

Announcements

January 9, 2022

Please remember to sign the Friendship Pad this morning! You can also update your email address, phone number, and mailing address. Thank you!

Per CDC guidelines, masks are recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons while indoors. The wing section of the sanctuary is designated for those who wish to be seated socially distanced. For the safety of all, please wear your mask while singing.



Hunger Offering Today: We invite you to bring your special hunger offering this morning during the first hymn. These funds will assist the Presbyterian Community Center Food Pantry as well as hunger initiatives supported by the Presbytery of the Peaks. Contributions may be also made online at covenantroanoke.org/donation-page (select "Hunger Fund"). Thank you for your generosity!

An Important Update from the Reopening Task Force Sub-group: Due to the rise in COVID-19 infections in our region and how easily transmittable the disease is, the serving of food and/or drinks at gatherings held within Covenant's facility has been suspended.

* *Dinner will not be provided for Covenant Kids Connections during January.*

* *Fellowship Dinners planned for January have been postponed.*

The Reopening Task Force Sub-group will revisit the situation at the beginning of February. Thank you for your understanding.



Youth Zoom continues this Wednesday, January 12 at 7:15 PM. Watch your email for the login details, and updates on our next Zoom meetings!



♦ **The Women's Bible Study meets tomorrow, Monday, January 10 at 10:30 AM on Zoom.** Please contact Sharon Nanz with any questions.

♦ **Circle of Friends** will meet on Tuesday, January 11 at 7 PM in the Parlor. Contact Carol Gentry with questions.

♦ **Holy Hunch Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, January 12 at 10:00 AM in the Blue Room and on Zoom.** All are welcome to share this time of feasting on God's word and following where the Spirit leads the discussion. Our focus is on the scripture(s) for each Sunday's sermon. Please contact the church office to be added to the email list for the study guides and Zoom link.

♦ **The Men's Bible Study and Fellowship** will meet on Saturday, January 15 at 8:00 AM. Contact Jeff Cutright or John McMillen for more information.



Covenant is going to the Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey Game next Saturday, January 15! It is Nickelodeon Night & SpongeBob Night. Gates open at 6:05; puck drops at 7:05. **Never been to a hockey game before? Then you are in for a treat!** General admission for adults is \$13; kids 12 and under \$11. Sign up in Heritage Hall.



Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant on Thursday, January 20 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Blood supplies are dangerously low and you can make a difference! Schedule your appointment now at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors!



We are taking orders for short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts, the proceeds of which will go to benefit the youth. The T-shirts will be sized from small through XXL. Prices are \$18 for short sleeve and \$20 for long sleeve. Examples of the front and back of the shirt are on display at the sign-up table in Heritage Hall. *Please help our youth by purchasing one or more of these shirts!*



Earth Care Inspiration: According to the 3rd century Greek philosopher, Zeno, "The goal of life is to live in agreement with nature." Take note this week of the ways you are living in agreement with nature and find one new thing to do during January!

Upper Room (\$1.25) and Today Devotionals for January/February are available on the table outside the sanctuary. Large print Upper Room devotionals are also available (1.50). Please contact the church office if you would like a devotional mailed to you (Phone: 989-331; Email: office@covroanoke.org)

New Contribution Envelopes may be picked up in Heritage Hall. These envelopes do not have numbers so please be sure to write your name on the envelope. Contributions may also be made online at covenantroanoke.org/donation-page/.

Generosity Update – As of January 4, we have received estimates of giving/pledges totaling \$451,900 from 89 giving units towards the 2022 budget, which estimated that we would need \$625,000 in total giving. It is not too late to make a pledge for 2022! Cards and envelopes are available on the table outside the sanctuary. **Thank you for supporting Covenant's mission and ministry in 2022!**



And the Survey Says: 40% of you answering the survey said you did not feel well informed about what the various Ministry Teams in the church are doing. We are using multiple ways to offer information about Covenant: emails are sent to you once or twice a week, the monthly newsletter is available online or in paper form through the US Postal Service, and the blue insert in your worship bulletin every Sunday all contain a lot of information about what's going on. Short messages are also sent via Facebook and Twitter for special events, which we would like for you to post on your social media accounts. Note that Gmail may automatically direct your Covenant emails to your 'Promotions' or "Updates" category. Covenant is very active in community service, Bible studies, and social events and you may be missing out on some wonderful opportunities! – *Your Long-Range Planning Team*



The Altar Flower calendar for 2022 is available in Heritage Hall, near the engagement center television. Sign up to honor or remember your special family member or friend and beautify our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings! The cost for Altar Flowers is \$45, payable to Covenant Presbyterian. After the worship service, take the flowers home to enjoy during the week or make someone's day by sharing them! Please contact the church office with any questions.

★★★ **Help the Military Family Support Center "Fill the Pantry" for local military families and wounded warriors!**
☆☆☆ A collection box is in the vestibule, with lists of the items needed. What better way to thank our military veterans
☆☆☆ and families for the sacrifices they have made to protect our way of life. – *Your Missions Team*



Keep recycling your soft plastic! Covenant's family & friends have been recycling soft plastic for over one year. In that time **we have saved more than 2,250 pounds of soft plastic from going to the landfill!** Instead we are sending it to TREX to be recycled into sustainable, attractive outdoor furniture! **1st goal: Reduce** use of soft plastic (keep using your reusable shopping bags!). **2nd goal: Recycle** what you do receive. Keep up the good work of reducing, reusing, and recycling to do our part to help our planet!



Please continue to save your aluminum can pull tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House! Place your tabs in the brightly decorated paper house by the coat closets in Heritage Hall. They receive 49¢ per pound for the tabs and it all adds up to help this wonderful mission. Thank you for your help!



Recycle your used eyeglasses! Please bring your unneeded prescription eyeglasses and readers or magnifiers for donation to the Lions Club Recycling Program based here in Roanoke. **Glasses may be placed in the Lions Box below the Missions bulletin board in Heritage Hall.** Thank you!



Let Us Pray . . .

Church Members: Christine Beck, Cindy Eades (Maggie Moen), Mary Jane Fisher, Alice Garrett, Lynnemarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, Sherry Moran, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Lois Stein, Jo and Wayne Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families.

Family and Friends: Lowell Bashlor, Jr. (Audrey Bashlor's son), Kenneth Benner (Lynnemarie Hancock's brother), Doug Board and Family (Gloria Christen's friend), Martha Brumfield (Melissa Cranwell's aunt), Rosanna Crist (Wally Lynn's cousin), Patrick Dooley (Lynnemarie Hancock's friend), Terry Dowdy (Mary Glenn Aydlett's friend), Merle Falk (Slack family friend), Larry Ford (Sherry Moran's brother), Dickie Hinchee (Leigh Singh's grandmother), Rob Kidder's brother, Doug Massie (Ed Mahler's cousin), Ralph Meador (Gloria Christen's cousin), Bill Miller (Mike's brother), Mike Overacker (Mark's brother), Tyler and Rochelle Holm; Jim and Jodi McGill (PCUSA Mission Workers), Phil Peters (Pranav Singh's friend), Denise Pillow (Presbytery of the Peaks), Ron Reeker (Jim and Linda's Eaton's brother-in-law), Sheldon Ross (Slack family friend), Mair Rubin (Pranav Singh's friend), the Slate Family, LouElla Starcher (Linda Eaton's mother, Carl Utley (General Presbyter, Presbytery of the Peaks), Geraldine Webb (Mandy Culley's mother), Norma Webb (Jeff's mother), David Wiley (Mary Glenn Aydlett's nephew), Daniel Woodbury (Lynnemarie Hancock's cousin).

Please send requests for the prayer list to gails@covroanoke.org or call the church office. Requests will be shared with the pastors and the Congregational Care Team.

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, January 9		<i>Epiphany Sunday</i>
	9:15 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
	10:30 AM	Worship *Hunger offering
	4:00 PM	Covenant Kids Connection
Monday, January 10	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Finance Team meets (Blue Room)
Tuesday, January 11	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Blue Room)
	7:00 PM	Circle of Friends meets (Red Room)
Wednesday, January 12	9:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
	10:00 AM	Holy Hunch Bible Study (Blue Room & Zoom)
	4:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom)
	7:15 PM	Youth Zoom
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday, January 13	7:00 PM	Earth Care Team meets (Zoom)
Saturday, January 15	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, January 16	9:15 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

Church Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

You are always welcome to stop by the church office! As the staff's hours and schedules vary, please call or email ahead to make sure the person you want to see is available.



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The Session

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Roger Dickenson
John Fedison
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Class of 2022

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Pranav Singh

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Bob Foard
Bruce Johnson
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