

## **Covenant Presbyterian Church Newsletter**

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A Christ centered covenant community

Loving God,

Loving people,

Making disciples

**February 2019**

### **FROM THE CLERK**

Small groups should be starting with the 4-week study of "Facing the Unknown." We hope everyone has found a place in a small group and is enjoying the small group experience. It's a great way to get to know each other better so we can better care for each other! It's a great way to study God's word and pray together! If you have any questions, please call small group leader Gayle Leniger at 520-709-0242.

Haven't we been blessed with wonderful supply pastors? They have been bringing us the Word and encouraging us as a congregation and people of God. Our Presbytery has been a great help in the past few months and are now helping us as we seek, a permanent pastor. Your Session is very encouraged and excited and looking forward to sharing good news with the congregation in the next few months. Pastor Bob Simmons has been such a wonderful liaison, preacher, encourager and helper to us. Even his wife, Jeanette, has offered to teach the children's Sunday School when Pastor Bob is leading us in worship.

Our Mission Team has been very busy. Besides giving a cash donation to Seeds of Hope to become a sponsor, we set up a nice booth at their 5K run fundraiser, passed out brochures, and talked to people about Covenant. We also recently presented a check to Logos Christian Academy for \$1700, most of which was collected at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special offering in December.

We should all give special thanks to Deacon Janine Little for stepping up to make

sure our children's Sunday School has continued. Please tell her thanks and offer to help these young ones know Jesus by spending 30-40 minutes with them on a Sunday morning. The materials and suggestions are available online and very user friendly. You don't even have to miss the sermon because they are posted on our website. You can listen to them later from your home computer, smartphone or electronic notebook. Thank you, Derek Moore, for keeping our website up to date.

If you are a regular attender but not yet a Covenant Partner/Member yet, be sure to attend the New Member Class, which Elder Mary Moore will teach on Sunday, February 17 after worship. The class will last approximately one hour and after filling out a form, the Session and Congregation can formally accept you as a Covenant Partner. We want you to join us as we move forward in our mission. This also gives you voting privileges at the congregational meetings to elect Elders, Deacons and our next Pastor.

Our next congregational meeting to elect Elders and Deacons, see the annual report and 2019 budget, and have the opportunity to ask questions will be **Sunday, March 3, 2019.**

### **Covenant Deacons**

Greetings from your Covenant Deacons! We will be celebrating communion February 3rd by passing trays. Our monthly luncheon will be February 10th immediately following church. Please bring something to share if you are able and we hope everyone stays to fellowship!

### **Neighborhood Help Team**

The Neighborhood Help Team is offering a new service. We would like to help you in replacing A/C filters or with some landscape trimming on the 4th Saturday of each month. Contact Nelson Moore in person or call him @ 520-483-0461.

### **Small Group Life**

We are excited to have 30+ people involved in the start up of our new small groups. They are essentially new as we have mixed and stirred from old to new.

It is said that small groups are the heart of a vital church and many of us have seen that to be true. Learning to know each other; pray, care, and encourage one another is vitalizing and spreads through-out the congregation. If you are not yet in a group, we encourage you to join us. Ask those seated around you in church or call Gayle Leniger at 520-426-3545.

### **Men's Bible Study**

The men of the church meet at the church each Thursday at 11:30am. All men are welcome and you can bring a sack lunch if you like.

#### **February Calendar**

- 2 Deacon meeting 9:00am
- 3 Communion
- 10 Monthly Luncheon
- 13 Prayers around the flagpole at McCartney Ranch Elementary at 7:15am
- 14 Worship Team meeting at 1:00pm
- 17 New Member Class
- 21 Session meeting at 7:00pm

#### **March Calendar**

- 6 Ash Wednesday Service with soup and bread

#### **February Birthdays**

- 14 Janine Little
- 16 Nelson Moore
- 18 Barbara Dorsey
- 18 Evan Kirkbride
- 26 Leslie George
- 29 Gretchen Slaughter

#### **February Anniversaries**

- 4 Merlen & Gretchen Slaughter
- 14 John & Myrna Mitchell
- 21 Len & Pauline Johnson

