



FROM THE LOCAL & WORLDWIDE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Dear Covenant Family,

We have chosen to continue to support the J.C. School's Homeless Children program as a year-round mission partner. We've recently been in contact with the coordinator, Sydnee DeBusk, whose role is to help support the students who are either homeless or at-risk. With it being winter, and very cold, we've learned they need sweatpants for the children. She shared with us that last week she had a family of 3 come to her wearing only T-shirts, shorts, and flip-flops because that is all they had.

We are taking up a monetary collection so that Sydnee can purchase what is needed. **We are asking for your support between now and February 6.** You may give online or by check or cash. Please make your checks out to Covenant and note "homeless children" on the memo line.

While this is an immediate need and **the deadline to give to this project is February 6**, other needs will arise throughout the school year. Covenant has established a designated fund for the homeless school children program as part of our partnership. Whenever you feel led to give in support of these students in our community, we will happily accept your donations and pass them along. We will also let you know of specific and immediate needs as they come up.

Thank you for considering and supporting this important mission for the children in Johnson City.

God's love and blessings,

Local & Worldwide Missions Committee



UKIRK MEALS

A new semester has begun at ETSU, and that means our campus ministry partners at UKirk are looking for folks who are willing to provide the weekly meal for students. There are still open dates in March and April! If you (or you with the help of a friend) want to sign up, please let the Church Office know and we'll be happy to help facilitate and connect folks to this great mission opportunity.

CAMP SUNDAY

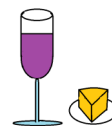
Sunday, February 13th, is Camp and Retreat Sunday! Join us for a special worship service and hear from the new Director of Holston Presbytery Camp, Dave Cohn. Feel free to wear your camp t-shirts as we celebrate the wonderful legacy outdoor ministry fosters in our kids and faith community!

STUDENT DAY OF PRAYER

UKirk Chaplain and friend of Covenant John Golden will be with us in worship on February 20th for the Universal Day of Prayer for Students. We invite everyone to write a note of encouragement and prayer to bring to church that Sunday for John to take back and share with the students at ETSU.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES
IN FEBRUARY**



- ♦ The **Joy Circle** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Unless they change the day/time. The next meeting MAY be on Tues., **February 8**, at 11:30 a.m. Contact Anne Smith to find out!!!
- ♦ The **Friendship Circle** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the church library at 1:30 PM. Their next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 9**. Contact Elaine Warehime to confirm.
- ♦ The **Red Tent Circle** meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Thurs., February 10**, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane. Contact BJ King to confirm.

BEAR ANOTHER'S BURDENS MINISTRY OF CHRIST (BABMOC)

BABMOC Students Shine in WACE Exams

The 3rd and 6th grade classes of BABMOC school have received their scores from their very first National Standardized Tests with a 98% passing rate. The BABMOC School's faculty, staff, and board are all pleased to celebrate the achievements of these students.

The 6th grade students, with a 100% passing rate, received several "Excellent" scores in Mathematics. The students were also tested in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.

The 3rd grade students were tested in Mathematics and English. They all adapted well to delays and offsite testing to achieve one or more "credit" rankings.



The Covenant Presbyterian congregation and friends have supported Isaac's dream for providing quality, fee-free education to Kpelle Town, Liberia since the beginning. We appreciate the generous gifts given during the recent Alternative Gift Fair.

Thank you, Covenant!

To learn more about our school or to donate (other than through the church), check us out online at www.babmoc.org.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING IN FEBRUARY

We will continue to collect canned goods, preferably with pop-tops, like



Spaghetti-O's, ravioli, soups, fruits, tuna, chicken, as well as individual fruit cups and puddings.



You may drop off your contributions in the shopping cart outside the front door during office hours.

On Sundays, the cart will be in the Narthex.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too.

Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry!



BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 ON ZOOM FROM 6—8

The black experience in this nation is strongly intertwined with the indigenous people, both with a positive and negative result. Our facilitators/presenters for this meeting are Deborah (Debi) Thibeault, DSW, LCSW, who is an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Social Work at ETSU; Terry Shinn, a keeper and teller of Indigenous stories; and Chasity Drew, who is the Associate Director of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at ETSU. Besides bringing stories of and discussing the experiences of indigenous people, we hope to learn of the indigenous people who have been part of this region. Contact Ed Wolff for more information.



COMMITTEE SERVICE

As the new class of elders begin their terms on Session this month, church leadership is also talking about how to revitalize the committees and teams that serve our church community. All of our members are given gifts, talents, and ideas from the Spirit! Have you ever considered serving on **Congregational Life, Outreach & Communications, Worship, Property, Local & Worldwide Missions, Christian Education, or Admin & Budget**? If you're feeling called to be involved, Pastor Maggie or the Committee Chairs would love to hear from you!



ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

Lattie Collins—January 20, 2022



PRAYER CONCERNS

Norma Starr; Marshia Adams, Rosemary Whitson’s sister; BJ King’s sister, Mary Lynn; Steve Jones, friend of Sharon Fuhrman; Tommy Brown, Mary O’Keeffe’s nephew-in-law; Pat Zembower, Christian’s mom; Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr’s daughter; Pat & Vickie Koppel, friends of the Cobles; Sharon Fuhrman; Sarah Campbell, Sharon Fuhrman’s granddaughter; Gary Burkett, former member of Covenant; Gary Salazar, friend of Cynthia Erdei; and all those in our community affected by Covid-19 and all of the natural disasters.

Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan ~ ~ Frontera de Cristo at the border

and these Covenant ministry partners:

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry) ~ ~ Holston Presbytery Camp

LatinX Ministry ~ ~ The River ~ ~ BABMOC

ELDERS OF COVENANT (SESSION)

Outgoing Class of 2021

Don Hart, Communications
Bud King, Admin. & Budget
Pat Smith, Christian Ed.
Frankie Wolff, Cong. Life

Class of 2022

Betsy Moakler, Cong. Life
Anne Smith, Christian Ed.
David L. Wood, Worship
Tony Madden, Property



Class of 2023

Kathi Cary, Worship & Clerk of Session

*Don Coble, LWWM

*Gwen Hunter, Cong. Life

Lauri Zembower, Admin. & Budget

[*Extending one year per PC(USA) Covid-19 guidelines.]

Incoming Class of 2024

Stacy Larsen

Ron Smith

DECEMBER TREASURER’S REPORT

Income to General Fund

December

Actual \$14,529.30

vs. Budgeted \$13,186.00

Expenses from General Fund

December

Actual \$25,976.24

vs. Budgeted \$13,186.00

Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$ **179,291.81

vs. Budgeted \$158,232.00

Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual \$144,784.51

vs. Budgeted \$158,232.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for December was \$121.25.*

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

DONATE
ONLINE

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can make your contributions to the church online?

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.