

FROM YOUR LOCAL & WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The deadline to bring food for the at-risk and homeless children that attend the Johnson City Schools is Sunday, June 25th. We got off to a good start but we've been slowing down, so let's step it up and keep going! Even if you've already brought some food items, please consider bringing some more before June 25th. **These children depend on the food pantry during the summer months.** Also remember that you may make a **monetary contribution** and we will do the shopping for you!

There is a collection bin in the Narthex AND you may drop off items during the week in the Good Sam grocery cart in front of the church office. Below is the list of items they need.

(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.)

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| 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 continue to collect 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!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES IN JUNE

All three PW Circles will meet at the Olive Garden for dinner on **Thursday, June 1st at 5:00 PM.** Please RSVP to Anne Smith at 423-929-1604.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP AT HOLSTON IS OPEN!

All kids between 3rd and 12th grade are eligible to come to camp. Check out their website at holstoncenter.org for registration and details about special camp offerings like Night Owl and Water Chihuahuas! Scholarships are available, feel free to ask Pastor Maggie for more details.



SUMMER FUN!!

Mark your calendars! There will be a **Church-Wide Picnic and Pool Party** on **Saturday, August 26th** at Betsy Moakler's clubhouse. (103 Sugarmill Drive, Johnson City, TN. 37604)

Look for details in upcoming bulletins and the August newsletter.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

The June 12th meeting of Black/White Dialogue will be from 6—8 PM at Carver Rec Center. The topic will be financial empowerment.



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.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—JUNE 11, 2023



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 11, for After Church Lunch. **Picnic Foods** are the theme this month! Please bring a dish or a side or a dessert that you might enjoy at the park 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!



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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APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund

April

Actual **\$21,084.15
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

Expenses from General Fund

April

Actual \$17,589.23
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$100,441.08
vs. Budgeted \$71,926.68

Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual \$68,349.02
vs. Budgeted \$71,926.68

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for April 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.