2024 STEWARDSHIP SEASON

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 will soon be receiving a letter 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

David & Jeri DeWeese; 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 ♥ Holston Presbytery Camp Good Samaritan Ministry ♥ The River ♥ BABMOC

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, October 22	
8:10a	Issues Class—Zoom
9:30a	Sojourner's Class w/Zoom option
9:45a	Bible Discovery Class
10:00a	Youth Class
11:00a	Worship Service
6:00p	Sunday Evening Bible Study – Zoom
7:00p	N.A. Mtg
Monday, October 23	<u> </u>
10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
7:00p	Local & World-Wide Missions Comm - Zoom
Tuesday, October 24	
10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
10:00a	Al-Anon Mtg
7:00p	Al-Anon Mtg
7:00p	Alateen Mtg
Wednesday, October	<u>25</u>
10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
6:00p	Handbell Choir
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Mtg
Thursday, October 26	
10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
Noon	Al-Anon Mtg
Friday, October 27	
6:30p	Al-Anon Mtg

Covenant has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

