

2021

The latest announcement from Session, dated August 23, 2021

Due to the rapid increase in Covid-19 cases in our area, Session has decided to keep the church closed to in-person worship and other Covenant-sponsored activities **through September 12**. We will continue posting our virtual worship services on Facebook and YouTube.

Session will reevaluate the situation on September 12 and its decision will be announced on September 13th.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The **Issues Class** continues to meet on Zoom at 8:30a; contact Jerry Nagel at swnjwn4@gmail.com.

The **Sojourners Class** is temporarily meeting on Zoom at 9:45a; contact is Ron Smith at ronDsmith1349@outlook.com.

The **Bible Discovery Sunday School** class will meet in person again when the church opens back up. Contact is Bob Armistead at 423-202-3270.

ITEMS FOR THE RIVER’S CRAFT SALE NEEDED

The River's Craft & Goodies Fair is coming up in October and they are looking for **donations of handmade crafts and goodies** for this fundraiser. If you are a baker, crafter, or maker, please contact Stacy Larsen at theriverministryforwomen@yahoo.com or 423-926-8111 to learn more about donating for the Fair.

CHURCH FALL CLEAN-UP DAY—SEPT. 25, 2021

Please join the Property Committee on Saturday, September 25th from 9 to Noon for Church Fall Clean-Up Day! The Committee will have some cleaning materials available, but everyone is encouraged to bring cleaning-type supplies and materials, such as cleaning cloths/buckets/brooms/step ladders, etc. The work tasks will be split into groups such as window cleaning group, floor cleaning group, landscape bed cleaning, etc., so come prepared to work on a particular task, or several. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Property Committee member.

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:

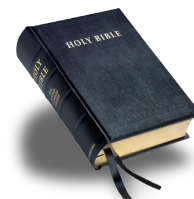
- Jelly/Jam; Peanut Butter; Canned Veggies;**
- Canned Fruits; Dry / Canned Beans; Rice;**
- Soups; Cereals (*hot and cold*);**
- Canned Meats (*Tuna, Vienna Sausage, etc.*)**

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

IN THE PULPIT—SEPTEMBER



September 5	Laura Hicks Hardy w/Dr. Miriam Perkins presiding over Communion
September 12	Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman
September 19	Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman
September 26	Lauren Maes



MONTHLY MOVIE MATINÉE!



Saturday Matinée at the Movies has been postponed until October.

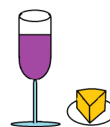
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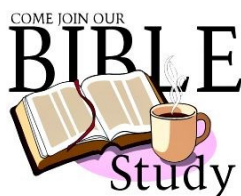
2021-22 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS TAUGHT ME LEARNING FROM THE WOMEN IN MATTHEW'S GENEALOGY OF JESUS



All of the women of the church, and friends of the women in the church, are invited to attend our monthly PW Circle study groups. There are three (3) groups from which to choose: one daytime, one evening, and one that is switching it up depending on the weather! All 3 use the same study book, which is available for pick up in the church office workroom on Sundays or during office hours. The Circles meet from Fall to Spring, and take Summers off. If you are interested in knowing more about the PW Circles, please connect with one the contacts.

- ♦ **The Red Tent Circle normally meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month (beginning in August); however, they will meet on the 3rd Thursday for the months of August & September. The next meeting will be on Thurs., September 16, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)**
- ♦ **The Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the church library at 1:30 PM. As the church is temporarily closed to in-person meetings, their first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 13. (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)**
- ♦ **The Joy Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Unless they change the day/time. The first meeting MAY be on Tues., September 14, at 11:00 a.m. at Metro Kiwanis Pavilion. Contact Anne Smith to find out!!!**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



All men of the church (and friends of the men in the church) are invited to the Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. When the church is open to Covenant-sponsored activities again, we will meet every week in the Fellowship Hall, rain or shine. The coffee is hot and the discussion is lively. We'd love to have you join us, even if you aren't able to come every week. More participation equals more perspective, and more perspective can lead to a greater understanding of the Bible.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 6 TO 8 PM—ZOOM

September 13, 2021, is the beginning of minority entrepreneur week. Bob Cantler, President of the Johnson City Chamber, along with Edwin Williams, entrepreneur for ZenHammer, will be the presenters and facilitators to dialogue on Entrepreneurship and the role of minorities, along with the challenges that come with it. Contact Ed Wolff at bbwolff1937@gmail.com for details.



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**
**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!**

The River

Craft & Goodies Fair

DATE: Saturday, October 16, 2021
TIME: 10 am to 2 pm

Will be held outside in the Pavilion behind The River at First Presbyterian Church
The River 125 West Main Street Johnson City, TN 37604
For More Information Contact 423-926-8111

Save the date! Mark your calendar!
theriverministryforwomen@yahoo.com

NOTES FROM SESSION...by Kathi Cary

- ♦ Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area, the Local and Worldwide Missions Committee yard sale was canceled. *(note: items have been picked up by Habitat Re-Store, which will sell them. The proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.)*
- ♦ We are extending communion to our members who are in assisted living or unable to attend worship.
- ♦ The Fall Church Clean-Up Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021.
- ♦ The kick-off for the new Sunday School year *[was to begin]* on September 12, 2021.
- ♦ Due to the increasing numbers of Covid-19 in our area, in person worship and other Covenant sponsored activities, are canceled beginning August 9 through August 22. This closure was later extended through September 12, 2021.

Elders of Covenant (Session)

Class of 2021

Don Hart, *Communications*
 Bud King, *Administration & Budget*
 Pat Smith, *Christian Education*
 Frankie Wolff, *Congregational Life*

Class of 2022

Tony Madden, *Local & Worldwide Missions*
 Betsy Moakler, *Congregational Life*
 Anne Smith, *Christian Education*
 David L. Wood, *Worship*

Class of 2023

Kathi Cary, *Worship & Clerk of Session*
 * Don Coble, *Local & Worldwide Missions*
 * Gwen Hunter, *Congregational Life*
 Lauri Zembower, *Admin. & Budget*
*[*Extending one year per PC(USA)
 Covid-19 guidelines.]*



CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Logan Tindell; Traci Starr Honeycutt, Holly Bland's cousin, Kayla; 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

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund

	July	
Actual		\$12,716.29
vs. Budgeted		\$13,186.00

Expenses from General Fund

	July	
Actual		\$12,809.65
vs. Budgeted		\$13,186.00

Year to Date Income

	General Fund	
Actual		\$ **111,901.22
vs. Budgeted		\$92,302.00

Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual		\$76,722.58
vs. Budgeted		\$92,302.00

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

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

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can make your contributions to the church online? You may also give to Special Offerings, such as 5 Cents a Meal, BABMOC, Good Samaritan, The River, as well as giving a memorial gift or other contribution online. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit the church website, [www.cpcjc.org] and click our Online Giving link. There is also a box you can check (optional) if you wish to help the church offset the cost of providing online giving.

Besides online giving or dropping off or mailing a check, it is also easy (and free) to set up **automatic payments** through your banking institution or online BillPay.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

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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.