

IN THE PULPIT—JUNE

2021

On Sunday, May 30, and for the month of June, we welcome the Rev. Beth Jarvis to the virtual and in-person pulpits. Beth is an ordained pastor who has preached at Covenant in the past and holds a M.Div. from Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan. She is the Director of the Ministry Resource Center at Emmanuel, and has written for The Lookout, The Other Journal, and the Englewood Review of Books. Beth has 15 years of experience with campus ministries, non-profits, and local churches. She helped start a campus ministry in Tübingen, Germany where she lived for 8 years before returning to the U.S. She and her husband, Daniel Silliman, live in Johnson City, where they enjoy hanging out with friends on their back porch.



GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The Good Samaritan grocery carts continue to be placed outside the double doors in front of the office, under the overhang, between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday thru Thursday. Just drive up, load your items into the cart, and drive off! If you need help, honk your horn and Tina will be happy to assist you. The grocery carts will be in the hallway on Sundays.

We will continue collecting the following food items as they are staples:



*Food
Pantry
Needs*

Jelly/Jam; Peanut Butter; Canned Veggies;
Canned Fruits; Dry / Canned Beans; Rice;
Soups; Cereals (*hot and cold*);
Canned Meats (*Tuna, Vienna Sausage, etc.*).

If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too.
Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry!

The River Ministry
will be selling
BUTTON BRACELETS
at this event in
Both June and July.

**Come out and pick up
a bracelet, or two, and
support a good cause.**

**100% of the proceeds
go to The River and
helps to support
women and children
in our community.**

**Contact
423-926-8111
to learn more.**

**See you in
June and July!!**

Socially Distanced Art & Craft Show
\$1 per person suggested donation



June 11 & 12
July 9 & 10

McKinney Center
103 Franklin Avenue
423-753-0562
mckinneycenter.com

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

STATEMENT ON MASKS

On behalf of Session and the Re-Opening Task Force:

While we are cognizant of the most recent CDC guidelines, out of an abundance of caution, we advise that participants in activities at Covenant continue to wear masks at all times. On a lighter note, singing may commence with masks in place.

Please understand that the CDC guidelines relaxing the wearing of masks apply to fully vaccinated individuals. Our informal poll of Covenant worship attendees found that approximately 20% are not vaccinated. There are some that are too young, are allergic, or are immunosuppressed and cannot be fully vaccinated. Furthermore, there may be some of our pulpit supply folks who may not be comfortable with the congregation not wearing masks.

Therefore, since we are all in this together, we feel that it is a small sacrifice to show our love for one another by wearing masks until we are sure that the risk of contracting the Covid 19 infection is very low.

UPDATE FROM THE PNC

from May 10, 2021

We just wanted to let you know that we are continuing in our process of searching for a part-time pastor. We regularly review possible matches through the PC(USA) site, have taken referrals from the local community and have even contacted PCUSA seminaries to let them know that we are looking. So far, the Lord has not led us to Covenant's new pastor.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek the Holy Spirit's leading in this search.

In Christ,

Matt Cary

Frankie Wolff, Co-Chair

Patti Coble, Clerk

Julie Wood, Chair

Cynthia Erdei

Christian Zembower

SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM for in-person worship services! (No nursery will be provided at this time.) Two of the Sunday School classes continue to meet on Zoom.

For the **Issues Class** at 8:30a, please contact Jerry Nagel at swnjwn4@gmail.com.

For **Sojourners** at 9:30a, contact Ron Smith at ronDsmith1349@outlook.com.

The **Bible Discovery** class will continue to snail-mail lessons for now. You may contact Bob Armistead at 423-202-3270.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE— MONDAY, JUNE 14 AT 6:00P (ZOOM)

**Please email Ed Wolff at
bbwolff1937@gmail.com
for your Zoom invitation.**

BWD Purpose: Black/White Dialogue has been created to assist in our communication efforts to share stories, information, joys, and concerns about our ability to come together as a people desiring community, understanding, respect, and support for one another.

GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HABITAT AND OTHER MISSIONS

We are still gathering items for the sale!

If you can remember back in the "before times", the LWWMC was planning on sponsoring a **Garage Sale at the Church** in support of Habitat for Humanity. As with many things, we needed to postpone the sale due to the Pandemic. In an act of faith, the LWWMC has decided to try again. This year, the sale is tentatively scheduled for **August 7, 2021**. Proceeds from the sale will be used to benefit several of the Missions that the Church supports.

As you are doing your Spring cleaning, we ask that you hang on to items that you think might be saleable. Remember, one person's trash is another's treasure. The one thing that we will exclude is clothing. The committee felt that we are just not equipped to handle clothing.

If you have items to donate, you may bring them to the church or call the office to arrange for someone to pick them up. We are storing items for the sale **in one of the classrooms** off of the Fellowship Hall.

More details will follow as we come closer to the time and, as in all things, holding this event will depend on the Pandemic situation at the time.

Stay Safe and Stay Well.

Local and World Wide Missions Committee



Smiles

I just paid for a 12 month gym membership.
My bank called to see if my credit card was stolen.
Oldtimers

I used to be indecisive;
now I'm not so sure.

**I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise...
and I was right.**



Guys, I need your help. I'm in the middle of an argument with my wife and she just told me that I'm right. What the heck do I do next?!

**You'd think I was wanted for murder the way
I react when someone knocks on my door...**



At this point I'm about 93% feral
and will not be able to be integrated back into society.

MY MIND IS LIKE MY INTERNET BROWSER.

19 tabs open, 3 of them are frozen
and I have no idea where the music is coming from.

**I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today.
That's 7 years in a row now.**

As I watched the dog chasing his tail, I thought, "Dogs are easily amused."
Then I realized I was watching the dog chase his tail.

**What do you say to comfort a friend
who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.**

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," instructed the teacher during a lesson. One small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
ANEITA CARR**

BY

Betty Maletich



**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
GIL DEROUEN**

BY

Betty Maletich
Gary & Anne Smith



**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
PAUL KELLEY**

BY

Betty Maletich

Dear Covenant Friends,

Thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy to me over Paul's death. I received 15 messages and lovely notes and letters from you all. He so enjoyed Covenant and their friendliness.

I was going to email all of you in appreciation...just too overwhelming for now. I do especially thank Julie & Dave, Betty Maletich, Victory, Elaine & Bob, BJ & Bud, Bob & Estelle (lovely extra scripture readings), Helen Davis, Barbara Quisenberry, Frank & Betsy, Sharon Benner, Hal & Gwen, Cynthia, the Fales (from afar), Rosemary W., Charles, Gloria, Eleanor Graham (from afar), Carlyn Sue, and Steve & Jackie Bader (from CO).

I miss you all, too! My new church, First Presbyterian in Champaign, has been a pretty good substitute. Actually, the ministers, Matt & Rachel Matthews, came from the East and the South shortly before I joined. Of course, we have the same mission partners. I am involved in several busy committees.

Keep me in your prayers. Paul's in heaven, so I'm the one who needs help.

Love,

Mary Jane Kelley

NEW ADDRESS:

Jim & Jan Paveglio
114 W. Fairview Ave., #105
Johnson City, TN 37604



CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Traci Honeycutt, Jim Starr's daughter; Pat Zembower (Christian's mother) and Tom Zembower, (his father) as caregiver; Jan Paveglio; Gary Davis, Charlotte Corbett's son-in-law; Gary Salazar, Cynthia Erdei's friend.

Our mission co-workers:

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan
Jon & Kathy Christiansen: Zimbabwe

Ministries of the Presbytery:

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry)
Holston Presbytery Camp



GIVING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

There are various ways to contribute while the church building remains closed. Besides dropping off or mailing a check, or using online giving, it is also easy (and free) to set up automatic payments through your banking institution. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

DONATE
ONLINE

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund April

Actual	\$15,583.94
vs. Budgeted	\$13,186.00

Expenses from General Fund April

Actual	\$12,266.97
vs. Budgeted	\$13,186.00

Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual	\$ **73,679.29
vs. Budgeted	\$52,744.00

Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual	\$44,546.24
vs. Budgeted	\$52,744.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for April was \$100.00.*

***included pre-paid pledges from
2020 and applied to 2021.*

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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.

AFFIRMING ALL GOD’S CHILDREN:

We at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church (USA), aka PC(USA), present its Churchwide Antiracism Policy, first adopted in 1999 and revised in 2016. It proclaims the following:

“While recognizing that racism victimizes many different racial ethnic groups, we acknowledge its unique impact on the African American community. Given the particular forms that anti-Black racism has taken in the United States of America, both historically (including slavery and Jim Crow) and today (including mass incarceration, disproportionate policing, economic inequality, and continuing acts of racially oriented violence and hate), we state clearly: GOD LOVES BLACKNESS. Too many have denied this basic truth for too long. Our choice to align ourselves with love and not hate requires both a rejection of racism and a positive proclamation that God delights in Black lives.”

STATEMENT OF OPENNESS AND WELCOME

We aspire to Christ’s model of openness and love for all persons. As God has welcomed us, we also welcome everyone into the life, leadership, and community of Christ’s church, regardless of abilities, age, economic status, education, ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social position or any identity or status that might be perceived as separating us from God or one another.

We pledge to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each of God’s children, with membership, leadership, and employment open to whomever God calls.