

**All Sunday School classes will take a break during July.**  
The Issues, Sojourner's, and Bible Discovery classes will resume on August 4.  
The Youth class will resume on August 18.  
Lectio Divina will resume on Wednesday, August 7.  
However, the **Zoom Bible Study** will meet in July.  
Join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.  
See your Thursday "In Preparation for Worship" email  
for the Zoom invitation or email the church office at [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org).

### **SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH—JULY 14, 2024**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 14, for our monthly Potluck lunch. **BBQ** (meat, sauce, & bread) **from The Firehouse** will be provided so please bring a side salad or dessert to share with the congregation.

### **HAPPY TOGETHER DINNER IN JULY**

This month, we'll be "happy together" at **Red Pig BBQ**, 2201 Ferguson Rd (by Kroger) **on Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m.** Please let Pat Smith know if you're coming 940-390-5607 so that she can make the proper reservation!

### **BACKPACKS FOR BABMOC**

It's time again to collect Backpacks for BABMOC! Backpacks can be filled with school supplies – pens, pencils, erasers, Composition Books, compasses, rulers, protractors, and glue sticks. Please bring them to Covenant up until September 15<sup>th</sup>. Or, you may make a monetary donation at [www.babmoc.org](http://www.babmoc.org) or make your check payable to Covenant and note "BABMOC" in the memo line and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for your participation!

Isaac Mayon, the Director of the Bear Another's Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC) School in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, will be at the After Church Lunch on July 14<sup>th</sup>. We also have invited some of BABMOC's other supporters to join us for lunch and hear Isaac's update on our elementary school that provides free education to 160 children in Liberia.

### **PLASTICS RECYCLING UPDATE**

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our plastics recycling program. In less than 2 months we have recycled **1,321** plastic items! Please continue to look for recycling symbols on your plastic waste and drop recyclable items that are empty, rinsed out and dry in the plastics recycling bin in the Fellowship Hall. Keep up the great work!

### **RECYCLING BATTERIES**

Household batteries, both rechargeable and non-rechargeable, are accepted for recycling in curbside bins and in person at the **Solid Waste Services Complex at 91 New St.**, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Both battery terminals must be taped securely. Batteries must be placed in a plastic storage bag with a zipper seal. If depositing batteries via curbside bins, please place baggies on top of other recyclables in the bin.

## **BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—JULY 8, 2024**

Black/White Dialogue meeting will be held at the **Food City Community Room** (corner of State of Franklin and Sunset) on **Monday, July 8, from 6—8:00 p.m.** Dr. David Wood will lead a presentation and discussion on Expanded Medicaid. This issue is one of the foremost issues for the State of Tennessee since it addresses the reality that people of color, especially Blacks, are disparaged as it relates to medical care. We are only one of ten states that have not enacted appropriate legislation.



## **BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE & THE MCKINNEY CENTER—AUG. 12, 2024**

The tickets for “Nancy,” presented by Black/White Dialogue and The McKinney Center on Aug. 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. are available now for McKinney Center members and Black/White Dialogue participants. The individual ticket price is \$10. **Tickets will go on sale to the public on July 1. To order tickets**, call the Jonesborough Visitors Center, 423-753-1010 and mention “Nancy.” Seats are assigned.

For those who wish to support the two organizations, you may contribute \$100 which includes two tickets. Use this link, <https://townofjonesborough.regfox.com/mckinney-center-donation-form>.

Indicate “Nancy” at the program space. Two tickets will be reserved in your name.

There will be a time for questions and comments after the presentation. A reception will follow.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING**

The need for food in the community never ends. We continue to collect the following food items on a regular basis: **Jelly/Jam; Peanut Butter; Crackers; Canned Veggies; Canned Fruits; Dry / Canned Beans; Rice; Soups; Cereals (*hot and cold*); Canned Meats (*Tuna, Vienna Sausage, etc.*), and Powdered Milk.** If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too. Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry. *If you stop by during the week, you'll find the grocery cart outside of the church office Mon.—Thurs. between the hours of 10 and 3.*

## **FROM YOUR LOCAL & WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Many thanks to the congregation!

Heading into summer, we know that students need extra food to eat. Since students ended their school year on May 24, the LWWM committee wanted to send home some easy items for them to eat.

Covenant answered the call and collected donations of breakfast foods, lunch items, and snacks for needy students at Boones Creek Elementary School on three Sundays in May. At our potluck lunch on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, everyone in the congregation helped pack individual bags for students with the food donated. On Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, LWWM committee members delivered **168 food bags** to Boones Creek Elementary to be distributed to students in need. Thank you, Covenant!!!

## **BILL PAY AND 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.



# GIFTS TO THE CHURCH



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

**BOB ARMISTEAD**

BY

David & Sharon Miller

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Reg Murphy; John & Linda Honaker (previous members and daughter of Frank Lamons); Tom Wolf (Julie Wood's brother); Estelle Armistead; Kendall Harris; Brian Smith (Gary & Anne's grandson); Sharon Benner; those affected by gun violence; victims of climate change and natural disasters; 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



Dear Friends,

Greetings from The River! I am writing to thank the entire congregation at Covenant for their generosity to The River during the Alternative Gift Fair. We are so very appreciative of all the prayers, support, and volunteers that Covenant provides. This note is late in coming, but please don't let that diminish my thanks. We are busy – averaging 60 guests a day, lots of laundry and showers, over 10,000 diapers a month, and for so many it is companionship. In a recent survey of guests, one woman wrote that The River is a “place for women to feel human and know they are loved.” We couldn't do it without each of you – thanks!

Take good care and God bless,

*Stacy Larsen*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending us exam care packages this spring. We are glad exams are over now and are looking forward to summer vacation!

With thanks,

*Cara & Ian Shepherd*

*Thank  
You*

To the Covenant Church Family:

THANK YOU!! In the weeks between when I closed on my house and was able to move in, I received so much help from so many of you, and it only reinforced how deeply appreciative I am to be a part of this community! Thank you to those who came to peel wallpaper, prime, paint, clean, weed, and otherwise get my new home ready. Thank you to those who came to pack and carry boxes and furniture in the move. Thank you to those of you who sent cards, gift cards, or simply your prayers over the process and space. All of it was a gift, and I am beyond grateful.

*Rev. Maggie Rust*

## MAY TREASURER'S REPORT

### Income to General Fund

May

Actual \$11,602.66\*\*  
vs. Budgeted \$18,345.25

### Expenses from General Fund

May

Actual \$20,336.28  
vs. Budgeted \$18,345.25

### Year to Date Income

General Fund

Actual \$97,106.09\*\*  
vs. Budgeted \$91,716.25

### Year to Date Expenses from

General Fund

Actual \$85,855.16  
vs. Budgeted \$91,716.25

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering  
for May was \$54.60.*

*\*\*includes pre-paid pledges from 2023  
and applied to 2024.*



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**HAPPY  
SUMMER!**



Covenant is proud to be an **Earth Care Congregation**; a **More Light Church** – supporting the LGBTQ+ community; a **PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church** – committed to dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality; and a **Recovery Congregation** certified by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

