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Thank you for serving coffee hour this month!

December 8: OPEN

December 15: Sue Ellen Davis

December 22: Candy Cane Sunday

December 29: OPEN

*From The Pastor's Desk*  
*"An Advent Poem"*

As we enter the busyness of Advent/Christmas season I wanted to offer you something that might slow you down a bit to reflect on the significance of the Lord Jesus Christ stepping into our world. The following is the poem "Advent Good Wishes" by David Grieve. It is a reflection on Isaiah 11:6-9 and the significance of Jesus as the Messiah stepping to our world.

*Give you joy, wolf,  
when Messiah makes you meek  
and turns your roar into a cry that  
justice has been done for the poor.*

*Give you joy, lamb,  
when Messiah saves you from jeopardy  
and all fear is overwhelmed  
by his converting grace.*

*Give you joy, wolf and lamb together,  
as Messiah brings worldwide peace and,  
side by side, you shelter  
under Jesse's spreading shoot.*

The Isaiah passage and its reference to the Lord Jesus encapsulates God's promises for all of creation and is not only a future hope, but a hope that we have the opportunity to live into in the present time. May the joy of the Lord be your strength in this season and always!

Blessings,

Pastor Paul

# Covenant Presbyterian Church



Peace  
on  
Earth

December 8  
Pastor Paul Fredericks

December 15  
Pastor Jacki McNair

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## Home-bound Communion

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord's Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren't going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.



YEAR-END  
GIVING

### **Year-End Giving Opportunities**

At this time of year people are thinking about giving and year end tax deductible gifts. With this in mind, we, as a church, would like to provide a couple ways for people to be generous beyond their regular giving.

#### **Kitchen Freezer**

Thank you-this has been covered!

#### **Sidewalk Replacement**

The stairs and sidewalk on the East side of the building need to be replaced due to safety issues. Our current bid is: \$12,000 and we will schedule the project for spring 2025.

#### **General Fund Shortfall**

Our budgeted expenses are currently more than our income through the end of October. Our current shortfall is \$18,000. Being able to end this year without a shortfall would be a blessing.

Thank you for considering these giving opportunities! Please write in the memo line of your check the project that you would like to support and feel free to drop your check in the offering plate, bring to the church office or mail it to the church.

Merry Christmas





<u>January-November 2024</u>	
Actual Income:	\$270,320.50
Actual Expenses:	-\$288,945.52
Shortfall	\$ -18,625.02

Reminder: if you would like your donations listed on this years giving statement all donations need to be dropped off by Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31.

**Giving options:**

- bring to worship on Sunday's
- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- drop your check off at the office
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website and look for the giving tab



A **required minimum distribution (RMD)** is the amount of money that must be withdrawn from an employer-sponsored retirement plan, traditional IRA, SEP, or SIMPLE individual retirement account (IRA) by owners and qualified retirement plan participants of retirement age. Please talk with your financial advisor or accountant.

We are bursting at the seams that our building renovation loan is officially paid off thanks to your dedication and sacrificial giving! Thank you! God is faithful!

If you would like to continue giving to the capital campaign these funds will be seed money for our next renovate project. You may write Renovate in the memo line of your check. Thank you!



**Ladies Christmas Breakfast**  
**Theme: Christmas Traditions**  
 Saturday, December 14 @ 9:30am  
 Church Fellowship Hall

Women and girls welcome! Join us for breakfast and enjoy a time of fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season. A sign up sheet is in the narthex; please sign up by December 8.

*We also need a few men that are willing to greet, take coats, and serve the group of ladies. Please sign up in the narthex if you can help.*

## Giving Tree Update, Gift Cards & Delivery Teams

A huge thank you for your help with monetary donations so that we could purchase the Thanksgiving Walmart gift cards! Thank you for your incredible response to checking out the gift tags on the tree! We had over 82 gift tags and the gifts are starting to come back in. This is such a blessing to see the generosity of our church family. *A reminder that all the gifts need to be back to the church wrapped and with the tag on top by this **Sunday, December 8.*** Thank you!

We have purchased 13-\$150 Walmart grocery gift cards to help our families during this Christmas holiday. By giving them a gift card they are able to buy what fits the needs of their family.

We are looking for 12 teams of two (we don't want anyone going by themselves) to deliver Christmas gifts to each of these families on **Sunday, December 15 after church.** If you are interested please sign up at church or call Bonnie. We will have clear and exact directions for you.

Please keep these families in your prayers, thank you & Merry Christmas!

**RENOVATE RMD**



**MARKET STREET KIDS**  
**Wednesday's 4:30-6:30pm**

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**Wednesday's 5:30-7:30p**

**No MSK or Youth Group December 25 & January 1**

We want you to know that you are thought of, cared for and prayed over by the leadership of this church family. You are welcome to reach out to any of our Elders, Deacons, and Staff for prayer, for a listening ear, or any concerns you may have.

**Deacons:**

Heidi Bader, Gerry Don, Jen Don, Karen Don, Bettie Ottman, Sandy Robertson, Cathy Stevens, Carol Travis & Anne Walker

**Elders:**

Warren Barmore, Jason Don, Connie Hachtel, Clare Padelford, Greg Robertson, Will Schmick, Jeanice Schmick & Joe Schnellbach

**Staff:**

Pastor Paul Fredericks, Pastor Jacki McNair & Office Manager Bonnie Anaya

Mark Beckwith has been plugging into our church family for the past couple of months. Mark is a man with a deep faith and I have appreciated the opportunity to get to know him and hear about what the Lord Jesus has done in his life. He has a diverse and fascinating mission/ministry background. He has written a book about some of this and I would encourage you to check it out. Below is a quote from his website and a link to his webpage.

Blessings, Pastor Paul

*"We have just released a book in our efforts to spread the truth of the gospel. It covers the first 2 ½ years in Hungary where we helped build a bible college and ministry centered on reaching people through the Word and sharing our witness. Perhaps the Lord will use it to open doors in this mission field. Won't you join us!"*

<http://wearelaborers.com/>

**Celebrate Recovery Update**

Celebrate Recovery is a Christian recovery program for anyone wrestling with a hurt, hangup, or addiction of any kind. There is a pervasive need in our society and in this valley for a Christ-centered community that helps one another step into the kind of freedom that is found in our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The group is working through the book Life's Healing Choices by John Baker. The small group is meeting using the book mentioned above on the second & fourth Thursday's at 7pm here at the church. All are welcome. If you have any questions feel free to call Pastor Paul (509-303-0765).



Your journey from mourning to JOY. Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At GriefShare you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

**This Bible based, 13 week ministry will start January 14  
**Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00pm****

If you would like information for yourself, family member or friend, please call Jacki @ 786-1594  
 Learn more about GriefShare at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

**509-786-1594**

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## Advent Schedule:

Special Christmas Services:

Sunday's, December 1-December 22 at 10am

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm



We have *Christmas devotionals* available in the narthex. We encourage you to pick one up (& one for a friend) as this is a great way to begin your day, start a meal, or right before bed.



*Coming Soon* invitations are available in the narthex and will be in the bulletins. Please pray about inviting someone to our special Christmas services leading up to Christmas as well as our Christmas Eve service.



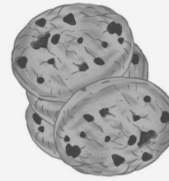
## Candy Cane Sunday, December 22

the Fellowship Team is planning a little extra fun! Candy Cane themed coffee hour, Children's sermon, and the kids get to take a special treat home. We are asking you to wear red & white, or red, or just white. Join the fun!



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Offering

We have chosen our local non profit organization: Mustangs For Mustangs. M4M help our local Mustang families near and far who need emergency assistance. They are strictly a volunteer organization which means 100% of all donations go towards helping those in our community.



Thank you for the amazing response to our bake sale for Camp Ghormley! Together we made a total of \$1760 for Camp Ghormley. Thank you to those who baked such wonderful goodies and brought other items for the sale. Thank you to those who purchased treats and thank you to those who made a monetary donation. We appreciate your generosity!



The next THAILAND MISSION TRIP meeting will be in January 2025. We will keep you posted as to when the meeting is as we will start to form a fundraising team.



## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee hour is simply providing the treats. Treats can be store bought or homemade. We provide the paper goods and will make the coffee. Please sign up at the coffee bar-thank you!



Thank you to all who have served as ushers, greeters, and coffee hour hosts. These are important ministries in the life of our church.



Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](#)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](#)

Church website: [www.prosserpres.org](http://www.prosserpres.org)

Find us on Facebook too!

December Birthdays:

- 12/01 Alisa Groenen
- 12/02 Jacki McNair
- 12/03 Taylor Watzke
- 12/05 Jeremy Poteet
- 12/05 Casey Jensen
- 12/05 Sadie Andrews
- 12/08 Elizabeth Miller
- 12/10 Cathy Stevens
- 12/18 Randy Taylor
- 12/19 Chris McNair
- 12/23 Sofia Martinez
- 12/27 Wendy Poteet
- 12/28 Dennis Pleasant
- 12/29 Greg Robertson
- 12/29 Lois Lyon
- 12/29 Abby Fitzgerald
- 12/30 Robin Humberstad



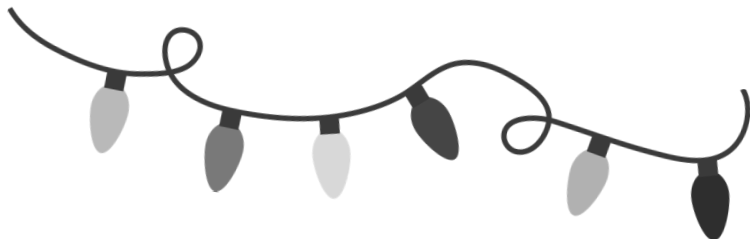
January Birthdays:

- 1/02 Carl Moore



December Anniversary:

- 12/08 Everett & Joyce Van Corbach



# DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 ADVENT</b> <b>10a WORSHIP</b> <b>Nursery Available</b> Promiseland Pastor's small group	<b>2</b> 11a Coffee Group	<b>3</b> 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	<b>4</b> MSK 430-630 530-730p Youth Group	<b>5</b> 11a Coffee Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9-12 New Members Class
<b>8 ADVENT</b> <b>10a WORSHIP</b> <b>Nursery Available</b> Promiseland Pastor's small group	<b>9</b> 11a Coffee Group 530p Team Mtg 6p Session Mtg	<b>10</b> 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	<b>11</b> MSK 430-630 530-730p Youth Group	<b>12</b> 11a Coffee Group 7pm Celebrate Recovery Small Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30a Ladies Christmas Breakfast
<b>15 ADVENT</b> <b>10a WORSHIP</b> <b>Nursery Available</b> Promiseland Pastor's small group	<b>16</b> 11a Coffee Group 5p VisionFraming Meeting	<b>17</b> 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 6p Preschool Christmas Prog.	<b>18</b> MSK 430-630 530-730p Youth Group	<b>19</b> 11a Coffee Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 ADVENT</b> <b>10a WORSHIP</b> <b>Nursery Available</b> Promiseland Pastor's small group	<b>23</b> 11a Coffee Group	<b>24</b> 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 5p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10a WORSHIP</b> <b>Nursery Available</b> Promiseland Pastor's small group	<b>30</b> 11a Coffee Group	<b>31</b> 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study				

Candy Cane Sunday