



THE MESSENGER

May 2018

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord,
Jesus Christ.

I wanted to take this newsletter space to inform you about our progress in our search for Covenant's next called and installed pastor. On April 22nd during the called congregational meeting you elected Grayson Goodman and Rosalyn Davis (co-chairs) and Rachel Cook, Curtis Kelley and Sharon Griffith to serve as your 2018 nominating committee. Their job is twofold; to nominate elders for the class of 2021 (this happens this fall) and to nominate individuals to serve on the pastor nominating committee (search committee). The session and the 2018 nominating committee hope to elect the pastor search committee by the end of May. This committee of 5-8 persons will be charged with finding Covenant's new pastor.

We want congregational input into this search process of course! Mark your calendars now. Save the date for Sunday, August 19th. This will be the day we gather as

a congregation for lunch after worship. We will be led through a mission discernment process as we look to the future and where God is leading us. Presbytery resources will be available for our use! We will be assigned a liaison from the committee on ministry. This person will work to train our elected search committee the later part of June. The search committee will reflect the congregation's makeup of long-term members, newer members, male and female, young and older members.

What should you be doing in the meantime? Begin thinking about persons you wish to nominate to serve on the search committee. Begin praying for the search process. Begin praying for the one whom God is calling to serve as your pastor. If you are not already, begin praying for Covenant's future and God's vision for Covenant as we move forward.

It's an exciting time in Covenant's life. Let's be encouraged. Let's encourage one another and prepare our hearts and minds, our hands and feet to be God's people in this part of the kingdom.

I look forward to walking this journey with you.

Blessings and peace,
DC Horne



SESSIONAL INFORMATION

Communion will be served on **Sunday, May 6.**

The Session will meet on **Monday, May 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Tom Worthy Classroom.

Our summer schedule will begin on Sunday, May 27th: Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by Worship and Children's Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. This schedule will go through **Sunday, September 2.**



Meetings and Misc Info

Lisa, our church secretary, will be out of the office on **Thursday, May 3 and Monday, May 7.**

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3.

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 28** in observance of Memorial Day.

The families of Lori Willis and Wayne and Elaine Klotz express with most sincere appreciation our thanks to such a loving and caring church family. We were so overwhelmed by the outpouring of concern during the passing of Mark Willis. The food, cards, and calls and presence at his service, we cannot thank you all enough.

Lori Willis and family, Wayne and Elaine Klotz

PHK Greeters:

May 6: Grayson & Jan Goodman

13: Steve & Carolyn Garland

20: Susan Brown

27: Carol Montgomery

PHK Team Leader/Cooks:

May 6: Sarah Childers/Bethesda PC

13: Calvin Montgomery/
Woodhaven Baptist

20: Ella Messer/Aldersgate

27: Josh Bell/Boy Scout Troop #925



The last Chancel Choir rehearsal before the summer break will be **May 23.**



Feeding the Community

March

Food Lion 561 boxes

Publix 93 boxes

Papa John's 47 pizzas

Olive Garden 369 lbs

Chick-fil-a 207 lbs

The Food Ministry was also able to help feed 384 people through donations given to Mt. Prospect Church.



SCOUT NEWS

5/3 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall

5/10 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall

5/17 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall

5/24 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall

5/31 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall

Any boys K-5th grade interested in our Scouting program please contact Josh Bell 803-448-5770.

PLENTIFUL HARVEST KITCHEN

April 1: 53 people served

8: 34 people served

15: 41 people served

22: 41 people served



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
NEWS**

Hand Bell Choir, Honor Ladies, and Choir
Brunch will be **Sunday, May 20** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday School that morning so everyone can participate and help us show our appreciation to these valuable members.

PW Joint Circle will be **Sunday, May 20** at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our Birthday meeting and Sheryl Osborne will be presenting our birthday program. Please bring a dish to share.

The PW Council will meet after the Joint Circle on **Sunday, May 20** in the Tom Worthy Classroom.

Mission Sunday is May 27. The offering will be going to Safe Passage in Lancaster, York and Chester Counties in S.C. and Thornwell Home for children in South Carolina. Collection will be at both church doors following the worship service. Gifts of any amount will be appreciated.

Please consider placing flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone on the Sunday of your choice. The calendar is placed on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you prefer, you may make a contribution to the flower fund which will be used to purchase artificial flowers for arrangements. The week you are scheduled you will receive a reminder in the mail. Let's all help make our sanctuary beautiful on Sunday. Thanks, Carolyn

**PW'S TREASURER'S REPORT
Jan/Feb. 2018**

Beginning Bal.	\$ 3,041.78
Expenses	\$ 858.00
Deposits	\$ 125.00
Ending Bal.	\$ 2,308.75



MOC NEWS

The MOC will meet in the Tom Worthy class at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 20 and then have breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at the Honor Ladies event.



From Our Treasurer

Financial Summary-Operational Budget

Period	March 2018	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Income	\$9,150.01	28,192.01	35,570.17
Expenses	\$11,585.19	38,232.16	41,280.52
Net	-2,435.19	-10,040.15	

- We continue to operate in the RED. March 2018 expenses exceeded income by \$2,435.18. For the first 3 months of 2018, we are \$10,040.15 in the RED.
- Comparing 2018 with 2017, income for the first 3 months of 2018 was \$28,192.01 as compared to \$35,570.17 for first quarter 2017. That is a drop of \$7,378.16 in giving.
- We need for everyone to become current with their giving.



Communion Worker: Phillip Griffith
Greeters: Gay Tanis & Carol Montgomery
Ushers: Curtis Kelley
Duty Elders: Curtis Kelley



Nursery Workers

May 6: Marleen Holmes & Beulah Munn
13: Cathy Dawkins & Gay Tanis
20: Sheryl Osborne & Heather Dark
27: Dora Duer & Carolyn Garland
Just a reminder, if you cannot be present on a Sunday when you are assigned nursery duty please contact **Dora Duer at 803-517-5526.** Thank you for being willing to care for our children!



Birthdays

May 1: Jacob Wallace
 7: Denise Melton
 9: Jim Mattison
 12: Chris Cordell
 15: Wayne Massey
 26: Lib Childers



MEMBERS:

Shirley Clark
 Betty Richardson
 Lib Childers
 Diane Barber
 Eileen Nichols
 Ron & Doris Keiber
 Clara Buchanan
 Brenda Beckham
 Eddie Montgomery
 Ardrey Greene
 Janet Massey

SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Doris Wild
 Caroline von Rosenberg
 Mattie Belk
 May Williams

FRIENDS & RELATIVES:

Sam Jacob (friend of Steve Garland)
 Vera Collins (Carolyn Garland's mom)
 Jimmy Miller (Shirley Miller's brother in law)
 Jerry Coker (family friend of the Griffith's)
 James Luensthoth (Jan Goodman's brother)
 Christie Collins (cancer)
 Euris Hyatt (Dorothy Mew's brother in law)
 Bob Morgan (cancer)
 Bud Jessup (Steve's friend-hit by car)
 Jim Carey (Ed Kelley)
 Walter Grigg (Brenda's uncle)
 Bobby & Linda Beckham
 Clint Carpenter (friend of Betty Richardson)
 Lenny Sistaire
 Marge Beamon (cancer friend of Carolyn Snyder)
 Jane Clute
 Barbara Ann Beckham
 Tom Amato (Carolyn Snyder's nephew)

All Military Personnel at home and abroad
 Nick Buchanan
 Joshua Sturgis & Justin Pfaff (Eileen Nichols' grandsons)