

2009



JANUARY

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

Covenant Variety Show

January 11, 2009

Get on your dancing shoes, dust off your top hat and your magic tricks!! Limber up your vocal cords and your musical instruments. The Covenant Variety Show is finally happening!!

Sign up on the poster in the narthex. All talents and ages are welcome!! The date is January 11 at approximately 7:00 p.m. right after our monthly Church Night Potluck Supper (6:00 p.m.) All proceeds donated to a Love Gift will go toward housing for anyone wishing to attend the Montreat Music and Worship Conference in June of 2009.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

January 25, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held as a (second) Church Night Potluck Supper at 6:00p on Sunday, January 25th. Highlights of 2008 will be reviewed, the 2009 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.

Youth Mission Trip

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA MISSION TRIP!!

That's right! We already have a mission on the calendar for next summer! Covenant will be serving alongside Watauga Ave. and Jonesborough Presbyterian churches with the organization Youthworks (www.youthworks.com). Youthworks is a non-denominational organization that has been allowing youth groups to serve local communities since 1994. Last summer alone, they coordinated 38,000 participants!

This summer, we'll be joining their team in serving the community of beautiful Savannah, GA, from June 21st—28th. We will be helping elderly communities, children's programs, and performing minor house repairs, as well as experiencing a little bit of southern hospitality down there.

Needless to say, we're really excited about this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people of Savannah. Keep an eye out for further updates and ways to help out! Please contact Matt for more details.

Greening (& Un-Greening) of the Church

Thank you to each and every person that helped in some way to decorate our church for this Christmas season...the Youth Group for carrying boxes and hanging the wreath, the many Saturday morning workers, those who tied the bows and arranged the poinsettias, the Sunday School children for decorating the tree in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. we will be UN-DECORATING. Again we need both men and women, several with strong backs—we will need to carry all those boxes back down to the basement! Please come and help if you can!

Congregational Life Committee

The Congregational Life Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our hosts/hostesses for Coffee Fellowship on Sundays after worship and the Family Night Suppers on the second Sunday of the month. Each month this important part of our fellowship is assigned to a specific group in the church family.

The 2008 Coffee Fellowship was hosted by:

- August—Congregational Life Committee
- September—Vision Seekers Class
- October—Youth & their families
- November—Session
- December—Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study

The 2008 Family Night Suppers were hosted by:

- August—The Issues Class
- October—Presbyterian Women
- November—Men's Bible Study
- December—Congregational Life Committee

If you have not had the joy of participating in this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with other congregants, please contact Andrea Sutter or Butch Carr.

Congratulations to...

Gary & Anne Smith on the birth of their grandson. Austin Arthur Smith was born (6 weeks early - 4 pounds) to Lee & Becky Smith last Sunday afternoon (Dec. 14th). Please keep Austin and his family in your prayers.

and to...

Steve & Jackie Bader on the birth of their grandson. Charles Middleton Bader was born to Shea and Virginia Bader on Dec. 14th. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Thank you!!!

I want to thank the Covenant congregation for all the love and support Ben and I received in the weeks leading up to and since our wedding on November 15. I have always known how special this congregation is and I love that Ben now knows it first-hand also.

Thanks so much,
Amy G. Jones

Presbyterian Women

ADDRESS UPDATE:

James Freeman
1510 Huntington Dr. CC4
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Bobbie Carroll, Co-Hostess: Mary Derouen
300 Shawnee Rd., JC, 610-0738
To carpool, meet at the church at 7:10 p.m.
Bible Study: Lesson 5

Senior Travelers

January 23, 2009

The SENIOR TRAVELERS BRUNCH again will start off the Traveler's schedule for the new year. This is always a well-attended event-party because our seniors get to enjoy fellowship with each other and indulge in a bountiful gourmet meal. We promise not to burden attendees with too much business, surveys or speeches. After the brunch is over, the Senior Travelers Committee will get together to plan an event/trip for each month of 2009, starting with February. Suggestions from seniors are so very much appreciated and considered.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW to be in attendance on Friday, January 23, 2009, at 9:30 am. Nothing to bring except a smiling face and a \$3.00 bill to help defray the expense. We sure hope YOU will be here.

December Session Highlights...Ann Freeman

- ◆ The pastor will be on vacation the week of December 29.
- ◆ The pastor and session thank Tina for her hard work, especially during the busy month of December.
- ◆ The Stewardship Committee reported that 2009 pledges plus anticipated un-pledged giving for 2009 are not sufficient to cover the proposed 2009 budget. The Stewardship Committee recommended various cuts to reconcile the budget. The session and their committees, however, need more time to reevaluate their budget needs and to analyze the proposed cuts. A budget planning meeting is set for January 8, with the goal of adopting a 2009 budget at the January 11 session meeting.
- ◆ Covenant's newly improved website is online. Check it out: www.covenantpresjc.org.
- ◆ The youth are planning a Mission Trip to Savannah, GA, together with Watauga Ave. and Jonesborough Presbyterian churches under the leadership of YouthWorks.
- ◆ The Property Committee has planted a Weeping Cherry Tree on the church property in memory of Charles Wiley.
- ◆ The examination of the Elder Class of 2011 was sustained. Welcome to Shirley Hines, Hal Hunter, Melanie Jones, and Evelyn Kemp. Ordination and installation will be January 11 during worship.
- ◆ The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation will be January 25.
- ◆ Elder Sutter reported on the December Presbytery meeting:
 - ⇒ Holston Presbytery's membership has increased by >1%, better than the denomination overall.
 - ⇒ ~\$20,000 was spent on a recent financial audit.
 - ⇒ A presbytery -wide mission trip to Brazil is proposed for July.
 - ⇒ YYAM (Youth and Young Adult Ministry – ETSU) now has an 11-passenger van.
 - ⇒ Living Waters for the World added support for 84 new communities.
 - ⇒ First Presbyterian, Johnson City, has called a new minister.
 - ⇒ Beth Yarborough is leaving Jonesborough Presbyterian.

Memorial Gifts

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 Given in Memory of:
 Priscilla Sobol
 By
 Glay Hood
 Donna Lichty
 Bob & Betty Maletich

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 A Weeping Cherry Tree
 has been Planted at
 Covenant
 in Memory of:
 Charles L. Wiley
 By
 Pat Wiley

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 Given in Honor of:
 Steven Hecht
 and
 Karen Hecht
 By
 Roger & Amy Hecht

REMINDER

To Committee Chairs:

2008 Committee Reports
 for the Annual Report
 need to be e-mailed to
 Tina before
 January 8th, 2009.

**Stewardship envelopes
 for 2009 are on the table in
 the Narthex. Please take
 yours. If you do not find a
 box of envelopes, but wish
 to have one, please call
 Tina (282-5324) or send an
 e-mail to the office
 (cpcjctn@mounet.com).**

Treasurer's Report November

Income to General Fund November	
Actual	\$21,319.96
vs. Budgeted	\$21,426.84
Expenses from General Fund November	
Actual	\$18,765.46
vs. Budgeted	\$21,426.84
Year to Date Income General Fund	
Actual	\$221,840.78
vs. Budgeted	\$235,695.17
Year to Date Expenses from General Fund	
Actual	\$219,980.62
vs. Budgeted	\$235,694.86
The 5-cents a Meal Offering for November was \$167.86.	

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The 2009 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.



(Ordering instructions are
posted next to the calendar.)

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1 Corinthians 13:8