

2010

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

After Church Lunch

Sunday, May 9th, 12:30 p.m.

As you know, Church Night Supper has become After Church Lunch. No need to hurry out to the restaurant. Lunch will be just down the hall. Congregational Life will be in charge of the entree and we are asking that the congregation bring either a side dish or dessert. Don't worry, if your wonderful dish needs to be served hot, we will take care of it.

If you have any questions, please call Laurie Zembower or Andrea Sutter.

Pentecost Offering 2010

I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Psalm 146:1

On May 23rd Covenant Presbyterian Church will join with Presbyterian churches across the country singing praises to our God as we receive our Pentecost Offering. Sixty percent of the received offering will be used by General Assembly to support Child Advocacy Ministries, Ministries with Youth and Young Adults, and Young Adult Ministries opportunities. This year Covenant's 40% of the received offering will be given to the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) to be used on behalf of children at risk. IHN serves homeless families with children in Johnson City and the surrounding area.

Watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information and please be in prayer for the outreach of the church both globally and locally through the Pentecost Offering.

A Note from Kent Merrill, IHN Coordinator for First Methodist Church

I have sent out numerous emails in the past few weeks recruiting folks to help host the IHN homeless families. Now I'm sending one to thank all of you who participated in this hosting session. It may surprise some of you, but with the help of Covenant Presbyterian Church and Lone Oak Christian Church we had a total of about 65 different individuals participate, and they contributed over 300 hours to help these families make it through another week. This service to our neighbors who find themselves in need is a true Christian mission. It is doing just what Christ says we should do.

Our next hosting is scheduled for July 11 – 17. If you were unable to participate this time, or if it has been awhile since you participated in this mission, maybe the July rotation will be an opportunity for you. There are many members in all three of our churches who have never participated in this mission. Take a moment to share your IHN experiences with some of them, and ask them to come along with you in July. That will be a rewarding experience for both of you.

Thanks you for all you do for IHN.

Kent

Mission & Outreach Committee

Gift Needed!

The Mission and Outreach Committee needs a new committee member who has the Gift of Outreach and would enjoy helping Covenant become more intentional (church jargon for “better organized”) in our efforts to welcome our visitors and assist them in their journey to find Christ’s calling for their lives. Currently the various mission projects sponsored by Covenant have one or more leaders who are especially passionate about that particular mission, but our outreach program is a group effort with no particular leader.

If getting to know our visitors and introducing them to the many ways Covenant responds to Christ’s call to serve is your particular passion, please consider joining the M&O committee to help develop our Outreach program. Contact Jerry Nagel (chair) at 928-0853 if you feel called to this ministry and want to discuss it further.

Presbyterian Women

Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Sally Nagel, 1919 Waters Edge Drive, 928-0853

Co Hostess: Margaret Sullenger

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

Bible Study: Lesson 9

Youth Ministry Events—2010

Montreat Youth Conference – June 13-19 Into These Waters, a great week for high school students; two scholarships available; Contact: Rev. Kyle Schmidt (First, Morristown – 423.586.4281)

Triennium - July 19-25 For Such A Time As This - the Cadillac of youth events comes around every three years using the best leadership available and is the most talked about event! Contact: Rev. Brian Wyatt 2010 Triennium brochure

Youth Rally - August 15 at First, Greeneville from 2:30-5:30p.m.; this event gets the year started for many youth groups as a time to connect and celebrate faith; Contact: Alan Kobs (First, Greeneville, 423.638.4533)

Middler Retreat - November at Holston Camp; Contact Russ Pearson (First, Kingsport/ 423.245.0104)

For more information on Youth & Young Adult Ministry and these events, call Andrea at 423-926-2522 or go to www.holstonyouth.org or HolstonYYAM@gmail.com.

Gifts & Honorariums

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DOROTHY STANFIEL

(Sharon Miller's mother)

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Dave & Sharon Benner

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Bob & Nancy Hart

March Treasurer's Report

Income to General Fund

March

Actual \$21,096.51

vs. Budgeted \$20,734.58

Expenses from General Fund

March

Actual \$20,450.07

vs. Budgeted \$20,734.58

Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$61,335.55

vs. Budgeted \$62,203.74

Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual \$68,470.02

vs. Budgeted \$62,203.74

The 5-cents a Meal Offering

for March was \$93.82.

Mortgage stands at

\$86,981.79

May Session Highlights

- The Session voted unanimously to hire Anne Webb as our new Finance Secretary. Anne will take over all financial duties and will be in the office on Wednesdays. Anne comes to us from a similar position at a church in Kingsport. She lives in Kingsport with her husband, Isaac.

With Gratitude...

Dear Covenant Congregation:

Thank you to everyone who helped with all of the office work while I was gone. I appreciate you all so much and I'm grateful to be back!

Love, Tina

(P.S.: A very special THANK YOU to Deborah Lewis. You are such a blessing!)

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Gentle Reminder:

The deadline for the weekly bulletin is the Wednesday prior to the service.

The deadline for the monthly newsletter and calendar is on the 15th of the prior month.

Please keep these deadlines in mind to make certain that all of your announcements are made in a timely manner and your events are posted on the calendar.

Thank you!!!

Young Adults

Would you be interested in being a part of a young adult Sunday School class, or a small group that meets at some other time during the week (or month)? If so, give Sharon a call at the church @ 282-5324.

The Presbyterian Voice

The Presbyterian Voice is now available online. Current news from around the Synod of Living Waters can now be found at www.presbyvoice.org. You may also subscribe to email updates by going to the website. Once subscribed, you will begin receiving every other week updates of news from around the Synod. The printed edition of the Presbyterian Voice will now be published twice a year. Your presbytery page will be included, as will news pages and columnists. Not receiving the Voice by traditional mail? You may subscribe by emailing the editor, Janet Tuck, at voiceeditor@bellsouth.net

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