

# COVENANT

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## A WORD *from* REVEREND GALLE

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! II Cor. 5:16*

Don't you love new beginnings! They are times of promise and times of expectations, full of new dreams. We celebrate each new birth in our congregation and know that CrisMarie Estrada and her whole family celebrate the birth of her new son! For many of us, looking into the eyes of a baby brings back those happy memories of one that we used to hold lovingly in our arms.

New Beginnings! It is no wonder that people around the world love to celebrate a new year. It's a chance to turn over a new page, in fact open up a new calendar. It's a time to re-examine our lives and make promises and resolutions toward new ways of life.

New beginnings are also a time when we try to let loose of that which should no longer be carried—you know—that old baggage that weighs on our shoulders, slows our progress, and drags us down. It's like cleaning out a desk drawer, throwing out all that miscellaneous junk so that you can actually find the tools that you need to be productive. ... Okay, maybe that's just *my* need ... I'm sure the rest of you have perfectly organized drawers!!

How far could you go on your new beginning if you were certain of your direction, had all the tools readily available and knew that you had the full love, support and blessings of your biggest supporter?

When we claim Christ as our Savior, we are assured, as Paul tells us in Corinthians, that we are a new creation.

Let us claim that promise and let the Holy Spirit inspire us with the energy needed to move forward in the

direction that God has already planned for us, knowing that Jesus travels with us, encouraging and directing us each and every day.

Read and listen carefully to the following bold and confident words written by an unnamed Zimbabwean pastor. His words speak great truth and are worth reviewing as we enter the new year of 2012, confident that we are beloved by God.

***I am a disciple of Christ. I will not let up, look back or slow down. My past is redeemed, my future is secure. I am done with low living, small planning, smooth knees, mundane talking, chintzy giving and dwarfed goals. I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotion or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised or rewarded. My face is set; my goal is sure. My road is narrow; my way is rough, my companions few. My God is reliable; my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, delayed or deluded. I will not flinch in the face of adversity, not negotiate at the table of the enemy, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.***

***I am a disciple of Christ. I must go until he comes, speak of all I know of him and work until he stops me. And when he comes for his own, by the grace of God, he will have no problem recognizing me, because my colors are clear.***

Let us proceed into this New Year with such strength of faith, confident that whatever comes our way, our Lord and Savior walks with us.

May God bless you all,  
*Rev. Kristin Galle*

## OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be changing its hours beginning January 1, 2012.

### NEW HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday  
8:00 am to Noon

## DECEMBER Session Actions

- † Approved Church Information Form for the Pastor Nominating Committee
- † Heard a report from the Covenant Children's Center
- † Set January 15 for new elder ordination and installation
- † Approved formation of a joint committee (Worship, Christian Education and Outreach Membership) to study the Sunday Night Live service
- † Approved a motion that Sunday Night Live be suspended until the joint committee makes a recommendation
- † Approved kitchen tile cleaning (money is in the Property budget)
- † Received a stewardship update
- † Received information that Hannah Murphy has resigned as college ministry intern effective January 1
- † Heard a report about a special Presbytery meeting regarding reconciliation and dismissal procedures

## NEWS from PNC

*Submitted by Kris Williams*

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is pleased to report that we have completed preparations on Covenant's Church Information Form (CIF). The CIF was approved by the Session on Tuesday, December 13th. The PNC was notified on Wednesday, December 21st that our CIF received final approval from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, and the document is now ready for public release. Covenant's CIF will soon be posted on the PNC page of the church website and will be filed with Church Leadership Connection, an organization within the PCUSA that connects congregations with ministers who are seeking a call.

In the new year, the PNC will transition to the next step in the pastor search process, which is reviewing applications and contacting potential pastors. Any person wishing to be considered as pastor of Covenant should mail a Personal Information Form (PIF) to the church office (Attn: PNC) or email it directly to the PNC at [covenant-pnc-search@googlegroups.com](mailto:covenant-pnc-search@googlegroups.com). The PNC is grateful for your prayers as we pause and listen for God's response to our call.

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## ONEderful WEDNESDAYS

*Begins on January 11*

Join us on Wednesday evenings for dinners at 5:15 pm followed by programs and presentation at 6:15 pm. Last semester we were inspired with some wonderful programs led by Rev. George Klett, Rev. Kristin Galle, James Christiansen, Kathryn Friend, Kris Williams, Kathleen Phillips, Fred and Angie Medina, and William Talbert. Covenant returns a huge THANK YOU to those

presenters.

Covenant will kick-off the first part of 2012 with a line-up that will be just as inspiring. We will begin on **January 11** with a presentation led by **James Christiansen on "The Magi."** We will be entertained with a **Sing-A-Long on January 18**, followed by a **Game Night on January 25**.

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*Dear Covenant Family Promise volunteers,*

*Rich blessings in this holiday season. Thanks for sharing the gift of time with the Family Promise families.  
Love, Anne Wehrly & Linda Coats*

*Volunteer Coordinators  
Friends UCC*

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

The time of year is fast approaching for the youth to ready themselves to join the Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in attending this year's confirmation class please contact LuBecca Long as soon as possible. You may contact LuBecca in the church at 979-694-7700 or by emailing [lubecca@covenantpresbyterian.org](mailto:lubecca@covenantpresbyterian.org)



## CREATIVE SPIRITS

*2nd & 4th Thursdays*

Creative Spirits crafting group invites you to bring a project and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, any time between 1:00 and 4:00. You can help stuff comfort dolls even if you are craft-challenged. We also have a donation quilt in the works and could use some help.

## WOMEN *of* COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Confessing the Beatitudes  
*by Margaret Aymer*

**Wednesday January 11, 2012**  
**9:30am**

### **Lesson Five**

Greatly Honored Are Those Who Show Mercy!  
Matthew 5:7  
Luke 10:25-37

**Lesson Leader**  
Lou Ellen Ruesink

**Hostess**  
Lou Ellen Ruesink  
690-7162

# CELEBRATE

## BIRTHDAYS

Donna Nock	1/1
Skyler Wendler	1/1
Wilsey Wendler	1/1
Lorene Brown	1/5
Karola Feltz	1/5
Kris Williams	1/6
Denise Magnuson	1/9
Glenda Joseph	1/9
Edith Betts	1/11
Brian Bochner	1/11
Ellie Gates	1/15
Jeannie Murray	1/15
Kayla Shuttlesworth	1/16
Bentley Steele	1/19
Dan White	1/20
Agnes Bailey	1/21
Mary Walker	1/22
Sheryl Harmon	1/27
Don Witenhafer	1/31
Ann Hardy	1/31
Danny Mokry	1/31

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Gloria Woodall	1/6
Matt & Kris Williams	1/17
Jim & Sue Durden	1/25

## COME ONE! COME ALL!

Israel/Palestine study will meet on January 4 at 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

# JANUARY Lectionary

## 1st Sunday after Christmas January 1, 2012

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148;  
Mark 1:4-11; Luke 2:22-40

## Baptism of the Lord January 8, 2012

Genesis 1:1-15; Psalm 29;  
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

## 2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 15, 2012

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20);  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1  
Corinthians 6:12-20; John  
1:43-52

## 3rd Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 2012

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-  
12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
Mark 1:14-20

## 4th Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 2012

Deuteronomy 18:15-20;  
Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-  
13; Mark 1:21—28

# 2011 in PICTURES



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brett & Rachel Charles, and daughter Kayelee. They come to us through Affirmation of Faith and Baptism.

# SOUPER BOWL of CARING

February 5, 2012

In less than a month the multiple youth groups across the nation will mobilize in an effort of caring for those who are hungry and in need.

Covenant's Youth Group will participate in this national event by receiving your donations of canned goods and/or monetary donation on Sunday, February 5, 2012.

There will be a soup-potluck luncheon following the service of worship to help celebrate this event.

## Covenant Presbyterian Church

*Cordially invites  
members and friends  
to*

*Ordination & Installation  
Class of 2014 Elders*

*Sunday, January 15, 2012  
during worship*



# Happy New Year!

# NEW YEAR

*New Year is the time at which a new calendar year begins and the calendar's year count is incremented. For many cultures, the event is celebrated in some manner.*

## TRANSLATIONS

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

*(in the blank write which language is the appropriate translation)*

1. sretna nova godina \_\_\_\_\_
2. šťastný nový rok \_\_\_\_\_
3. gelukkig nieuwjaar \_\_\_\_\_
4. ein gutes neues Jahr \_\_\_\_\_
5. kali chronia \_\_\_\_\_
6. hauoli makahiki hou \_\_\_\_\_
7. felice anno nuovo \_\_\_\_\_
8. S novim godom \_\_\_\_\_
9. yeni yılınız kutlu olsun \_\_\_\_\_
10. blwyddyn newydd dda \_\_\_\_\_

## WORD SCRAMBLE NEW YEAR

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## Children's Sunday School Celebrates Advent

*Submitted by Kris Williams*

"The younger elementary Sunday School class celebrated the Advent season by making a wreath with paper candles and flames. The leaves of the wreath were created from outlines of the children's hands, and the children began class each week by "lighting" another paper flame. The lessons for Advent season focused on the gifts we receive because of Christ's birth: during the 5 weeks, the children read scriptures from Isaiah and John which teach that Jesus is our Hope, Way, Joy, Peace, and

Savior. Special thanks to the teachers who contributed time and materials to the Advent study: Gloria Woodbury, Shirley Edmiston, Marcie Martin, Anne Steele, Martha Krumm, and Lou Ellen Ruesink."



## C2K - 5th & 6th Grade (Cool Christian Kids)

### January

- 8<sup>th</sup> Parent Meeting 4:30pm  
Dead Line for Lock In
- 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Lock In
- 15<sup>th</sup> Conclave Forms and Money  
\$75 Due
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00pm Lesson and Dinner  
with the Youth at 5:00pm

C2K Camp at Ceta Canyon One Way Middle School June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
\*Cost \$225 for Camp Plus Cost of Travel. \*

## YOUTH - 7th thru 12th Grades

### January

- 7<sup>th</sup> PYCC Meeting in Houston
- 8<sup>th</sup> Youth will meet at 5:00pm  
Parent Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Youth @ 5:00 pm "Youth  
Dinner Planning" Conclave  
Forms and Money \$75 Due
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Youth 5:00pm
- 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> PYCC Conclave Training  
Retreat @ Cho-Yeh

# JANUARY 2012

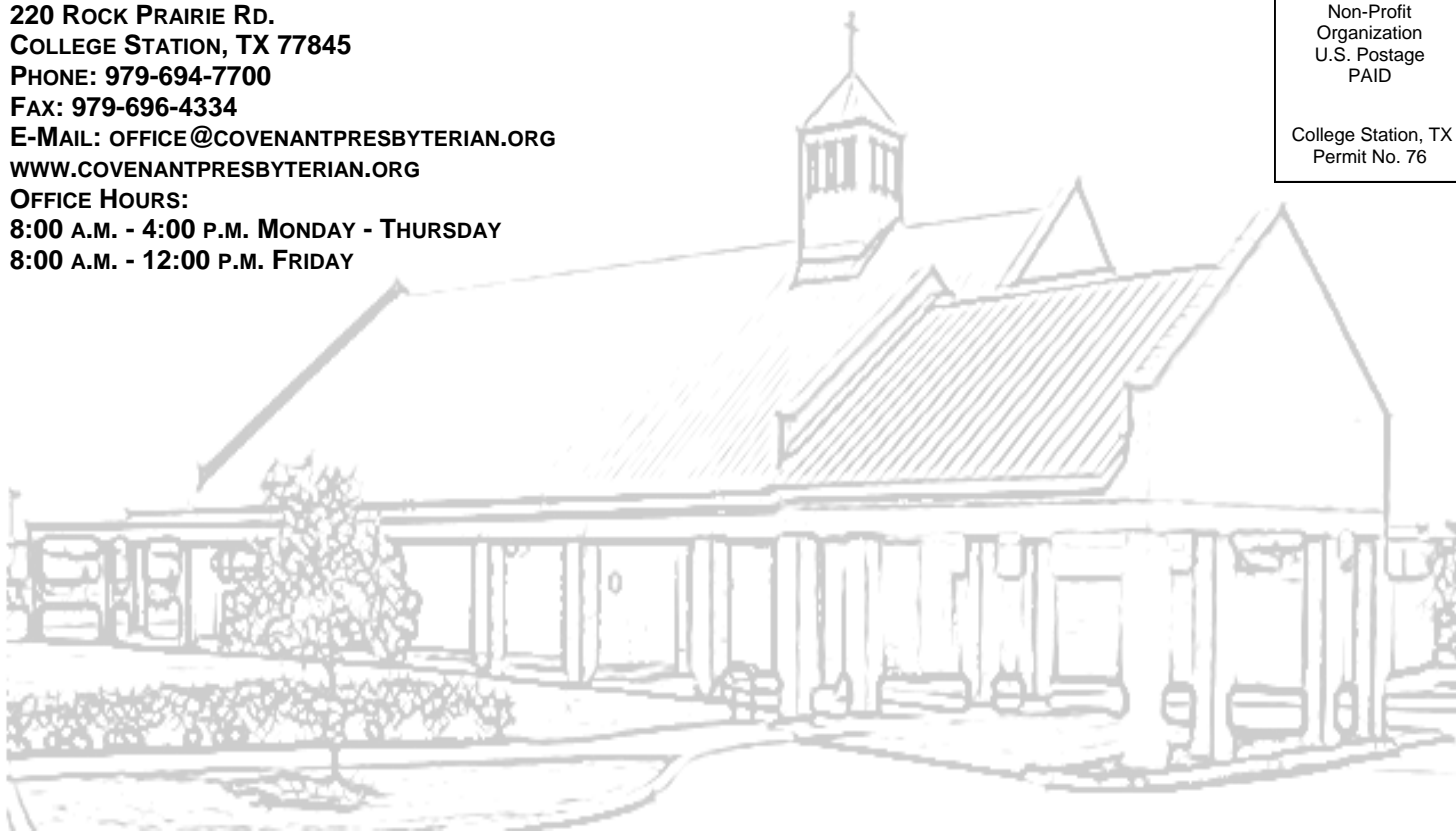
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:10 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC	<b>2</b>  Office Closed	<b>3</b> 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:30 Holy Rollers	<b>7</b> 2:30 Troop 1222 COH
<b>8</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:10 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC 2:00 Outreach/ Membership Com.	<b>9</b> 8:30 Yoga&Yack  5:30 Child Care 6:00 C.E. Com 6:30 Property Com 7:00 Troop 1222  7:30 PNC	<b>10</b> 5:45 CL&F Com 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	<b>11</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study 4:00 Kid's Choir 5:15 OW Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir 7:00 Budget Com	<b>12</b> 1:00 Creative Spirits  6:00 Worship Com	<b>13</b> 10:30 Holy Rollers  7:30 C2K	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:10 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC  Installation & Ordination of Elders	<b>16</b> 8:30 Yoga&Yack  7:00 Troop 1222	<b>17</b> 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study 7:00 Session  <i>Annual Reports Due</i>	<b>18</b> 4:00 Kid's Choir 5:15 OW Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:30 Holy Rollers	<b>21</b>
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*Please remember to update the church office with any changes that may have been made to your contact information within the last year. (i.e., Emails, cell numbers, mailing address, work numbers, etc...)*

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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

### \* ANNOUNCEMENT \*

# SNL

## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Will NOT be held  
this semester.

### GREETERS

10:30 am Service  
Dennis & Marcie Martin  
Jeff Kapler & Dorothy Shippen  
Simon Kapler

**COURIER DEADLINE**  
**January 22, 2012**

Answers to TRANSLATIONS  
1. Croatian 2. Czech 3. Dutch  
4. German 5. Greek 6. Hawaiian  
7. Italian 8. Russian 9. Turkish  
10. Welsh