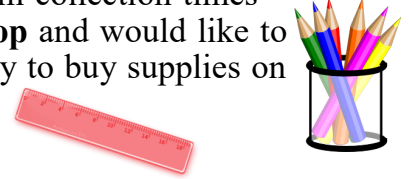


**BACKPACKS FOR BABMOC!**



We have begun our annual “Backpacks for BABMOC” Campaign! **Backpacks can be filled with school supplies such as pens, pencils, erasers, composition books, pencil sharpeners, compasses, rulers, protractors, and glue sticks.** You may bring these supplies on Sundays or during the week (Mon.-Thurs. from 10a – 3p, same as our Good Sam collection times – see below) The deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>. **If you’re unable to shop** and would like to contribute monetarily instead, feel free to do so and we will be happy to buy supplies on your behalf!



**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, as always, for your generous donations to this local ministry!

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK—AUGUST 13, 2023**



Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, August 13, for our monthly potluck meal. August’s theme is **Mexican Fiesta!** Please bring a dish, side, or a dessert to share.



**BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**

The August 14 Black/White Dialogue meeting at Carver Center from 6—8 PM will be a time for inspiration, hope and commitment to our work for voting rights, social and racial Justice and common-sense gun control. Tybre Faw, a 15 year-old activist, who is a sophomore at Science Hill High School, will be our featured speaker. He will be ably assisted by Michelle Treece as they converse about his life experiences influenced by his personal relationship with Congressman John Lewis.

**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.



**SUMMER FUN!!**

**Join us for a Church-Wide Picnic & Pool Party on Saturday, August 26 beginning at 6:00 PM at Betsy Moakler’s clubhouse. (103 Sugarmill Drive, Johnson City, TN. 37604) BBQ from The Firehouse will be provided so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will also be live music!**



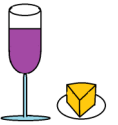
**CABIN AT HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP**

Did you know that the Presbytery has a cabin available to rent right next to Camp? It's not too early to be thinking about ski season in Banner Elk or maybe you'd like to plan a family reunion? The Holston Meadow's Cabin sleeps 25 people in its 7 bedrooms! Check it out on [www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com) or contact Mitchell Cline at [holstoncenter.org](http://holstoncenter.org) to reserve your dates!



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

### **Sacred Encounters:**



### **The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke—Acts...by Olive Mahabir**

*(from the introduction) Within the pages of this study, Olive Mahabir invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. The Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts "one story in two parts," demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled. Further, this message invites the church to deeper, compassionate engagement with the world. "What are the potential implications for the church if we treat our interactions as sacred encounters that demonstrate the transformative love of Christ 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 beginning in September. There are three (3) groups from which to choose: two daytime and one in the evening. All 3 use the same study book (see title above), which is available for pick up on the table in the church office 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.

- ♦ **Friendship Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the church library. First meeting will be on **Wed., Sept. 13**. Contact is Rosemary Whitson.
- ♦ **Red Tent Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the home of Gwen Hunter, 512 W Maple St. The first meeting will be on **Thurs., Sept. 14**. Contact is Gwen Hunter.
- ♦ **Joy Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM in the pavilion at Metro Kiwanis Park. Times and places may vary, depending on weather. First meeting will be on **Tues., Sept. 12**. Contact is Anne Smith.

### MEALS FOR UKIRK

Once again, UKirk ETSU is looking for churches, groups, and individuals who would be willing to bring and serve meals to students during their Monday Night Worship gatherings throughout the fall semester. If you or someone you know would be interested in signing up for one of these opportunities, please check the email Tina sent out to sign up using the google spreadsheet. Meals are an integral part of UKirk ETSU's culture and outreach, as it gives students an opportunity to slow down, share how they are doing, eat together prior to worship, and feel support from churches in the area. John Golden and the students deeply appreciate any help you can provide. The email also included a document with answers to frequently asked questions. If you have questions, please reach out to John at [john@presbyhouse.org](mailto:john@presbyhouse.org).

**Thank  
You**

I can't thank you all enough for stocking our Food Pantry. It is such a relief knowing I have everything to pack a food box for a family in need. I appreciate you all for always supporting the Homeless Education Program throughout the school year. May you all be blessed beyond measure!

Thank you,  
*Sydnee DeBusk*

The Local & World-Wide Mission Committee would like to thank everyone at Covenant for their support in providing food items or monetary donations for the Summer Food Pantry for the homeless and at-risk children enrolled in the Johnson City school system. It was such a great gift to see how God works miracles in our midst. The committee delivered a van packed full of food for the pantry on June 29<sup>th</sup> and the items were used in July for the children.

Peace and blessings,  
*Local and World-Wide Mission Committee*



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Shelby Ingram; Jeri DeWeese; Estelle Armistead; Ed Wolff; Laura Phillips; Kendall Harris; Evelyn Hill, Anne Trask's mother; Sharon Benner; Annette Mullins, Holly Bland's mother; Jeff Lovelace (with our cleaning service); Allen White, Maggie's uncle; Cathy Eades, Jim Starr's cousin; 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

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.

## JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

### Income to General Fund

June

Actual \*\*\$13,378.01  
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

### Expenses from General Fund

June

Actual \$20,076.53  
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

### Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$130,722.82  
vs. Budgeted \$107,890.02

### Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual \$103,662.69  
vs. Budgeted \$107,890.02

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for June was \$84.00.*

*\*\*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.



Covenant is proud to be an **Earth Care Congregation**, a **More Light Church** – supporting the LGBTQ+ community, and a **PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church** – committed to dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality.