

2012



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

Theologian-in-Residence 2012

The 2012 Theologian-in-Residence series will celebrate its 21st year by exploring the “open source church,” in which the basic functions of mission and ministry are open to anyone. The series will be led by Rev. Landon Whitsitt, executive and stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America.

Sessions will be February 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at Tusculum College. Brochures with more information can be found on the table in the narthex.

After Church Lunch—Sunday—February 12, 2012

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on February 12th. This month we ask that you bring your favorite “comfort foods” to share with each other. If your dish needs to be kept warm or even heated at the last minute, someone will be in the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. to receive your dish and your instructions.

We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you! If you have any questions (or if you will bring soup or chili), please contact Andrea Sutter or Lauri Zembower.

(Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for the ever-so-popular SpudFest, a Youth Montreat Trip fundraiser which will be the After Church Lunch for Sunday, March 11. Be on the lookout for more details—you won't want to miss this!)



Third Thursday Dinner—February 16, 2012

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to join your fellow Covenant members for our monthly Third Thursday dinner. Our next dinner is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 6:30 at Sahib. Kids are always welcome (and we can even arrange for them to have their own table if there's interest).

Please contact Lauri Zembower (620-3625 or broncofan524@yahoo.com) if you think you'll be attending so we can get a count for the tables. Hope to see you there!

Annual Senior Brunch—Tuesday, February 21, 2012

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS: It's time for a little chewin' and chattin'! The Annual Senior Brunch is being planned for February 21 at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall. This has been requested by several of you, so I am expecting to see many of your faces on this date. If you aren't a senior yet, you will be someday; therefore, you are invited to come and have some fun with the old folks.

The cost is \$3.50 per person and we accept good old cash or a check....your choice. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex so please do sign up so that we know how many to plan for. I will be in touch with some of you to help out with the food so please keep your receipts so you can be reimbursed for your expenses.

If you are visiting any of our shut-ins or nursing home members, this might be a nice outing for them. Of course, you would need to extend an invitation & offer to pick them up. We always have so much fun & lots of EXCELLENT food, so please plan to join us.

Helen Davis (929-2085)

Calling All Shepherds!

Luncheon, Saturday, February 25



Whether you are brand-new at shepherding or have been doing it for years, Helen, Janet & Harry hope that you will attend the salad luncheon at noon on Saturday, Feb. 25th, in the Fellowship Hall.

By that time we hope to have new shepherds and new assignments in place. We will share ideas that have worked & inspire each other in the service of shepherding. We hope that you will come with your most successful strategies and your burning questions!

Please put February 25th on your calendar now, and we will soon be taking reservations. You can call Helen at 929-2085 or the Powell's at 610-0445 if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer to be a Shepherd.

Fresh From the Mountain Ski Report

by Ellen Hagelberg



I personally love skiing; it's one of the few parts of winter I like. I rarely get to go, so when the idea of a Youth Ski Trip came up, I immediately volunteered. I was not disappointed.

We left the church and started the drive to Beech Mountain. When we got there the few who had brought their own skis went ahead while most of the group had to go through the process of renting them. This always takes longer than I would like, but eventually we got everything squared away and we "hit the slopes"--very literally. I skipped the little bunny slope, confident in my abilities, and went to the more intermediate slope. Once at the top, I began feeling that I bit off more than I could chew, but I showed no fear and went down--accidentally off the steep side. I went down with exhilarating speed. I was going fast, too fast. I tried to slow down by making a pizza with my skis, but to no avail. I became desperate and then I fell, spinning across the packed snow. A cheerful Drew came to my aid and helped me up.

That was just one of the many tumbles that happened on the trip. Ask anybody and I'm sure they'll have a colorful story to share. After a few more runs, the cold drove many of us in where hot chocolate was very much welcomed. I believe I can speak for everyone when I say that it was a very successful trip!

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Presbyterian Women

Friendship (Afternoon) Circle

February 14, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Amy Hecht

1817 Galen Drive, J.C., 929-2609

Lesson Six Leader: Betty Maletich



Joy (Evening) Circle

February 28, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Anne Smith (929-1604)

Meeting will be at the church.

Lesson Six Leader: Anne Smith

And the award goes to...

This year's Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women was awarded to Gloria Lewis for her service and dedication to her church and community.

Congratulations, Gloria!



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Volunteers STILL Needed for 2012

NURSERY

While Jeanne Gamble has been rehired to cover the infant nursery, we still need continued coverage/staffing for the room across the hall, where the toddlers (aged 2+) are cared for during the service.

If you are willing and able to help, please contact Linda Dulin at 913-0202. Thank you!



AFTER CHURCH COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Oh, no! Juan Valdez is missing!! That means that dear ol' Covenant could use some help with Coffee Hour after Sunday worship. It isn't that time consuming or expensive and adds a great deal to our Sundays together.

Won't you consider helping out? Just sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Andrea (773-5602) or Lauri (620-3625). Thank you!



COMMUNION SERVERS and USHERS

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For info on serving communion, please contact Helen Davis at 929-2085. For info on serving as an Usher, please call Jim Starr at 928-4108. Thank you!



JANUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS ...by Evelyn Kemp

- Revenue for December, 2011 was \$20,500 and expenses were \$18,000, leaving a deficit of \$2,400 for the year. The reserve fund balance is \$15,000 which is \$2,000 less than last year and \$10,000 less than the target amount. The mortgage for our building is down to \$36,000.
- Donna Bridwell is the new Church Historian. Thanks to Amy Hecht for her 20 plus years of service in that capacity.
- There will be a Congregational Meeting on January 29, 2012 to elect members for the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Sherrill Gibson has begun a trial as Music Director for the month of January and will hopefully agree to continue after that month.
- Tina Simon, our Administrative Assistant, is out due to family illness. Deb Lewis will be in the office part time in Tina's absence.
- The Shepherd's program is in the process of reorganization for the coming year. Anyone wishing to be involved should contact Janet Powell or Helen Davis.
- Volunteers are needed to serve refreshments at the After Church Fellowship in the library. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.
- A volunteer is still needed to relieve Fred Dulin as the Christian Education Committee Chair.
- The youth will lead services on 1/29/12.
- Wednesday Night Live resumed on January 29, 2012.
- The youth are planning a SpudFest on the second Sunday of March as a fundraiser for Montreat.
- Sally Nagel will be the new Clerk of Session after January 15, 2012.

Gifts to the Church

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

JERRY LADICH

BY

Amy Hecht

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

MARY NELL STEGALL

BY

Jim Stegall & Cheryl Campbell
Amy Hecht



**GIVEN IN HONOR OF:
PHYLLIS THOMPSON &
DAVID WOOD**

BY

Bob & Betty Thompson

Entered into the Church Triumphant:

Mary Nell Vannoy Stegall—January 13, 2012

Gerald Paul "Jerry" Ladich—January 18, 2012

DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

**Income to General Fund
December**

Actual \$20,548.80

vs. Budgeted \$20,967.33

**Expenses from General Fund
December**

Actual \$18,004.66

vs. Budgeted \$20,967.33

**Year to Date Income
General Fund**

Actual \$223,082.10

vs. Budgeted \$251,608.00

**Year to Date Expenses from
General Fund**

Actual \$225,481.80

vs. Budgeted \$251,608.00

**The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for December was \$104.00.**

**Mortgage stands at \$36,384.67 with
13 payments remaining.**

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your care and support for our family. We appreciate the wonderful meal. We especially appreciate the visits and cards to Mom and Dad and your service of communion each month.

Thank you again for the love and care shown to us.

The Ladich Family

My Covenant Family,

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, calls, visits and cards over the past few weeks. Tom is home from the hospital now, recovering slowly but surely.

As difficult as this experience was, it would have been far more so without your loving support. Thank you.

Love,

Tina Simon

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Christmas Joy Offering—2011

In December we received the Christmas Joy Offering. \$500.50 was given to support the education of students at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges and to help families of active and retired church workers in need. Thank you.

Thank you, Covenant!

Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU, Covenant. Your generosity at the Alternative Gift Fair allowed us as a church to send: \$635 to our PC(USA) missionaries Kristi & Bob Rice, \$785 to Interfaith Hospitality Network, \$795 to Living Waters for the World, and \$855 to The River. You also gifted 20 children from the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree with toys, clothing and books. And, finally, the 2011 Christmas Mitten Tree was loaded with 8 jackets, 2 scarves, 3 shirts, 28 hats, 2 sweat pant/shirt combos, 13 hat/gloves combos, 8 scarf/hat/gloves combos, 118 ear warmer bands, and 50 pairs of gloves and mittens. “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” Matthew 25:40

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.