

**HURRY! ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT...**

**STUFF THE BUS – DEADLINE JULY 6, 2021**

**2021**

The Local & World Wide Missions Committee continues to collect school supplies for the Johnson City Schools' Homeless Education Program. (see list below) **You may bring items with you on Sunday and place them in the Narthex or drop them in the Good Sam Food cart in front of the church building during the week (M-TH, 10a – 3p).**

If you are unable to shop but would like to support this mission, you may make a monetary donation to the church **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JULY 4** and the committee will do the shopping for you. Please make your check payable to Covenant and reference "Stuff the Bus" on the memo line. (or in the memo section if you donate online) If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Jones at 423-737-5392. **Remember, the deadline for donations is Tuesday, July 6,** as the bus will arrive on July 7<sup>th</sup> to pick up the supplies!



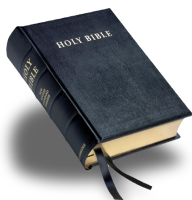
**July**

**Items Needed:**



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| Wide ruled composition books       | Markers                  | Highlighters  |
| Pencils                            | Backpacks                | Scotch tape   |
| Dry erase markers                  | Ear Buds                 | Blue/red pens |
| Wide Ruled paper                   | Colored pencils          | Glue sticks   |
| Crayola crayons                    | Scissors (Fiskars style) |               |
| Zipper Pencil Pouches/Pencil Boxes |                          |               |

**IN THE PULPIT—JULY**



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| July 4  | Rev. Hal Hutchison      |
| July 11 | Cheryl Rice             |
| July 18 | Laura Hicks Hardy       |
| July 25 | Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman |

**SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Please join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM for in-person worship services!** Out of an abundance of caution, we will not be providing nursery care at this time.

**Adult Sunday School Classes:**

The **Issues Class** will continue to meet on Zoom at 8:30a; contact Jerry Nagel at [swnjwn4@gmail.com](mailto:swnjwn4@gmail.com).

The **Sojourners Class** will meet in person at 9:45a; contact is Ron Smith at [ronDsmith1349@outlook.com](mailto:ronDsmith1349@outlook.com). **(EXCEPT FOR JUNE 27 & JULY 4—BREAK)**

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

**STATEMENT ON MASKS (reprinted)**

**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.

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**Covenant Courier**

## **BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, JULY 12 FROM 6 TO 8 PM**

### **July's meeting of Black/White Dialogue will be in person IN THE PARK!!**

We will meet in the Harris Pavilion at Rotary Park in Johnson City. (beyond the Splash Pad) Fried chicken and water will be provided. If you are able to, please bring a side dish to share. There are picnic benches, but bring a folding chair if you wish.

There is no program this month. We will be asking that you break bread with people you may not already know to hopefully create new acquaintances/friendships. Invite your friends!



**You may contact Ed Wolff at [bbwolff1937@gmail.com](mailto:bbwolff1937@gmail.com) for details.**

**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**

The Local & World Wide Missions Committee wants to remind everyone about the **Church Wide Garage Sale**, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go toward supporting Covenant's mission activities.

We will accept any donated items, except for clothing. Items are being stored in the classroom next to the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall. (The basement storage area is FULL). The Habitat for Humanity "Restore" will receive all donated items that do not sell.

We also need **volunteers** to help with organizing, pricing and then working on the day of the sale. If you feel led to help support this effort, contact any of the LWWMC members, or email Don Coble at [dwcoble1@gmail.com](mailto:dwcoble1@gmail.com).

The Local & World Wide Missions Committee thanks everyone for their support of this and all of Covenant's mission activities.

Stay Safe and Stay Well. *Local and World Wide Missions Committee*

**SAVE THE DATE:  
CHURCH WIDE  
GARAGE SALE  
AUGUST 7, 2021**



**The River Ministry will be selling BUTTON BRACELETS again at the Socially-Distanced Art & Craft Show at the McKinney Center on July 9 & 10. 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 Stacy Larsen at 423-926-8111 to learn more.**

## **MYSTERY CAMPER?**

Now that more live activities are taking place at the Church, folks may wonder about the RV trailer parked from time to time in the church's parking lot. Some church neighbors at the Franklin Square Court apartments, Greg & Phyllis Rodgers, have had to park their RV miles away from their home and approached the church about parking at the back of our lot. The Session agreed and we've made an agreement for a year. Greg and Phyllis show their prize-winning English bulldog and use the RV to travel widely to dog shows.

## **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! 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. Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry!

## **ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:**

Jeter Collins—June 13, 2021

### **BABMOC UPDATE**

Isaac made it back to BABMOC School in Monrovia, Liberia, safe and sound!

Our third and sixth grade students will be taking their national standardized tests soon as all our students are winding down the school year.

Isaac is coordinating the construction of a project to enhance our solar electric system which will allow more consistent pumping of water from our well and power to the classrooms. This is being funded by the recent awarding of a \$9,600 grant by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

*Matt Cary*

Chairperson, BABMOC

[www.babmoc.org](http://www.babmoc.org)

### **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.



### **NEW ADDRESS:**

**Earle & Mona Barron**  
1631 Zane Whitson Dr., #209  
Erwin, TN 37650  
(*Governor's Bend*)



## **MEMORIAL GIFT TO THE CHURCH**

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
JETER COLLINS**

**BY**

**Jim & Norma Starr**

### **CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS**

Pat Zembower, Christian's mother; Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter; Gary Davis, Charlotte Corbett's son-in-law; Gary Salazar, friend of Cynthia Erdei.

#### ***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

### **MAY TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **Income to General Fund May**

Actual	\$12,044.27
vs. Budgeted	\$13,186.00

#### **Expenses from General Fund May**

Actual	\$10,053.90
vs. Budgeted	\$13,186.00

#### **Year to Date Income General Fund**

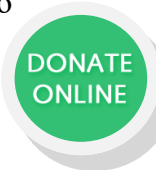
Actual	\$ **85,723.56
vs. Budgeted	\$65,930.00

#### **Year to Date Expenses from General Fund**

Actual	\$54,600.14
vs. Budgeted	\$65,930.00

***The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for May was \$30.00.***

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



### **MOVIE NIGHT...ERRR...MATINEE!**

**Saturday Night at the Movies** will be resuming in September with a change—instead of date nights, we'll have a matinee on Saturday afternoons—**Saturday Movie Matinee!** Our movie choices are usually light fare with adults in mind (not porn, but not Disney cartoons either) More info to come. Any suggestions or questions, contact Don or Patti Coble.

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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.