

## **Covenant Presbyterian Church Newsletter**

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A Christ centered covenant community;

Loving God,

Loving people,

Making disciples

**January 2019**

**FROM THE CLERK**

Because of some of the recent events which happened at Covenant, our leadership (the Session), with the help of our Presbytery, wants to make sure that our congregants feel peace and healing as we move forward in our mission as a church. Your Session has been in prayer throughout this process. The Reverend Dr Robert (Pastor Bob) Simmons, our liaison to Presbytery, will be leading us in worship, healing, and helping to answer questions. Immediately after worship on January 6, 2019, we will be having what ECO refers to as a “gathering,” which also could be called an informal meeting. It will be a time for questions and clarification. Then on the next Sunday, January 13, Pastor Bob will lead us in a service of healing so we can be reminded of God’s peace which He graciously pours upon us. Rather than focusing on our hurts and disappointments we want to joyfully follow our Lord’s guidance as we look forward in His service through our mission here at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

As we move forward, we want everyone in the congregation to be part of a small group for a 4-week video study to learn how God directed and blessed Abraham to encourage all of us at Covenant as we seek to be a blessing. If you are not contacted in the next week, please contact Gayle Leniger at 520-709-0242 as we don’t want anyone to miss out!

We are continuing to support our local faith-based Seeds of Hope by being a sponsor for their upcoming 5K Run on January 5. Besides our financial assistance we will be setting up a booth to tell people about Covenant and ECO. Please see Everett Greenwood if you can help in any way.

Because of our recent and anticipated changes, our annual congregational meeting with yearly reports and election of new Elders and Deacons has been moved to the first Sunday in March. If you feel God is calling you to a leadership role, please let Elder Everett Greenwood know as he is the chairperson of the nominating team.

## **Christian Ed/Small Groups**

In the Covenant Newsletter sent early December we talked about thinking of ways we could grow as a church, united in fellowship, growing in our faith as a congregation, moving forward in the mission of our church. We believe one way would be for all of us; even winter visitors; to become part of a small group, committing to study the same material for our first session. The small group format includes time to learn together, share our joys and concerns and encourage and pray for one another. We are addressing the details now and looking to shape Covenant into a church of small groups by mid-January.

### **Covenant Deacons**

Happy New Year from your Covenant Deacons! We will be serving Holy Communion the first Sunday, January 6th during service. Our congregational luncheon will be held on the second Sunday, January 13th immediately after service. We look forward to worshipping with all of you this next month!!

### **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.

### **January Calendar**

- 5 Deacons Meeting, 8:30am
- 6 Congregational Gathering right after service
- 9 Prayers around the flagpole at McCartney Ranch Elem. 7:15 am
- 10 Worship Team, 1:00pm
- 13 Healing Service, 10:00am
- 13 Life Group (Youth) 6:30pm at the Kirkbrides
- 13 Monthly Luncheon right after service
- 17 Session Meeting, 7:00pm
- 27 Life Group (Youth) 6:30pm at the Kirkbrides

### **January Birthdays**

- 1 Ruth McLaughlin
- 9 Jed Croll
- 11 Hiva Haumea
- 25 Meg George
- 26 Kirsten Jeffers
- 27 Rob Shuster

### **January Anniversaries**

- 4 Rob & Lori Shuster

