their recent trip to Cambodia. Don't miss it!



Have you lost something lately? Be sure to check the Lost & Found box! It's located in Matt's office, on top of the filing cabinet.

Ladies:

Do you own a red coat? Please check to see that you took the right one home a few weeks ago. If not, please call the church office (282-5324). Thanks!