

## SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

# 2021



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](mailto:swnjwn4@gmail.com); for **Sojourners** at 9:30a, contact Ron Smith at [ronDsmith1349@outlook.com](mailto:ronDsmith1349@outlook.com). The **Bible Discovery** class will continue to snail-mail lessons for now. You may contact Bob Armistead at 423-202-3270.

### IN THE PULPIT—MAY

On Communion Sunday, May 2, we will welcome the Rev. Edward Wolff to our virtual and in-person pulpits. Ed, who was ordained into ministry in 1996 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is a regular worshipper with the Covenant congregation. He was called to serve in two different congregations, then he was trained to become an interim minister and assisted five congregations. He also served as supervisor for interim ministry for the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA. He began a congregation in Jonesborough. He lives in Jonesborough with his spouse Frankie.

On Sunday, May 9, we will welcome Brianna Olson to our virtual and in-person pulpits. Bri has been a resident of Johnson City for almost 6 years now, continuing to live and work here since earning her MDiv from Emmanuel Christian Seminary a couple years ago. She's been a friend of Covenant since serving as the Interim Director of UKirk and has ministered in churches in Maryland and here in Tennessee. Her interests include just about anything her friends are up to!

On Sunday, May 16 we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman back to our in-person pulpit. *He will also be in the virtual and in-person pulpits on May 23.* Brian, a native of Galax, VA, serves as Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religion at King University. He has taught at McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Lee University, and Hiwassee College. He also served as pastor of Madisonville Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, TN, and as chaplain at Hiwassee College. Brian lives in Bristol, TN with his wife, Monica, and their two children, Ella Kate & Wes.

On Sunday, May 16, we will welcome the Rev. Melissa Earley to our virtual pulpit. Melissa is the lead pastor of First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights in Illinois. She is a writer, with pieces published in The Christian Century, Disciplines, and local newspapers. Melissa is a story teller. She tells regularly at First Person Live in Arlington Heights and recently won a Moth Story Slam. Melissa lives with her dog Mandy and is an avid reader, kayaker and hiker.

On Sunday, May 30, and for the month of June, we will welcome the Rev. Beth Jarvis to the virtual and in-person pulpits. Beth holds a MDiv from Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan where she is the director of the Ministry Resource Center. The Center is funded through a grant from the Lilly Endowment that supports pastors and local churches. She and her husband, Daniel Silliman, moved back to Johnson City a couple of years ago.

### 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 donations for the month will be picked up from the church after the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday to be delivered to Good Samaritan. The grocery carts will be in the hallway on Sundays.

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

## **GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HABITAT AND OTHER MISSIONS**

**Hello to All from the Local and World Wide Missions Committee!**

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 the basement.

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*

### **WORSHIP FAQ'S:**

According to the informal survey that was conducted by the Re-Opening Task Force, approximately 80% of Covenant's worship service attendees have been vaccinated to Covid-19.

#### **Do I have to wear a mask?**

Yes, wearing a mask is required to attend in-person worship.

#### **What is being done for social distancing?**

We have roped off every other pew and encourage people to be seated at socially distanced intervals. Seating is also available in the library area.

#### **Does the pastor wear a mask?**

Due to the distance of the pulpit and the communion table from the rest of the congregation, the pastor can choose to remove her/his mask while preaching and presiding over communion.

#### **Does the liturgist wear a mask?**

We have arranged for the liturgist to speak socially distanced from the pulpit and the congregation. The liturgist can choose to remove his/her mask while speaking.

#### **How is communion served?**

We are preparing individual cups with bread and juice for people to pick up when entering the sanctuary. The minister will preside over communion from the communion table and congregants will remain seated in the pews.

#### **Are we singing hymns?**

We are not singing hymns, but Jessica is providing music during the service. The Re-Opening Task Force is monitoring the rate of COVID-19 in our region and will advise accordingly.

Thank you,

*Kathi Cary*, Chair, Worship Committee

### **BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, MAY 10 AT 6:00P (ZOOM)**

**Please email Ed Wolff at [bbwolff1937@gmail.com](mailto:bbwolff1937@gmail.com) for your Zoom invitation.**

The subject of the May 10 Black/White Dialogue meeting will be a presentation of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. The presenters are Michael Hurlbert, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving and Lottie Ryans, Director of Literacy and Workforce Development Initiative for the First Tennessee Development District.

**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.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
MILDRED MURPHY**

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead  
Betty Maletich

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
PAT WILEY**

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead  
Betty Maletich

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
ARLENE WILKINSON**

**BY**

Betty Maletich

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
GIL DEROUEN**

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead  
Sharon Benner



**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
SUZANNE VESTERFELT**

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
GLAY HOOD**

**BY**

Betty Maletich

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
LORI SIMON**

(Tina's sister)

**BY**

Bob & Estelle Armistead



**ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:**

Gil Derouen—April 10, 2021

From Jim & Norma Starr:

We want to thank everyone so much for your support, your unconditional love, and your prayers while our daughter, Traci, is in the hospital. We ask that you continue to keep her in your prayers.

With Love,

*Jim & Norma*

**Thanks to everyone participating  
in the Meal Train for the Starr  
family and for the Derouen family.  
It has been so appreciated.**

### CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Traci Honeycutt, Jim Starr's daughter; Gary Davis, Charlotte Corbett's son-in-law; Tom Wolf, Julie Wood's brother; the families of those we have lost; all those suffering the health and economic effects of Covid-19.

***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

### MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT

**Income to General Fund  
March**

Actual	\$11,637.71
vs. Budgeted	\$13,186.00

**Expenses from General Fund  
March**

Actual	\$9,456.17
vs. Budgeted	\$13,186.00

**Year to Date Income  
General Fund**

Actual	\$ **58,095.35
vs. Budgeted	\$39,558.00

**Year to Date Expenses from  
General Fund**

Actual	\$32,279.27
vs. Budgeted	\$39,558.00

***The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for March was \$35.00.***

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

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*“Covenant Presbyterian Church (Johnson City, TN.)”*

### **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.