



**THE LENTEN SEASON AT COVENANT**

**Ash Wednesday**

We will be having a mid-day service of prayer in the Sanctuary on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for **Ash Wednesday** at 12:15 PM.



**Lenten Study**

We are partnering with Watauga Avenue Presbyterian to study Rachel Held Evan's book *Inspired on Wednesdays during Lent*. There will be two (2) sessions each Wednesday, one will be in person, alternating between the host churches at 3:30 PM, and the other will be **on Zoom at 7 PM**.

We hope these options will allow the most people to participate in fellowship and conversation about a great book! Zoom invitations will be emailed every week on Wednesday mornings.

**Here is the schedule for the 3:30 PM in-person sessions:**

March 2:	Covenant ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )	March 30:	Covenant ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
March 9:	Watauga Avenue	April 6:	Watauga Avenue
March 16:	Covenant ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )	April 13:	Covenant ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
March 23:	Watauga Avenue		

*To order the book on Amazon, here is the link:*

<https://www.amazon.com/Inspired-Slaying-Giants-Walking-Loving/dp/0718022319>.

**For your calendar:** **Holy Week** begins on Sunday, April 10, with Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday is April 14, Good Friday is April 15, and Easter will be on Sunday, April 17. Details to come.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Church leadership is 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!



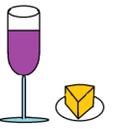
**Daylight Saving Time  
begins on Sunday, March 13 at 2 AM.**

**Be sure to set your clocks  
FORWARD one hour**

**before you go to bed on Saturday night! (March 12)**



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES IN MARCH



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

### **BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE**

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 ON ZOOM FROM 6—8**

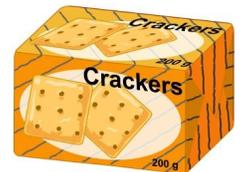


The Black/White Dialogue Zoom meeting on March 14, from 6—8:00 pm will feature **Matt Hawn as the presenter/facilitator.** Matt Hawn was fired from Sullivan County's Central High School for teaching controversial material in his Current Issues class. He provided material to discuss the notion of white privilege and white supremacy. While being unemployed he is focusing his effort to have the decision reversed and participate with various organizations to continue awareness of the threat of censorship within our public school system. Contact Ed Wolff for more information.

### **GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING IN MARCH**

This month, we will collect: **Soups, preferably with pop-tops, and Crackers.** 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!



### **FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...Mary O'Keeffe**

Regarding the Annual Congregational Meeting: after review of the By-Laws and the Manual of Operations, it is clear we did have a quorum, so there is no need to reconvene and ratify actions taken at that meeting

Communications/Outreach Committee: The committee is in need of 1 or 2 more people trained on posting info to our website. If you're interested, contact Ron Smith.

Property Committee:

- Work is ongoing to fix the roof leak in the kitchen. Issues with the sink, drain and garbage disposal have been resolved.
- If you're interested in participating on the mowing teams, please contact Tony Madden.

Worship Committee:

- A procedure is now in place to conduct Sunday service even if Pastor Maggie is unavailable at the last minute (sick, stranded while traveling or other issue, for example). The service would not include a sermon but will include all the other elements of our usual Sunday service.
- The committee is in the midst of preparing for Lent.

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Ed Wolff  
 Jim & Norma Starr  
 Pat Smith's mother, Betty  
 Ron Smith's sister, Rhonda & her husband, Joe  
 Sharon Fuhrman  
 Don & Anita Wolf, Julie Wood's parents  
 Doris Sanders  
 Marshia Adams, Rosemary Whitson's sister  
 BJ King's sister, Mary Lynn  
 Steve Jones, friend of Sharon Fuhrman  
 Pat Zembower, Christian's mom  
 Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter  
 Pat & Vickie Koppel, friends of the Cobles  
 Sarah Campbell, Sharon Fuhrman's granddaughter  
 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)

### Class of 2022

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

### Class of 2024

Stacy Larsen  
 Ron Smith  
 Clerk of Session:  
 Mary O'Keeffe

### Class of 2023

Kathi Cary, Worship  
 Lauri Zembower, Admin/Budget



## 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.



## JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

### Income to General Fund

January

Actual **\*\*\$42,677.10**  
 vs. Budgeted **\$17,892.00**

### Expenses from General Fund

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*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
 for January was \$166.59.*

*\*\*includes pre-paid pledges from 2021  
 and applied to 2022.*

## 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.