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# *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*



"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG, AND TO THE SAVIOR FOR WHOSE KINGDOM IT STANDS, ONE SAVIOR, CRUCIFIED, RISEN, AND COMING AGAIN, WITH LIFE AND LIBERTY TO ALL WHO BELIEVE."

## NOVEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

9:30 Svc: 40; Sunday School: 40; 11:00 AM Service: 40

December Average Attendance will be reported in the February Newsletter.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES IN THE NARTHEX NEAR THE MAILBOXES.



## **BODY & SOUL SENIOR FITNESS**

**Body & Soul Exercise Classes meet Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.**

**Monthly fees are \$25.00.**

**No charge if you have Silver Sneakers in your insurance.**

**If you have any questions, call Kathy Joy: 704-277-3267**



“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

# COVENANT COVERAGE

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## COVENANT PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Church & Our leaders, The Lost, America, USA Leaders, World Leaders, The World

Gayle Mull  
Winnie Elliott  
Gloria Navy (Reha)  
Katheryn Goodman  
Pat Hatley

Jo Ann Murphy (Sister-in-law of Gayle Mull)  
Luis Osuna (Son-in-law of John Helms)  
Becky Anderson (dialysis)  
Nancy Blanton

Ray & Pansy DeViney  
Barbara Hurley  
Jim Wallace  
Louise Mingus

Judy Dotson  
Christine Sexton  
Katheryn Goodman

Glenn Monteith, Aldersgate Ret. Community  
Polly Wright, Brookdale Sr. Living

Virginia Townsend, The Haven  
Buford Nance, Williams Place

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST.**

## From the Pastor's Desk!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Covenant UMC,

It is hard to believe that we have once again come to the start of another New Year. A new year brings hope, expectations, wonder and awe. It is a chance for us to start again. It is a time to think and reflect on where we have been and where are we going in the future. It is a time to seek and understand what is most important in life.

As we seek to start a new year together we need to be mindful also of commitments we have made in the past and how are we continuing to uphold those commitments in the present and in the future. In 2019 my prayer is that we as a church will commit to coming together with a renewed sense of mission and a sincere and strong desire to share the story of God and God's love. We need our church family to come together and be united in the mission and work of serving God and our community. When we joined the church we made a commitment to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

We live in a time where we have an opportunity to make a big impact on our community for the cause of Christ. There are so many people who are looking for a real, life giving relationship with genuine people who want someone to help them navigate the ups and downs, the hard and scary parts of life. Think about who has helped you in life. Think about who was there for you when you needed someone. Think about how we can be that gift to people in our community in the coming year. Think about how you can make a direct impact on someone's life for an entire lifetime.

We as a church council are going to gather on Saturday, January 5th from 9:00 to 1:00 to discuss where we as a church are going to go in 2019. This gathering is not just for members of the church council, but is open to everyone who wants to see our church move in a positive and powerful direction for the cause of Christ. Please pray about this opportunity and come and be involved. We want to hear your voice and we want to work together. We need everyone's help. We can do great things if we join and work together.

Brothers and Sisters I want to take a moment and say thank you to all of you for the love and the support that you have shown to me and my family this past year. Thank you for the generous gift that you shared with me. I appreciate and love all of you and I am so excited to work with each one of you in this new year for the cause of Christ. Know that you are loved and have a blessed New Year.

With His Love,  
Pastor Elise

### Annual Planning Retreat and First Council Meeting

On Saturday, **January 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** we will have our annual church council planning session and council meeting. This is meant to be a time for us to gather and make plans for the church for the new year. Please come prepared with dates for events from each of our groups so that we can set dates together for the year. Snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## JANUARY 2019 SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Brothers and Sisters,

As we start a new year together, the scriptures that I have chosen will help us to focus on the joy we can find in life with God. If you have not been a regular scripture reader, hopefully you will be able to join with us and start a new tradition together with your church family. May these words give us joy in the new year. Pastor Elise

January 1 Psalm 47:1-9  
January 2 1 Peter 1:3-9  
January 3 Romans 15:7-13  
January 4 Nehemiah 8:5-10  
January 5 John 16:17-24  
January 6 Psalm 30:1-5  
January 7 Hebrews 12:1-6  
January 8 Psalm 4:1-8  
January 9 Ecclesiastes 15:12-20  
January 10 Isaiah 35:1-4  
January 11 Jeremiah 15:10-16  
January 12 Matthew 2:1-10  
January 13 Psalm 51:7-12  
January 14 Psalm 65:1-13  
January 15 Habakkuk 3:12-19  
January 16 John 15:5-11  
January 17 Galatians 5:22-26  
January 18 Psalm 92:1-8  
January 19 Philippians 2:1-11  
January 20 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10  
January 21 James 1:1-6  
January 22 Jude 1:20-25  
January 23 Psalm 84:1-7  
January 24 Psalm 97:1-12  
January 25 Ecclesiastes 2:22-26  
January 26 Isaiah 29:13-19  
January 27 Isaiah 35:5-10  
January 28 Psalm 119:105-112  
January 29 Ecclesiastes 8:12-17  
January 30 Psalm 126:1-10  
January 31 Isaiah 9:1-7

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED FOR JANUARY: SALTINE CRACKERS AND OATMEAL


### PRAYER CHAIN

**PRAYER WARRIORS:** Warriors are needed for Covenant's Prayer Chain which is a fast and personal way of praying for a specific need. No need to wait until someone checks their email or listens to a phone message, our prayer chain is live people praying for one another. You only need to get one short call, then one short call to one other person. Please give your name and the number that will find you the easiest to Grace Hrisak and let her know that YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY. REMEMBER, YOU MUST VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE PRAYER CHAIN AND TO RECEIVE CALLS (HOWEVER, ANYONE CAN REQUEST PRAYER FOR THEMSELF OR A LOVED ONE).


**PRAYER NEEDS:** If you have a prayer need, please call Pastor Elise Kennedy, Grace Hrisak or the church office. After notifying the Pastor, the prayer chain will be activated for a particular need. No prayer chain requests initiated after 8 PM but will be placed the next day.

# COVENANT UMC

# JANUARY 2019

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DUE BY JANUARY 13</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours<br/>Monday- Thursday<br/>9-2 PM</p> </div> | <p style="text-align: center;">BULLETIN INFO IS DUE BY TUESDAY EACH WEEK</p> |  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Body &amp; Soul<br/>Exercise Class<br/>Mon, Wed &amp; Fri:<br/>9:30 AM – 10:30 AM</p> </div> |
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| <p><b>CHILDREN'S TIME SERVANTS</b></p> <p>January 6      Communion<br/>January 13     Jim Smeltzer<br/>January 20     Nikki McGee<br/>January 27     Kathy Joy</p> | <p><b>JANUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS</b></p> <p>Welcome:            Vance Threatt<br/>Head Usher:        John Hrisak<br/>Church Sign:        Ralph Percival<br/>Media/Sound:       Roger Smartt<br/>Security:             Barry Smith<br/>Communion Steward: Grace Hrisak</p> | <p><b>JANUARY NURSERY SERVANTS</b></p> <p>January 6      Glenda &amp; Dwight Jackson<br/>January 13     Rhonda, Madysen, &amp; Lydia Smartt<br/>January 20     Kathy &amp; Hallie Threatt<br/>January 27     Sherry &amp; Barry Smith</p> |
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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY        | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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|   | <i>New Year's Eve</i><br>Conference Office & Church Office closed  | <i>Happy New Year!</i><br>Conference Office & Church Office closed | 9:30 AM Exercise | 7:00 PM CHOIR  | 9:30 AM Exercise  | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM<br>ANNUAL<br>PLANNING &<br>COUNCIL MEETING<br>(Everyone Is Welcome) |
| 6   | 7  | 8  | 9                | 10   | 11  | 12  |
| 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open<br>9:30 AM Montagnard Svc<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM WORSHIP/COMMUNION   | 9:30 AM Exercise<br><br>3:30-6:00 PM:<br>AFTER SCHOOL  | 11:30 AM<br>WOMEN'S LUNCH @<br>SHOWMARS                            | 9:30 AM Exercise | 6:30 PM PRAYER<br>SHAWL<br><br>7:00 PM CHOIR                                     | 9:30 AM Exercise  |   |
| 13  | 14   | 15   | 16               | 17   | 18  | 19  |
|  <b>FEBRUARY NEWS DUE</b><br>9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open<br>9:30 AM Montagnard Svc<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM WORSHIP/<br>INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS<br>12:15 PM FRIED CHICKEN LUNCH -<br>DONATIONS FOR PROJECTS | 9:30 AM Exercise   |  | 9:30 AM Exercise | 7:00 PM CHOIR  | 9:30 AM Exercise  |   |
| 20  | 21   | 22   | 23               | 24   | 25  | 26  |
| 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open<br>9:30 AM Montagnard Svc<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship   | 9:30 AM Exercise<br><br><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING<br/>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b><br>Conference Office & Church Office closed |  | 9:30 AM Exercise | 11:30 AM MOUNTAIN<br>TOPPERS<br><br>6:30 PM PRAYER<br>SHAWL<br><br>7:00 PM CHOIR | 9:30 AM Exercise  |   |
| 27  | 28   | 29   | 30               | 31   |  |   |
| 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open<br>9:30 AM Montagnard Svc<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship   | 9:30 AM Exercise   |  | 9:30 AM Exercise |  |   |   |

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| <p><b>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p>1 Sandra Carlisle<br/>H'Wir Nay<br/>Nghiep Ksor<br/>Sue Wet<br/>Y-Bla Siu<br/>Hyin Ksor<br/>Y-Dru'h Ksor<br/>Gon Rahlan<br/>Y-Bye Rbam<br/>Tul R-mah</p> | <p>1 H'Hem<br/>H'nya Nai<br/>Ngeo Nui<br/>H'Hniet R'Bam<br/>Y-Bhang Nai<br/>Sang Y</p> <p>2 William Bui</p> <p>4 Allen Smeltzer</p> <p>5 Brian Wallace</p> <p>6 Steven Crane</p> <p>7 Rhonda Smartt</p> <p>10 Nauy</p> | <p>11 Nay Kit<br/>Patti Murphy</p> <p>12 Amy Jackson</p> <p>13 Sandra Moss</p> <p>14 Judy Lowe<br/>John S. Helms<br/>H'Melisa Buon Krong</p> <p>17 Pat Hatley<br/>Danielle Mullis<br/>Y-Brien Ksor</p> <p>18 Angie Zike</p> <p>20 Jean Helms</p> | <p>20 Chip Sawyer</p> <p>22 Gieun Rla Yang</p> <p>27 Heather Richardson</p> <p>29 Amber Dotson Rochelle</p> <p><b>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</b></p> <p>11 Wayne &amp; Pattie Murphy</p> <p>27 Eddie &amp; Kathy Beacham<br/>Ray &amp; Pansy DeViney</p> <p>30 Sri Y &amp; Khim H</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"><i>If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the office.</i></p> |
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