



BINGO POTLUCK—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 5:30 PM

The Congregational Life Committee is hosting a **Bingo Potluck** event in the Fellowship Hall for the PC(USA) churches in our community. **Bring your favorite dish to share** and be prepared for a **fun** night of BINGO with fellow Presbyterians. Stacy Larsen will be calling the BINGO games and we will have fun prizes and lots of laughter.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 5.

Remember to turn your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4th!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

SERVE GOD – GIVE MORE – CONSUME LESS

Don't get us wrong. Mission Committee members still go Christmas shopping for our kids and grandkids like we always have. But when we draw up our own Christmas list, we think carefully and prayerfully about what we put on it and often we say to each other "I really don't need or want anything. Why don't we go to the Alternative Gift Fair after church this year and give to someone in real need?" On November 12th, seven mission organizations will participate with us in worship and attend our fair in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. Each will have a representative to help explain their work.

Second Harvest Food Bank
UKirk ETSU
The River
For the Future of Guangaje Ecuador

BABMOC
Rise Up! for Kids
Holston Presbytery Camp

If you have a friend or family member who really doesn't need the latest widget, why not consider giving to one of these groups that need your help with their chosen mission? Greeting cards will be available for you to fill out and mail to your friend/family so that they will know what has been given in their names. We're sure they will appreciate your thoughtfulness. **If you can't make it to worship on the 12th, the opportunity to give to these ministries will continue through the Advent season**, so you will still have ample time to participate. (Alternative Gift Fair Giving Forms will be in your bulletins and on the table in the Narthex.) Hope to see you there!

ALSO, ON NOVEMBER 12...

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for our 2nd Sunday Potluck! The theme is **Foods that reflect your Family Heritage**. Please bring a dish (main, side, or dessert) to share with the congregation.

NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 6:00 PM

Covenant is again sponsoring a table at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. **Tickets are \$50 each**, payable to Covenant. The banquet will be held at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 S. Roan St. There will be a guest performance by Kelle Jolly and Will Boyd. This is always an excellent evening of good food, interesting entertainment, and fellowship. Revenue from tickets and tables are used to support NAACP's many activities, including social justice.

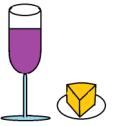
GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

We continue to collect **Canned Foods with pop-tops** that are ready to eat "as is" for folks without resources to cook: Chef Boyardee, Vienna Sausages, Beanie Weenie, soup, fruit, vegetable cups, peanut butter, jelly, and canned milk. You may bring them to church on Sunday or drop off your items in the shopping cart in front of the office during the week.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

- ♦ **Joy Circle: Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 11:00 AM** in the pavilion at Metro Kiwanis Park. Times and places may vary, depending on weather. Contact is Anne Smith.
- ♦ **Friendship Circle: Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 PM** in the church library. Contact is Rosemary Whitson.
- ♦ **Red Tent Circle: Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 PM** at the home of Gwen Hunter, who is also the contact person.



WEEKLY SUNDAY EVENING

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY AT 6:00 PM

This will be a time to prayerfully dig deeper into the morning's texts and discuss what we're hearing the Spirit say to us and to our congregation. A Zoom invitation has been emailed to you. The meeting ID is 894 5108 8507 and the passcode is study.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Please join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 5 at 7:15 PM for our monthly First Sunday Evening Worship. These services offer opportunities to experience different styles of worship and prayer practices together. We hope you will join us!

DEDICATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2023

We are all blessed with numerous graces in our lives, and as Christian disciples we are called to be stewards who take care of what God has given us – the Earth and all of its inhabitants. Think of this in terms of “Pay it Forward” – a principle where we do something kind or useful for someone because someone else has done something kind or useful for us.

God has given each one of us gifts, graces, talents, and abilities as evidenced by the stories we share at our monthly meals, the prayers of praise spoken every week, and our growing presence in the community. We want to share these blessings with others by Paying it Forward.

Stewardship is more than occasional acts of charity and service. It is a way of life, a commitment to giving our time, talent, and treasure in response to all the blessings we have received from God. Your generosity allows our church to pay the electric bill, support local and world missions, have an online presence, support the youth camp and provide a top-notch worship service. Even with a little, we can do a lot!

As a member of the congregation, you should have received a letter in the mail along with a pledge card. Your confidential amount of participation will allow our Admin and Budget Committee to arrive at a workable figure for next year's financial plan. In turn this will give our leadership a clearer direction of how the church will Pay it Forward. We believe the future of our church is bright! Let the light of Jesus that shines in you aid the work of our church in sharing its vision with our community.



BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, 6–8 PM AT CARVER CENTER

This month's topic will be The Future of Black/White Dialogue. Contact Ed Wolff for details.

TREASURER'S NOTE...FROM LAURA PHILLIPS

2024 STEWARDSHIP SEASON

For this year's "Stewardship Sermon," Pastor Maggie threw us a curve ball with the story of Araunah the Jebusite. There was no heavy hitting message of monetary needs, rather she delivered a description of what stewardship is. Simply put, stewardship is a lifestyle, not a specific day, month or even season. And sometimes a lifestyle of honoring God costs us something. Often when we say "Yes" to God we say "No" to something else. For example, donating diapers to The River may mean no caramel macchiato at Starbucks. Or cutting the grass at the church may mean no Saturday afternoon football. Or cooking a meal for UKirk students means no dinner out with a friend. Recognizing it may not always be easy, how will you step out of your comfort zone as a daily steward honoring God?

COMMUNICATIONS

We encourage those of you with Facebook or Instagram accounts to share Covenant posts with friends on your sites. We want our community to know who we are and how we work with various agencies and organizations. Also, share any photos you might take of various Covenant events to post on our Social Media sites. Contact Ron Smith for more information.



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the Christmas season, look for a form in your bulletins beginning on Nov. 5 and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate. Poinsettias are \$10 each and the deadline to place your order is November 26. Please note "*Poinsettias*" on your check made out to *Covenant Presbyterian Church*.

Save the Date!!!

JEWELRY SALE FOR THE RIVER: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 FROM 2 – 5 PM

Kick off your holiday celebrations at **Cynthia Erdei's Bi-Annual Jewelry Sale** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be goodies, laughter, friends to visit, and lots of necklaces and earrings to pick from. This year, for the **first time**, she'll be featuring 18th century African Trade beads! Great fun! Great treats! Great opportunity to buy gifts. **As always, all profits go to The River Ministry**, where women help women help themselves.

The River provides women in poverty both a safe place to meet basic needs on a daily basis and additional support programs that educate and empower women for independent living while sharing loads of God's love.

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

STEVE BADER

BY

John & Allison Sharpe

ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

Steven Bader—October 12, 2023

PRAYER CONCERNS

David & Jeri DeWeese; Vickie Koppel (friend of the Cobles); Becca Van Weiren; Shelby Ingram; Estelle Armistead; 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); those affected by gun violence; for peace in areas of conflict: Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

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

ATTN: COMMITTEE CHAIRS / LIAISONS

If you have not turned in your committee's budget request for 2024, please do so as soon as possible. You may email them to the office at office@cpcjc.org.

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.

SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund
September

Actual **\$12,548.47
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

Expenses from General Fund
September

Actual \$38,294.18
vs. Budgeted \$17,981.67

Year to Date Income
General Fund

Actual \$173,139.69
vs. Budgeted \$161,834.97

Year to Date Expenses from
General Fund

Actual \$169,181.75
vs. Budgeted \$161,834.97

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

***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.