

THE COVENANT CONNECTION

The Official Newsletter of Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Note

Dear Church Family,

One of the unique things about the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination is that we have historical creeds of the church universal as part of our governing documents. One of these creeds, The Scots Confession, has this to say about the incarnation of Jesus,

“When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the “just seed of David,” the “Angel of the great counsel of God,” the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.” (3.06)

The Confession of 1967, which comes later in our Book of Confessions, was built upon their generation's need for reconciliation in Christ and says this,

“In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with (people). He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, (people) and the world. Therefore, the church calls (people) to be reconciled to God and to one another.” (9.07)

As we move into 2025, I invite you to join me in praying that we will keep our focus on Jesus and that we are each called to be part of his continuing mission of reconciliation to God and each other!

In God's Love,
Pastor Jody



Happy
NEW
Year

Wine & Jesus

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

For more information contact Diane
at dvanauker@gmail.com
For a Zoom link contact Anne at
aed@woh.rr.com

**NEW PARTICIPANTS
ARE WELCOME**

Books & More

Last Thursday of every
month at 4:00 pm.
Contact Susan Hawkins
at suhawki@aol.com
for more information

January
The Music of Bees
By Eileen Garvin

Men's Meditation

Friday Morning Men's Group 8:00
am Library Lounge We use "These
Days", Daily Devotions for Living
by Faith as our reference for
discussion. All male church members
and congregants are welcome.

John Calland

Andy & Cathy Bell
Bill Faulder
Joyce Cave

John Bolen
Susan Brock

*in
loving
memory*

Children & Youth

January 12
Baptism Sunday

★ January 18
MLK 3 Days of Service

★ January 18
TBD Community Mission Project

★ January 19
Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

January 20
AM Mission Project @ Covenant

February 9
Souper Bowl of Caring

March 5
1st Day of Lent

March 10
Mission Activity TBD

April 13
Palm Sunday & Eggstravaganza

April 20
Easter Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt after service

May 11
Mother's Day

June 2
Graduation Recognition Sunday

June 15
Father's Day Sundaes

June 22nd - 25th
Vacation Bible School 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Colony V

January 20, 2025
1:00 pm
Library Lounge

Office Closed

January 20



CWS
Church World Service

Blanket Sunday
February 2

Epiphany Sunday & Communion



January 5
10:30 am

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

2025

Sunday, February 16

Sunday, May 18

Sunday, August 17

Sunday, November 16

Baptism of the Lord and Ordination & Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 12

Join us as we worship the Lord, renew our baptismal covenants, and celebrate the ordination and installation of our new Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 12

Following the 10:30 am worship service.
The sole order of business will be the review and receiving of the 2024 Annual Report. The report will be emailed on January 2 and available for pickup in the church office.

Fellowship Time in the Library Lounge to follow.

Daily Prayer and Devotional

As we prepare to kick off 2025, you may have as a goal to add a daily prayer or devotional into your plans to help you abide in the Lord. Options you may wish to consider as you search for an app or website that fits your needs could include:

Apps

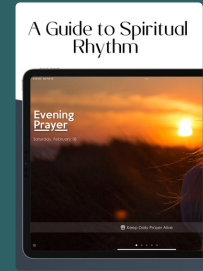
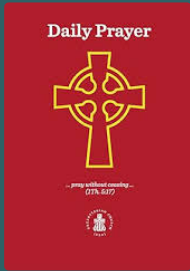
Daily Prayer PC/USA

Blessed – Daily Verse & Prayer

A guide to Spiritual Rhythm

James Earl Jones Reads the Bible

Bible Chat: Daily Devotional

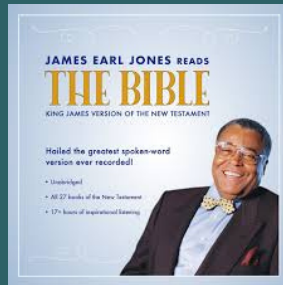


Websites

PCUSA.org Daily Readings

Today's Daily Devotional by Joyce Meyer

Fourth Presbyterian Church: A Light in the City Daily Devotional



WELCOME

NEW OFFICERS

Trustees

Jerry Shell

Sheryl Cox

Elders

Cindy Baird

Brent Dunlap

Margaret Roark

Clerk of Session

Carol Miracle

Treasurer

John Shanley

Deacons

Cynthia Nowka

Leanne Wierenga

Richard Rogers

Lori Ross

Brian Bader

Joan Geil

Jennie Zimmer

January Birthdays

James Blair McConkey	8579 Jones Rd. South Vienna, OH 45369	1-Jan
Kimberly Skinner	2795 Big Woods Tr. Beavercreek, OH 45431	1-Jan
Joan Kluckman	220 S. Broadmoor Blvd. Springfield, OH 45504	3-Jan
Edward Bailey	675 W Home Road Springfield, OH 45504	7-Jan
Jennie Zimmer	3084 Heather Glen Court Springfield, OH 45503	9-Jan
Kristy Aler	513 S. Clairmont Ave. Springfield, OH 45505	10-Jan
Raymond Romilus	312 S. Greenmount Ave. Springfield, OH 45503	10-Jan
Lynne Linn	828 Tanglewood Drive Springfield, OH 45504	11-Jan
Danielle Allen	4235 Stone Bridge Dr. Springfield, OH 45504	15-Jan
Judy Oldham	2904 Avery Circle Springfield, OH 45503	15-Jan
Bradley Allen	4235 Stone Bridge Dr. Springfield, OH 45504	16-Jan
Gayle Funk	1749 N. Fountain Springfield, OH 45504	16-Jan
Eric Rogers	2332 Mechanicsburg Rd. Springfield, OH 45503	16-Jan
Dorothy Swinger	27 Council Ct. Apt. D Springfield, OH 45504	16-Jan
Catie Stewart	2630 Cavins Dr. Springfield, OH 45503	20-Jan
Scott Dixon	1765 Walnut Terrace Springfield, OH 45504	21-Jan
Ada Lewis	175 Countryside Dr. Enon, OH 45323	21-Jan
Mark Robertson	3022 Mingo Lane Springfield, OH 45502	27-Jan
Joan Geil	1962 Wedgewood Cir Springfield, OH 45503	30-Jan
Sonia McConkey	8579 Jones Rd. South Vienna, OH 45369	31-Jan
Marah Day	2925 Springfield Xenia Rd. Springfield, OH 45506	1-Feb
Bill Faulder	701 Deerfield Trail Springfield, OH 45503	2-Feb
Marty Fagans	1350 N. Fountain Blvd. Springfield, OH 45504	3-Feb
Gloria Sessler	624 Lawnview Springfield, OH 45505	4-Feb
Pamela Hay	3286 Fairfield Pike Springfield, OH 45502	5-Feb
Merydeth Tipton	3058 Wyandot Dr. Springfield, OH 45503	5-Feb
Bill Vasileff Jr	3168 Mingo Lane Springfield, OH 45502	7-Feb

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col- lection</p> <p>10:30AM Lessons & Carols Worship Service</p> <p>29</p>	<p>AMIEE OFF</p> <p>9:30AM Facebook/Website</p> <p>30</p>	<p>AMIEE OFF</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>12:00PM OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Church Closed</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery</p> <p>1</p>	<p>10:00AM Funeral</p> <p>6:00PM Bell Practice</p> <p>7:30PM Choir Practice</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Update Newsletter on Website</p> <p>8:00AM Men's Meditation</p> <p>12:00PM Rainbow Table</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>3</p>	<p>8:00AM Wächter groom</p> <p>12:00PM Hupman Family Christmas</p> <p>4</p>
<p>Epiphany</p> <p>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30AM Worship Service</p> <p>2:00PM Oakwood Commu- nion Service</p> <p>5</p>	<p>9:30AM Facebook/Website</p> <p>4:30PM Communications Meeting</p> <p>6</p>	<p>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>4:00PM Trustees</p> <p>7:00PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>7</p>	<p>9:00AM Annual Pastor, Clerk & Sec Meeting</p> <p>4:00PM Mission Committee</p> <p>5:00PM Wine & Jesus</p> <p>7:00PM Worship Committee</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Pay Day</p> <p>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>4:00PM GOH Wrap Up</p> <p>6:00PM Bell Practice</p> <p>7:30PM Choir Practice</p> <p>9</p>	<p>8:00AM Men's Meditation</p> <p>12:00PM Rainbow Table</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30AM Worship Service</p> <p>12</p>	<p>9:30AM Facebook/Website</p> <p>11:30AM Sonya Bday lunch</p> <p>6:30PM Session</p> <p>13</p>	<p>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>7:00PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery</p> <p>5:00PM Wine & Jesus</p> <p>15</p>	<p>TROOP CAN INFO BULLETIN</p> <p>10:00AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>5:00PM Church Member- ship</p> <p>6:00PM Bell Practice</p> <p>7:30PM Choir Practice</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Youth Symphony Playathon</p> <p>8:00AM Men's Meditation</p> <p>12:00PM Rainbow Table</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30AM Worship Service</p> <p>19</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Inauguration Day</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>9:30AM Facebook/Website</p> <p>1:00PM Colony V</p> <p>20</p>	<p>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>7:00PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Jody Out</p> <p>Mike Surgery</p> <p>5:00PM Wine & Jesus</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Pay Day</p> <p>TROOP CAN INFO BULLETIN</p> <p>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>6:00PM Bell Practice</p> <p>7:30PM Choir Practice</p> <p>23</p>	<p>8:00AM Men's Meditation</p> <p>12:00PM Rainbow Table</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Jody Out</p> <p>Cheryl Powers Preaching</p> <p>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col- lection</p> <p>10:30AM Worship Service</p> <p>26</p>	<p>9:30AM Facebook/Website</p> <p>7:00PM Personnel Meeting</p> <p>27</p>	<p>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>7:00PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Lunar New Year</p> <p>5:00PM Wine & Jesus</p> <p>7:00PM Safety Committee</p> <p>29</p>	<p>10:00AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</p> <p>4:00PM Books & More</p> <p>6:00PM Bell Practice</p> <p>7:30PM Choir Practice</p> <p>30</p>	<p>8:00AM Men's Meditation</p> <p>12:00PM Rainbow Table</p> <p>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony- mous</p> <p>31</p>	<p>1</p>