



Covenant Connection

November 12, 2018 | Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Covenant Presbyterian

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 11-12**
Monday Morning Bible Study
- 11-13**
PW Executive Board
PW Circle Meeting
Stewardship & Finance Team
- 11-14**
TOW-Together on Wednesday
Bean Soup Mix Bagging
- 11-15**
Bell Choir Rehearsal
Covenant Choir Rehearsal
- 11-16**
Fired-Up Friday (2nd-8th graders)
- 11-17**
Fall Clean-Up
- 11-18**
Worship & Sunday School
Alpha Choir Rehearsal
Omega Choir Rehearsal
CareGivers Group
Elder Training
- Wrestling Through Faith (youth)
STATED SESSION MEETING
- 11-19**
Monday Morning Bible Study
- 11-25**
Worship & Sunday School
Alpha Choir Rehearsal
Omega Choir Rehearsal
Youth Christmas Shopping
Open Gym

Connect with the Pastor ...

For what are you thankful this Thanksgiving? While every day is a day to give thanks, this season is a time to stop and reflect on our blessings in a more intentional way. In order to stimulate your thanksgiving reflections, here are some of the things for which I am thankful these days (in no particular order):



- ◆ Increased voter participation in this year’s elections and the end of the deluge of political ads – until the next election cycle!
- ◆ Fall colors arriving in glorious form!
- ◆ The beginning of basketball season
- ◆ Family and friends with whom to share the joys of this holiday season
- ◆ A new crop of elders-elect who are seriously (and joyfully) preparing for service
- ◆ Children who bring surprise, delight, and occasional profound insights to my days (and to my children’s messages)
- ◆ Faith to comfort and offer hope in the face of yet more shootings (in CA and PA) and amid continuing world tensions
- ◆ Voices of reason amid a cacophony of rancorous rhetoric and partisan posturing
- ◆ Good health, including a hip that hurts no more

A Bible Verse to Think About 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Monday Morning Bible Study



Please join us for Bible study on Mondays at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room (near the church offices). We will look at the text for the next Sunday's sermon. Come and dive a little deeper into God's word, share your insights, and get a head start on the next sermon.

Due to the Thanksgivings holiday, items for the next newsletter are due to

Martha by **9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 21st.**

Please email her at:
covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com



**December 2, 2018
2:30 pm**

Covenant's Great Hall

Each family will be able to create their own wreath. Everything needed for the wreath will be provided by the Fellowship Team.

Join us for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

(If you have a form from a previous year, bring it with you.)

We will be working with sappy, prickly branches, so bring gloves to protect your hands. Clippers will be needed to trim the cuttings for your wreath. If you have extra clippers or gloves, please bring them to share.)

Please RSVP to the Church Office by November 25th

COVENANT FAMILY EVENT Fall Clean-up Day

**Saturday, November 17th
9:00am to Noon**

Grab a rake, blower, or tarp and enjoy a cool, fall morning with your Covenant family.

Sponsored by the Facilities Management Team



We are in need of extra hands this year, so please join us!
Volunteers needed to rake, spread mulch, pull weeds, and generally spruce things up. If you have rakes, wheelbarrows, and mulch rakes, please bring them with you.

Connect with the Pastor... *Cont'd*

- ◆ Gifted and good-humored colleagues on staff with whom to share in ministry day to day and week to week
- ◆ Memories of days past which brighten days present
- ◆ God's love which embraces me and God's Spirit that sustains me – on days good and bad
- ◆ Continuing to be called as pastor here at Covenant with all of you!!

For what are you thankful this Thanksgiving season? (Send me your list at jcpetersoniii@comcast.net if you would like to share.) Happy Thanksgiving!



Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 10:00 AM COVENANT BREEZEWAY

Jane Wimmer will lead our lesson, "God With Us in Our Discouragement." Dreama Anderson and Carolyn Hensley will provide refreshments. At this meeting, we will be signing up to make Christmas baskets of greenery to be delivered on December 13th. Carolyn Hensley is chairing this ministry. Louise Slovensky has been the chair for many, many past years and we are so thankful for her service. We are looking for a new chair for next year since Carolyn will be serving as moderator. Please join us and share in this wonderful fellowship and learning time. PW Board will meet in the Breezeway at 9:30 AM before the Circle Meeting. Thanksgiving blessings to each of you: "Bless the Lord . . . who satisfies you with good as long as you live." (Psalm 103:1-5) Mark your calendar for the December meeting at 10:00 AM on the 11th.



WHO: 2nd-8th Grade (w/ High School Leadership) **bring friends**

WHAT: Games, Bible Lesson & Service Project

WHEN: Friday, November 16, 6:00-8:00 PM
(check-in starts at 5:45)

WHERE: At the Church

COST: \$5 per family

Let us know you plan to come!

This ministry, occurring on the third Fridays of the month, is for our children to get a chance to bring some friends to church, have some fun, and serve together! The Middle School students will be separate from the Elementary School students, so it won't feel like the older kids are too old or the younger kids are too young. It's like youth group fun, for all ages (well, for 2nd-8th graders). We also need High School students to help lead the groups. Email Laura Lawson with questions or to RSVP at lauramayfieldlawson@gmail.com

Christmas Decorating

As Advent begins December 2nd, we are preparing to decorate for the coming joyous season. We need monies for greenery, trees and poinsettias. The poinsettias are \$10.50 each for a 6 1/2" pot. Poinsettias may be given in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. Please make your check payable to "Covenant", designate "Christmas Greenery and/or Poinsettias" on your check, and place your order form in the offering plate or take it to the church office **no later than Monday, November 26th**, if you wish to have your name mentioned in the Poinsettia and Greenery Gift booklet.

ORDER FORM (Please print in black ink)

Donor _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

I am ordering _____ poinsettias at a total cost of _____. (poinsettias are \$10.50 each)

Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.





The Outreach Team Thanks You

The Outreach Team would like to thank those who contributed recently to the special drive for the Valley Mission. Those donated items helped restock their supply of paper and cleaning products that are needed year round.



Help Needed for Habitat Build

Work will continue on two new houses being constructed on Stafford Street just below Booker T. Washington School on Saturday, November 17th at 8:30 AM. Parking is limited at the site, but parking at the school is available. Both houses are under roof, and we may be working on inside jobs or building a back porch. If you can stay after noon to finish the job, please bring lunch. Any questions, call Charlie Huppuch at 540-248-4939.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>12 10:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Christian Education Team Covenant Connection Published</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM PW Executive Board 10:00 AM PW Circle Meeting 7:15 PM Stewardship & Finance</p>	<p>14 6:00 PM TOW - Together on Wednesday 7:00 PM Bean Soup Bag Up</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Verona Food Pantry 5:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Covenant Choir</p>	<p>16 5:45 PM Fired-Up Friday (2nd -8th graders)</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Fall Clean-Up</p> 
<p>18 8:30 AM Blended Worship 9:10 AM Alpha Choir (K-3rd) 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Omega Choir (4th-7th) 11:45 AM CareGivers Group 4:30 PM Elder Training 6:00 PM Wrestling Through Faith (Youth) 7:00 PM STATED SESSION MEETING</p>	<p>19 10:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Items for Newsletter Due</p>	<p>22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 4 Cents a Meal Sunday 8:30 AM Blended Worship 9:10 AM Alpha Choir (K-3rd) 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Omega Choir (4th-7th) 12:00 PM YOUTH Christmas Shopping 3:00 PM Open Gym</p>	<p>26 10:30 AM Bible Study Covenant Connection Published</p>	<p>27 7:30 PM Elder Training</p>	<p>28 6:00 PM TOW - Together on Wednesday 7:00 PM Tailze Worship</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Verona Food Pantry 5:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Covenant Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Dec. 1 9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens</p> 

NOVEMBER 2018

Annual Bean Soup Mix Bagging

The Outreach Team invites you to join us at TOW—Together on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 PM. Our annual

Five Bean Soup for the Body & Soul

Contents: black beans, black-eyed peas,
kidney beans, lentils, split peas
Spice Packet Contents: basil, bay leaf, black
pepper, crushed red
pepper, marjoram,
rosemary, salt



Created with Love
by Covenant
Presbyterian Church
2001 North Coalter Street
Staunton, Virginia



Team will provide a variety of home-made soups for your dining pleasure!

Bean Bagging activity for the Verona Community Food Pantry will follow the meal.

A representative of the VCFP will join us and bring us up to date on all they do for folks in our community and the Outreach

Hanging of the Greens



A tradition at Covenant is the "hanging of the greens" as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. On Saturday, December 1st at 9:30 AM, we will need willing hands to help decorate. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship AND Christmas cookies and hot chocolate!



The Joy of Sharing Christmas

*Saturday, December 8 —
come anytime between 6:00 & 8:00 PM*
*Sunday, December 9 —
come anytime between 3:00 & 5:00 PM*

This theatrical production sponsored and coordinated by the Christian Education Team is a re-telling of the story of the birth of Jesus. Created to hold the attention of all ages, this re-telling is depicted in bite-size stories. People will journey through the church to see the different scenes of stories leading up to and following Jesus' birth.

There will be music, skits and cookies! We will share the story of Jesus' birth and learn why we celebrate so much at Christmastime.

***Be sure to share Christmas
by inviting your friends and family
to join you!***

gingerbread house Making

Come out for a fun, family event on Wednesday, December 12th following the TOW dinner in the Great Hall. Candy donations are being accepted. Please drop the candy in the box outside the church office by Sunday, Dec. 9th.



Caroling

*Sunday, December 16th
immediately following
the 10:30 service.*

*Join your Covenant family and friends
to carol around Staunton. A pizza lunch
will be provided before leaving the
church. Transportation is provided.*

*All ages and singing abilities
are welcome.*



*To ensure we have
enough pizza, please
RSVP to the church office
by Monday, December 3rd.*

From Faith's Heart

This September marked the first time at MoM Schools, Otutulu opened her doors to community students. On September 15, close to 100 students from the surrounding communities sat for an entrance exam into various classes, from 1st grade to 11th grade. About half of that number were given admission. Many of these new students come from Muslim families.

This decision provides many new challenges but also offers many new opportunities for strengthening relationships within the community and for reaching our communities with the Gospel of Christ while also addressing the lack of quality education in the local villages. Pray that our staff and student will be a light to their world. — Crystal Gosnell, missionary to Nigeria



Covenant Book Fair

Sunday, November 4th
through
Sunday, November 18th
Located in the Breezeway

Come and browse!
Books for kids of all ages!
These books would make
great additions to a
child's library as well as
Christmas presents!



What's Happening In the Community

November 14 — Reduced Shakespeare Company, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*, at 8:00 PM, JMU Mainstage Theatre. Join three madcap men in tights as they weave their wicked way through all of Shakespeare's comedies, histories and tragedies in one wild ride that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter! All 37 plays in 97 minutes! TICKETS: Regular: \$40, Senior (62+): \$38.

November 14-18 — *Lady Percy*, Wednesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. in the Fletcher Collins Theatre, Deming Fine Arts Building. In its world premiere, inspired by Shakespeare's Henry IVs, here is the story from the viewpoint of the women—Lady Percy, Glendwr's daughter Caitlan, and the women of Northumberland and Wales, their stories and their songs. Lady Percy reinvents the story to honor modern values of gender equality and cultural diversity. TICKETS: Adults: \$12, Senior Citizens: \$7.

November 26 — Staunton Christmas Parade from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Come to Downtown Staunton to enjoy this year's Christmas Parade! This year's theme is I'll Be Home for Christmas. The Parade will begin at the corner of North Augusta and Beverley streets. Rain date is December 4, 2018

November 29 — Goodbye Booze: The Music of the Prohibition, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Staunton Public Library. Join us for a program that will coordinate with our Library of Virginia exhibition, Teetotalers and Moonshiners, about the Prohibition period of American history. Gregg Kimball of the Library of Virginia will present an hour-long program that weaves together period music, images, and live performance.

Read the Bible in a Year

Nov 12	Reflect on God as Maker		
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Ezekiel 27-29	Ps. 128-129	Luke 8
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Ezekiel 30-32	Prov. 12	Luke 9
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Ezekiel 33-35	Ps. 130	Luke 10
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Ezekiel 36-38	Prov. 13	Luke 11
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Ezekiel 39-41	Ps. 131	Luke 12
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Ezekiel 41-45	Prov. 14	Luke 13
Nov 19	Reflect on God as Rock		
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Ezekiel 46-48	Ps. 132	Luke 14
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Dan. 1-2	Prov. 15	Luke 15
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	Dan. 3-4	Ps. 133	Luke 16
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Dan. 5-6	Prov. 16	Luke 17
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Dan. 7-8	Ps. 134	Luke 18
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Dan. 9-10	Prov. 17	Luke 19
Nov 26	Reflect on God as Gardener		
<input type="checkbox"/> 27	Dan. 11-12	Ps. 135	Luke 20
<input type="checkbox"/> 28	Hosea 1-2	Prov. 18	Luke 21
<input type="checkbox"/> 29	Hosea 3-4	Ps. 136	Luke 22
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	Hosea 5-6	Prov. 19	Luke 23
<input type="checkbox"/> 31	Hosea 7-8	Ps. 137	Luke 24
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Hosea 9-10	Prov. 20	Matt. 1

REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY



12-01-1998

I UNDERSTAND THAT 'TEAM EFFORT' IS A VALUABLE LESSON, BUT I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO GO OVER TOO WELL IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copyright © 2015 HarperCollins Christian Publishing

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2001 N. Coalter Street, Staunton, VA 24401

www.covenantpresstaunton.org

Office 540-885-2138 = Fax 540-885-4399

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:15AM-3:15PM,
Friday 8:15AM-12:15PM



MINISTERIAL & PROGRAM STAFF

John C. Peterson

Pastor

Sarah Wolf

Associate Pastor

Laura Lawson

Director of Youth Ministries

Jeffrey Ryman

Minister of Music

Christopher Wszalek

Organist

Lou Dolive

Handbell Director

Joan Swift

Director of Children's Music

Mitzi White

Developmental Preschool Director

Martha Pierce

Administrative Assistant

Paul Sorrell

Treasurer

Kathy Henderson

Covenant Nurse

Cleo Holly

Custodian

The Mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church is Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ: Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love.

Covenant Connection is a publication of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The newsletter is published bi-weekly to inform members and friends of church programs, news and events. The Connection newsletter is online at www.covenantpresstaunton.org.



2001 North Coalter Street
Staunton, VA 24401

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #188
STAUNTON, VA
24401

*Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love*

We're on the web!
covenantpresstaunton.org

Let Us Know You're Coming to TOW!

In order to prepare the correct quantity of food, we ask that you **RSVP by 12:00pm (noon) on the Monday before TOW.**

You may do this by:

- Signing the Friendship Register in the pew on Sunday
- Calling the church office at 885-2138

**November 14 @ 6:00 pm
Soup Night**

*A variety of soups provided
by the Outreach Team*

*Join us after the meal to help bag bean
soup mix for the Verona Food Pantry.*

**November 21
No TOW due to Thanksgiving**

*Vegetarian options are
available at all meals.*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
**TOGETHER ON
TOW
WEDNESDAY**