

COVENANT

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Desmond Ng & Wyoma Vanduinkerken and their children Gabriel and Logan. They come to us by letter of transfer from Central Presbyterian Church Vancouver, Canada.

A WORD *from* REVEREND GALLE

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; ... the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Is 58:6

We are well into 2012 by now, and I can feel time moving and flowing. We've moved through the end of year reports. We also have ordained and installed new Elders and the Session is already churning on new ideas and programs. The annual meeting happened with announcement and decisions about the Capital Campaign and debt reduction activities. All this energy and spirit seems to be inspiring our experiences. leaders. Several of the committees are really percolating with new members, great ideas and energy. When we work together, in tune with the Word of the Lord, we can feel the light of the love, shining on us, proving inspiration and insight. The promises of the Lord are still active and true.

All of this activity is indicative of the energy that continues to flow here at Covenant Presbyterian Church. God continues to inspire activities of life and creative growth. It's so exciting to welcome new members Desmond Ng & Wyoma Vanduinkerken and their two sons into our church family. Make sure to welcome them next time you're in church!

You will also be hearing soon about new committee and even sub-committee work that is currently in the works to provide more care for our members and also greater publicity for the activities of the church so that more people will know that exciting things are happening under this roof and beyond!

In our worship life, we are coming up to the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, which comes on February 22nd, marks the beginning of Lent. This season lasts six weeks and ends with the celebration of Easter Sunday. During Lent we remember the 40 days when Jesus was in the wilderness with the wild beasts, fasting and resisting temptations before he began his public ministry.

Now, it's important to remember that being tempted is different from sin. We pray "Lead us not into temptation," in the Lord's Prayer and we

recognize that Jesus was tempted but lived a life without sin. Lent can be a time to recognize that we all battle temptations. The stories from the Bible of Jesus battling are stories of victory with the recognition that as a fully human person, it was not easy. So during Lent, we look at our own "humanness", our weakness, and wrestle with how we can live life better... perhaps even more fully. For some, that may be "giving up something" for Lent. The practice of giving up something small (like Big Macs or Coke) can be a good practice for learning discipline and ability to say "no" in other important areas of life. For others, it may be starting a new habit to strengthen the spiritual life. I've recently started attending our Monday morning "Yoga and Yak" group to try to encourage myself to be more flexible and healthy.

In summary, Lent is about trying to cease doing wrong things, starting to do right things, and confessing our human shortcoming in both areas! But, in spite of our sin, we recognize the special gifts of grace that God gives to us, made visible in the unique gifts and talents we have, especially when we share them with others.

We will be preparing for Lent, first by having a Tuesday meal of Pancakes and Jazz at 5:15 on 2/21. Historically, this was a time to have a "last celebration" that included the rich and special sweet treat of pancakes for supper, before Lent began the next day of Ash Wednesday. Some in the old Catholic traditions would give up milk, eggs and meat for Lent. For us here at Covenant, we're always looking for another reason to gather for food and fellowship! Thanks be to God that we can pull out an old tradition, dust it off and make it fun!

As we prepare for the Easter event, it is a good time to examine ourselves and renew our covenant with God. May this continue to be a season of growth and fulfillment in the life of our personal lives and in our community of faith here at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Blessings, *Rev. Kristin*

JANUARY Session Actions

- † Reviewed proposed 2012 budget
- † Scheduled a called meeting for 1/24 to further discuss budget
Approved communion dates for 2012
- † Elected Weldon Kruger church treasurer and Judy Bochner clerk to session for 2012
- † Approved Church Life and Fellowship calendar for 2012
- † Elders were reminded to take the online child protection training

WOMEN of COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Confessing the Beatitudes
by Margaret Aymer

Wednesday
February 8, 2012
9:30 am

Greatly Honored Are the Pure
in Heart
Lesson Six

Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24;
Psalm 51: 1 - 12
Lesson Leader & Hostess:
Shirley Edmiston, 693-4689

NEW FROM THE PNC

Submitted by Kris Williams

"The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has published Covenant's Church Information Form (CIF) on the Presbytery's Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website. A link to the PIF is also posted on the PNC page of Covenant's website. As of January 23rd, the PNC has received 25 Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) through the CLC matching service and one self-referred PIF. The PNC has already begun the process of reading and reviewing all PIFs. Please pray for the PNC: pray that we will discern God's will for Covenant as we match the skills and characteristics desired by our congregation with the talents and qualifications of potential pastors. PIFs and self-referrals can be emailed directly to the PNC at our new email address: pnc@covenantpresbyterian.org."

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, March 24

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Make checks payable to Martha Krumm

Send to:

708 Putter Court

College Station, TX 77845

RSVP by Sunday, March 11th

SPACE is LIMITED

Your check is your reservation

This is an Adults Only Evening which will

begin at 6:00 p.m. in the home of

Bea & Ed Uvacek

8601 Creekview Court

College Station, TX 77845

*The remainder of the evening will be
revealed over hors d'oeuvres.*

FAT TUESDAY

Celebration

February 21



at 5:15 pm

Pancakes
Bacon & Sausage
Cajun Cuisine
Fresh Fruits

at 6:15 pm

A&M Consolidated
JAZZ BAND

ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship Service

February 22

at 6:00 pm

Join us for worship on February 22 to begin the Lenten season. The service will be held at 6:00 pm in the church sanctuary and will be held with the imposition of ashes from the palms used in the last year's Palm Sunday Service.



CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Halliwell	2/1
Jill Jobe	2/2
John Kay	2/2
Weldon Kruger	2/3
Brynn Devine	2/5
Eliese Martin	2/6
Logan Kelly	2/8
Katie Nagyvary	2/11
Shirley Edmiston	2/14
Elizabeth Boyd	2/21
Susan Keough	2/23
Rainer Fink	2/25
Bonnie Lynn Kay	2/26
Mary Medina	2/26
Grover Walker	2/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Ann Harper	2/1
Amy & Julian Kang	2/11
Charles & Elizabeth Boyd	2/14
Russell & Carolyn Howerton	2/27
Mike & Denise Ruesink	2/29

**COME ONE!
COME ALL!**

Israel/Palestine study will meet on February 1 at 1:45 pm. Everyone is invited.



Become a member of the group and you will get continuous updates to our events through your news feed.

A Scout Is REVERENT SCOUT SUNDAY February 5, 2012

The Scouting program at Covenant Presbyterian is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors.

Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry.

As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership.

We congratulate all the volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout the Brazos Valley and want to offer a special prayer and word of the thanks to the leaders of BSA Troop 1222, Pack 1069, and Girl Scout Troop 9029 chartered to Covenant Presbyterian Church and to BSA Troop 102 chartered by the Kiwanis Club.

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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 9029

Cookie Booths

Sat. 2/4 11:00-1:00 Kroger on Boonville Rd

Sat. 2/4 3:00-5:00 Walmart Supercenter (Grocery entrance)

Sat. 2/11 11:00-1:00 Walgreens on Briarcrest Ave.

Sat. 2/11 2:00-4:00 HEB in the Tejas Center

Sat. 2/18 12:00-2:00 HEB in the Towerpoint Center

Sat. 2/18 5:00-7:00 Sams Club

The theme this year is "*What can a cookie do?*" Cookie sales help girls develop skills in leadership, organization, and financial literacy. Troop 9029 uses its proceeds from cookie sales for field trips, supplies, badges and insignia, membership dues, and leader trainings. Thank you for your



BSA TROOP 1222



This photo shows Boy Scouts of Troop 1222 who, along with several adult advisors, traveled to Enchanted Rock State Natural Area near Fredericksburg, TX, this past weekend for hiking and camping. Enchanted Rock is a natural granite dome rising over 400 feet above the surrounding terrain. Artifacts dating back thousands of years have been recovered there and early inhabitants of the area thought the site to be home to spirits.

NEEDED: Boy Scout Troop 1222 needs a laptop computer to maintain financial and other troop records. If you have a laptop that you no longer need, the Scouts will put it to good use. Please contact Olin Brown or Geoff Kapler direct or through the church office.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 5, 2012



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, Souper Bowl of Caring

began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

***“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us to be mindful of those without
even a bowl of soup to eat.”***

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need.

February Lectionary

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2012

Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11,
20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark
1:29-39

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12

2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps. 30; 1 Cor.
9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19

2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6; 2
Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

1 Sunday in Lent

February 26

Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10; 1
Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

CHILD CARE WANTED ITEMS

Your Trash...

...Our Treasures

Your trash may be our treasures. Please save items we can use for art projects and sensory tubs. We would love any scrap paper, broken crayons, dry noodles, dry rice, tissue paper, weird utensils, paper towel roll holders, ribbon, and all sizes of lids and containers.

SAFE CHURCH Children's Youth Protection Policy

Covenant's volunteers are doing a great job at updating their Safe Church Training Certificates. We are still asking for any volunteers who have not completed the new training course within the last year to please do so as soon as possible. The training is minimal and can be done in the comfort of your own time and home.

Go online to www.safechurch.com
Register as a new member.
Log-in with the church access key 89d3xtxz

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

February 19, 2012

The youth of the church have been attending a six-week confirmation course on Wednesday evenings.

The C.E. Committee cordially invites you to attend worship on Sunday,

February 19 as we welcome these wonderful youth into our congregational family. A light reception to honor the Confirmation Class 2012 will be held following the service.

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La Cena della Gioventu'

Youth Fundraising Dinner

February 18, 2012

Covenant's Youth Group will be hosting an Italian dinner on Saturday, February 18 to raise funds for their summer trip. Grab your loved one or best friend and join us for this special dinner.

Suggested Donations

\$15.00 per adult
\$12.00 per student
\$8.00 per child
(for children 12-years and under).

Seating
5:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm

by **RESERVATION ONLY**

SELECT ONE CHOICE PER GUEST FROM THE FOLLOWING MENU

APPETIZERS

House Salad Bruschetta Soup

ENTRÉE

Chicken Parmesan
 4 Cheese Lasagna

SIDES Choose (2) Sides

Zucchini
 Green Beans
 Egg Plant Salad

DESSERTS

Italian Crème Cake
 Tiramisu
 Gelato

KIDS MENU to be served with one side dish from above _____ and garlic bread
(Choose Side)

ENTRÉE

Spaghetti or Pizza

DESSERT

Gelato or Cake

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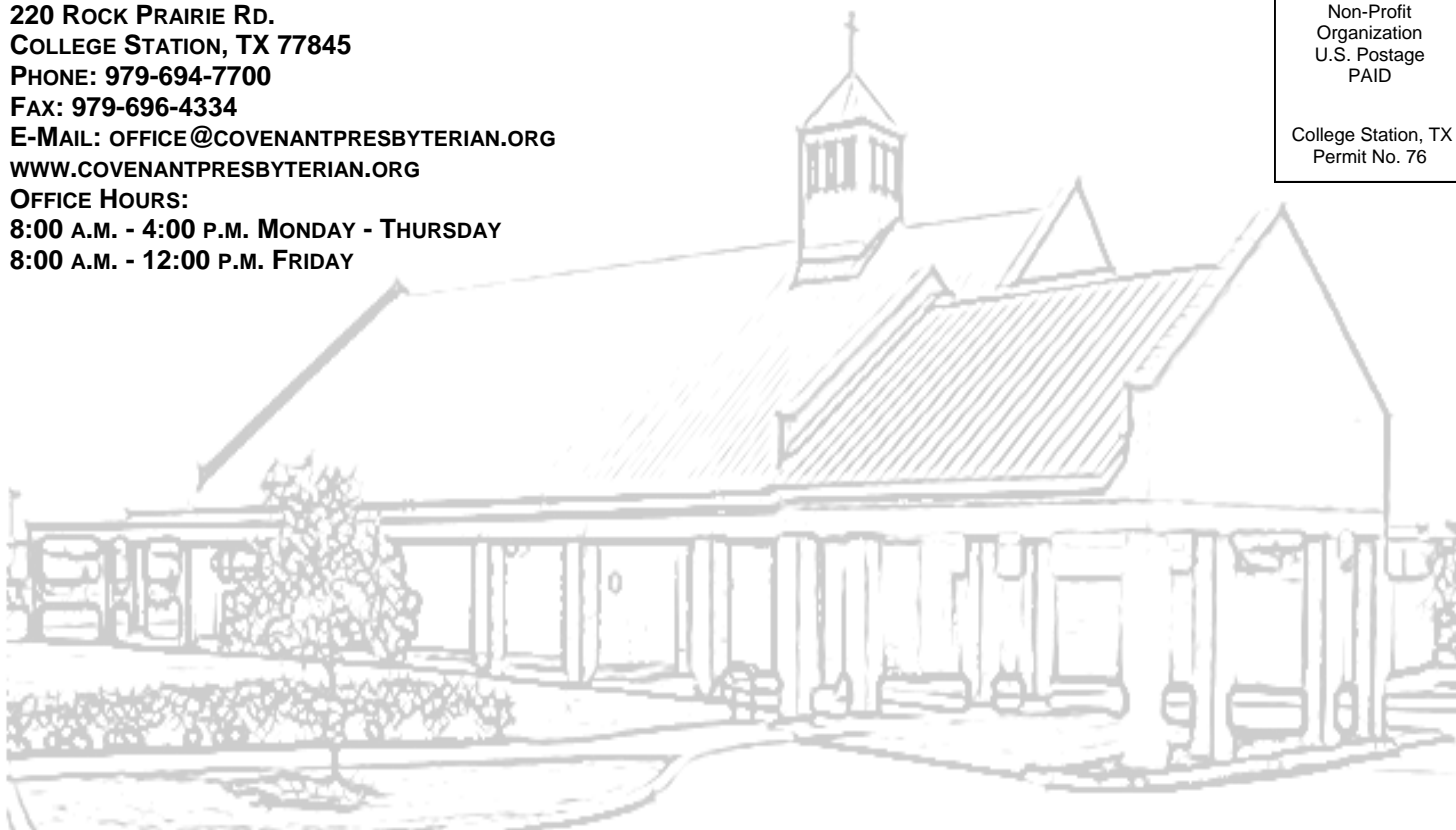
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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ELDER POSITIONS for 2012

COMMITTEES

Budget & Stewardship	Ernie Davis
Christian Education	Maggi Focke & Stephanie Houghton
Church Life & Fellowship	Steven Steele
Congregational Care	Jane Miller
Shepherds' Care	Joann Sands
Membership & Outreach	Gloria Woodbury
Mission	Russell Dempsey
Nominating	Connie Brown & Joann Sands
Personnel	Jim Crawford
Property	Charles Fontanier & Rick Howe
Worship	Kathryn Vaughan Friend

LIAISONS

Boy Scouts	Olin Brown
Day School	Ernie Davis
Child Care Center	Tim Hardy

Sunday Schedule

9:15 am - Sunday School
 10:10 am - Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 am - Worship Service

2:00 pm - Hansarang PC
 4:00 pm - Youth

We have an adult-staffed nursery every Sunday morning. Children's church (**for 2 yrs through Kindergarten**), is also adult-staffed. Our presumption is that children 1st grade and up can learn to be part of the worshipping congregation. There are worship bags for younger ones to help them be quietly entertained and feel a part of the service.

COURIER DEADLINE
February 22, 2012

GREETERS

10:30 am Service
 Bob & Peggy Wright, captains
 Bryan & Jean Allison