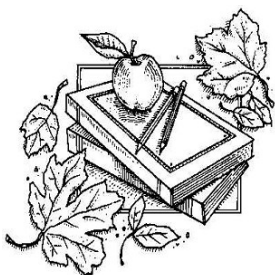


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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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COVENANT WELCOMES OUR OWN LYNNEA HUNTER AS DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Our new Director of Youth Ministry hardly needs an introduction. Lynnea Hunter has been a life-long member of Covenant, and is well equipped for the task ahead of her. She is a “graduate” of our WNL! program herself and comes to us with a wealth of experience in youth ministry, having worked alongside our own youth minister directors here at Covenant, as well as leading youth groups in Northern Ireland and at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Kingsport. Lynnea’s primary area of responsibility will be oversight of the Middle School and Senior High program Wednesday evenings and discipling the youth one-on-one and in small groups.

When she’s not hanging out with the kids, you can find Lynnea rallying the Young Adults, singing in the choir, contributing her creative gifts in the worship arts and sharing her love for the Church in Session meetings, or maybe heading off to the library to study as she pursues a Master’s degree in Secondary Education.

Let’s welcome Lynnea into her new role at Covenant and give her all the help we can in ministering to our great youth!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! (WHAT IS IT?) by Ann Freeman

Wednesday Night Live! is a program that is familiar to many at Covenant, but some of you may not know anything about it. You might hear it mentioned from time to time as if everybody already knows what it is.

WNL! is a program that’s been in operation at Covenant in one form or another since the early- to mid-90’s. It is targeted for 1st - 12th grade students on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., but involves many adults as well. It is roughly divided by groups of elementary school, middle school, and high school. There are basically four 30-minute segments: Recreation (5:00 - 5:30), Worship Skills/Music/Youth group (5:30 - 6:00), Bible Study/Class topics (6:00 - 6:30), and Dinner (6:30 - 7:00).

One new twist this year is that we’re planning on inviting and transporting kids from IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network), which is a local faith-based organization that provides housing for (hopefully short-term) homeless families, and helps them with job and housing searches, financing issues, budgeting, etc. We hope to provide these children the same type of activities and fellowship opportunities that we provide for our own. We will be learning as we go about how to best address the needs of a diverse group.

Our first WNL! will be September 7th. After dinner concludes at 7:00, I would like all children, youth, and their parents to remain until 7:15 for an overview of how our Covenant kids can be responsive and considerate to the IHN kids, and how to better understand some of the differences of which they need to be aware. (This is required for all students in WNL! and recommended for one or both of their parents or caregivers.)

If you are not presently involved with WNL!, please contact me, or drop in on a Wednesday to observe the program in action. I’m excited about the upcoming year!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women’s Circles will begin meeting again in September. (Please note that both Circles will NOT meet on the same day of the month.)

The 2011-2012 Bible Study – Confessing the Beatitudes, Lesson One

Friendship (Afternoon) Circle

September 13, 2011 – 1:30 p.m. (2nd Tuesday of the month)
Hostess: Jan Paveglio, 1514 Chickees St., J.C., 328-0311

Joy (Evening) Circle

September 27, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. (4th Tuesday of the month)
First meeting will be in the church office.

(contact: Anne Smith, 929-1604), Lesson Leader: Donna Bridwell

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK 50 CHILDREN FUND

As many of you know, Covenant is an active supporter of Interfaith Hospitality Network and its program to keep homeless families together while they are receiving the help and training they need to resume a normal life. Each year 50 to 60 children pass through this program as their families struggle to overcome homelessness. IHN, like many of our local charities, has suffered from a severe reduction in federal support for its programs and has launched the 50 Children Fund in an effort to replace this lost federal support.

The Mission & Outreach Committee brought this need to the attention of our three adult Sunday School classes (Bible Discovery, Issues, and Vision Seekers) and, without hesitation, the three classes agreed to jointly raise the estimated annual cost of supporting one child in this program (about \$1,200 or \$400/class).

If you are not currently involved in one of these three classes, the Mission & Outreach Committee invites you to join in this effort individually. There are brochures on the mission table in the hallway next to the Narthex describing the 50 Children Fund. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to Covenant and note "IHN Children" in the memo line.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Have you ever wondered where those After Church Lunch donations go? As you probably imagined, they generally cover the cost of food and other kitchen consumables. At some lunches, we don't request donations, as we find we have collected more than was necessary in previous months. However, we are asking that the congregation support us in using these lunches as a regular "fundraiser" by allocating left-over donations to a special fund in anticipation of a new church & community event for next year's 4th of July. Expect more details about this new event early next year from the Congregational Life Committee!

YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY GATHERING—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9...Lynnea Hunter

The Young Adults will be meeting Friday, September 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at Christian & Lauri Zembower's home for Pizza and Game Night! Please bring a small snack and beverage to share that goes with pizza. (And maybe a few bucks to throw in on the pizza.) Also, if there's a game anyone's dying to play, bring that, too. As always, bring yourselves and your friends, and call Lynnea with any questions. See you there!

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on September 11th. The main dish this month (provided by the Congregational Life Committee) will be lasagna. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. 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, please contact Andrea Sutter or Lauri Zembower.

THIRD THURSDAY DINNER—SEPTEMBER 15

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to join your fellow Covenant members for our monthly Third Thursday dinner. Our next dinner is scheduled for September 15th at 6:30 at Bodega 105. 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!

Address Updates:

Melissa Freeman
1629 W. Cumberland Ave.
Clement Hall Room 509
Knoxville, TN 37916

James Freeman
1210 Hazelwood Dr., Apt. E80
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Nursery Note: Jeanne Gamble is back at work in the Nursery! Welcome back, Jeanne!

Jeanne Gamble
182 Wheelock Road
Jonesborough, TN 37659

(477-8941)

AUGUST SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...by Evelyn Kemp

- Revenue for July, 2011 was \$16,000 and expenses were \$21,000 (with three paydays). There was an insurance refund of \$1,946 (Small Employer Health Insurance Credit—IRS) leaving the church \$400 ahead for the year.
- The American Red Cross sent a letter thanking Nik Hopkins for organizing the Bloodstock blood drive on July 20, 2011. The goal was 35, and 37 units were donated. Nik will be eligible for a scholarship due to his efforts.
- The search for a new Music Director is ongoing.
- Session approved Lynnea Hunter to fill the Youth Ministry position for 10 hours a week beginning 9/1/11.
- A nursery worker will be hired for 2.5 hours every Sunday morning.
- Ann Freeman will head WNL! this year.
- The playground renovation is well under way.
- Roof replacement is predicted for the Spring of 2013 after the mortgage is paid off. Estimated cost is \$30,000.
- The mortgage is being paid down rapidly and target time for payoff is 18 months.
- Amy Hecht has requested that the Memorial Fund for Roger be used to buy dogwoods to plant along the property line.
- A host is needed to regularly transport children from Interfaith Hospitality Network to WNL on Wednesdays.
- Jimmy Mucha completed a review of Covenant's financial records. The results were positive.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

JULIA TRIFILETTI

BY

Dave & Sharon Benner
Bob & Nancy Hart
Harry & Janet Powell
Jim & Norma Starr
C.B. & Rose Willis

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

FERN KEMP

(Evelyn's mother)

BY

C.B. & Rose Willis

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

HAZEL ROWE

BY

C.B. & Rose Willis

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

HILDA KRUEGER

(Marsha Mucha's mother)

BY

Dave & Sharon Benner

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

ROGER HECHT

BY

Dave & Sharon Benner
Cynthia Burnley & Bob Riser
Jim & Sue Crandall
Jack & Helen Fletcher
Bob & Nancy Hart
Martha Honaker
Shelby Ingram
Evelyn Kemp
Bill & Patsy Kennedy
Armand & Natalie Lefemine
John & Janet McGettrick
David & Sharon Miller
Harry & Janet Powell
Ginger Rutherford
John & Allison Sharpe
Alan & Barbara Shaw
Jim & Norma Starr
C.B. & Rose Willis
Otto & Prudence Zinser

GIVEN TO THE PLAYGROUND FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

JULIA TRIFILETTI

BY

Margaret Sullenger

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund

July

Actual \$17,733.01

vs. Budgeted \$20,967.33

Expenses from General Fund

July

Actual \$20,896.45

vs. Budgeted \$20,967.33

Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$144,998.11

vs. Budgeted \$146,771.31

Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual \$144,508.60

vs. Budgeted \$146,771.31

**The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for July was \$113.00.**

Mortgage stands at \$49,217.01.

THANK YOU, COVENANT

YOU, Church Friends, are my Johnson City family. You have been so supportive and responded in so many helpful ways during the 3-1/2 years of Roger's illness and death. All of my blood family live many miles away—Healdsburg, CA, Baltimore, MD, and Cleveland, OH. All were able to attend the Celebration of Life Service we had for Roger. They were, and are, impressed so positively with the warmth and care you have and are offering. I'll be forever grateful.

Thankfully,
Amy Hecht

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CHURCH WEBSITE

If you enjoy reading the newsletter and want to keep up with church news and events (and have internet access) but have no need for a printed copy, visit our website - www.covenantpresjc.org - and click on "Newsletter". (Newsletters dating back to April 2009 are posted.) Sermons and bulletins are posted as well, under, well, "Sermons and Bulletins"! Look to the right and click on "Calendar" to view (yes, you've got it) the calendar of events for the church. Soon you'll be able to look up other members' contact information. (for this you'll need a password—you must request this from Tina by phone or in person.)

Questions? Comments? Helpful suggestions? Please contact Tina in the office!

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.