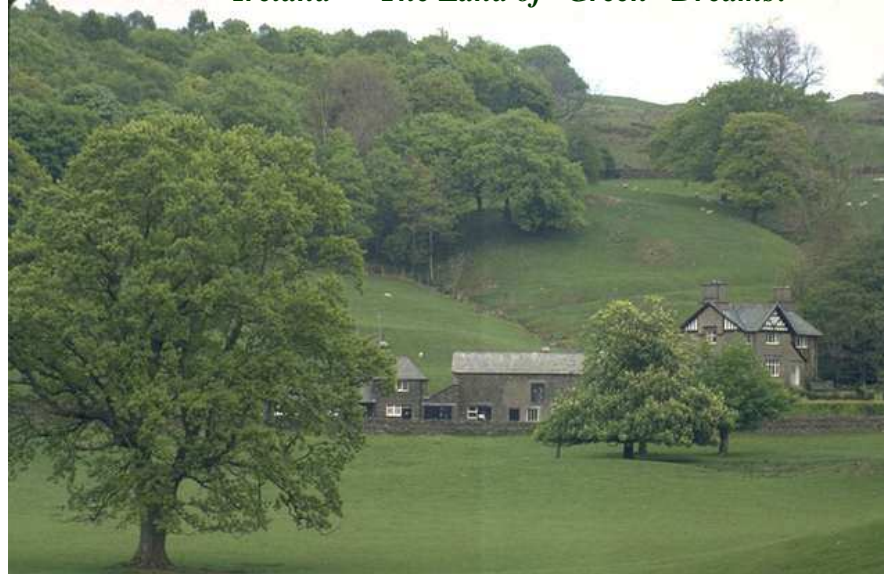


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If you haven't checked out our new and improved website lately, click on www.CovenantChurchTrenton.org to see what you have been missing. Here's a sampling of what you'll find:



- ▶ This newsletter (and you can find it online before you get it in the mail) and an archive of past newsletters.
- ▶ An up-to-date prayer list.
- ▶ Letters from the missionaries that we support.
- ▶ More information about upcoming events.
- ▶ Late-breaking church news.
- ▶ Links to other websites of interest.



A Message from the Minister

"The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church is to encourage a diverse worship family that is representative of our past and embraces our future."

My prayer for 2010 is that we as a church intentionally and deliberately deal with our Mission Statement. This month, during Lent, I want to focus on the phrase: representative of our past.

In Lent even more than in other periods of the liturgical church year we face the cross. We are reminded that the true representative of the past, Christ, is also the one who leads us into the future. Resurrection is coming!

Second, thinking of 'representative of the past' we will have to honor and remember all the people who handed us the faith, people who built the Christian church (like Paul and Lydia), people who reformed the church (like Calvin and Luther) and people who built our own local church: Covenant. Those who have been part of Covenant for a long time remember the ones who went before, and who were instrumental in building (literally our sanctuary) and sustaining the three churches that merged into one in 1948.

We stand on strong shoulders: the Reformed tradition. One of the many gifts from that era was the insight *ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*: the church reformed and always to be reformed. We should always reform ourselves here and now.

Sometimes I officiate at a wedding or funeral from a family who has not participated in church for decades. It strikes me how such people are stuck in a church model and vision of the 1950's. They have not reformed their faith, because they did not pray, study the Bible, and renew their beliefs.

We can never stop thinking about our traditions in the light of scripture. Calvin and other reformers expected us to examine scripture for ourselves. The Reformation was the first time that the Bible became available on a grand scale for everyone in their own translation. When you study for yourself, you continue to make room for the spirit and grow your faith.

So in order to be true to our statement about being 'representative of the past' we have to put effort in the apostle Paul's words to 'be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God' (Romans 12: 2).

Finally, Lent is an appropriate time to reflect on how we want to be remembered when our time is over, because we all will be representatives of the past at one point. We will all die, and the ones left behind will celebrate our life during a worship service. As in the last two years during Lent, this year again I encourage you to prepare an updated version of the worship service outline (see next page) and submit it to the Church Office.

God bless,

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

How to Reach the Pastor

If you have a pastoral concern, or want to talk to the pastor, the Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff, please call 609.989.8282 or e-mail him at jwvanderwerff@comcast.net. (Monday is his day off.)

In Loving Memory of

Date of Birth _____

*A.M. or *P.M. (*circle*) service

Prelude

Welcome and Responsive Greeting:

L= Leader C= Congregation

L: Gracious is our God and righteous;
 our God is full of compassion.

**C: I will walk in the presence of God
 in the land of the living.**

L: I will fulfill my vows to God
 in the presence of all God's people.

**C: Precious in the sight of God
 is the death of those who die in faithfulness.**

Prayer

Hymn

Readings:

Reading of Scriptures:

Meditation and

Words of Remembrance

Psalm 23 (unison) yes/no

***Hymn (optional)**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Commendation**

***Hymn**

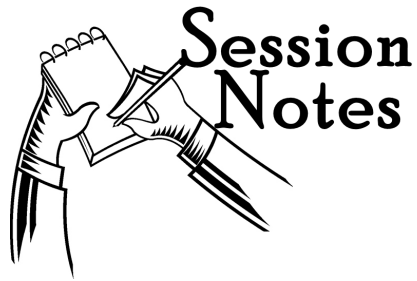
***Benediction**

Postlude

(* Please stand if you are able)

Memorial contributions may be made in name to: _____

Will & Testament updated Yes _____ No _____



At its January 19 meeting, the Session:

- ▶ Placed Lisa Cieplechowicz on the inactive roll at her request.
- ▶ Approved the treasurer's report of December 31, 2009, showing income of \$394,394.12, disbursements of \$373,066.74, and balance of \$21,327.38.
- ▶ Elected the following for one-year terms; Vince Cherny, treasurer; Shirley Rader, president of the corporation; Vera Petrow Young, clerk of Session.
- ▶ Elected Regina Schnerr, Carol Stawski and Vera Petrow Young to be Presbytery commissioners and Robert Trevor to be an alternate commissioner, all for one-year terms.
- ▶ Approved the following commission assignments: Adult Education, Lorraine Metzgar; Building and Grounds, Michael Reilly, David Pollison; Christian Education, Julie Miner, Barbara Brezak; Congregational Life and Fellowship, Susan Powell, Lorraine Metzgar; Evangelism and Membership, Robert Trevor, Virginia Ryan; Finance, Michael Reilly, David Pollison; Stewardship, Regina Schnerr; Mission and Outreach, George Self, Carol Stawski; Worship and Music, Maria Wehr, Henry Nwankwo-Young.
- ▶ Approved the following appointments to the 2010 Nominating Committee: Susan Powell, chairperson; Virginia Ryan, Robert Trevor.
- ▶ Approved a proposed budget for 2010 with income and expenditures of \$406,900.
- ▶ Learned that the costs of the extermination contract with Cooper Exterminators will be shared with Capital Health Systems.
- ▶ Learned that the Lounge fund-raising project still needs approximately \$450 to cover the cost of installing the new floor.

- ▶ Approved the 2010 Mission budget providing the following mission support: Presbyterian Church USA, \$8,897; local and direct, \$9,100; other, \$3,950.

At its February 18 meeting, the Session:

- ▶ Heard five of its members reflect on the events of the church-wide retreat at Camp Johnsonburg.

- ▶ Approved the January 31, 2010, treasurer's report showing income of \$57,235.99 and disbursements of \$34,082.95 for a balance of \$23,153.04.

- ▶ Heard from the Worship and Music Commission that the commission is ready to progress to forming a search committee for the position of minister of music. After holding information-seeking meetings with members of the congregation, the commission will look for someone who can work with all age groups and bring a diverse range of music to Covenant Church.

- ▶ Approved the appointment of Trudy Dougherty, Pamela Miller, George Self, Carol Stawski and Alice Wardlow to the search committee. Additional members will be named.

- ▶ Heard from the Building and Grounds Commission that a church-wide clean-up day, inside and outside, will be held Saturday, March 27, 2010.

- ▶ Learned that the Congregational Life and Fellowship Commission will host the Palm Sunday Brunch.

- ▶ Heard that the Evangelism and Membership Commission is working on getting a permanent sign to be placed on the front lawn signboard that currently is empty.

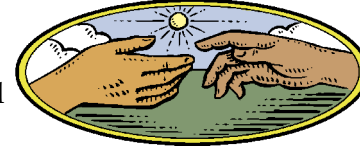
- ▶ Heard from the Mission and Outreach Commission that the Easter offering will be divided between Homefront and our Covenant Church Benevolence Fund.

- ▶ Heard that Rev. Tomei will be at Covenant in May. He is currently working as a missionary in the Middle East, Lebanon, Iraq and Afghanistan.

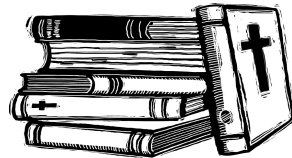
Spiritual Growth

Wednesday, March 3, 7 p.m.

How do I know when God is speaking to me?" Come join our spiritual friendships group in the lounge as we discuss this question. All are welcome!



Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m.



The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride has been on the best seller's list for over two years. Join us as we read Chapters 1–12, pages 1-128.

Tuesday, March 16, 1 p.m.



The Women's Bible Study, "Joshua, a Journey of Faith," will continue in the lounge. We will continue discussing Lesson Two: "A Leader Is Called." All Covenant women (and their friends) are welcome.

Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m.

Circle of Sisters, Covenant's women's group, will discuss "Celtic Spirituality and Me" in the lounge. .





Sunday, March 21, 7:45 a.m

The men of Covenant will meet for breakfast and discussion. All men and invited to come and bring a friend!

Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m.

Join us as we complete *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride, Chapters 12–25, pages 129–235.

**Lent is here!
Can Easter be far behind?**

Traditionally, Covenant has begun its **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** on the first Sunday of Lent, and so we have this year. Each Sunday there has been, or will be, something special during worship to tell us about the OGHS program. The offering will be accepted on Palm Sunday.

Please connect with our Website

www.CovenantChurchTrenton.org for weekly details.

EASTER offerings will be split between inside and outside the church.

The Mission and Outreach Commission has designated half of the Easter offering for the Congregational Benevolence fund, a new discretionary account to assist our own members in need.

Who is our neighbor? **HOMEFRONT** is definitely one! Its motto: " Helping Families Break the Cycle of Poverty". It will receive the other half of the Easter offering.



This year continues to be full of new, fun events for the youth program. The youth finished out the month of January serving as waitresses and waiters at Covenant's First Annual Spaghetti Dinner. The youth had a great time showing off how responsible and helpful they can be and I'm sure everyone who attended the dinner will agree they did a phenomenal job. We hope to have many more opportunities to be part of congregational events like these where the youth can really show their talents.

Unfortunately following a new event one of our favorite events was cancelled due to a snowstorm. The youth were sad they were not able to make soup for Souper Bowl Sunday; however, we are not giving up our pledge to raise money for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund for Haiti. We'll be using the proceeds from our chocolate-covered pretzel fundraiser in the spring to donate to this cause. As usual, this fundraiser will correlate with Mother's Day so look for us during coffee hour in mid-May.

Another new event in February was our Valentine's Day meeting. The youth enjoyed making hand-crafted valentines for some of the shut-ins of Ewing and Covenant Presbyterian. What a wonderful way to spread our love to others and warm their hearts. The youth were able to share their love with one another as well, decorating heart-shaped sugar cookies, which we then enjoyed together. Unfortunately for their parents we sent them home on quite a sugar high!

The rest of our month was spent continuing our regular meeting trends of faith in movies at Ewing. And though we had to postpone our originally scheduled lock-in I'm sure the youth will be happy to see it's been re-scheduled and is now on March's calendar! Hope everyone has survived the snow thus far. I know our youth have been enjoying their days off of school!

Jessica Jaeger, Youth Minister



March Calendar

This month we will meet at Covenant for Regular Meetings

March 7

Scavenger Hunt @ Ewing

March 14

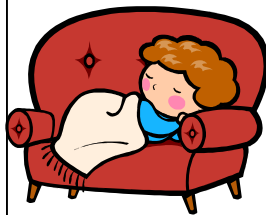
Regular Meeting

March 21

Regular Meeting

March 26

Junior High Friday Night Lock-In
8 p.m. Friday – 8 a.m. Saturday



Dear Friends and Youth of Covenant Church

Thank you so much for the comfort blanket – and that’s exactly what it is - a comfort blanket. It has comforted me since I received it. It is warm, toasty and actually made me feel better when I recently had a fall. I truly appreciate it. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Lucy Hillborn



More information is available at
www.CovenantChurchTrenton.org

Sunday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.

The Praise Dancers of Pennington Baptist Church will perform.

Saturday, March 27, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cindy Moskow will once again offer her popular Ukrainian egg decorating class in the Drake Room. Children must be 9 years or older to participate. There is a \$5 fee for supplies.

Sunday, March 28, 20:30 a.m. Morning Worship

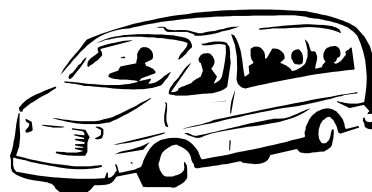
Covenant's Good News Choir will perform.

Sunday, April 11, 5 p.m.

If you missed St. John's Choir when they visited Covenant several years ago, you missed a lively and moving musical experience. Don't miss them this time at a potluck supper in Fellowship Hall. Take this opportunity to celebrate God's love with our neighbors!

We Get You to the Church On Time!

Do you want to attend church on Sundays but have no transportation? Please call the church office or the scheduled driver and arrangements will be made for you to be taken to church and then taken home. Below is the schedule for March and April van drivers.



Van driver phone numbers are Joyce Jaeger, David Kulp, Jeff Lippincott, Mickey Reilly .

March 7	Jeff	April 4	Jeff
March 14	Dave	April 11	Dave
March 21	Mickey	April 18	Joyce
March 28	Joyce	April 25	Mickey



Johnsonburg's Wish List

Camp Johnsonburg has need for many items. Perhaps you can donate or know someone who can donate some of these items. To view the entire list, please see www.CovenantChurchTrenton.org



Chili Throwdown Competes with Snowstorm!

While the snow may have kept a few folks away from attending our Chili Throwdown, it didn't dampen the bellies of those who did! On Sunday, February 7, 2010, Covenant members enjoyed a spicy and fun event in Fellowship Hall right after worship.

Members strolled the floor from station to station, tasting all the different chilis that entered the contest. One was meatless, one was made with turkey, while others used a variety of spices to make their own unique flavors.

Alice Wardlow won the trophy and a \$25 gift card to Chili's Restaurant for first place. Carol Martin and Steve Moskow tied for second place, although we gave the second place \$15 gift card to Carol. Other Chili Throwdown submissions came from George Self, Steve Miner, Carol Stawski, Jane Schwilk, and Linda Cossaboon. Four door prizes were also given away...each received an adorable cactus!



One Great Hour of Sharing and Disaster Assistance

The earthquake in *Haiti* on January 12 devastated the entire country. Survivors are searching for signs of hope and help. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is responding through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

As of January 14, the PDA was already rushing \$100,000 from **One Great Hour of Sharing** and designated funds to provide immediate emergency relief to affected people. Funds are being sent through our ecumenical and local partners working in Haiti.

The PDA receives 32 percent of our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, so give generously.



The Mission and Outreach Commission has learned that the **Rev. Nuhad Tomeh**, regional liaison for the United Presbyterian Church USA in Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait and Iraq, will be visiting us at

Covenant in May. To read a recent letter from Rev. Tomeh, see www.CovenantChurchTrenton.org.

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The **TASK** volunteers were snowed out on February 25, but we expect to be back on March 25, and we would be happy to welcome anyone interested to join us. We meet in the parking lot at 2:45 p.m. and Dave Kulp drives us in the van from there to the soup kitchen and back. We get back around 5:30. If you'd like to go, please let us know so we won't leave without you.

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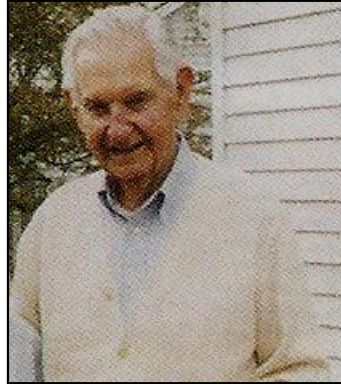
Joel Tendoro and **Cobbie Palm** are international peacemakers from the Philippines who visited the New Brunswick Presbytery at Covenant last October. A letter was sent giving us an idea of the ministries they are pursuing and the environment in which they serve on our behalf.

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Our **Food for Friends** collection on March 28 will go to the food pantry at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. If you will not be in church that Sunday and would like to contribute, leave your non-perishable groceries at the church office marked "Food for Friends," and we'll see they are included.

Obituaries

John S. 'Jack' Eberhardt



John S. 'Jack' Eberhardt, a Covenant Church member, died February 2 at his home in Ewing. He was 95.

Originally from Montclair, Jack was a resident of the Trenton area since 1945. He served as director of personnel and employee relations for the New Jersey Department of Human Services for 28 years until his retirement in 1979, and for a time was acting director of the state Division of Community and Professional Services.

Jack was a graduate of the Mercersburg Academy and Princeton University, where he was president of the Class of 1937. He was a past member of the Board of Governors and vice president of the Central NJ-Eastern PA Princeton Alumni Association, and also a past member of the Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee.

He was a past member of the Trenton Civil Defense Council under Mayor Arthur Holland, and was a past vice president and president of the Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society.

After a stint in the script department of the National Broadcasting Corporation, Jack served in the U.S. Army for five years during World War II, entering on active duty with the 112th Field Artillery Regiment, the last horse artillery regiment in the United States. He later wrote a book, "The Old Grey Mare," describing this experience.

During combat service in Europe, he was with the 250th Field Artillery Battalion, attaining the rank of major and participating with that battalion in five campaigns, during which it was in combat for 297 consecutive days without relief. The unit received France's highest

award for a foreign unit and also a U.S. Presidential Citation. Jack's own numerous decorations included the Bronze Star.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to his wife of 65 years, Elayne Eberhardt; his two sons and daughters-in-law, John S. Jr. and Kathleen of Skillman and David and Debra of Lawrence Township; his four grandchildren; his sister Barbara of Montclair, and other loved ones and friends.

A graveside service is scheduled for May 22, 2010 with the Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff officiating.

William F. Marsh



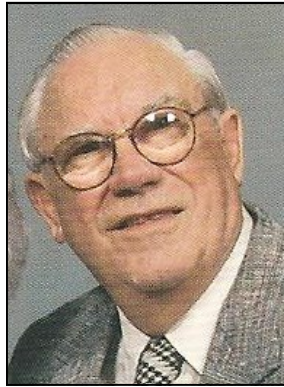
US Air Corps

William F. Marsh, a charter member of Covenant Church, died Monday, February 15, He was 85. A resident of Lower Makefield, Pennsylvania, he was a graduate of Trenton High School, Class of 1942, and Trenton State Teacher's College, (now the College of New Jersey), receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Math Science Education and a Master of Arts degree in Physical Science.

He was formerly employed by the Trenton Board of Education, having taught mathematics at Junior High School Number One. He was a World War II veteran, having served with the U.S. Army Air Corps, 11th Air Force in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. He was a member of the N.E.A. and N.J.E.A.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to his wife, Kathryn; his brother Jack, stepdaughters, Kimberly Farrell and her husband, Mark, and Karen Ferguson; step-grandchildren, Dylan and Dalton Farrell, and Morgan Ellerson; nieces, Linda Mount and her husband, Jack, and Christie Nicholson and her husband, Mark.

Rev. Van der Werff conducted graveside services at Ewing Church Cemetery on February 18.



John 'Ernie' Laird Jr.

John "Ernie" Laird Jr., a member of Covenant Church, died at his home in Ewing Township February 18. He was 90.

Ernie was born in Cranbury and lived in the Ewing area for the past 50 years. He retired in 1982 from the Katzenbach School for the Deaf, where he was employed for many years. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he served in

Europe and took part in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the Ewing Elks BPOE Lodge No. 105, the Hightstown VFW and the Hightstown American Legion.

Services were held February 22 at the Parkside Brenna-Cellini Funeral Home with the Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff officiating.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Ernie's wife of 50 years, Evelyn Wilson Laird; his stepson, Edward Hoffman, and his wife, Denise, of Ewing; his grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other loved ones.



Annual Spring Cleaning at Covenant

Saturday, March 27
9:00 am – 12 noon
(or until we finish)

Come join your fellow members and friends as we clean the inside of the church. Light snacks will be provided. Bring your friends and family.



Mission Funds at Work

Dear Friends,

Your generosity is food, housing, and hope for our neighbors in need. And your generosity works! It allows **Crisis Ministry** to make a difference for the men, women, and children who seek our help during hard times. The conditions that send families to us are many and varied, from lack of job opportunity to catastrophic health crisis to loss of utilities to mortgage foreclosure. But thanks to your help, they can still have access to good foods that promote good health and financial assistance to stabilize a precarious housing situation. We wish you much happiness in the new year.

Sincerely,

Jarrett Kerbel,

Executive Director of Crisis Ministry

Note: Through our mission budget and special offerings, Covenant was able to give Crisis Ministry a total of \$2,847 during 2009 to support their food and utility ministries.

Dear Friends,

We received your donation of \$150 for **Phoebe's Pantry** from you and wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in this program. We thank you for your support and we are glad that you are willing to help the homeless and the needy by contributing to this program. May God be with you. Again, thank you and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Rev. Alice Bijjani

Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church

Note: Covenant's donation to Phoebe's Pantry was made possible through contributions made to the 2009 Thanksgiving offering.

Dear Commission Members of Covenant,

Mount Carmel Guild wishes to thank you for your recent gift of \$150. This kind of donation will help to support many of our efforts to provide food and assistance to our neediest brothers and sisters in the greater Trenton area. Mount Carmel Guild has been serving the city's disadvantaged since 1920, providing emergency assistance for needy families by securing emergency groceries, clothing, utility and prescription assistance, HIV/AIDS counseling as well as home health nursing assistance for our frailest seniors. We rely on supporters like you to help us to continue our mission to *Provide Hope and Preserve Dignity*. We couldn't do it without you!

Please continue to remember those who are the least fortunate among us.

Sincerely,

Marie A. Gladney

Executive Director of Mount Carmel Guild

Note: Covenant's donation to Mount Carmel Guild was made possible through contributions made to the 2009 Thanksgiving offering.



To George McClain and John Murray:

This winter season has been a "doozy"! Four snow storms almost back to back! But thanks to the hard work of George McClain and John Murray, all ministries and programs at Covenant were up and running. George and John, you are appreciated. Thank you.

The staffs of:

Beloved Community

Capital Health System

Covenant Church

ECHO

The Presbytery of New Brunswick

***Covenant Presbyterian Church Educational Scholarship
Fund
by Millard & Lillian Prutky***

Said fund was established on December 28, 2006 and will donate to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 471 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, an annual monetary disbursement to establish the Millard and Lillian Prutky Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide annual scholarships to Mercer County residents who demonstrate financial need, aptitude and commitment to higher education, and Christian values as evidenced by activity in church/community activities.

Applicant Qualifications

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the USA* and Mercer County, NJ
- Be a full or part time student enrolled in an accredited school university, or college
- Have earned or maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
- Reflect Christian values through church/community activities
- *Resident alien permit and green card holder

APPLICATION DEADLINE May 28, 2010

Documentation Requirements

Please submit application packets to
Millard and Lillian Prutky Scholarship Committee
C/o Covenant Presbyterian Church
471 Parkway Avenue
Trenton New Jersey 08618

Packets must include:

- Signed and completed copy of the FAFSA application
- Signed letter of intent to matriculate
- Typed essay reflecting your future goals, your chosen proposed course of study and your demonstrated Christian values
- A current transcript from your high school or college
- Three letters of recommendation – one from each:
 - current educational institution
 - church affiliated person
 - general recommendation from non family member

All monies awarded will be paid directly to the educational institution
in the amounts decided by the committee

Holy Week Services

March 28—Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m.

A service about Jesus' entry
into Jerusalem



April 1 - Maundy Thursday

African American Seder

5:00 p.m.

The Rev. Toby Sanders and Beloved Community
cordially invite Covenant members to participate.

7:00 p.m.

A solemn Tenebrae Service with Communion.
Joint Service: Beloved Community and Covenant

April 2—Good Friday

12:00 p.m.

at Lawrenceville

Presbyterian Church

A Blues and Gospel Service



April 4—Easter

10:30 a.m. at Covenant

A celebration of the Resurrection of
our Lord with brass, bagpipes, choir
and bells.



*Mothers, Children, Aunts,
Nieces, Sisters,
Grandmothers, Granddaughters
If you fit into one of these categories,
you don't want to miss Covenant's*

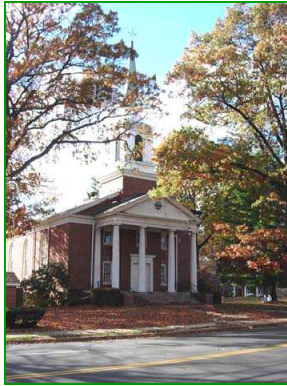
*High Irish Tea
Saturday, March 13
12—3 p.m.
Covenant Church*



\$20 per adult ♦ \$10 per child 11 years or younger

*Soup ♦ Tea Sandwiches ♦ Dessert ♦ Entertainment
Hat and Gloves Desired, Not Required*

Call the church office at 609.989.8282



What is “Per Capita”?

This year’s per capita amount is \$28 (see blue envelope in your box of contribution envelopes). Everyone asks, “What is per capita?”

Each year, Covenant and every other church in our denomination (PC-USA) is assessed its proportionate share of the expenses needed that year to carry out the work of the General Assembly, the Synod of the North East, and the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

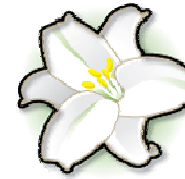
We pay \$28 - per active (confirmed) member. Each year less than one half of our congregation contributes toward this assessment, but we must remit the entire amount. Then we have to find money from other areas of the operating budget and deprive programs like education, music, mission and so on. Maybe you can do something extra. For example, if you can contribute \$30 (or more) per active member of your household, you can pay your share and additionally help others who may not be able to do so.

This is the cost of being a connectional church. What do we get for belonging to a connectional church? There are many ways we benefit from this connection, things that we could never achieve by ourselves.

We get world-wide expertise in the mission field. We help to start new church developments and to give empty pulpits access to the best-trained and best-educated clergy in the country. We support Presbyterian higher education, both college and Seminary. Camp Johnsonburg is enjoyed by many (of us too) each year.

Please consider your involvement in the larger church’s outreach and try to contribute the suggested amount of \$30 per household member for the 2009 financial year. Finally, since we don’t do this enough, thank you for your involvement in all ministries of our church!

*Easter Memorial Flowers 2010
Covenant Presbyterian Church*



Hyacinths

<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Total</i>
_____	<i>Hyacinths @ \$8.50 each (3 blooms)</i>	_____
_____	<i>Hyacinths @ \$13.00 each (5 blooms)</i>	_____

Lilies

<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Total</i>
_____	<i>Lilies @ \$9.00 each (5/6 blooms)</i>	_____
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Please print all information:

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*Please take your flowers after the worship service.
If you'd like to leave your flowers, please see one of the deacons.*

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A Walk Through Lent



Why do people feel they must give something up for Lent? Why not add something for Lent: some act of kindness each day? If you didn't get your footprint when they were handed out during the Feb. 21 service, call the office for yours. Then record your Lenten acts of kindness and later, bring your footprint back to church. There'll be a solid walk of footprints, big and small, showing our congregation's walk through Lent. For some inspiration, the Christian Education Commission offers this prayer.

A Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining— — focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism— — become an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments— — think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry— — trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement— — be full of hope.
Give up bitterness— — turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred— — return good for evil.
Give up negativism— — be positive.
Give up anger— — be more patient.
Give up pettiness— — become mature.
Give up gloom— — enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
Give up jealousy— — pray for trust.
Give up gossiping— — control your tongue.
Give up sin— — turn to virtue.
Give up giving up— — hang in there!



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1	Peggy Grenwelge	14	Dorothy Cole
	Melissa Wyatt	16	Barbara Kunst
3	Donna Amick	18	Josephine Rogers
	Katie Bocskay	19	Natalie Knechel
4	Julia Kuschyk	20	Abigail Christiansen
5	Olivia Birchenough	21	Christopher Andriana
	Jovi Bonner		Jennifer Reese
7	Barb Cieplechowicz	22	Richard Smith
	Hedy Delaney		Arabelle Storms
	Kevin McMullen	24	Kristin Shellenberger
	Patricia Thorward		Constance Wojnarski
9	Brett Reese	25	Jeffrey Cossaboon
10	Doreen Jenkins		Lloyd Tucker
	Barbara Smith	27	George Amick
12	J. David Tregurtha		Eileen Kaluzny
13	Kathleen Pollison	28	Lucy Hillborn
	Jeannella Williams		Lillian Werenne

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High Irish Tea

Saturday, March 13
12pm—3pm
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Join us for soup, tea and
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