This Week



## **Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

- ★ Sunday Breakfast, \$4. Today, 8:30 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall.
- ★ Chancel Choir Rehearsal Today, 9 am, Music Room.
- ★ Church School: All classes 9 am 9:45 am.

Pre-School - Nursery Elementary - D2 Middle/High School Youth - D3/4 Adult Bible Fellowship - The Book of Mark, F201 Adult Study - Faith Engaging the World, F207

- **Presbyterian Women's Holiday Auction and Sale** Open 9 am today in the Courtyard, before and after morning worship.
- ★ Sunday Morning Worship Today, 10 am, Sanctuary.
- ★ Chapel Choir rehearsal Today, 11:15 am, D1/6.
- ★ Adult "Good to Great" Study Today, 11:30, F202.
- ★ Youth Group Today, 11:30, F207.
- ★ Primetimers Bridge Tuesday, 1 pm, F206.
- ★ Session Meeting Tuesday, 6:30 pm, F207.
- ★ Men's Praver/Book Discussion Wednesday, 7 am, Perkins on Summerlin.
- ★ NO Staff Meeting Wednesday, 11 am, Pastor's Office.
- ★ NO Instrumental Ensemble Wednesday, 4 pm, Sanctuary.
- ★ NO Jubilate Ringers Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary.
- ★ Youth Band Rehearsal Wednesday, 7 pm, F202.
- ★ Thanksgiving Day Thursday; Church offices closed until Sunday, November 26.

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these members and friends of Covenant in your daily prayers: Maureen Bashaw, Catherine Shackleford, Nancy Albright, Anne Wills, Lloyd Balsley, Bob Groenleer, Pat Schmidt, Don Fjellin, Mel and Dorothy Mae Wert, Ed Gale, Barbara and Max Miller and Teddy Hogle.

A Special Note: A congregational meeting has been called following the morning worship service on Sunday, December 17, for the purpose of electing officers for the following fiscal year. Please plan to attend.



# Today is a Delicious Day!!!

Today features the annual Presbyterian Women's auction and sale of delicious baked goods and beautiful holiday crafts! Bring your checkbooks to the courtyard and prepare to fill your holidays with great treats, and shop for special wreaths and tree trimmings for your holiday season.

Covenant's cooks have given their own special recipes that they know others will love to share this season: cookies, desserts, savory snacks - all are on display. And if you are the crafty type, you will find great auction items - artwork, wreaths and decorations for the holidays. Make your bids...and make your front door an entrance straight from Covenant crafters!

#### Check out the Stephen Ministers at Covenant.

We practice the four C's: Christian listening, Caring, Confidentiality, and Community. Stephen's ministers bring God's love and care into your life. They'll listen, encourage, and pray with you and for you. If you, or someone you know, are hurting, contact one of these Stephen Leaders today. Being a member of Covenant is not a requirement.



**"Good to Great"** has its last session before the holidays today following worship in 202/203 today. Topic will be "*Dream Great Dreams*". The class meets simultaneously with the Youth Group, Children's Choir and Nursery Care so the entire family may have enrichment activities together. We will be ordering pizza for lunch today (and will happily accept monetary donations.) Classes resume after the holidays.

#### "Shared Plates" Program Now at Covenant

This Covenant program meets short-term needs of those who are temporarily unable to prepare meals for themselves. Whether experiencing illness, recovering from surgery or struggling with other challenging circumstances, it's comforting to know that your Covenant family is ready to help with the delivery of a warm meal. If you'd be willing to prepare and deliver an occasional meal for someone in need in our church family, please sign up at the Connection Station in the courtyard. If you know someone in our church family who needs this type of assistance, please call Barbara Griffith,

239-357-0735, or Laura Ruzicho, 239-288-5677.

## Advent Candle Lighters Invited to Volunteer for December

Covenant families or groups of friends are invited to sign up to participate in the ancient Yuletide tradition of lighting candles on the Advent



Wreaths, beginning December 3. A candle will be lit at each service from that time through Christmas Eve services December 24. Give your family an opportunity to participate in this memorable tradition by signing up at the Connection Station as soon as possible. Your family may share the speaking parts that are provided for you. This Christmas make the holiday memorable for all ages of your family!

## Save the Date for "Alternative Christmas Market"

Covenant's popular alternative giving marketplace will this year be one day only - Sunday, December 3 - when you can "shop" among our mission projects that Covenant supports. Shopping "guides" will be provided the week prior



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An "Angel Giving Tree" opportunity will be set up this month, with ornaments containing information about a local child in need with his/her Christmas wish list. You are invited to select an "angel card," shop for that child and return unwrapped gifts to the church by December 10.

### Let's Gather In His Name!



Everyone is invited to participate in the coming season of **Gathering In His Name**, where we rotate from group to group each month sharing food and fellowship. It's a wonderful way to meet or become better acquainted with others in our Covenant family. You can sign up at the Connection Station to host a group or participate in

a Gathering - or both - as you feel comfortable. Whether you can host 2,4,6,8 people, it's about breaking bread together. This season we will gather in His name January through April and the grand finale will be in May for the annual Kentucky Derby party. (And yes, it's as much fun as it sounds.) Please join us! Contact Betty Whitaker (whitsinn61@aol.com) and Laura Ruzicho (kernlaura@yahoo.com) with any questions..

## <u>Clip this coupon to order Christmas Poinsettias</u> Remember your friends and loved ones at Christmas with Poinsettias

As is our holiday tradition at Covenant, the chancel area will be awash in beautiful potted poinsettias for the Christmas week services. You may contribute one or more of these for \$10 each, and at the close of the Christmas Eve services you may take them with you.

Order yours by filling out the portion below by **December 10** to assure your poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the holidays.

#### Order for Christmas Poinsettias

Name(s) of donors\_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias ordered at \$10 each - \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one for each gift)

Given (in honor of) (in memory of)\_\_\_\_\_

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Please put this form with your check in the collection plate or leave in the office to assure your listings are correct.



#### Notice to Children and Youth

You are needed to read a brief part during the annual **Hanging of the Greens** service on Sunday, December 3 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Please talk with your friends and leaders and sign up at the Connection Station, or contact Dawn Castner. This is a key part of Covenant's annual observance of Christmas and you are needed to be a part of it. Thanks!

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