

Hello, Covenant Family and Friends!

Did you know that November is “For All the Saints?”

That’s right...a month-long celebration “For All the Saints”...on earth, as in heaven.

Living saints, dearly departed saints – saints not because of the works they did that got them into heaven...but saints, those set apart, in that great communion of the saints we call the Church, born of God’s grace and love and inspired to live the Christian life.

To guide us in worship, we will be using Karen Marsh’s book, *Vintage Saints and Sinners: 25 Christians Who Transformed My Faith*. I love the title because it acknowledges that we as followers of Jesus Christ are a vintage mix of saints and sinners who God loves all the more, in spite of our perfect imperfections!

Sunday, November 7th will be All Saints Sunday with communion and a remembrance of those connected to our faith family who have passed into the church triumphant.

November 14th and 21st will focus on two saints from Karen Marsh’s book, chosen by Jennifer and me as the basis for our sermons. The 21st will also have blended with it songs and sounds of thanksgiving to God, coupled with celebrations of Christ the King, the Living and Ever-present One, whom all the saints adore!

Then, on November 28th, comes the first Sunday in Advent, where our journey to Bethlehem begins and loving preparations are made to celebrate Messiah’s birth.

It’s going to be a month of remembering, rejoicing, and celebrating. We’re going to remember and cherish those who have mentored us in the faith and who, as vintage saints and sinners, have showed us glimpses of God and inspired us in the living of the Christian life.

Who might those saints be for you? If they are still alive on this side of heaven, how about writing them a note, or sending them a video, or doing something else special for them to let them know what they mean to you. Surely, in Covenant, a church full of vintage saints, there is someone who has modelled the faith for you. Let them know you love them, what they mean to the church, and what they mean to you. It could be one of the best gifts you can give them...and yourselves.

With thanksgiving for all the saints, including all of you, beloved of God, on earth, as in heaven,
Kyle



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Family Fun Day on Sunday, November 7th

Remember to set your clocks back – then “Spend Your Extra Hour at Church”



Join us after worship for a campfire with hot dogs, chips, and s’mores! (Weather permitting.)

Tribute to Our Veterans Wednesday, November 10th at 7 PM



Join us in person in the Sanctuary or via Livestream on Facebook for this very special program honoring our veterans, featuring patriotic music by the Bahama Mamas Steel Drum Band!

Trick or Treat So Others May Eat 2021



The team effort of distributing bags and delivering the collected food to the Presbyterian Community Center is in process. We are grateful for the generosity of the members of the congregation who have filled their bags and/or contributed financially to the food drive. We also are grateful for the efforts of over 30 members and friends who distributed and collected bags in our neighborhoods, and for our Preschool staff and families who have also brought in many bags filled with food. **Stay tuned – we should be able to share the results of our efforts by mid-November!**

Let Us Pray . . .



Church Members: Christine Beck, Family of Eleanor Carpenter, Cindy Eades, Mary Jane Fisher, Alice Garrett, Lynnemarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, the Simmons, Bohon, and Hodge families, 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), Doub Board and Family (Gloria Christen's friend), 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), Tricia Jones (John McMillen's sister), 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), Laura Robinson (Carol Merritt's sister), Sheldon Ross (Slack family friend), Mair Rubin (Pranav Singh's friend), the Slate Family, LouElla Starcher (Linda Eaton's mother), 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.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

~ Philippians 4:6

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



A fun afternoon at Covenant Kids Connection!



CONGREGATIONAL
CARE MINISTRIES

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 thank the many volunteers, who over the years, have so willingly provided food and other support for families. We couldn't do it without you.

For those who have been on our work list before we hope you will continue to serve but will understand if you are not able to do so anymore. We want to invite anyone who is interested in this ministry to become a part of our group. There are no meetings to attend, and you are only called upon when a need occurs.

I am starting from scratch so if you have helped in the past, please let me know again that you are willing to help. If this is a new mission for you, please let me know you would like to be included in the list. You may be called only once a year or so if we have a large group. The more the merrier!! If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have questions, please contact Anne Currin (540 312-9880 or annecurrin5024@gmail.com).



CovYoGro Adventure at Explore Park!

On Sunday, October 10th our youth spent a wonderful, fun-filled afternoon at Explore Park doing the Treetop Canopy tour. We began our day with worship in the parking lot focusing on the story of Zacchaeus, the man who climbed the tree to see our Lord. This led to a discussion of second chances and a poem by Grace Fiedler on trees. Watch your daily devotionals for Grace's poem!



Saturday, November 6th from 9 AM to Noon

We will have some fun and a little fellowship as we come together to clean up our church grounds. Grab your work gloves, broom (especially those that were Halloween witches), rake, yard tools, clippers, and trimmers. Enjoy a few hours working as a team to maintain our beautiful landscaping. We would love to see you there! (Rain date: Saturday, November 13.) If you are unable to join us, please feel free to stop by the church at your convenience and pull weeds from any of the gardens adjoining the parking lot.



Friday Night Movie – November 19th @ 7 PM Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a special showing of *The Homecoming: A Christmas Story* – the heart-warming classic that inspired “The Waltons.”

Thank You from the Generosity Team – A Big THANK YOU to Jim Eaton, Linda Eaton, and Nety Reeker who graciously volunteered their time and talent to help make the Generosity Fall Fellowship Dinner-To-Go and the Sunday Lunch happen. We distributed 120 dinners on Wednesday and 80 lunches on Sunday. All of this was also made possible by the many volunteers that helped get this done! Thank you to all!



This has been a year that none of us will forget soon, and with COVID-19 still causing us concerns, Christmas may look very different for many of us this year. We want to continue the Covenant tradition of offering everyone a unique way to honor someone you love while bringing hope and healing through our various ministry partners. Whether in a loved one's memory or as a gift for a special occasion, your "Alternative Christmas gifts" will directly support others in need and improve lives in Malawi and Guatemala. **Watch for details on our 2021 program as we move into the Advent season!**



All are invited to join the Holy Hunch Bible Study class, meeting each Wednesday at 10 AM 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 scriptures for each Sunday's sermon. (Please contact the church office to be added to the email list for the Zoom link.)

Session Highlights:

At the Stated Session Meeting of September 26, 2021 the following actions were taken:

- Approved the financial records examination conducted by J. Moore & Company for the Church for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for the Preschool for the year ended June 30, 2021.
- Approved a request for transfer from Philip Roseman to Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA.
- Approved providing a letter of support from Covenant to accompany a grant application requesting \$3,000 from the Presbytery of the Peaks Two Cents-a-Meal program to start a program for providing nutritional foods for underweight school-age children in Guatemala.

At a Called Session Meeting on October 10, 2021 the following action was taken:

- Approved the “2022 DRAFT budget” and “2022 Narrative to Accompany Budget” for purposes of communicating with Congregation for Generosity Campaign.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Meg Munton, Clerk of Session at munton.clerk@gmail.com.

Newsletter Deadlines: The December Newsletter deadline is **Thursday, November 11th at 10 AM.** The January Newsletter deadline is **Thursday, December 9th at 10 AM.**



Please submit news, articles, announcements, meeting dates, events, photos, & updates to gails@covroanoke.org as soon as possible. Photos welcome! Please limit general articles to 300 words or less; feature articles should be limited to 500 words or less. Articles may be edited for clarity, brevity, and space limitations. Thank you!



Hunger Offering: As of October 4, our congregation has given **\$6,572.31** this year to assist the Presbyterian Community Center Food Pantry and other hunger initiatives supported by The Presbytery of the Peaks. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Fall into Faith Formation this November!

November Sunday School focuses on *Living in Community!* Children, Youth, and Adults will examine the biblical practice of *living in community* this month. Kathy Dawson from Columbia Theological Seminary states, "Brain research studies have clearly shown that being in community is hard-wired into our brains as part of our genetic make-up." So . . . *What is distinctly Christian about this practice?* ~ Come to Sunday School this month to find out!

If you haven't been involved in Sunday School this fall, now is a great time to join-in and start! All are welcome, and you may participate in person or via Zoom

November Sunday School Highlights include:



- Sunday, November 7th: *Feast and Listen*
- Sunday, November 14th: *Uplift Those in Need*
- Sunday, November 21st: *Support Those Who Depart*
- Sunday, November 28th: Advent HOPE begins!



November Happenings: CovYoGro

Youth Zoom continues each Wednesday night from 7 PM – 8 PM. Youth activities embrace fun and fellowship in November and will take place outdoors.

- **Sunday, November 14th Dinner by Fire @ 5 PM**
... *Tents, a campfire, food, and fun!*
Youth will enjoy learning about fire safety as they cook their own dinner by the campfire at the church. Bring a friend!



- **Sunday, November 21st: Blessing of the Animals @ 3 PM – 4 PM**
Youth, the entire Covenant church family, *and Covenant pets* are invited to an hour focused on the joy of God's creation!
 - 3:00 – 3:20 PM Join trainer Lisa Warden for "Safety and Dog Training 101"
 - 3:20 – 3:40 PM Veterinarians Dr. Derek O'Dell and Dr. Lisa Farthing share "Tips for Your Best Animal Care"
 - 3:40 – 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals Service



Covenant Kids Connection!



On **Sunday, October 14th** children ages 4 – 5th grade are invited to join us from **4:00 – 5:30 PM** in the lower church parking lot for an afternoon of **Covenant Kids Connection!** We'll begin with a short 10-15 minute devotional message and a song or two with all family members. Afterwards, parents may leave their children with us until 5:30 PM. Parents, enjoy some downtime!

At Covenant Kids Connection, we:

- ★ Listen to a Bible Story
- ★ Sing Songs
- ★ Play and Play Games
- ★ Enjoy dinner together

To participate, simply [register online](#), or call our Church office by 9 AM Friday, November 12th.

If it rains, we'll see you at the next scheduled date (2nd Sunday in December).



The Women's Bible Study will meet at the church in the Blue Room on November 8th and 22nd at 10:30 AM. The group enjoys both fellowship and a focused study/discussion; the current curriculum is a lively and informative video series titled "Drive Thru History: The Gospels." All women are welcome! For details, please email Sharon Nanz at slnanz@aol.com or call her at 540-797-3794.

Circle of Friends will meet in the church parlor at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 9th. Our project for both November and December will be the Presbyterian Community Center. Please contact Carol Gentry with any questions.

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Fall Field Trip - Our Preschool children had a great time at Jeter Farm!



Preschool Needs

To Covenant Presbyterian members and friends,
 The Covenant Presbyterian Preschool is operating with a very tight budget this year. Any help with needed supplies would be appreciated! The preschool families pay a supply fee, but costs and needs are increasing. If you are able to donate any of the following items, we would really appreciate your help! A collection box is in the church vestibule.

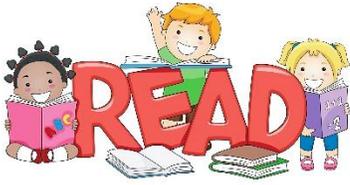
- ★ Clorox wipes
- ★ Pump hand sanitizers
- ★ Gallon Ziplock bags
- ★ Tissues
- ★ Paper towels
- ★ Baby wipes

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Gentry, Preschool Team Lead (carolg5@cox.net) or Anne Craig, Preschool Director (Preschool.Admin@covroanoke.org). Thank you for your support of one of Covenant Presbyterian's long time mission projects, our Preschool!



Our Covenant Preschool children and staff will be participating in the Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade on Saturday, November 20th! The parade begins at 11 AM at Grandin Road and Brandon Avenue, proceeding along Grandin to Memorial Avenue.

Come out and cheer them on! We look forward to seeing you there.



Weekly Reading Program

Rabbi Cohen, who has been a guest speaker at Covenant at various times, is asking for a total of **8-10 volunteers from various area churches and organizations to participate in a weekly reading program with 2nd and 3rd grade children at Lincoln Terrace Elementary School.** This will be an in-person program and you will be asked to serve once a week (same time each week, whatever time they choose between 7:30 - 4:30). They will provide the books and a training meeting. This effort is part of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission. Research shows that children who are not reading on grade level by 3rd grade are significantly more likely to be involved in crime. Reading is an important key to success as a child grows. The pandemic has put so many of our children academically behind. It is also wonderful for children to have another adult in their life! **If you are interested and willing, please contact Rabbi Cohen at rabbikathycohen@gmail.com.** They hope to start in November but need to get volunteers now so that background checks can be done. Thank you. – *Your Missions Team*

The Rescue Mission of Roanoke is in need of volunteers (age 15+) to serve dinner Mondays – Fridays from 4:15 PM to 6:15 PM. Sign up on-line at rescuemission.net! Click on “Get Involved” and “Volunteer” then follow the instructions.



Earth Care Information – An intriguing new book discussing climate change

The hallmark of an article about global warming in a 1999 Earth Science Textbook was the polar bear floating on part of a glacier in Northern Canada. Its stark image was remembered by many. But this is 2021 and the polar bear is still there. This creates a “ho hum effect” and makes the global warming problem distant in time (1999), in location (Canada), in economy (politics), and not personable to Americans. A WAKE-UP CALL is needed!



Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, in her recent webinar for the Smithsonian Environmental Research final series of 2021, “From Global Change to Local Action” reviewed what “personal” means to a huge local problem. Dr. Hayhoe is the chief scientist for the Nature Conservancy, professor and chair at Texas Tech University, and an evangelical Christian. She is described as one of the 100 most influential people chosen by Time Magazine. As an atmospheric scientist studying climate change and why it matters right now, she has also gained a reputation for being a renowned scientific communicator working to build bridges between science and Christianity. Dr. Hayhoe develops high-resolution climate projections, which means she uses software and data to create virtual models of what climate change might look like in the future, both at local and global scales. She

then applies this knowledge to understand and predict what this might mean for people and the environment. This September Dr. Hayhoe published “Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World,” a book that delves into what gives her hope and the keys to communicating the urgency of climate change. The book is available at Barnes and Noble. Her TED Talk “The Most Important Thing You Can Do to Fight Climate Change: Talk about It” (November 2018) has been seen by over 4 million viewers.

The only way that we can act on global change is as an “Us Effect” – individually rather than on a national scale, just as many positive actions happen because of simple single first attempts. A call to arms is needed now to save our planet.

– Submitted by Susan Foard



Keep recycling your soft plastic!!! Covenant Presbyterian Church, Preschool, and friends have been recycling soft plastic for exactly one year now. In that year we have saved **2,350 pounds** of soft plastic from going to the landfill! Instead, we are donating the plastic to TREX to be recycled into sustainable, attractive outdoor products! Each six-month period we collected and donated enough plastic to earn a beautiful outdoor TREX bench! We just earned our second bench for Covenant’s preschool! Keep up the good work of reducing, reusing, and recycling!!! Collection boxes (and additional information) are located between the glass doors leading into Heritage Hall.

1st goal: Reduce use of soft plastic. (Keep using your reusable shopping bags!)

2nd goal: Recycle what you do receive!!!!

Questions? Elizabeth and Beth Allen (beth.allen5@gmail.com, or 919-810-4964)

How is the soft plastic we collect recycled??? Details in this family friendly 2-minute YouTube video!!!
<https://youtu.be/ZDNFXtMu6M0> (“Learn How our Recyclables Can Become a Composite Deck”)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 Election Day 6:00 AM Deyerle Precinct #16 at Covenant 7:00 PM	3 9:30 Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:00 Holy Hunch Bible Study (Zoom) 4:00 Centering Prayer (Zoom) 7:00 Youth Zoom 7:30 Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	4 6:30 Centering Prayer (home)	5	6 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Fall Clean Up Day 12:00
7 All Saints Sunday <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 9:15 Sunday School (Classrooms & Zoom) 10:30 Worship with Communion *Bring Bread 11:30 Family Fun Day with campfire, hot dogs & s'mores	8 10:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Faith Formation Team (Zoom)	9 9:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Circle of Friends (Parlor)	10 9:30 Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:00 Holy Hunch Bible Study (Zoom) 4:00 Centering Prayer (Zoom) 7:30 Tribute to Veterans (Sanctuary) 8:00 Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	11 Veterans Day Newsletter Deadline 9:30 Presbytery Committee on Ministry (Zoom)	12	13 9:00 Rain Date for Fall Clean Up Day
14 9:15 Sunday School (Classrooms & Zoom) 10:30 Worship *Hunger Offering 4:00 Covenant Kids Connection 5:00 CoYoGro Campfire, Food & Fun	15 7:00 Communications Team (Teams) 7:00 Finance Team (Zoom)	16 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Missions Team (Zoom)	17 9:30 Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:00 Holy Hunch Bible Study (Zoom) 4:00 Centering Prayer (Zoom) 7:00 Youth Zoom 7:30 Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	18 9:00 Presbytery Meeting (Zoom) 5:00 Preschool Team (Zoom) 6:30 Centering Prayer (home)	19 7:00 Movie Night featuring "Homecoming: A Christmas Story" (Fellowship Hall)	20 8:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Private Event (Sanctuary) 11:00 Preschool @ Grandin Holiday Parade
21 Christ the King Sunday 8:15 Diaconate meets (Blue Room) 9:15 Sunday School (Classrooms & Zoom) 10:30 Worship 3:00 Blessing of the Animals	22 10:30 Women's Bible Study (Blue Room)	23 9:30 Staff Meeting	24 <i>Preschool closed</i> <i>No Holy Hunch Bible Study</i> 4:00 Centering Prayer (Zoom) <i>No Youth Zoom</i> <i>No Choir Practice</i>	25 Thanksgiving <i>Church Office & Preschool closed</i> 	26 <i>Church Office & Preschool closed</i>	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sunday School (Classrooms & Zoom) 10:30 Worship	29	30 9:30 Staff Meeting				



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Connect at Covenant in November!

Saturday, November 6

- ◆ *Men's Bible Study*
- ◆ *Fall Clean-Up Day*

Sunday, November 7

- ◆ *Turn your clocks back!*
- ◆ *All Saints Sunday*
- ◆ *Campfire after worship with hot dogs & s'mores*

Wednesday, November 10

- ◆ *Veterans Tribute with the Bahama Mamas*

Sunday, November 14

- ◆ *Covenant Kids Connection*
- ◆ *CovYoGro Campfire, Food & Fun*

Friday, November 19

- ◆ *Movie Night featuring "Homecoming: A Christmas Story"*

Sunday, November 21

- ◆ *Christ the King Sunday*

Thursday, November 25

- ◆ *Thanksgiving Day*
Church office closed

Sunday, November 28

- ◆ *1st Sunday of Advent*



Join us for Sunday School @ 9:15 AM and Worship @ 10:30 AM!
Services are also live streamed on Facebook and shared on YouTube