

## **Covenant Presbyterian Church Newsletter**

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A Christ centered covenant community;

Loving God,

Loving people,

Making disciples

**March 2019**

### **FROM THE CLERK**

Welcome new Covenant Partner, Joe Lenhert, who made his commitment and was recently affirmed by the Session and the congregation. Joe has been helping in his small group and offering some suggestions for the office. We are delighted to have him and his wife, Carole, join us in worship and service.

Our PNC is moving right along in the selection process of a new pastor for Covenant. We are excited to report that some very strong candidates are emerging.

Elections of new officers will be held at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, March 3, immediately following worship. Thank you to the quality candidates that have come forward. Annual reports will also be shared at that meeting.

Our Mission Team has supported the fund-raising dinners for Seeds of Hope and Home of Hope. For the last Sunday of March, the Gideons will be making a presentation and we as a congregation will have the opportunity to support this mission in our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering.

We will be having some special services during the upcoming Lenten/Easter season. Lent will begin with a special service of reflection and preparation on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 PM in our Worship Center. The service will start with a simple meal together of soup, bread and water. Then we will have prayer time

and you can come forward for the placing of ashes on your forehead. Palm Sunday will be April 14 where the children will enter with palm branches. On Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM, we will sit together around tables as the disciples did and listen to the words of Jesus and have a time of prayer and music as we focus on Jesus's sacrifice on the cross for us. Then, of course, Easter Sunday, April 21, we will celebrate His resurrection and victory over sin and death. This would be a good time to invite others to join in the celebration with us.

We are resuming prayer nights on Wednesday, March 20. Then we will continue every other Wednesday as will be announced in the bulletin, through email reminders and on our web page calendar. Again, Carol and Wiley Smith have so graciously offered their home as a comfortable place to share in prayer time. We want to especially focus on God's calling of a new pastor for us and moving us forward in His vision for us when our new pastor arrives!

### **Deacons Report**

Happy March from your Covenant Deacons! This month we will be celebrating communion on Sunday, March 3rd by intinction. The next Sunday, March 10th we will be having our monthly congregational luncheon immediately after service. Please bring a dish to share and we hope everyone will stay for 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.

### **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.

### **March Calendar**

- 2 Deacon's meeting, 10:00am.
- 3 Communion
- 6 Ash Wednesday service, 6:00pm, soup & bread supper.
- 10 Monthly Luncheon right after service.
- 13 Prayers around the flagpole, 7:15am, McCartney Ranch Elementary.
- 14 Worship Team, 1:00pm.
- 20 Prayer Night, 6:30pm at Carol & Wiley Smiths'
- 21 Session meeting, 7:00pm.
- 31 Fifth Sunday, there will be a special offering for missions.

### **March Birthdays**

- 1 Gladys Perry
- 3 Len Johnson
- 4 Phil Perry
- 7 Cathy Taylor
- 7 Donna Hawrylak
- 20 Luke Little
- 25 Michael Mountford

### **March Anniversaries**

- 20 Anthony & Crystalle Kirkbride
- 23 Wiley & Carol Smith