



FROM YOUR LOCAL & WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Sydnee De Busk, with the Johnson City schools, needs support for the **food pantry** over the summer for **at-risk and homeless children** that attend the Johnson City Schools. Let's see if we can collect enough of the following items to help feed these students! The deadline to bring your items, **OR** to make a monetary contribution so we can go shopping for you, is **Sunday, June 25th**. There is a collection bin in the Narthex or you may drop off items during the week in the bin outside next to the Good Sam grocery cart.

(Bear in mind that many of these children might not be living in a place that has a proper kitchen and therefore may not have access to a stove.)

EZ Mac	Peanut butter	Ramen Cups
Slim Jims	Squeeze Jelly	Beanie Weenies
Pop-tarts	Pasta noodles	Spaghetti -O's
Snack Cakes	Spaghetti sauce	Fruit Cups
Pudding cups	Goldfish	Applesauce (cups/pouches)
Granola Bars	Cheese-its	Microwavable meals
Cereal	Oatmeal	Crackers
Soup (pop-top can)	Microwavable Chef Boyardee Cups	

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

We are collecting the following items: **Canned foods with pop-tops** that are ready to eat "as is" for folks without resources to cook. Foods that do not require adding water or other ingredients would be ideal. Chef Boyardee canned foods, Vienna Sausages, Beanie Weenie, Soup, Fruit, Vegetable cups, etc. If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too. Remember, the Good Sam cart is outside in front of the church office Monday—Thursday from 10a—3p. Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry!

UPDATE ON ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

We received **\$837** for the One Great Hour of Sharing for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger Relief, and the Self-Development of People fund! Thank you for your generosity!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES IN MAY

With May being the last meeting until the Fall, times and dates may be different.

Please check with your Circle contact for any updates.

- ♦ **The Friendship Circle** will meet on **Wed., May 10 at 1:30 PM**. Rosemary Whitson is the contact person.
- ♦ **The Joy Circle** will meet on **Thursday, May 11, at 11:30 AM**. Anne Smith is the contact person.
- ♦ **The Red Tent Circle** will meet on **Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 PM**. Gwen Hunter is the contact person.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON **MAY 29, FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

PENTECOST 2023

Mark your calendars: **May 28th is Pentecost!** Covenant is already making plans to celebrate the Church's Birthday. Worship that morning will be held in the Fellowship Hall! We hope you will join us!

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT CARVER REC CENTER

“CONNECTING TO OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY”

Join us for a group meal in the gym at the Carver Rec Center on Monday, May 8 beginning at 6:00 PM! Following the concept of Speed Dating, coordinators Tina Simon and Georgita Washington have nicknamed this “Speed Eating”. The emphasis won’t be on speed in eating, but rather on meeting and connecting with each other. There will be randomly assigned seating and conversation starters at every table. After a bit of time, perhaps 30 minutes, everyone will pick up their food and move to a different randomly assigned seat. The idea is to mix and mingle and get to know someone you don’t already know well, as a way to connect to our beloved community. This is a prelude for small group meals designed for folks to get to know each other outside of the regular meeting setting. Before the end of the meal, several hosts will be named to plan small-group meals at a time and place of their choosing. There will be sign-up sheets for each host. Each small group will be made up of 4 – 6 people.

For food and seating planning purposes, please RSVP to Tina by May 1st

Call the church office (423-282-5324), text her cell (423-342-8351), or email her at office@cpcjc.org.



Food will be provided by Taste Budz.

Contributions at the door are encouraged to cover the cost.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—MAY 14, 2023

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 14, for After Church Lunch. The theme this month, in honor of Mother’s Day, is **Mom’s Famous Recipes**. Please bring a dish or a side or a dessert that you enjoyed growing up to share with the congregation.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING??

From serving on a committee (Communications/Outreach, Local & World-Wide Missions, Congregational Life, etc.), to bringing snacks for times of fellowship, to helping with cleanup after a church lunch, there are ample opportunities to be more involved and connected here at Covenant. Contact Tina in the office for more information! office@cpcjc.org or 423-282-5324.

OTHER COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

There are plenty of opportunities to be active at Covenant. Following is a list of committees and teams you might be interested in. You don’t have to ‘officially’ join a committee to be a part of it!

- ◇ Administration & Budget (Stewardship) Committee (*contact Lauri Zembower*)
- ◇ Christian Education Committee (*contact Anne Smith or Betsy Hagelberg*)
- ◇ Congregational Life Committee (*contact Stacy Larsen or Betsy Moakler*)
- ◇ Earth Care Team (*contact Ann Freeman*)
- ◇ Local & World-Wide Missions Committee (*contact Don Coble*)
- ◇ Property Committee (*contact Tony Madden or Hal Hunter*)
- ◇ Worship Committee (*contact Kathi Cary*)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Nursery is available for children up to 3 years old. We need 2 volunteers each week to serve in the Nursery. Over the past several years, our list of willing and able Nursery volunteers has diminished for various reasons, and while it is true that we haven’t had many families with young infants who need the nursery, we **MUST** have someone there every Sunday to take care of infants/toddlers during the church service. We could really use **4-6 more volunteers**. Please consider participating in this meaningful and rewarding service opportunity. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are willing to help baby-sit in the Nursery. You can also call Anne Smith at 423-929-1604 to volunteer. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!

ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:
Dean Borchers—April 7, 2023

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty Thompson, Phyllis' mom; Sharon Benner; Susan, friend of the Cobles; Annette Mullins, Holly Bland's mother; Jeff Lovelace (with our cleaning service); Vickie Koppel, friend of Don & Patti Coble; Allen White, Maggie's uncle; Cathy Eades, Jim Starr's cousin; Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother; all those affected by gun violence; all those in our community affected by Covid-19; the people of Ukraine, its neighbors, and the people of Russia

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

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan ☩ The Adams Maldonado Family: Frontera de Cristo

and these Covenant ministry partners:

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry) ☩ Holston Presbytery Camp ☩ Good Samaritan Ministries
The River ☩ BABMOC

NAME TAGS AND CONTACT INFO

If you are a member or a regular visitor, or even if you have just started coming to Covenant, you **most likely** have a name badge hanging on the wall in the Narthex. (to the left of the door to the Library) We're asking **everyone** to wear their name tags while at the church to make it easier to get to know each other. **If you don't find one with your name on it, please let us know!**

Also, if you would like to be added to our **congregation-wide email list**, please send a message to Tina at office@cpcjc.org. Include your address & phone number if you feel comfortable doing so.



ELDERS OF COVENANT (SESSION)

Class of 2023

Kathi Cary, Worship, Admin/Budget
Lauri Zembower, Admin/Budget

Class of 2024

Cynthia Erdei, Local & World-Wide Missions
Stacy Larsen, Congregational Life
Ron Smith, Communications/Outreach



Class of 2025

Patti Coble, Christian Education
Ann Freeman, Clerk of Session, Communications/Outreach
Hal Hunter, Property
Phyllis Thompson, Local & World-Wide Missions

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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MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund

March

Actual **\$31,615.37
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

Expenses from General Fund

March

Actual \$16,386.56
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$ **79,356.93
vs. Budgeted \$53,945.01

Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual \$50,759.79
vs. Budgeted \$53,945.01

***The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for March was \$101.00.***

*****includes pre-paid pledges from 2022
and applied to 2023.***



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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.