

NEWSLETTER

The DECEMBER COURIER is on the table in the Narthex and/or has been emailed to you. There are extra printed copies on the table for those who want one. You will also be able to find the newsletter and December's calendar on our website under the "Media" tab: www.cpcjc.org.

Tina's Note: There's a lot of information in the December Courier that is not in this bulletin. Please read it over carefully.

TWO SISTERS' JEWELRY SALE – TODAY FROM 2 – 5 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall today for Cynthia Erdei's biennial Jewelry Sale with her sister. This year, for the first time, they will be featuring 18th century African Trade beads! Great fun! Great treats! Great opportunity to buy gifts. Proceeds will be used to support The River Ministry.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

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

2023 ANGEL TREE AT COVENANT

There are still a few angels on the tree. Please choose and remove a child's tag (or 2) off the tree and take it with you. You will need to wrap the gift and attach a tag with the child's name to the outside of the present. **All gifts must be returned to the church office no later than Tuesday, December 5th.** Thank you for supporting this very important local mission and spreading Christmas blessings to these children!

CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Join us in the Sanctuary on **Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 PM** for a Christmas Recital featuring Katelyn Gabler and Jeremi Lukanus. We will take up a Love Offering – suggested donation \$5.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION—DECEMBER 10

There will be a **Called Meeting of the Congregation next Sunday right after worship.** We will elect officers (elders) for the Class of 2026. The nominees being presented by the Nominating Committee are Matt Cary, Betsy Hagelberg, and Christian Zembower.

STEWARDSHIP

If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge card for 2024, you may leave it in the offering plate, bring it or mail it to the church office, or send an email with your intention to office@cpcjc.org. Pledge cards & envelopes are in the pews in the Sanctuary and on the tables in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to Covenant for 2024.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Seven mission organizations participated with us in worship and attended our fair in the Fellowship Hall. **The opportunity to give to these ministries will continue through the Advent season,** so you have ample time to participate. Giving Forms are in your bulletins. Brochures and Greeting cards are 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.

THE MITTEN TREE

Every year we collect items for children in our area who need a little warmth during the winter. The Mitten Tree is in its traditional spot—in the hallway across from the office. **Please bring hats, scarves, mittens, and hoodies to hang on the tree.** They will be distributed to the youth at Rise Up! for Kids. **NOTE:** hoodie sizes will be for middle- and high-schoolers.

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, Beenie 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

David & Jeri DeWeese; Judy Moakler (Rich's mother); 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 ☩ Holston Presbytery Camp
Good Samaritan Ministry ☩ The River ☩ BABMOC