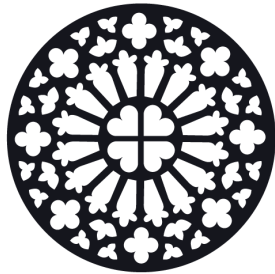


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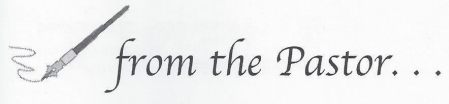
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Newsletter of The Church of the Covenant

The Messenger



December 2022

December has to be one of the craziest, most chaotic, and schizophrenic times of the year, wouldn't you agree? On the one hand, December marks the joyful and triumphant celebration of Christ's birth, but on the other hand, it also marks the end of the year when personal and professional business must be tidied up in a last minute frenzy before the beginning of the new year.

On the one hand, December is a time for family and friends, feasts and gifts, cards and songs, but on the other hand, it is also the time for way too much to do and not enough time to do it, or enough money, or patience, or energy.

December is about welcoming the gift of God's love and the blessing of our family's love for us, unless, of course, you are not really sure in your heart of hearts that God really does love you, or you are quite certain that your family's love doesn't measure up to all that it could be.

Even our church's life is colored by this crazy, roller-coaster dynamic. Just think about it. On the one hand, this Christmas season promises to be filled with joyful, worshipful, meaningful activities. By the time you will receive this newsletter, we will have already kicked off our Advent season. Then, throughout the month of December, we will bask in the mystery and joy of the incarnation. Our choirs and praise band will bless us. Our instrumentalists and soloists will bless us. Our children will bless us. We will enjoy our Christmas Eve worship services together this year with hundreds of other fellow believers. And then, on the very next day— Sunday, Christmas Day we will gather together one last time in 2022 to glorify God's name "Emmanuel."

It strikes me that the first Christmas was not much different than ours. The angels sang of the birth of the Messiah, but the shepherds had to go back to work the next day. The Wise Men brought their gifts to the manger, but their visit was sandwiched between some high-level political maneuvering with Herod. Joseph and Mary thrilled at the birth of their new baby, but the labor and delivery room was less than ideal, and soon after they had to pack up household and make tracks for Egypt.

And such is the way it is with our lives in general. Inexpressible joy interrupts life, but then the mundane takes center stage all over again. Good news must push through and overcome all the bad news. Through it all, though, God is working still, working everywhere, working to insure that no matter how confused and mixed up we may feel, there will be one thing about which we are always certain: He loves us so much, that he came to be with us, to take away our sin, and to welcome us into new and eternal life with him.

Advent blessings to you all!

Billy



JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service

A joyful time to celebrate the birth of Jesus with stories and music, suitable for all ages!

7:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service

A quieter, more reflective service in the sanctuary with "Silent Night" by candlelight.

POINSETTIAS TO ADORN THE SANCTUARY

It's time to order gorgeous Red Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! **Only \$10 each!** *Orders due to Church Office by **December 15th**; make checks payable to "The Church of the Covenant" with "Poinsettia" in the memo line.*

In Memory / Honor of - Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Number Ordered _____ **Amount Enclosed (\$10 each)** _____

Ordered by _____

Phone # _____

☐ **I will pick mine up after Christmas** ☐ **I would like mine delivered to a shut-in**

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

Ed Roscoe

Memorial	Family and Friends
Memorial	Mary Ann Johnson
	Emily Minor
Memorial	Jane Goddard
	Harry and Nancy Johnston
Memorial	Jane Wagner
	Bob Wagner
Memorial	Jean Stout
	Jenice Stout
	Paul Robert Johnston
Buildings and Grounds	Regina Johnston
Children/Youth Ministries	Regina Johnston

Harriett Johnson

Memorial	Anonymous
Memorial	Anonymous

Ruby Page

Stained Glass Windows	Jeffrey and Annette Page
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Jean Phelan

Memorial	Arc Human Services, Inc.
Memorial	David and Carol McClellan
Memorial	Lauren Lease
Memorial	Harry and Nancy Johnston

H. Milton “Whitie” Grantz

Memorial	David and Carol McClellan
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Memorial	Rick and Janet Nevin
Memorial	Bill and Betty Braun
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Memorial	Nassar Real Estate
Memorial	T. Jean Piatt
Memorial	Connie Hornickel
Memorial	Tara George and Gina Johnston
Choir Fund	Donna Rose
Memorial	James and Nancy Proudfit
Memorial	Harry and Nancy Johnston

United With the Church Triumphant

FUNERALS

On Monday, October 31, 2022, Doris “Debbie” Knestrick passed away. The viewing/visitation was on Wednesday, November 9th, with the funeral service at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10th at the church. Dr. Younger presided for the services.

BAPTISM

Baptized at the 9:00 Covenant Alive! Service on 11/20/22. **Hope Cecelia Merry**, born May 18, 2022. Hope is the daughter of Brian Christopher and Kathryn Ann Merry. Her baptism is officiated by Pastor Dan Merry, assisted by Elder George Jones.

Baptized this morning, **Tonya Bubonovich**, from the most recent new member class, and her daughter, **Harlow**, age 5. Their baptisms are officiated by Pastor Billy Younger, assisted by Elder George Jones.

THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Congratulations and a warm welcome to the newest members of our family of faith. The New Members Class was held on November 10th, with an additional session for those who were unable to come on that date. They were received by the Session on 11/14/2022, and were received by the congregation at the 9:00 AM Covenant Alive! service on November 20th. Please greet them and make them feel at home! Our new brothers and sisters in Christ are:

Jasmine AmayaDiaz	Theresa Berardinelli
Ryan Bubonovich	Tonya Bubonovich
Katie Conway	Zachary Conway
Jessica Kanellos	Jack Kime
Lucy Kime	Karl Knoneberg
Becky Knoneberg	Gay Lynn Miller

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes for 2023 are now available in the Commons. If you did not receive envelopes and would like to, please email the office: churchoftheco@comcast.net or call 724-222-0190 x 111 and speak with Debi.

THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II, Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.



To celebrate Christmas, we have listed some of the books in the Carnahan Library that have Christmas themes. If you would like to read a Christmas book, you can browse the shelves for books with a Christmas tree on their spines or check the card catalog’s SUBJECT FILE by looking up “Christmas.” In the card catalog, you will find the titles and the location of books with holiday themes. The library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third-floor hallway from the elevator. The Library Committee thanks the donors of the gently used books.

A Simple Christmas by Mike Huckabee. Christmas has become synonymous with shopping, overindulging, competition, and stress; but according to Mike Huckabee (who was a pastor before getting into politics), that was never God’s intention. Going back to the Nativity, Christmas is supposed to be about simple things: faith, love, family, and hope. The hard part is remembering that those simple things are the most precious of all. Now Huckabee recounts twelve Christmas memories – often funny, sometimes deeply moving – that range from his childhood in Arkansas to later when he becomes a father, husband, and politician. These true stories will help you smile, take a deep breath, and maybe slow down your holiday treadmill.

The following two books were donated by Charlotte Herron. The Immortal Nicholas by Glenn Beck. Thirteen-time #1 New York Times bestselling author, Glenn Beck, realized years ago that somewhere along the way, his four children had become more focused on Santa than on the meaning of Christmas. No matter how hard he tried, he could not redirect their attention away from presents to the manger instead. Glenn didn’t want to be the Grinch who spoiled the magic, so he had to find a unique way to turn his kids toward the true meaning of Christmas. He decided to start turning Santa himself back toward Christ. This is an epic tale that gives the legend of Santa a long-overdue Christ-centered mission.

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham. Imagine a year without Christmas. That’s just what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that just this once, they will skip the holiday altogether. Their house will be the only one on their street without decorations; they will not host their annual party, and they won’t even have a Christmas tree. They won’t need one because on December 25 they are setting sail on a Caribbean cruise. But as the weary couple is about to discover, skipping Christmas brings enormous consequences – and isn’t half as easy as they had imagined.

The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans was donated by **Elsie Hall**. This small book is the touching story of an ailing widow, Mary, and the young family who move in as caretakers just in time for the holidays. Together they discover the first gift of Christmas and learn what Christmas is really about. It is a story of a parent’s pure love for a child made manifest by a Father who “so loved His children that He sent His son, that we might someday return to Him.” Richard Paul Evans originally wrote *The Christmas Box* as a private expression of love for his two young daughters, who he hoped would read the story when they were older.

A Country Christmas by Debbie Macomber contains two separate stories and was donated by the late **Mary Stewart**. The first is *Buffalo Valley*, which is the name of a town in North Dakota, located in farm country and is undergoing a revival. Vaughn Kyle, who is just out of the army, is looking for a place to live, a *life* to live.

While he is waiting for his ambitious fiancée to make up her mind, he visits Buffalo Valley one snowy day around Christmas and meets a young woman named Carrie Hendrickson. Vaughn will begin to question his feelings for the life that he thought he wanted. In the second novel, *Return to Promise*, Rancher Cal Patterson and his wife, Jane – known as Dr. Texas – have recently separated with Jane going back to her childhood home in California with their children. Now Cal, alone on his ranch, is forced to confront what he really wants in this life, what he *needs*. Jane is confronting the same questions. Is there hope for a reconciliation in time for Christmas? *(There are other books in the library by this author.)*

The following books were donated anonymously. Christmas Keepsakes by Donna VanLiere contains two novels in one book. In *The Christmas Shoes*, a chance encounter between two strangers alters their lives forever. Eight-year-old Nathan is losing his beloved mother to cancer. Robert is a successful attorney who has everything, but has lost sight of what truly matters. When their paths cross on Christmas Eve, Robert is shopping for the family he hardly knows; and Nathan is shopping for the mother he is soon to lose. Through their meeting, they will learn that the smallest things can make a difference.

In *The Christmas Blessings*, Nathan is now a medical student in his third year, and he realizes that there are still things to be learned about faith, blessings, and sacrifice. Lessons he will learn from Meghan Sullivan – a young woman born with a hole in her heart that has not kept her from becoming a champion runner. And lessons learned from a boy named Charlie, who teaches him how to live a life of true courage. Together, they will guide Nathan through the darkest period of his life. Both novels are inspirational stories about hope existing in the darkest places, teaching us that love is always the greatest gift of all.

Blue by Danielle Steele. Ginny Carter was once a rising star in TV news, married to a top anchorman with a three-year-old son and a full and happy life in Beverly Hills - until her whole world dissolved in a single instant two days before Christmas. In the aftermath, she pieces her life back together and tries to find meaning in her existence as a human rights worker in the worst areas around the globe. Then, on the anniversary of the worst day of her life – and wrestling with the lure of death itself – she meets a boy who will cause her life to change forever yet again. Ginny reaches out to thirteen-year-old Blue Williams who has been living on the streets. Ginny offers him respect as they form an unusual bond and become a family.

If you are looking for a gift for the person who has everything, please consider a donation to the Carnahan Library in honor of that person. It is a lasting gift that will be enjoyed by many. Contact Helen Haines for more information.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER

Thursday, December 1 Isaiah 2:5-22 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Luke 20:27-40	Friday, December 9 Isaiah 7:10-25 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Luke 22:14-30	Saturday, December 17 Isaiah 10:20-27 Jude 17-25 Luke 3:1-9	Sunday, December 25 Zechariah 2:10-13 1 John 4:7-16 John 3:31-36
Friday, December 2 Isaiah 3:1-4:1 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 20:41-21:4	Saturday, December 10 Isaiah 8:1-15 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 22:31-38	Sunday, December 18 Isaiah 11:1-9 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 3:16-21	Monday, December 26 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 Acts 6:1-7 Acts 7:59-8:8
Saturday, December 3 Isaiah 4:2-6 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 21:5-19	Sunday, December 11 Isaiah 13:1-13 Hebrews 12:18-29 John 3:22-30	Monday, December 19 Isaiah 11:10-16 Revelation 20:1-10 John 5:30-47	Tuesday, December 27 Proverbs 8:22-30 1 John 5:1-12 John 13:20-35
Sunday, December 4 Isaiah 5:1-7 2 Peter 3:11-18 Luke 7:28-35	Monday, December 12 Isaiah 8:16-9:1 2 Peter 1:1-11 Luke 22:39-53	Tuesday, December 20 Isaiah 28:9-22 Revelation 20:11-21:8 Luke 1:5-25	Wednesday, December 28 Isaiah 49:13-23 Matthew 18:1-14
Monday, December 5 Isaiah 5:8-17 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Luke 21:20-28	Tuesday, December 13 Isaiah 9:2-7 2 Peter 1:12-21 Luke 22:54-69	Wednesday, December 21 Isaiah 29:9-24 Revelation 21:9-21 Luke 1:26-38	Thursday, December 29 Isaiah 12:1-6 Revelation 1:1-8 John 7:37-52
Tuesday, December 6 Isaiah 5:18-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Luke 21:29-38	Wednesday, December 14 Isaiah 9:8-17 2 Peter 2:1-10a Mark 1:1-8	Thursday, December 22 Isaiah 31:1-9 Revelation 21:22-22:5 Luke 1:39-48a (48b-56)	Friday, December 30 Isaiah 25:1-9 Revelation 1:19-20 John 7:53-8:11
Wednesday, December 7 Isaiah 6:1-13 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 John 7:53-8:11	Thursday, December 15 Isaiah 9:18-10:4 2 Peter 2:10b-16 Matthew 3:1-12	Friday, December 23 Isaiah 33:17-22 Revelation 22:6-11, 18-20 Luke 1:57-66	Saturday, December 31 Isaiah 26:1-6 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2 John 8:1
Thursday, December 8 Isaiah 7:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 22:1-13	Friday, December 16 Isaiah 10:5-19 2 Peter 2:17-22 Matthew 11:2-15	Saturday, December 24 Isaiah 35:1-10 Revelation 22:12-17, 21 Luke 1:67-80	



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Nassar	12/1	Martha Jane McNutt	12/6	Bill Wilson	12/13	Chris Nassar	12/27
Del Mounts	12/2	Lauren Selway	12/7	Lee Lindsay	12/13	Jessica Ullom	12/27
Glenna Smith	12/2	Kelly Smith	12/7	Holly Ann Coen	12/15	Rachel Betzner	12/28
John Stolfer	12/3	Suzanne Taylor	12/7	Robert Lemons	12/16	Sam Halulko	12/28
Tom Day	12/4	Judy Breedlove	12/8	Suzanne Richard	12/16	Tracie Scott	12/29
Corey DiGiovanni	12/4	Ronelle Clutter	12/8	Mark O'Donnell	12/17	Cassie Fraser	12/29
Mark Moninger	12/4	Stephen Marriner, Jr.	12/9	Alli Sharpnack	12/20	Richard Martorana	12/29
Lynn Sylvis	12/4	Amanda Burchett	12/10	Gary Hamilton	12/24	Kim Carter	12/30
Abbi Nicolella	12/5	Bud Osbourne	12/10	John Frazier, II	12/25	Shelly Armstrong	12/31
Joyce Chambers	12/6	Lucy Salo	12/11	Emily Blose	12/26	Cindy Garlisi	12/31
Amanda Scott	12/6	Lisa Lucas Cole	12/12				



December 4, 2022 (Communion) (Second Sunday, Advent)	
Sermon Title:	GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING: THE ONE WHO LEADS
Preaching:	Pastor Billy
Scripture:	Mark 1:32-45
Focal Verse:	<i>TBD</i>
Synopsis:	King Jesus has come into the world in order to reconcile us to the Father.
Special Notes:	
December 11, 2022 (Third Sunday, Advent)	
Sermon Title:	GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING: THE ONE WHO INTERVENES
Preaching:	Pastor Billy
Scripture:	Matthew 2:13-23
Focal Verse:	<i>TBD</i>
Synopsis:	King Jesus has intervened into the brokenness of this world to bring about His healing grace and shalom.
Special Notes:	
December 18, 2022 (Fourth Sunday, Advent)	
Sermon Title:	GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING: THE ONE WHO RECONCILES
Preaching:	Pastor Billy
Scripture:	Mark 2:1-12
Focal Verse:	<i>TBD</i>
Synopsis:	King Jesus provides for us the sacrificial leadership that our hearts truly long for.
Special Notes:	This Sunday will include <i>Festival of Carols</i> in the 11:00 AM service.
December 24, 2022 (Christmas Eve)	
Sermon Title:	TBD
Preaching:	Pastor Billy
Scripture:	TBD
Focal Verse:	<i>TBD</i>
Synopsis:	TBD
Special Notes:	Two Christmas Eve services will be held: a family-centered service at 5:00 PM in the Covenant Center & a traditional candlelight service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
December 25, 2022	
Sermon Title:	CHRISTMAS WONDER
Preaching:	Pastor Billy
Scripture:	John 1:1-5, 14-17
Focal Verse:	<i>TBD</i>
Synopsis:	The wonder of the incarnation is that Jesus comes to reveal the glory of the Father.
Special Notes:	This is a single service Sunday. Worship will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM. This service will center on a carol sing. <i>Covenant Carol Sing</i> .

DEADLINE FOR THE JAN./FEB 2023
MESSENGER IS JANUARY 10th.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

12/06/22 - 6:00 PM-Blue Christmas service ~ Sanctuary
12/10/22 - 10:00 AM–2:00PM-Jingle Jam ~ Various locations
12/11/22 - Third Sunday in Advent
12/13/22 - 5:30 PM -PW Candlelight Buffet
12/14/22 - 2:30 PM ~ Darla’s Piano Recital ~ Sanctuary
12/18/22 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
12/18/22 - 11:00 AM -Choir presents “Festival of Carols”
12/20/22 - Preschool Christmas Program ~ Covenant Center
12/21/22 - Preschool Christmas Program ~ Covenant Center
12/24/22 - 5:00 PM-Christmas Eve Family Service ~ Covenant Center
12/24/22 - 7:00 PM-Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service ~ Sanctuary
12/25/22 - 10:00 AM - One Celebration of Worship ~ Sanctuary
01/01/23 - 10:00 AM - One Celebration of Worship ~ Covenant Center



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent Devotionals are available on the Welcome Center in the Commons (at the foot of the stairs to the Sanctuary) , and on the table outside the Covenant Center. One is an Advent Devotional geared toward children; a short booklet called “A Star is Born!”. This devotional includes a page of stickers, (which can be easily removed from the booklet) and is written in rhyme, telling the story of the Wise Men. It would be a good bedtime story if you have kids or grandkids.

The second choice is “Prophets & Promises; Devotions for Advent & Christmas 2022-2023”. This is a day-by day devotional written by five pastors, with a scripture message, a related question to ponder, a short meditation and a prayer.

Please feel free to choose one (or more) that will aid to prepare your heart for the coming of the Lord!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Tuesday, December 6, at 6:00 pm

The Blue Christmas Service, hosted by Hands and Hearts, will be **Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary**. The service is designed for those who are grieving loss, particularly of loved ones. The pandemic has adversely affected many of us in the past year, with changes in our routines for work and school, changes in access to childcare, healthcare and care for our older family members, increased levels of stress and ineffective coping skills. This, in addition to pre-pandemic stresses of the loss of a loved one, loss of a job and income or changes in family dynamics.

The service will include music, prayer, scripture readings and lighting of candles. God's gift of his Son holds promise for healing and peace this Christmas season. All are welcome.

COVENANT CHOIR PRESENTS “A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS”

On Sunday, December 18, 2022, at the 11:00 A.M. service, the Choir will sing several anthems; the Congregation will sing along to familiar Carols; The West Virginia Brass Quintet will play. The Covenant Choir is giving Pastor Billy time off, so there will be no sermon. Please plan to attend this very special service, and if you're not able to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed.

Joy to the world!

Darla Pepper-Miller, Director of Music

WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” - Matthew 25:40

Excerpted from a letter from Washington Christian Outreach:

“We will soon be celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and would like to be able to make it a blessed time for those less fortunate. We will be collecting non-perishable food items until December 9th for distribution on December 10th. Food donations can be dropped off at the Outreach (119 Highland Ave., Washington) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Monetary gifts of all sizes also support our operations; \$55 covers the cost of one food basket, including a \$25 voucher for meat. Tax-deductible contributions can be mailed to Washington Christian Outreach, P.O. Box 1659, Washington, PA 15301.

As you know, the Washington Christian Outreach is operated solely by a volunteer staff and depends entirely on the donations and gifts of love from people like you. All items are distributed to recipients at no cost to them. I pray that you will once again find it in your heart to reach out to someone in need this holy season. Can we count on you again this year?

If you need more information on how you can help bring a smile to a needy family through a donation of time, money...or food, please contact the Outreach at 724-222-0750 or by email at outreach1@verizon.net.

Thank you again for your faithful support. I pray God will bless you richly for all you do to His Glory.”

In His Name,

Jeanne Allender
Founder and Director

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Please bring your donations to the Outreach by December 9, 2022

Instant Potatoes (no Generic)
Stuffing
Noodles
Green Beans
Corn
Jello—Red and Orange
Cake Mixes (Any Kind)
Canned Pumpkin
Canned Fruit
Cranberry Sauce (Jell or Sauce)
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Donations taken for \$25 Voucher (Turkey/Ham meat)



Merry Christmas

*The Church of the Covenant staff
would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas
with Peace, Love and Joy in the coming New Year.*

*Pastor Billy, Debi N., Darla, Yvonne, Ralph, Camille, Pat,
Debbie M., Tom T., Tenitsha, Tom P., and Don*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

WHITE GIFTS ~ UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS

The Deacons of the church are planning to designate the White Gifts, given to the church this year, to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) For Kids. Families, particularly children, who are torn from their homes, may be able to take little to nothing with them. Often, they must leave treasured items and items of comfort behind. **White gift envelopes can be found in your boxed envelope sets, or on tables in the Commons and outside the Covenant Center. Contributions can also be sent to the church.** Checks should be made payable to The Church of the Covenant with “White Gifts” in the memo line.

DOVES AND GLOVES!!

The doves are flying again! It's that time of year that we honor our commitment to Jesus Christ by virtue of helping others through contributions to the Dove campaign. The Dove tree will be placed in the Commons (early December). We are requesting \$25 WalMart gift cards for each resident at Turning Point (center for women in recovery). Please remove a Dove and place your \$25 gift card in an envelope and put in the box that has been provided. Thank you for helping to make Christmas special for others.

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

Our traditional Hat and Mitten tree will also be placed in the Commons area. Please purchase a hat and/or gloves which will be given to residents at Avis Arbor, the Washington City Mission shelter for homeless women and children. New winter hats and gloves or mittens will help them stay warm and serve as a reminder that someone is thinking about them and praying for them.

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Many of us have learned how convenient it is to do our shopping online. We are now in the midst of the Christmas shopping season. If you shop through Amazon, please consider using **smile.amazon.com**. You can register at this site to give a portion of your purchase to benefit The Church of the Covenant. Just go to the site and register. If you type in “Church of the Covenant” you will need to scroll down the list to get to OUR Church of the Covenant. Once you've registered, you can shop from this site, and a portion of your purchase goes to The Church of the Covenant. Every little bit helps. Happy Shopping!

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT VBS 2023!!!



Hello, VBS Volunteers! We are so excited to share our 2023 VBS dates and theme with all of our dedicated volunteers! Get ready for Vacation Bible School, beginning on July 17, 2023 through July 21, 2023. Volunteer registration will launch in early spring. Each of us has been blessed with our own unique 'superhero powers' and we hope that you are able to share yours with us next summer!

YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS

2nd ANNUAL JINGLE JAM, DECEMBER 10: JINGLE JAM UPDATE!!!

Jingle Jam is full!

Jingle Jam is a one day event on December 10th from 10 to 2 pm for kids ages 4 to 11. Kids will experience the Christmas Story, a hot chocolate bar, Reindeer Games, create an heirloom craft and more! Lunch is provided.

IMPACT YOUTH

On Pastor Scott's last Sunday, the youth placed a banner reading "We Love You, Pastor Scott" in his yard. The youth wanted him to know that he is loved and will be missed.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Come join in the Christmas spirit of our Preschool children. The four and five year olds' production is a play titled "Christmas Show and Tell" at 9:30 and 1:00 in the Covenant Center on Dec. 21st. Wait --there is still more fun to be had the day prior.... Dec. 20th at 10:00 the three year olds will be singing, ringing jingle bells for all in the Covenant Center. Miss Darla will be accompanying us on the piano. Won't you come and witness Christmas Spirit from the Preschoolers? Join in the fellowship with the families--meet some new people and experience the joy of Jesus in all!! Warm Christmas wishes to everyone!!!



From Miss Camille and the Church of the Covenant Preschool Teachers



FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket.



PARISH NURSE CORNER

As the church moves to two services at 9am and 11am, my office hours are changing to 10am-10:45am beginning November 27th. My office is located on the third floor next to the Samaritan Counseling office in Room 302. Stop by for blood pressure screenings, to drop off empty pill bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries or to see what projects Hands and Hearts is working on: Love In a Basket, the Red Bucket, or the Teddy Bear Ministry to name a few. Come to look over our collection of medical equipment, donate prayer shawls or help with Christmas Shut-in gifts. Or just stop by to chat or ask medical questions. The third floor is a busy place!

Any questions, please contact me at 724-263-7911.

Good Health to all!-Linda Grimm, RN

We hear that our wonderful Parish Nurse, Linda, will be retiring from The Washington Hospital soon. Please wish her well in all the changes that come with a new chapter in her life!