

JANUARY COURIER DEADLINE

The **deadline** to send Tina articles, blurbs, meetings/events dates, or any other information you would like printed in the **January Courier and listed on the January calendar is Monday, December 18**. Please send your information via email to office@cpcjc.org. Thanks!

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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

The opportunity to give to the seven mission organizations featured in this year’s Alternative Gift Fair 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

We continue to 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.

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.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

If you would like to have a box of Giving Envelopes for 2024, please let Tina know. Be sure to tell her if you want a **box of 52** (1 a week) or a **box of 12** (1 a month).

NOTES ABOUT YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Here are just a few reminders as you consider your year-end contributions to the church.

- If possible, please consider fulfilling your “2023” Pledge. To those who have made your 2024 Pledge, thank you for supporting the church and its mission.
- If you are planning on giving a contribution of stock, please have a broker statement in the Church Office no later than December 31, 2023 for the gift to be included as a “2023” contribution.
- **All donations must be delivered or mailed (and postmarked) on or before December 31, 2023 in order to receive a charitable tax donation for “2023”.**
- Checks that are placed in the church offering plates during the first worship service in 2024 will not qualify for a charitable tax contribution deduction in 2023. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in “2023” will be deductible in 2023 even if not received by the church until 2024.
- **Online contributions made by December 28, 2023 will be deductible for 2023. Online contributions made AFTER December 28 may not be counted because of the way the online reporting works.** If you have any questions about this, please contact Tina.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the church,

The Administration & Budget Committee

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