

2012



January

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

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.

Saturday, January 7, 2012, 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!

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and After Church Lunch Sunday—January 22, 2012

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.

Mission Opportunity - Living Waters for the World

Dr. Bill Bridgeforth of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, is organizing a group of volunteers to attend a training session at Clean Water U in Oxford, Mississippi from March 21-25. The goal is to increase the number of people (both Presbyterian and otherwise) in the Johnson City area who are qualified to install small water purification systems in areas which lack safe drinking water. Within our own congregation, Alan Lewis and Bob Armistead have been actively involved in this program and can give you further information concerning Living Waters for the World. If you are interested in developing the skills needed for a real hands-on regional or international mission opportunity, this is for you. Participants in this training select one of three basic training classes corresponding to the three basic skills needed on an installation team:

- CWU 101—Learn the fundamentals of team leadership, field survey, water testing and partnership development, with the ultimate objective of empowering operating partners to produce clean water for their communities for years to come.
- CWU 102—Learn the health, hygiene and spiritual curriculum, teach other course participants, and finally become capable to lead the training for in-country (operating partner) instructors.
- CWU 103—Build a fully functioning water treatment system from the ground up, culminating in the production of clean water, and learn how to pass those skills on to your operating partners.

Notice, this is not a men-only mission opportunity; it is for anyone with a spirit of adventure and a desire to answer God's call. Consult your March calendar and call Bill Bridgeforth (926-2204) or Jerry Nagel (928-0853) to sign up.

Third Thursday Dinner—January 19, 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 January 19 at 6:30 at Bonefish Grill. 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!



Young Adult Gathering—January 13, 2012

The Young Adult January Gathering will be Friday, January 13. We'll be heading to Bristol for an ice skating party followed by dinner. (Or possibly dinner followed by ice skating; we'll see.)

Watch your email, Facebook, and the bulletin for more information. See you then!

Youth Ski Trip!

A youth ski trip is tentatively planned for Sunday night, January 15th at Ski Beech (www.beechmountainresort.com) for the 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. session! The trip leader will be Ann Freeman. Prices are as follows:

- Lift tickets \$20
- Ski rentals \$16
- Snowboard rentals \$22

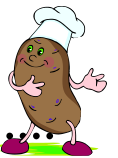
Details will be forthcoming about when and where to meet and return.



Youth Fundraiser—Thank You!!

A big "Thank you!" to everyone who came to the Youth Group's first Trivia Night! Also, a big thank you to those of you who couldn't come, but have faithfully donated to us anyway. We're truly grateful! So far, we've raised **\$691.00** so we're off to a REALLY GOOD start for our Montreat fundraising.

Mark your calendars now for SpudFest, which will be the After Church Lunch for Sunday, March 11. More details to follow, but you won't want to miss this!



Presbyterian Women

Friendship (Afternoon) Circle

January 10, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Dot Carpenter

12 Sterling Circle, J.C., 283-9213

Lesson Five Leader: Janet Powell



Joy (Evening) Circle

January 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Anne Smith (929-1604)

Meeting will be at the church.

Lessons Four & Five

Volunteers 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!



DECEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS ...by Evelyn Kemp

- Revenue for November, 2011 was \$15,000 and expenses were \$13,000, leaving Covenant \$5000 behind for the year. The mortgage for our building is below \$40,000 and will be paid off in January, 2013.
 - A new Church Historian is needed to replace Amy Hecht after over 20 years of service. If you are interested in volunteering please speak with Helen Davis.
 - The Angel Tree project served 9 families with 20 children this season.
 - A volunteer is still needed to relieve Fred Dulin as the Christian Education committee chair.
 - Melodye Sparks will be filling the position vacated by Jenni Marshall, and the Worship Committee has interviewed a candidate for Music Director.
 - There will be no Sunday School on 12/25/11 but there will be Sunday School on 1/1/12.
 - The Interim Pastor search is progressing well with the plan to have an Interim Pastor in place by the end of January, 2012.
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My Covenant Family,

Many thanks for all the cards, food, and prayers sent during my recent hospitalizations. I appreciate the love and care shown to our entire family as my lung continues to heal. We have felt your support and good thoughts throughout this journey. I have missed worshipping together and look forward to returning to full involvement in our wonderful church.

Shalom,

Eileen Madden

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



Stewardship envelopes...

for 2012 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 (office@covenantpresjc.org).

NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund
November
Actual \$14,992.98
vs. Budgeted \$20,967.33

Expenses from General Fund
November
Actual \$13,033.78
vs. Budgeted \$20,967.33

Year to Date Income
General Fund
Actual \$202,533.30
vs. Budgeted \$230,640.67

Year to Date Expenses from
General Fund
Actual \$207,477.14
vs. Budgeted \$230,640.67

The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for November was \$211.00.
Mortgage stands at \$38,960.00.

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Sanctuary Flowers

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 at 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.