

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”  
– 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**November 6th is Gratitude Sunday**

Join us on November 6th for Gratitude Sunday! This is the final Sunday of our “Catch the Joy of Giving” generosity campaign and our Commitment Sunday where we turn in our financial pledges for the 2023 year. Please be sure to bring your pledge card (and Time & Talent card) on Sunday, and plan to stay after worship service for a congregational lunch. This is a day to celebrate God’s faithfulness!

On November 6th at 9:15 AM our two Adult Sunday School classes will combine to celebrate “We Are Covenant.” Pastor Kyle and Faith Formation Director Jewel will lead a time of conversation and reflection as we learn more about each person that makes Covenant a special community of believers.

Whether you are a long-time attendee or are brand new to Covenant, we hope you know your story is a beautiful part of Covenant’s story. **Let’s come together to find out the many ways that “We Are Covenant!”**



***Soli Deo Gloria: Celebrating God’s Gift of Music***

Join us on Sunday, November 13th at 10:30 AM for a special music filled service entitled *Soli Deo Gloria: Celebrating God’s Gift of Music*. The Latin phrase *soli deo gloria* means “glory to God alone” and was written by composer J.S. Bach at the end of his sacred works to show the music was meant to glorify God, not the composer. Music has an integral role in our spiritual lives and in worship, so it is fitting that we spend an entire service celebrating God’s gift of music.

Director of Music Richard Rudolph and guests will share reflections about the importance of music from different perspectives, and our organist Ronn Lowe, Sanctuary Choir, and guest musicians will transport us with a variety of anthems. **Please join us after the service for a reception.**

No Children’s Worship on this Sunday – children are invited to stay and enjoy the music!





### Let Us Pray . . .

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6-7)**

**Church Members:** Audrey Bashlor, Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, Mary Jane Fisher, Susan Foard, Lynnmarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, Bob Merritt, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Colette Strother, Roger Tims, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families.

**Family and Friends:** Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Martha Brumfield, Rosanna Crist, Patrick Dooley, Larry Ford, Dickie Hinchee, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, Jay Johnson, the people of Malawi, Bill Miller, Rich Moreau, Mike Overacker, Cordell Parvin, Lillian Jane Pauley, Phil Peters, Mair Rubin, Alice Schlaffman, Carl Utley, Daniel Woodbury.

### We extend our sympathy and prayers to . . .

- ~ Steve & Allison Anama and family on the passing of Allison's mother, Barbara Howerton, on October 12
- ~ the family and friends of our dear member, Dr. Wayne Wilson, who passed away on October 21



**Men's Bible Study – 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 8 AM in the Red Room at Covenant.** Please join us on November 5th and November 19th for coffee, conversation, and an exploration of Luke's gospel. Contact Jeff Cutright or John McMillen with questions.

**All women are invited to join the Women's Bible Study group,** a fellowship and study group that **meets on the second and fourth Monday mornings from 10:30 AM until noon in the Youth Room.** This year's curriculum is the "Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation" video series. Our **November dates are the 14th and 28th.** We will have a holiday brunch on December 12th; no meeting on the 26th. Watch your email and bulletin announcements for details about the brunch. For more information, please contact Sharon Nanz or the church office.

**The Women's Circle of Friends** will meet on **Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 PM** in the Red Room at Covenant. (This is a change as no meetings may be held in our church building on Election Day, November 8th.) We will collect money to buy food for Feeding SW Virginia. At our October meeting, Randy Holden from Feeding SW Virginia spoke to us about a variety of volunteer opportunities in the Roanoke Valley. Contact Carol Gentry for more information.

### Dear Covenant Family and Friends,

Exciting things are happening at Covenant! God is on the move, and so are we as a congregation, following where the Spirit leads!!!

**Catch the Joy of Giving** – For almost two months now during Sunday morning worship, we have been celebrating many of the ministries that help define who Covenant is and that work in concert to fulfill our mission of Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples. From the joy of worship, to the joy of missions, and the joy of congregational care, to name a few, we have been reminded of the human, spiritual, and financial resources that make our life together as a congregation a living witness to the love of God alive and well in the world.

During this time of proclamation and affirmation, many of you have caught the joy and expressed your support financially by confidentially submitting your pledges and other commitments to our Recording Treasurer, Gail Schuler. Your Session celebrates this positive trend and thanks you so much! May that trend continue as we look forward to Gratitude Sunday, November 6, where we will share Holy Communion, remember the saints who have entered the church triumphant, and bring forth to the Lord's table commitments of time, talent, and treasure joyfully dedicated in service to God in the new year!

**Thanksgiving** – As the holiday draws near, let us consider this quote and its implications for our lives:

***I think when the dust settles,  
we will realize how little we need,  
how much we actually have,  
and the true value of human connection.***

How might this way of thinking shape our Thanksgiving celebrations this year . . . and our thanks-living before God every day?

**From Generation to Generation** – It's coming. It will be here before we know it. Not the World Series. Something even bigger . . . way bigger . . . our celebration of the Advent season, beginning November 27, and culminating with the celebration of our Savior's birth with Christmas Eve on Saturday the 24th and Christmas Day on Sunday the 25th. This year, our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany worship focus will be centered on the theme, *From Generation to Generation*, and you will be learning more about this in the weeks to come.

For now, ask yourselves: What memories do Advent and Christmas stir in me? With whom do I need to share them? As the good news of Jesus' birth has been celebrated through the centuries, what does his coming into our world and my life and the life of our church family mean to me?

Catching and spreading the joy of God in Christ with you,

Kyle



**Please plan to attend a tribute to our veterans on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.** Our musical program, "Sounds of the Decades" will include the famous 1941 song "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and the 1954 hit "Mr. Sandman" sung by our own special trio of Mary Jane McMillen, Jennifer Mundorff, and Jewel Aagaard. The music continues through the decades as we salute our veterans. Please invite all your friends to this very special tribute and post this on your Facebook page!

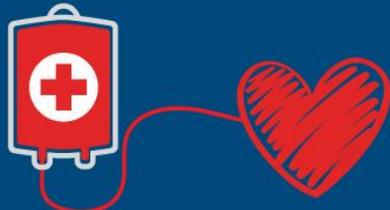


**Youth Connection: Cozy Game Night**

**Sunday, November 13 from 5 – 7 PM !**

**Pizza, Games, & Hot Cocoa! Weather permitting, we may be outside. As always, bring your friends!**



<p><b>Blood Drive</b>  <b>Covenant Presbyterian Church</b>          Fellowship Hall          1831 Deyerle Road          Roanoke, VA 24018  <b>Thursday, November 17, 2022</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b></p> 	<p><i>Kindness</i>          is in your blood.</p> 
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*Come one, come all on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 9 AM to decorate the church for Christmas . . . it's always a great time to be together! Questions? Call or email Mary Glenn Aydlett (540)798-4912 or [mgaydlett@aol.com](mailto:mgaydlett@aol.com)*



**Family Promise Returning to Covenant**

Covenant, along with Raleigh Court United Methodist, will host Family Promise the week of **November 27 – December 3**. We are excited to return to the church rotational schedule and have the families stay with us again! We will need volunteers to provide dinners, serve as evening hosts, serve as overnight hosts, and help with cleaning. Please stop by the Family Promise table after church on Sundays in November (the 6th, 13th, and 20th) for more information and to sign up to help. Questions? Call Maggie Moen or Lee Cutright.

**Our online directory is up and running at [InstantChurchDirectory.com!](https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)**

**Have you completed the information for you and your family yet? It's really quick and easy!** Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> If you have not logged in before, you will need to create a login using your email address with a password of your choice (be sure to save the password). **If you have any problems or questions, please contact the church office.** Once you are logged in, you can update your contact information, add a photo, and access contact info for other members of Covenant. There is also an App you can download for your phone! This really is a wonderful tool for all of us but will only be successful if everyone is in it. Don't have a picture? It can be added later. There might even be a photo booth set up at some point in the near future. 😊



**Lunch with Lowe and Friends  
Advent/Christmas Concert  
Friday, December 2, 2022 @ Noon  
Covenant Presbyterian Church**



**Kick off the Advent/Christmas season  
with special music and a delicious lunch!**

**Featuring**

**Organ solos with Ronn Lowe  
Organ with flute with the very talented Julee Hickcox  
... from a beautiful arrangement of  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
to a rousing finale of "The Nutcracker" ...  
and so much more!**

**The concert is free and open to the public.**

**After the concert, join us for lunch  
prepared by our own Chef Jim Eaton!**

**Lunch is \$10 for a wrap, salad, & dessert**

**For lunch, RSVP to the church office**

**(540-989-3314 or [office@covroanoke.org](mailto:office@covroanoke.org))**

**or sign up in Heritage Hall by Monday, November 28th.**

The Roanoke Valley Choral  
Society presents

**We Need a Little  
Christmas!  
Holiday Concert**

with special guests

Cave Spring Middle and  
High School Choirs

Monday, November 28, 2022  
7:00 PM

Admission Free      Donations Accepted

First Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church  
2101 South Jefferson Street  
Roanoke, Virginia 24014

**SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA Ballet**  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR PEDRO SZALAY

**The Nutcracker**

DEC. 11 • 3 P.M.  
[WWW.SVBALLET.ORG](http://WWW.SVBALLET.ORG)

PERFORMING LIVE AT THE  
BERGLUND PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE

Our own Elizabeth Allen, along with Chris Woodrum of Chris's Coffee & Custard, will be performing in *The Nutcracker* with Southwest Virginia Ballet on Sunday, December 11 @ 3 PM at the Berglund Performing Arts Theatre. Get your tickets now at

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/7836699/southwest-virginia-ballet-presents-the-nutcracker-roanoke-berglund-performing-arts-theatre>

We will meet at the church and travel together on the church bus and/or carpool. After the show, everyone is invited to join us at Covenant for a simple supper with soup, bread, and dessert. Sign up in Heritage Hall. Come celebrate Elizabeth and this special performance!

Dear Covenant family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, and cards of concern and sympathy during my mother's illness and recent death. They brought a great deal of comfort to both of us.

Deborah and Mark Patterson

Gary Stein and Pete and Gail Trussell wish to thank the staff and members of Covenant for the care and support extended to them upon the death of their mother, Lois Stein. The family is very appreciative of the many cards, gifts of food and condolences extended to them during a difficult time.

Tricia Cronise has been overwhelmed by the "Amazing Grace" she has received from this wonderful Covenant Family! She sends her thanks for the many meals, cards, calls, texts, and prayers you have shared with her and her family.



Fall Field Trip to Jeter Farm

Trunk or Treat @ Covenant



# GRANDIN VILLAGE HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S PARADE

NOV 19 | 11 AM

**Our Covenant Preschool children & staff  
will be walking in the annual  
Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade  
on Saturday, November 19th!**

The parade begins at 11 AM  
at Grandin Road & Brandon Avenue,  
proceeding along Grandin to Memorial.

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

## Thank you to everyone who made the CROP walk a huge success!

We had a team of 21 people walking and raised over \$1,300 for Church World Service, with 25% of that going to their local partner (and one of our favorite non-profit organizations) Feeding Southwest Virginia!



### Trick or Treat So Others May Eat (TOTSOME) 2022

The team effort of distributing/collecting bags and processing the collected food at the Presbyterian Community Center is just about complete! Over 35 Covenant members and friends distributed and collected bags in our neighborhoods on October 23 and October 30. We are grateful for the generosity of the members of the congregation who brought their food donations to church on Sunday, October 30 and/or contributed financially to this food drive. We also thank our Preschool families who donated over 25 bags of food. **Stay tuned – We should be able to share the results of our efforts by mid-November!**



### Earth Care Summit . . . a HUGE SUCCESS!

Almost 60 attendees . . . 33 at Covenant representing 8 churches. Video presentation by Dr. Katherine Hayhoe, atmospheric scientist, was chockfull of information with faith underpinnings, encouragement, and hope. Q & A time followed by idea and resource sharing rounded out the Summit. Thanks to all who made this event possible.

### Did you know that Sunday, October 16 was World Food Day?

It was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations so people from around the world could come together for the purpose of wasting less food, eating better, and adopting a system free from hunger. The UN has set a goal of achieving Zero Hunger Worldwide by 2030 – creating a world in which EVERYONE has reliable access to enough nutritious food every day! What a goal!

**Food is a basic human right, yet 1 in 9 people experience chronic hunger globally. So, what can we here in Roanoke do to help combat this disaster?**

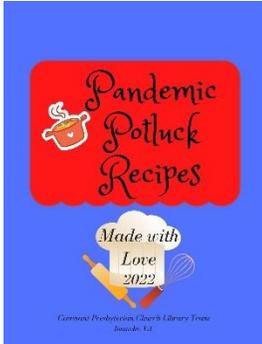
- **Give to a Local Food Bank!** In the USA, one in seven people now rely on food banks as their primary source of feeding their family – many of these are working families who suffer from underemployment. Top requested items for food banks are healthy, nonperishable foods high in protein, like canned or dried beans, rolled oats, peanut butter, low sodium soups and vegetables, and tuna canned in water.
- **Support Small Scale Farms!** 98 percent of farms in the world are family farms that practice sustainable agriculture with plants that are indigenous to the area, rotation of crops and limited use of pesticides. Sadly, many family farmers are unable to produce the variety of crops needed for their own survival. Without financial support, they can suffer from malnutrition themselves. So shop locally and support family farms!
- **Raise Money/Donate Food/Help Distribute!** Covenant Youth participated in the Roanoke Valley CROP Walk on October 9, raising money for Church World Service. Our annual Trick or Treat So Others May Eat Food Drive collected grocery bags full of food for the Presbyterian Community Center Food Pantry. Feeding SW Virginia offers many opportunities to help pack boxes of food to be distributed to those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Get involved and let's end world hunger!

– Susan Foard

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Thank you . . .

**Chef Jim, Linda and Nety wish to thank you for your participation in the Wednesday Night Dinners. Your input is always welcome. We look forward to seeing everyone at the spring dinners.**



#### **Church Library News:**

The "**Pandemic Potluck**" **Recipe Project** generated a wonderful assortment of favorite, tried and true recipes. Many thanks to our contributors who submitted recipes and a special thanks to those who shared recipes for our **Pandemic Potluck Recipe Tasting** on October 23rd. Anyone interested in obtaining the Cook Booklet can email us at [LibraryGuild@covroanoke.org](mailto:LibraryGuild@covroanoke.org) or use the sign-up sheet on the table in Heritage Hall. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 6th!** Please consider making a small donation to cover the cost of materials and printing the cook booklet.

Coming back by popular demand: **The Puzzle Give and Take table will return Sunday, December 4th** so be collecting puzzles you wish to donate! Especially for the holiday season, we will want puzzles in their original box and in "like new" condition.

**November and December are the perfect months for The Library Team to express our gratitude to the people who served before us and those who have enriched our library over the past year.** The prior library teams are too numerous to list, but



they deserve so much credit for establishing our excellent Excel inventory system, our large and diversified collection of books and DVDs, and as the last team passed the library management on to us, they are the ones to credit for ideas such as the Book Giveaway, development of a separate Easy Book section, and embarking on development of an online catalog. Bob Foard has been an exceptional and far-sighted facilitator as our supervisor on the Faith Formation Team. He also deserves credit for the round table once again returning to the library. In its place in Heritage Hall is another table made lovely by Susan Foard's African fabric table runners that adorn it from time to time. Her exquisite red and gold satin one is brought out for the Christmas Season. Bob and Susan will be moving to Greensboro soon, but their contributions and our fond memories of them will live on. We will honor more "Friends of the Library" in December's newsletter!

#### **Session Highlights from the October 23, 2022 Stated Session Meeting**

- Welcomed the following as new members of the Covenant family:
  - Jan Dunfee by letter of transfer from New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA;
  - Linda and Larry Kellogg by reaffirmation of faith; and
  - Kevin Aagaard by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Fort Collins, CO
- Approved placing a monitor in the choir loft area of the sanctuary so choir members are able to see what is being projected on the large screen during worship.

Approved Session Meeting minutes are available for viewing in a binder in the church library or at these links:

[covenantroanoke.org/2022.09.25-Called-Session-Meeting-Minutes.pdf](https://covenantroanoke.org/2022.09.25-Called-Session-Meeting-Minutes.pdf)

[covenantroanoke.org/2022.09.25-Congregational-Meeting-Minutes.pdf](https://covenantroanoke.org/2022.09.25-Congregational-Meeting-Minutes.pdf)

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The next stated meeting of Session will be on Sunday, December 4, 2022. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Meg Munton, Clerk of Session, at [munton.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:munton.clerk@gmail.com).

**The deadline for articles for the December 2022 newsletter is 12 PM on Thursday, November 20.**

#### **Church Office**

Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 4 PM; Friday: 9 AM – 2 PM ♦ Phone: 540-989-3314 ♦ Email: [office@covroanoke.org](mailto:office@covroanoke.org)

#### **Preschool**

Phone: 540-774-5222 ♦ Email: [preschool.admin@covroanoke.org](mailto:preschool.admin@covroanoke.org) ♦ Website: [www.covenantroanoke.org/preschool](http://www.covenantroanoke.org/preschool)

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# NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>GRATEFUL</b></p> <p>6:00am: Bring Bread</p> <p>9:15am: Sunday School</p> <p>9:15am: Spark Sunday: We Are Covenant!</p> <p>10:30am: Worship</p> <p>Gratitude Sunday</p> <p>11:30am: Congregational Lunch</p>	<p>7:00am: Preschool Chapel</p> <p>4:00pm: Centering</p>	<p>1:00am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:30am: Holy Hunch Brunch</p> <p>"The Musical Stylings of Caroline Moledor"</p> <p>7:30pm: Choir Practice</p>	<p>2:00am: Swinging</p> <p>3:00pm: Bridge Lunch and Tour</p> <p>7:00pm: Book Club</p> <p>Covenant Conversations "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" on Zoom</p> <p>7:00pm: Worship Team meets on Zoom</p> <p>9:30am: Presbytery Committee on Ministry (Zoom)</p> <p>7:00pm: Book Club</p> <p>Covenant Conversations "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" on Zoom</p> <p>7:00pm: Earth Care Team meets (Zoom)</p>	<p>3:00am: Red Cross Blood Drive</p> <p>5:00pm: Preschool Team meets (Zoom)</p> <p>7:00pm: Book Club</p> <p>Covenant Conversations "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" on Zoom</p> <p>7:00pm: Personnel &amp; Policy Team meets (Zoom)</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>4:00pm: Parents Night Out</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5:00am: Men's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00pm: Memorial Service for Dr. Wilson</p> <p>8:00am: Men's Bible Study</p>
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