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The Sanctuary Flowers were given by

Betty Schnerr in loving memory of John Schnerr

Lynda & Jack Mount in loving memory of Joyce Marsh's 79th Birthday in Heaven

Edie Multop & Pat Romanowsky in loving memory of Joyce Marsh

THE SERVANTS IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

CD MINISTRY

Loren Medwick

COFFEE HOUR TEAM

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GREETERS

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Communion Sunday

January 10, 2009

10:30 a.m.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES begins a time of quiet as we center ourselves listening to the musical prelude, allowing ourselves to enter into prayerful preparation for worship. Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE WORD

Daniel Simmons

BELL CALL TO CENTER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with You.

All: *And also with you.*

One: Let us share the good news, as we turn to our neighbor and say to each other:

“The Peace of Christ be with you!”

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Caitlin Miner

Leader: Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings; praise God's glory and power.

People: **Praise the Lord's glorious name;**

Leader: Bow down before the Holy One.

People: **The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas;**

Leader: The Glorious God thunders.

People: **God's voice echoes over the ocean.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is heard in all its might and majesty.

People: **The Lord rules over the deep waters; God rules forever.**

All: *The Lord gives strength to God's people and blesses them with peace.*

***OPENING HYMN 482** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*(*Those who are able please stand)*

INVITATION TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS: PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Daniel Simmons

Holy and merciful God, in our time of worship together we experience a connection with you and with fellow believers; we pray for ourselves, for people within our families and within our congregation; we also pray for people in our community and for situations in our world that cry out for your healing touch through ministries of care and compassion. Aware of your presence and confident in your love, we confess what you already know - we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in squandering your gifts, and in disregarding your love. As individuals and as a community, we are sorry for any words and actions that have diminished our witness. Help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*hymn tune #10*) Then Cleansed Be Every Life From Sin

Then cleansed be every life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG OF ALL AGES

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Nancy Schluter

SILENT PRAYER

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Open Our Eyes Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and teach us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

OFFERTORY CALL

Donna McDaid

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

by *M. Andrews*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.
Angels in the heights adore him! Ye behold him face to face;
Saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY (*hymn tune 592*) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:14-17

Nancy Markley

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Leader: This is the Word for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***PULPIT HYMN**

Wash, O God, Your sons and Daughters

Red book 365)

Wash #365

SERMON

"FILLED WITH EXPECTATION"
The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to Christ's Table all people of faith including all baptized children. The cup that is served is grape juice. You are cordially invited to receive communion through intinction. Please come to the front of the church following the Words of Institution. After receiving the bread, dip "intinct" the bread in the cup. Elders will distribute the bread and the cup to those who are not able to come forward.

***COMMUNION HYMN 513** Let Us Break Bread Together

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

RESPONSE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

TABLE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RESPONSE TO BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE LIFTING OF THE CUP

Pastor: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Grant us Your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE *(in unison)*

Sharing God, We give you thanks for refreshing us at your table. We give you thanks for your bread and the cup, for the communion we shared today. We pray you, o God, through this communion, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN 315** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*** BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Go, my children,
with my blessing, never alone;
waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
in my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever,
go, my children,
with my blessing you are my own.

Go, my children,
fed and nourished, closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you;
go, my children,
fed and nourished, joyful and free.

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT DEACONS AND ELDERS

POSTLUDE

Prayers

Prayers for friends and family will be listed in the Sunday announcements for 4-6 weeks. If you have prayer concerns call the church office, 609.989.8282; jwvanderwerff@comcast.net

For all of those looking for employment.

Ellen Belknap who has returned to Manor Care, Bethlehem.

Barbara Cieplechowicz is back at work. Please keep husband, Mike, children, Lisa and Beth, and in-laws Bill and Thelma Glazebrook in your prayers as they support Barb.

Dorothy & Ed Cole as they both deal with medical issues.

Anna Cornett, daughter of Irene Dransfield, who has severe diabetes.

Dan Dutcavich who recently suffered a serious head injury. He is the brother of Denise Hulobowski, fiancée of Tom Crum.

Sandy Gafgen who was hit by a car while walking her dog. She is the niece of Pearl Adams.

Lucy Hillborn who fell on Christmas Eve and fractured her shoulder. Keep her son, Richard, in your prayers also as he is her primary caregiver.

Grace Lavis who is in Care I of Hamilton, 1660 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Rd, Hamilton, NJ 08690. The main phone number is 609.586.4128.

Joseph Hodak had pacemaker surgery. Let's keep his wife, Joan in your prayers also.

Jack Marsh on the loss of his wife, Joyce, on New Year's Eve. Let's also keep daughters, Lynda and Christy in your prayers.

Rosemary Marshino who recently underwent hip surgery. She is now in Lawrence Rehab Center in Room 411, Bed A.

Janet Porter who recently lost her husband and a few days after his death she had surgery for colon cancer. Janet is a friend of Shirley and Jim Disler.

Edith Notchii had a heart attack and is home. Edith is Irene Dransfield's sister.

The Peters/Smith Family - Jon Solomon, who was born prematurely, is now at home and weighs a little over six pounds! Please keep him in your prayers. Keep parents Jessica & Jeremy Smith in your prayers as well as grandparents, Debbie and Russ Peters; and Uncle David.

Amber Rose Beck, who is 3 years old and in the hospital with pneumonia. She is out of ICU, in the pediatric unit recovering at a steady pace. Please keep her parents, Barbara and Brad in your prayers and also her grandparents, Carol and Dave Pollison.

Josephine Rogers who is now at Rose Hill Assisted Living, 1150 Washington Blvd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691. The phone number is 609.371.7007. Please keep her niece, *Maria Wehr*, in your prayers also as she is Josephine's primary care giver.

Margie Rogalli who is going through heart procedures. Margie is Adele Drake's cousin.

Andrew Smith who is currently in rehab. Andrew is Geneva Williams' brother.

Barbara Trevor is now under hospice care. Barbara is Bob Trevor's mother.

Lois Wagner is now a resident of Hamilton Continuing Care, 1509 Edinburg Road, Hamilton, NJ. She is in room 610B and her phone number is 609.588.0225. Visiting hours are 8am to 8pm and friends are welcome to visit.

Charles Wright who is undergoing treatment for a brain blockage. Charles is the father of Cindy Moskow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS – Please sign the red friendship pad, fill out your name, e-mail address, street address, phone number and then go downstairs to Fellowship Hall to enjoy coffee hour and fellowship! Restrooms are at the bottom of the stairs in the rear of the sanctuary.

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting immediately after the Benediction Response. Session members will meet and greet and examine the new elected officers in the lounge.

THE JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUPS will meet this evening at Covenant and will continue discussing "faith and the movies." ***Jr. High meets at 4:45 p.m. and Sr. High meets at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget: the Jr. High Lock-In on Friday evening, January 15***

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on ***Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge.*** In the midst of a busy life, many of us find it difficult to notice God's action in our daily affairs. Yet, at the deepest level, all of us long for a more conscious experience of God's presence and love. Come and join a group of fellow seekers as they retreat from the busy-ness and noise of everyday life to an hour of friendship and quiet prayer.

THE FIRST PAUL a book study, will be held on ***Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge*** We will begin a discussion of *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Join us for this interesting study and bring a friend along.

THE MEN OF COVENANT will meet *next Sunday, January 13 at 7:45 a.m. in the Drake Room* We will share a \$2.00 breakfast prepared by Steve Miner and after breakfast we will discuss chapters 3, 4 and 5 of "Fathered by God", by John Eldredge.

A NEW YEAR – A NEW APPROACH - Coffee Hour Hosts are greatly needed, but we need some new folks to please join in. We will now have Team Hosts for coffee hour. There will be 4-5 people on a team so that the set up, and especially the clean up, can move along much quicker. We all have places to go, people to see and games to watch after church! Please consider signing up to be on a Coffee Hour Team for the new year. We will pair experienced hosts with new members so that you can be fully trained on what to do. Because this is such an important part of Covenant's ministry, we appreciate all who can help in this new approach. Contact Cindy Moskow during fellowship; call her at 215.736.8019, email, kneadu@verizon.net or contact the church office to sign up. Thank you! Happy New Year!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COVENANT CHURCH will be held *January 31 immediately after worship.*

ANNUAL REPORT 2009 will be available on *Sunday, January 24.* For commission chairs submitting reports: please mail your report, place it in the offering plate or preferably send via e-mail to 471covenantrae@comcast.net no later than *Monday, January 17, 2010.* All commission chairs will receive a copy of last year's report via e-mail on Monday, January 11.

DID YOU MISS “THE FUTURE OF COVENANT” PRESENTATION? If so, a complete outline of the presentation delivered by *the Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff* is available. If you would like a copy, call Rae at 609.989.8282; or email 471covenantrae@comcast.net

THE COVENANT MUSICAL TIME LINE - Have you ever wondered about the musical history of Covenant? How many choir directors have led the Covenant choirs? When was the bell choir formed? When did the children's choir begin? All of your questions will be answered! Just take a look at the Covenant Music Time Line which will be on display throughout the month of December.

VOLUNTEER LOCALLY - There are opportunities for volunteers who would like to help those in their immediate community/neighborhood: **Crisis Ministry:** Weekday mornings, 8:50-noon: intake personnel for their food store working directly with clients on a one to one basis. Please call 609.921.2135. **Crisis Ministry** – Tax Assistance for those in need - evenings and Saturdays starting in March thru mid-April. Training provided in January/February. Contact Mr. Cheung at 609.439.6506.

THE COVENANT ANNUAL COAT DRIVE – It is that time of year again! There are many local families in need of winter clothing. All types of winter articles are needed: coats, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves. If you have nearly new or slightly used winter items, please place them in the “coat boxes” that will be at the church entrances. We will collect the coats through January 30.

REPORT OF GIVING – Pledges and contributions provide the major source of funds that support the ministry and programs of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Received amount of pledges and contributions thru January 3, 2010: \$4,551.00

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10 AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

9:15 A.M.	SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 A.M.	BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.	COMMUNION BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP SPECIAL SESSION MEETING IN LOUNGE AFTER WORSHIP
1:00 P.M.	BELOVED COMMUNITY
4:45 P.M.	JR. HIGH YOUTH AT CPC
6:00 P.M.	SR. HIGH YOUTH AT CPC

TUESDAY 01/12

10:00 A.M.	LITERACY MINISTRY
1:00 P.M.	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
5:45 P.M.	PRESBYTERY DINNER
6:45 P.M.	PRESBYTERY MEETING AT DUTCH NECK

WEDNESDAY,01/13

7:00 P.M.	BOOK STUDY: <u>THE FIRST PAUL</u> BY BORG/CROSSON
7:00 P.M.	BC BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, 01/14

10:00 A.M.	LITERACY MINISTRY
6:30 P.M.	ADULT CHOIR
7:30 P.M.	BELL CHOIR

FRIDAY, 01/15

6:00 P.M.	JR. HIGH LOCK IN
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SATURDAY, 01/16

8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.	LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT PTS
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NEXT SUNDAY, 01/17

7:45 A.M.	MEN'S GROUP
9:15 A.M.	SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 A.M.	SPIRITUAL MUSIC
10:30 A.M.	WORSHIP GUEST: THE REV. DONALD MEDLEY CADWALADER-ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH
1:00 P.M.	BELOVED COMMUNITY
4:45 P.M.	JR. HIGH YOUTH AT CPC
6:00 P.M.	SR. HIGH YOUTH AT CPC



**Congregational Meeting Today
to elect elders and deacons**

New Elders

George Self
Lorraine Metzgar
Henry Nwankwo
Carol Stawski
Barbara Brezak
Dave Pollison
Regina Schnerr
Ruth Lavis
Julie Miner

New Deacons

Irene Dransfield
Rich Ryan
Sam Bonner
Nancy Markley
Loren Medwick
Eddie Sieracki
Pat Romanowsky

The Annual Church Wide Winter Retreat



February 12, 13 and 14

Camp Johnsonburg

*Contact Jane Politi at 609.882.6430 or email janepoliti@aol.com to register
or call the church office at 609.989.8282*

Costs*

1 night = \$39

2 nights = \$51

Meals

Breakfast \$7.25

Lunch \$8.50

Dinner \$9.75

**Scholarships available for adults and children*



The Sanctuary Flower Fund was established for those who wish to honor or remember loved ones with flowers on any given Sunday. Flowers are also given in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, new births, even a new job! The deacons then deliver the flowers to those who are ill, hospitalized or shut-in.

Flowers are needed for January & February

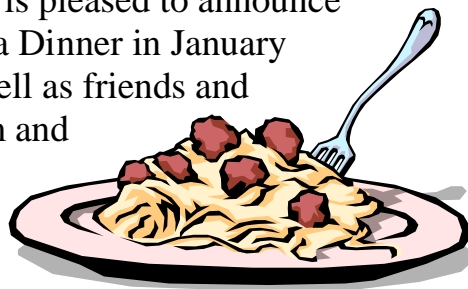
If you would like to donate flowers please contact:

Angie Leamann at 609.883.8325

or email: mizangie516@comcast.net

The First Annual Pasta Dinner for Fellowship!

The Evangelism and Membership committee is pleased to announce that the church is sponsoring and conducting a Pasta Dinner in January 2010. The dinner will take place for members as well as friends and neighbors of our members. In addition, Evangelism and Membership will be inviting our neighbors in the surrounding communities as our guests, to join us in fun and fellowship. Here are the particulars:



When

Saturday January 30th, from 5 to 7pm

Where

Covenant Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Dinner

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and hot and cold drinks

Cost

\$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 8 years old

Tickets will go on sale on ***Sunday, January 3rd, in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.*** Tickets are limited to a first come, first served basis!! This Church-wide event needs your help in a variety of ways, from purchasing the food, to setting up before the event and/or taking down afterwards; to cooking and serving the food; to baking for the dessert table; to taking tickets and greeting dinner guests. Please consider one or more tasks you would like to do. An organizational meeting is planned for Wednesday evening, January 6th, at 7pm in one of the church meeting rooms. If you wish to sign up now, please see any member of the Evangelism committee (Anne Self, Sharon Young, Tina Lamb, Ginny Ryan, Heather Daley or Bob Trevor). Your help is GREATLY appreciated!!

CASA of Mercer County Seeks Volunteers to Advocate for Children Informational Sessions

January 14, 2010

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteer advocates who want to make a difference in the life of a foster child. CASA of Mercer County is a non-profit organization committed to speaking up in court for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. CASA works through trained community volunteers to insure that needed services and assistance are made available while helping to move the child into a safe and permanent home. Our organization will provide 30 hours of training for you to become a child advocate for one child or sibling group. Our Fall Training will be held in April, 2010.

For more information about our program, a one-hour long informational session will be offered on Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. All sessions will be held at CASA's offices at 180 Ewingville Rd., Ewing, N.J. For more information about CASA or to register, you can go online at www.casamerger.org or call 609-434-0050.

Equipping the Saints: Leadership Training

Presented by Monmouth Presbytery, Presbytery of New Brunswick & Princeton Theological Seminary

Saturday, January 16, 2010; 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Stuart Hall; Princeton Theological Seminary

Course Description

Recognizing the connectional nature of the church, Monmouth Presbytery, the Presbytery of New Brunswick and Princeton Theological Seminary are pleased to offer "Equipping the Saints", a day of training. This program is open to the public. This program is offered at no cost, but participants eating lunch at Mackay Campus Center will be charged US\$10.

Schedule:

After beginning with worship, there will be a two-hour session in the morning, lunch, then a two-hour afternoon session. The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Session I

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Session II

2:30 p.m. Program Concludes

While the majority of programs are offered in the morning and repeated in the afternoon, two programs require both sessions. A few of the programs are offered only in one session. Programs will fill on a first-come, first-served basis. Since not all programs may be available, participants are asked to select their top three choices. Anticipated Programs

- Congregational Transformation***
- Creating Safer Churches***
- Basic Elder Training - Understanding the Book of Order***
- Basic Deacon Training***
- Clerks of Session***
- Ministry of Memory: Preserving and Using Your History***
- "Today's Reading is From": Better Lectern Practices***
- Winter Wisdom: "Possibilities and Promises in Older Adult Ministry"***
- Evangelism***
- Educational Ministries***
- Stewardship: Better Planning Practices***
- "Go and Do Likewise":***

A Panel Discussion of Social Justice Opportunities

Registration Process

Participants are asked to familiarize themselves with the course titles before registering. Though there is one morning and one afternoon session, please choose your top THREE choices. Programs and times may be changed based on demand. Lunch will be available for US\$10, payable in advance or the day of

Chili Throw-down