

COVENANT

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A WORD *from* REVEREND GALLE

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.”—Proverbs 3:5

What a wonderful month October has been! Since I started here I have found powerful worship experiences through Sunday morning worship and Sunday Night Live. There are the activities designed for fun and fellowship through ONEderful Wednesday, Youth Groups, C2K, Yoga, and softball. There are opportunities to delving deeper in knowledge through Sunday School classes and book clubs. There are activities for artistic expression through crafts, choir and bells. And there are opportunities for service and outreach through Holy Rollers, Habitat for Humanity, CROP Walk and Family Promise. All this combines with the regular committee work and the service provided to the neighborhood through the Day Care and Day School center.

When we gather together as a community of faith on a regular basis, we are reminded of the love which binds us together through all our activities, gifts and talents—binds everything together in perfect harmony. The Letter to the Colossians proclaims that *“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (Colossians 3:14-16a)* This is where we find the peace that passes understanding, where we find contentment even in the face of distraction, where we the strength to struggle with the meaning of life even through times of change and suffering.

All these activities are an expression of our community faith. We have different gifts, different problems and different places where we place our energy. We are called to be One Body, and even when we don't quite understand all that this means, we trust and proclaim that we become better people just by attempting to live out

this call. We cannot rest on an individual or individualistic faith or theology that relies on “what feels good” or “what works for me”. We should not use our faith merely to tell God how we want our problems solved or tell others how we think they should live. Our Scripture and centuries of church tradition challenge us to look beyond ourselves to a God who is incomprehensible in the mystery, and yet fully present in gracious, merciful goodness and truth. As we understand that God's plan is for good and is more intricate than we could have imagined, we are challenged to place our trust in this loving God.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.” This is our Stewardship Theme to support the 2012 budget. Our annual Stewardship Drive, challenges us to trust, celebrate giving, and exercise the spiritual discipline of generosity. In the Thanksgiving season, it is good and right to look at how faithfully the Lord has walked with us in the past, and trust in our God given instinct to give gifts and share blessings. We don't have to know the details of how next year will turn out. We can trust in the Lord's guidance through faithful people that our generous gifts with be used to continue ministries of the Church and support our center of faith during times of uncertainty, proclaiming the Good News to folks hungry to hear it. As we plan and pledge toward a bright future in 2012 we can faithfully declare *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.”* We look forward to a successful Commitment Sunday on November 20th when we gather together at the Thanksgiving Dinner after worship to give thanks, celebrate giving, and proclaim our faith through generosity.

Thanks be to God,
Rev. Kristin Galle

**REMEMBER
TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK!**



**Daylight Savings
November 6, 2011**

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST &
WORKDAY**

November 12, 2011

**CALLING ALL MEN
of the CHURCH**

Join us for a hearty home style breakfast at 8:00 pm Saturday, November 12. Come in your work clothes so that we can get a few 'honey-do's' done around the church. For more information contact Mark Wright or Charles Fontanier.

CHILI COOK-OFF

The Budget and Stewardship Committee invites you to make your best chili and join us for a Chili Cook-Off Luncheon, Sunday, **November 6 at 12:00 pm.** Along with some "creative" prizes we will present goals for next year and the proposed budget. So be sure to bring along your pledge packet. Packets will be mailed out on October 27. Our Stewardship Campaign will run thru Sunday, November 20.



NEW from COVENANT'S PNC

Submitted by Kris Williams

The Covenant Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has made tremendous progress since its first meeting in September. The committee meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and begins each meeting with a scripture lesson. The committee's work is guided by two texts: the Holy Bible and "On Calling a Pastor: A Manual for Churches Seeking Pastors" published by the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The committee's current task is creating a Church Information Form (CIF) which will represent Covenant to pastors seeking a call. The form will be completed with input from the congregation via a Pastor Attributes Survey. In the survey, members and friends of Covenant will be invited to share what they value in a future pastor. The survey was approved by the Session on Tuesday, October 18th and will be available to the congregation by

Monday, November 1st. Electronic surveys are preferred, but a few paper copies will be available in the sanctuary.

To promote the survey, PNC members will visit Sunday School classes, committees, and other groups, if desired. The PNC will soon have a dedicated webpage linked to Covenant's website. Visitors to the site can view updates from the committee and access a link to the electronic version of the Pastor Attributes Survey. Surveys can be completed through Sunday, November 20th.

Lastly, the PNC has established an email address dedicated to accepting Pastor Information Forms (PIFs). Individuals wishing to be considered as pastor of Covenant should submit their PIF electronically to covenant-pnc-search@googlegroups.com.

Thanksgiving Baskets for Shut-ins



The Congregational Care Committee will assemble and deliver baskets to our homebound members during Thanksgiving weekend.

Please contribute snack, stationary, and other small gift items by November 9. There will be a box in the hall by the library to receive any donations.

ONEderful WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Evening Dinner & Fellowship

Mark your calendars for Wednesday evening dinner and fellowship at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The delectable meals are prepared by Chef Jesse and our dedicated Church Life & Fellowship Committee. Wednesday evening meals begin at 5:15 pm. The ONEderful Presentations and Programs will begin at 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Come join us for these wonderfully prepared meals and stay for the program.

The ONEderful Wednesday Dinner and Presentation will not held the week of Thanksgiving on November 23.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



Come one, come all to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Covenant's Church Life and Fellowship Committee. This year's potluck meal will be held on

**Sunday, November 20
5:30 p.m.**

Take a moment and look over the needed items at the back of the sanctuary. The needed items are as follows:

**Turkeys, Dressing, Gravy, Hams
Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes
Green and Yellow Veggies
Salads, Cranberries
Rolls, Large Pies
and more!!!!**

SESSION ACTIONS October 2011

- † Received a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and approved a congregational survey.
- † Received the treasurer's report.
- † Approved a facility use request.
- † Approved a website administration policy.
- † Approved plans for a capital campaign and plans for an LLC.
- † Approved staffing recommendations.
- † Approved using fall festival dunking booth funds to support the softball team.

THANKSGIVING

thanks·giving \ than(k)-'gi-viŋ *also* 'than(k)s-, \n (1533) **1:** the act of giving thanks **2:** a prayer expressing gratitude **3 a:** a public acknowledgment or celebration of divine goodness **b cap:** THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER Lectionary

21st Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2011

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm
78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

22nd Sunday after Pentecost November 7, 2011

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1
Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew
25:14-30

Christ the King

November 20, 2011

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm
100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew
25:31-46

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-
19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark
13:24-37

WOMEN of COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Confessing the Beatitudes
By Margaret Aymer

Wednesday
November 9, 2011
9:30 am

Lesson III
Greatly Honored Are
the Humbled!

Matthew 5:5; Psalm 37

Lesson Leader: Joann Sands
Hostess: Ellie Gates
696-4327

SEAFARERS' KITS

Each year we ask for donations of the following items, which are packed by our Youth Groups into shoeboxes, then Christmas wrapped and delivered to the Port of Houston to be distributed to the ships by Port Chaplains.



Band-aids	Soap (full size bars)
Comb	Shampoo
Dental Floss	Socks (black work style)
Toothbrush	Hard Candy
Toothpaste	Calendar
Deodorant	Address Books
Flashlight	Pencils/Writing Paper
Kleenex (small packs)	Key Chains
Q-Tips	Playing Cards
Hand Lotion	Tea or Coffee Packets
Lip Balm	Disposable Cameras
Nail Clippers	Pudding or Fruit Cups
Needle/Thread	Puzzles/Games
Shaving Cream	Postcards
Shoe Laces 27"	T-shirts

If you would like to donate items, you may leave your donations in the Seafarers Box in the mission hallway under the bulletin board.

TWIN CITY MISSION

Coat & Blanket Drive

Covenant Presbyterian Church is receiving donations to help with the local Twin City Mission Coat and Blanket Drive. Bring your gently used coats and blankets to the receptical in the mission hallway. These blankets will be given out from Twin City Mission to the needy of the Brazos Valley.

OPERATING FUND

(Including Mortgage Payment)

Income through September 2011	\$ 309,113
Expenses through September 2011	\$ 395,238



You are invited to our annual **Chili Cook-Off** to kick start our 2012 **Stewardship Campaign!** Please join us on Sunday, November 6 following the worship service for an opportunity to hear plans for our 2012 budget, while enjoying a scrumptious bowl of chili! You may sign in to attend and/or bring items on the sign-in sheet located on table at the back of the sanctuary.

MEMBERS REACHING OUT

You may have seen or heard that two Covenant committees – Membership and Evangelism – are formally merging to become one committee with the beginning of the new year. It will be known as the Outreach and Membership Committee.

There's a reason for this and it concerns you as a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Over the past couple of years, the two committees met and worked together regularly and found the partnership useful. Why? We've decided (particularly in these tough economic times) that the chore of reaching out toward prospective members, which has been the focus of Evangelism, is better accomplished through word of mouth than through conventional advertising. That's THE Word and YOUR mouth.

We're not talking about having to go door-to-door and pass out pamphlets. That may be a good fit for some people and some circumstances, but we're thinking

more about providing a casual witness during your everyday life.

Here's one example. Many of us are involved in social networking sites, most prominently represented by Facebook. Did you know Covenant has a Facebook page? If you are on Facebook, find the page and "like" it. (You'll find a link to it from the church's website.)

But don't stop there. Participate within the group by posting photos and comments about Covenant activities and ... very importantly ... whenever there is a post about events, good news and happenings at the church, "share" a link with your Facebook friends.

When you start thinking about it, we bet you'll come up with a surprising number of ways to spread the word about Covenant Presbyterian within your virtual neighborhood.

YOUR REQUIRED IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

Use it to benefit Covenant Presbyterian Church

The IRA Charitable Rollover permits taxpayers 70 1/2 years and older to donate any amount up to \$100,000 directly from an IRA to Covenant Presbyterian Church or other charity without paying federal income taxes on the transfer. The donation is not reportable on your tax return which may save you taxes. The donation must be made by December 31. For more information, speak to your financial advisor or call the church office at 979-694-7700.



COVENANT'S BOOK CLUB



Come join Covenant's Book Club which meets at 2:30 pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the church library.

Book Club Reading

Nov. 29 Sworn to Silence or Pray for Silence by Linda Castillo

Dec. 27 Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George

SNL

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE
Evening Worship

November 13
5:30 pm

Followed by
A light meal.

COINS for COVENANT

Last month we introduced a new fun and friendly contest between age groups to see who can



collect the most coins. Pick up a colorful 'Coins for Covenant' cup on the table along the side wall of our sanctuary. Take your container home to be used to collect your spare change, then bring it back when it is filled and put the coins into the large container marked for your age group. Let's see which group can fill their container first! The program will run for three months starting in October. Ten percent of all funds will go toward our church youth program.

CROP HUNGER WALK

October 23, 2011



CPC WALKERS

Mike, Denise, LuBecca, Larry, Mary, Angie, Fred, Abby, Jessica
William, Tom, Chad, Kelsy, Judy, Shirley
Dave, Lou Ellen, Leah, Anne, Brayden, Steven, Bentley

Covenant Presbyterian Church made a wonderful showing at this year's Annual CROP Hunger Walk with 21-walkers. The walkers raised \$2,961. This year's CROP Hunger Walk had 127 participants from 14 area churches and raised a grand total of \$10,491.

POINSETTIAS

Orders for this year's Christmas poinsettias that enhance our sanctuary will soon be underway. The poinsettias are \$15.00 each and may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. Order envelopes are available in the church office.



SEASON of ADVENT

The Season of Advent, a Season of four Sundays of waiting, expectation, hope and preparation where we anticipate the birth of the Christ Child. Advent begins on November 27th this year.

Also, mark your calendars for December Special Services:

Sun. 12/11/11	Lessons and Carols	10:30am
Sun. 12/18/11	Christmas Caroling	5:30pm
Sat. 12/24/11	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:00pm

This is truly a great time to be worshipping the Lord together, here at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Lord is great and greatly to be praised!

YOUTH *7th thru 12 Grade*



4:00 pm on Sunday, November 6

November 6 - Turkey Bowl @ 4:00 pm
November 13 - SNL @ 5:30 pm
November 20 - Seafarers' Kits @ 4:00 pm
Thanksgiving Dinner @ 5:30 pm
November 27 - NO Youth

Highlights for December

December 2 - Christmas Lock-in
December 4 - No Youth
December 11 - SNL
December 18 - Caroling
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

C2K (Cool Christian Kids) *4th and 5th Grade*

On Friday, November 4 the 5th and 6th graders are invited up to the church for their monthly gathering from 6:00 pm til 8:00 pm. This month the youth will be making homemade cards to be included in the church's Thanksgiving homebound baskets. Invite your friends to come help with this awesome ministry as we reach out to those in our church family. Don't forget there will be lots of giggles and fun to be had by all.

Friday, November 4
6:00 pm til 8:00 pm

Girls bring salty snacks to share!
Boys bring sweet snacks to share!



THANK YOU

Rob & Nissa Gilmore
& CREW for all your
hard work on organizing
the Fall Celebration.

Thank you to all those
who volunteered at the
different booths, to those
who helped set-up and
take down, to the cooks,
and to all those who do-
nated towards this annual
celebration.

THANK YOU

A BIG Thank You goes to
Rev. George Klett for
cleaning up the electrical
yard behind the kitchen.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be
changing it's hours
beginning January 1, 2012.

NEW HOURS

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

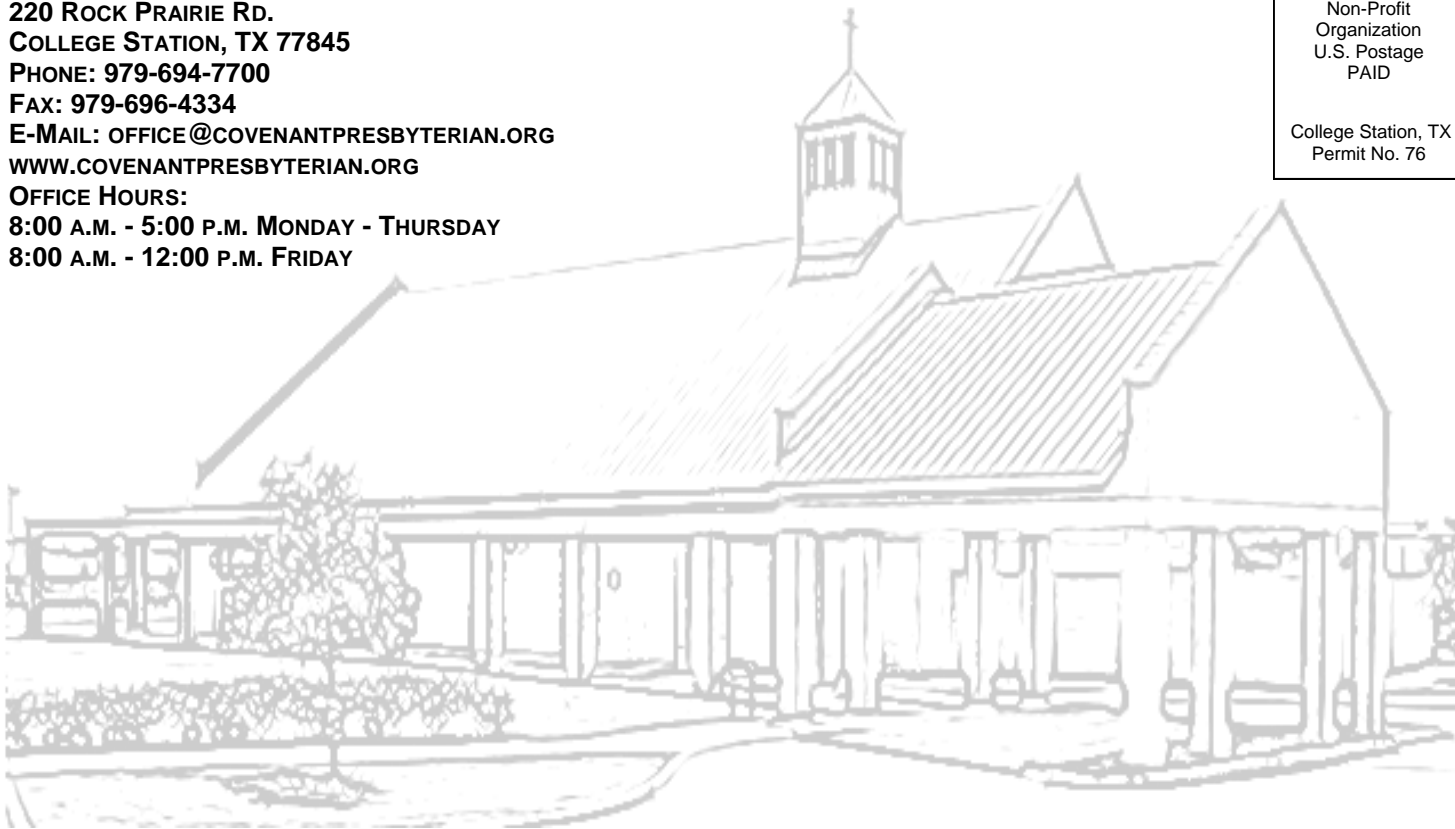
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study 7:00 Mission Com	2 4:00 Kid's Choir 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir	3	4 10:30 Holy Rollers 6:00 C2K	5
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:10 Choir 10:30 Worship 12:00 Chili Cook-Off 2:00 HPC Worship 4:00 Turkey Bowl	7 8:30 Yoga/&Yack 7:00 Troop 1222 7:30 PNC	8 5:30 CL&F Com 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	9 9:30 Women's BS 4:00 Kid's Choir 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir 7:00 Budget Com	10 1:00 Crafters 6:00 Worship Co	11 10:30 Holy Rollers	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Workday
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:10 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 Outreach Co. 2:00 HPC Worship 5:30 SNL	14 8:30 Yoga/&Yack 5:30 Child Care Bd 6:00 CE Com 6:30 Property Com 7:00 Troop 1222	15 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	16 4:00 Kid's Choir 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir	17	18 10:30 Holy Rollers	19
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27 9:15 Sunday School 10:10 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC Worship	28 8:30 Yoga/&Yack 7:00 Troop 1222 7:30 PNC	29 2:30 Book Club 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	30 4:00 Kid's Choir 5:45 Bells 7:00 Choir			

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November Birthdays

Mark Wright	11/1
Katherine Elton	11/1
John Davis	11/2
Dahlis Waller	11/4
Matt Williams	11/5
Allison Torres	11/8
Chad Ruesink	11/8
Kathryn Friend	11/9
Todd Magnuson	11/10
William Talbert	11/10
Ruth Sharath	11/13
Joann Sands	11/15
Peggy Wright	11/15
Ann Harper	11/16
Callie Candee	11/18
Sean Howerton	11/18
Marli McMurray	11/20
Donald Harmon	11/21
Daisy Michael	11/22
Camille Coker	11/22
Tim Hardy	11/22
Kathryn White	11/22
Jonathan Crawford	11/23
Miles Love	11/23
Doug Miller	11/25
Amanda Youngblood	11/25
Dustin Halliwell	11/25

Sarah Halliwell	11/25
Emily Brown	11/25
Nick Mokry	11/26
Jim Crawford	11/27
Daniel Kay	11/27
Alexandra Houser	11/27
Gloria Woodall	11/28
Hank Chambers	11/29
Carillon Rinard	11/30

This month SNL has been rescheduled to be held on Sunday, November 13.



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

GREETERS

10:30 am Service
 Charles & Lauren Fontanier
 Rob & Nissa Gilmore

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

5:30 pm - Contemporary Evening Worship (3rd Sunday)

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
November 22, 2011