

**Announcements**  
November 28, 2021



**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting** to be held following the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, December 12, 2021 for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2024, the Deacon Class of 2024, and the Trustee Class of 2022.



**Help decorate our Christmas Tree!** All are invited to bring a (non-returnable) ornament and place it on the tree in Heritage Hall. Share the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas at Covenant!



**Join us for Sunday School each week at 9:15 AM!** Classes take place in person, with an option to Zoom-in as well! Watch for the Zoom links in your Friday email. Our Advent study for Children, Youth, and Adults examines the biblical practice of *HOPE* – *See Hope, Hear Hope, Share Hope, Proclaim Hope!*



**Youth Zoom continues this Wednesday, December 1st at 7:15 PM.** Watch your email for the login details. **Save the Date:** Saturday, December 11th from 12 – 2 PM CovYoGro will enjoy lunch together, followed by Holiday Cookie Baking and Decorating! (Check your email for details and a special invitation for parents.)



**Advent Fellowship Dinners: Christmas Around the World** – Join us in the Fellowship Hall on three Wednesday nights during Advent as we explore foods, stories, music, and traditions from regions around the globe! **This Wednesday, December 1st at 5:30 PM we will make Christmas cards and celebrate Italy with a special dinner prepared by Chef Jim Eaton!** Menu: Lasagna, garlic bread and kale salad, with tiramisu poke cake for dessert. Cost: \$10 per person; family maximum \$25. Take-out meals also available! Sign up on the Friendship Pad in worship or call the church office by 10 AM on Monday. *Please bring a box of cereal for the PCC food pantry, and a special nativity to “show and tell.”*



**Library Advent Festival of Books and More:** Stop by the round table in Heritage Hall on Sundays and whenever the church is open! Advent selections will be featured there throughout the Holiday Season. If you have any seasonal books, movie DVDs, and music CDs that you would like to donate, we will be delighted to add them to our collection.



**Our own Ronn Lowe will present a special Live Advent Concert** at Greene Memorial United Methodist Church downtown, as part of an Advent Series at the church. Performing with Ronn will be Julee Hickcox and Jake Landau. Please join us on **Wednesday December 8th @ noon** for some great flute, trumpet and organ music! The concert is free.



**Family Promise Week:** Covenant, along with Raleigh Court United Methodist, **will host Family Promise the week of December 19th.** Families continue to be housed in apartments at this time rather than in churches. **Please contact Lee Cutright or Maggie Moen if you can help with dinners on December 21st or 23rd, or if you can help with groceries.** We can provide a list of requested breakfast and lunch type foods. Thanks to all for the wonderful support of this meaningful program. – *Maggie and Lee*



**“A Christmas Celebration”** – Covenant’s Annual Christmas Concert will be held on **Sunday, December 19th at 4:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. Join us for this special event featuring Covenant’s choir, Organist/Pianist Ronn Lowe, Guest Organist/Pianist Karen Harwood, and Chris Magee’s Brass Quintet, under the direction of the magnificent Richard Rudolph. Invite your friends and celebrate Christmas with beautiful music!



**Mission Volunteer Opportunity @ Feeding SW Virginia:** On Tuesday, December 21st Covenant volunteers will be packing USDA Food Boxes from 1 PM – 4 PM at Feeding SW Virginia in Salem. This is your opportunity to give something back this Christmas season! If you have not done this before, it is an excellent way to give your time and the experience is very rewarding. Contact Charlie Simmons at [chassim@verizon.net](mailto:chassim@verizon.net) or 540-529-3940 to sign up. Join your Covenant friends in sharing the Christmas Spirit - and let's break the record of Kits packed in a 3-hour session!!!

**Bins Needed** – We need large (100 quart) bins with lids, new or gently used, for storing the church Christmas decorations. Please bring bins to Heritage Hall or the church office. Thank you!

**Generosity Update** – As of November 22nd, we have received estimates of giving/pledges totaling \$396,095 from 75 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!**



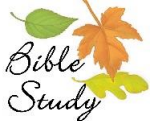
As we celebrate the Lord's Supper together next Sunday, please bring a loaf of bread to share with our neighbors served by the Presbyterian Community Center.



**Preschool Needs:** Covenant's Preschool is operating with a very tight budget this year. If you are able to donate any of the following items (**especially baby wipes!**) we would really appreciate your help: **Baby wipes/Pump hand sanitizers/Tissues/Paper towels/ Clorox wipes**. A collection box is in the church vestibule for your donations. Thank you for your support of our Preschool!



**"Spirit of Giving" 2021 – What do you give to "someone who has everything"?** You can give a meaningful gift to Covenant's mission co-workers and our international outreach programs in Malawi and Guatemala! The information, gift list, and gift cards are on the table in Heritage Hall. Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church, noting your gift choice in the memo line of your check. Place your gift form and check in the offering plate, leave them with the church office, or mail them to the church. **Thank you from all those in need of the hope that the birth of Christ brings!**



**Join the Holy Hunch Bible Study** meeting each Wednesday at 10 AM in the Blue Room and via 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.



**Earth Care Inspiration:** Looking for earth-friendly Christmas (or any time of year) gift ideas? Check out these 2 websites: [www.simplifytheholidays.org](http://www.simplifytheholidays.org) and [www.sokindregistry.org](http://www.sokindregistry.org). They are chock full of ideas to bring connection, meaning, joy, and fun to your Christmas giving and get-togethers.

**Audio CD's of Covenant Worship Services and Special Events** have been made from 2010-2018. Since we now do live streaming and YouTube we are no longer making CDs and it's time to clean out the cabinets. If you had a special event, such as a baptism, during this time and would like to have the CD please contact Cheryl Floyd [ccrowland@gmail.com](mailto:ccrowland@gmail.com) or call the church office. The CD's are stored in the church library.



**Congregational Care:** The Covenant Presbyterian Church Congregational Care Ministry's purpose is to provide support and loving care for families in need during difficult times. This support may include meals, cards, calls, or any other need expressed by the family. We want to invite anyone who is interested in this ministry to become a part of our group. (Find more details in the November newsletter.) If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have questions, please contact Anne Currin (540-312-9880 or [annecurrin5024@gmail.com](mailto:annecurrin5024@gmail.com)).

*Let Us Pray . . .*



**Church Members:** Christine Beck, Family of Eleanor Carpenter, Cindy Eades (Maggie Moen), Mary Jane Fisher, Alice Garrett, Lynnemarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, the Hoge and Scull families, the McMillen Family, 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:** Salma Bashir (friend of Lindsay Nanz), 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), 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 (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 Presbyterian, 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).

**Special Prayers:** Our hospital staffs and families, hospital patients and families, residents of assisted living facilities and those in nursing home care.

**Joys and Thanksgivings:** The 66th wedding anniversary of Charlie and Ethel Simmons celebrated on November 24th.

**Please send requests for the prayer list to [gails@covroanoke.org](mailto:gails@covroanoke.org) or call the church office.** Requests will be shared with the pastors and the Congregational Care Team. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless otherwise requested.

## **This Week at Covenant**

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| Sunday, November 28   | 9:15 AM           | <b><i>First Sunday of Advent</i></b><br>Sunday School for all ages <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Children's Class – Green Room/Zoom</li><li>○ Youth Class – Youth Room/Zoom</li><li>○ Adult Class – Blue Room/Zoom</li></ul>  |
|                       | 10:30 AM          | Worship   |
| Monday, November 29   | 12:00 PM          | Musicians Practice (Sanctuary)  |
|                       | 7:00 PM           | Faith Formation Team meets (Zoom)   |
| Tuesday, November 30  | 9:30 AM           | Staff Meeting (Blue Room)   |
| Wednesday, December 1 | 9:30 AM           | Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)  |
|                       | 10:00 AM          | Holy Hunch Bible Study (Blue Room/Zoom)   |
|                       | 12:00 PM          | Piano Tuning (Sanctuary)  |
|                       | 4:00 PM           | Centering Prayer (Zoom)   |
|                       | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Advent Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  |
|                       | 7:15 PM           | Youth Zoom  |
|                       | 7:30 PM           | Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  |
| Saturday December 4   | 8:00 AM           | Men's Bible Study   |
| Sunday, December 5    | 9:15 AM           | <b><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></b><br>Sunday School for all ages <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Children's Class – Green Room/Zoom</li><li>○ Youth Class – Youth Room/Zoom</li><li>○ Adult Class – Blue Room/Zoom</li></ul> |
|                       | 10:30 AM          | Worship, with Communion *Bring bread  |
|                       | 6:00 PM           | Session meets (Blue Room/Zoom)  |

### **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**

Dr. Kyle Allen, Moderator  
Meg Munton, Clerk

Class of 2021

David Brand  
Ron Cronise  
Roger Dickenson  
John Fedison  
Kathryn Overacker

Class of 2022

Anne Currin  
Will Dibling  
Matt Miller  
Laura Jane Ramsburg  
Pranav Singh

Class of 2023

Gene Collier  
Bob Foard  
Bruce Johnson  
Carol Merritt  
Paul Weary

**The Diaconate**

John Burr, Chair  
Donna Jones, Secretary

Class of 2021

John Burr  
Karl Ford  
Donna Jones  
Walter Jones  
Sandra Ryals

Class of 2022

Susan Foard  
Robert Merritt  
Patricia Muller  
Barbara Robertson  
Jinx Weary

Class of 2023

Lisa Farthing  
Clarke Grasty  
Ellen Jones  
Jean Martin  
Ray Martin

**Trustees**

Wilburn C. Dibling, Jr.

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