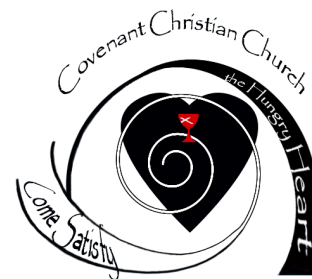


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Sundays:

9:00am & 11:00am Worship
10:00am Christian Education for All Ages
(Childcare provided for All Programs & Activities)

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With Grateful Hearts...

Thanks to the Covenant members and guests who so generously provided our special Christmas gifts. It is a joy to share in ministry with you and we look forward to a wonderful 2010 as we move forward together into God's future.

With love and appreciation,

Rev. Joanne VerBurg, Randy Holste, Carole Tyler,
Robin Miller, Mary Lou Jackson
Sharon Rosen, Megan Larsen & Kelly Hurley

General Board Meeting January 24 after 11:00 am Worship



*Women's Ministries Bible Study, January 24
after 11:00am Worship*

Remember QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY (QA) June 23-27, 2010

Koury Convention Center Greensboro, NC

More information forthcoming!

Ann Washington and Marilyn Williams, Co-chairs

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Disciples Men Generous

Our Disciple Men have donated two checks for important work of the Kingdom. A check for \$500 was sent to N.C. Christian Church, Regional Office for necessary kitchen repairs at Camp Caroline which must be completed this winter and a check for \$200 was sent to Campus Outreach ministries, in honor of Drew Kidwell, as he is very involved in this ministry.

In the New Year we will be setting our goals in a **Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 16, 8:15a at the church**. President Ted Glasener has goals of getting more men involved this year in fellowship, work projects, and education.

God Bless, Bob Kennel, Secretary

Outreach Ministry News



Happy New Year from Outreach Ministry and the Green Team! Thank you for your generous response to our Angel Tree and the Christmas food baskets. There were 30 “angels” adopted....30 children who had presents under their tree because you cared! And, between Thanksgiving and Christmas 14 families received food baskets including gift cards for a turkey! That is an amazing response!

Stay tuned for information about new opportunities for the coming year, including a "Love Mother Earth" activity in February.

Your Outreach Coordinators, Marian jimarian@nc.rr.com & Ro rthompsonct@aol.com

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Our Love & prayers are with: Jim Siers & Lanette Lind in the recent death of his mother, Audrey Siers.

Congratulations to: Meg Snavel & Steve Huffman who were married on December 26.

Meg's new email address is: megshuffman@gmail.com.

Recent: Jeanne White's friend, Patsy Stann, Nancy Jones' friend, Cathy Kirk, travel mercies for Cathy, Don, Timothy & Christopher Downs as they come back home.

Continuing Prayers: Jay Barish; Nelson Wakefield; Deb Nystrom; Mary Toney; Betty Johnston.

Husband: Shirley Sanders **Parents:** Jon Gaffney; **Mothers:** Patricia Cadle; Vicky Vanderford; Betsy Mebane; Ann Hall; Phama Larsen Johnston. **Fathers:** Phama Larsen Johnston; Megan Larsen; Debbie Miller; Mark Huncik. **Sons:** Jim Johnston; Kathy Smith **Grandfathers:** Jon Gaffney; James & Jasmine Cowan, Deja & Dionna Francis **Grandmother:** Vicki Wilkinson **Sisters:** Jack Reilly; Gerry Tokanel; Hazel Brothers. **Brother:** Art Brothers. **Aunts:** Melanie Bunn; Ann Washington; Larry Linguist. **Uncle:** Jeremy Hopkins. **Niece:** Joe Busby; **Nephews:** Gerry Tokanel; Terry White. **Great-Nephew:** Barishes; **Cousins:** Sharon Garrett; Terry White; Jeff Miller; Glenda Hoffman; Mary Lou Jackson, Elaine Fry. **Sisters-in-Law:** Alan Wilkinson; Terry White; Hazel Brothers

Remembering Others: Chris Westbrook; Ruby Hennis and her family; Caren Carver; Leonard Scott; Jerry Bowser; Bo Skough; Clai Bland; Robert Lott & family; Betty Souders. Delano Wilson; Don Styles; Magen Rollins, Kelly Canady, Pam Wood & Mildred Davis; General & Regional Church Leaders; NC Disciples new church starts.

Remember to contact the church office: 481-4715; covenantcc@bellsouth.net if you want any of the above names to remain on the current list after 2 weeks.

Children & Youth Information



INTERFAITH SERVICE ACTIVITY Our first interfaith service activity will be on Sunday, January 31, with the children from Beth Shalom. Our groups will re-mulch Kids Together Park and tour each other's place of worship. Please save this date as more details will be coming in the next couple of weeks. Prepare to be inspired as we see how God works through everyone. Questions? Contact Jody & Jay Barish: jodylb23@yahoo.com or Randy Holste: randy-ccc@bellsouth.net



Chi Rho - It's a New Year! Time for FUN!

On January 15th, we will be starting the New Year off right! Join us as we trek over to St. Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh to have a fun-filled night with our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) neighbors at St. Paul, Wake Forest, & Hillyer Memorial. Our faith, our belief, & our passion for Christ extend beyond our walls. Its time we meet those who share in our faith and beliefs! We'll be meeting at Covenant around 5 PM so that we can travel into Raleigh for our Lock-In with our friends.

More details will be coming your way via e-mail so stay tuned. For more information or questions please contact Randy at the church office (919) 481-4715 or e-mail him at randy-ccc@bellsouth.net

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January 2010

Calendar for Children & Youth



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year! (Church Office Closed)	2 Birthday – Fabrizio Anderson
3 Birthday – James Cowan	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Birthday – Sean Kiser	11	12	13	14 Birthday – Audrey Linguist	15 5 PM Chi Rho (District) Lock- In, St. Paul - Raleigh	16 10 AM Chi Rho (Pick-up) – Covenant CC
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Birthday – Tate Holste
24	25 Birthday – Jackie Stelmack	26 Birthday – Wyatt Dalberth	27	28	29	30 Birthday – Mason Barish
31 Kids 2 Kids – Religions of the World (TBD) 5 PM – 6:30 PM Chi Rho Meets						

RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD... & Covenant's Kids



It's not a stretch to say that at Covenant, we strive to be active participants in our community and world. We encourage our families to look at the "BIG picture" and fully understand what it means to be Christian and what it means to ACT like a Christian. As Disciples we don't stop at a textbook definition of what it means to believe - we ask the hard questions and strive to find the answers. At Covenant we believe our children would benefit from similar practices therefore our Kids 2 Kids (elementary aged children) program is dedicating 4 months of it's up-coming programming to focus on various Religions of the World. During the months of January, February, & March our children will be traveling to other places of worship to not only tour their facility & learn about the their faith tradition/beliefs (& vice versa), but to participate in a joint service project that will benefit the Triangle, NC community as well. Our Kids to Kids director Mrs. Jody Barish has been hard at work to put this plan into action and the bodacious project is well underway.

The goal of this project is simple; 1) to educate our children to the truly diverse nature of this world & 2) to expound upon their understanding of their own faith/Christian beliefs.

January 31st, our journey begins as we trek east to Beth Shalom (Cary's own Reformed Jewish Temple) and together participate in a service project that coincides with their Jewish holiday "Tu B'Shevat" the Rosh HaShanah for trees.

While visiting our neighbors Beth Shalom, our children will learn about the Jewish customs, beliefs, and their religious calendar.

We welcome all of you to this wonderful Interfaith endeavor.



The final figures for December, 2009 and year end will be submitted at a later date in the bulletin and February newsletter

Kathy Smith, Treasurer



And Now a Word from Mary Lou...

Updated Membership Directories are always available via email... just let me know and I will send you the attachment...or you can pick up a copy on the table outside the church office.

Attendance Counts! We need to know when you're here for worship; church school; meetings and events here at Covenant...Please remember to sign the attendance registry and pass it down your row even if the Worship Leader forgets to ask you to do so...The names of our guests are important to Invitation Ministry too!

AND...the usual, "one more thing": All Staff, Officers, Leaders and Ministry Chairs: Please submit your articles by **Friday, January 15...thanks...**