



THE CORNERSTONE



August 2021

Our Vision

We envision a church that proclaims the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ by identifying itself as a church of and for our community.

We envision a church that, following the example of Jesus, prays, welcomes people of every race, class or human condition, and encourages everyone to fulfill his or her ministry.



SESSION

Letha Chadiha,
Clerk of Session

Jim Albers, Treasurer

Paul Backer

Lori Davis

Glen Dunmore

Candi Moss

Sandi Moss

Florence Reavis

Linda Scott

Sherry Templeton

DEACONS

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Will Burks

Anne Durant

Karen Gentry-Strickland

Donna Lenhart

Betty Lynk

Paul Maddox

Cindy Perucca

Carol Thomas



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Kirk News



As you have heard, through email, mail, or in worship I will be retiring on December 31, 2021 with my last Sunday on December 26, 2021. It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Thank you for that blessing.

Until I retire it is business as usual. I plan to be in the office during the regular food pantry hours, I will continue visiting members, both in homes, hospitals and residential care facilities, and will continue to work with committees and moderate the Session. In other words, it's full steam ahead.

The transition in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a bit long, but with the leadership of the congregation it will go as smoothly as possible. After a 17 year pastorate a church needs some time to pause and reflect as you move forward, so Covenant will need to have an interim pastor. I believe the Session will do everything possible to move the process ahead with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that Covenant is the strongest it has been in all of the time that I have been here. When the pandemic began, we were concerned how we would be able to survive, but after 15 months we have emerged stronger and more united. It's a blessing that we take very seriously and know that the Spirit is in this place.

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor for these almost 17 years. It's amazing to watch small children become young adults, young twenty year somethings move toward middle age, and middle age members move into your senior years, and we've seen the death of many beloved members. Thank you for the blessing that you have given me.

And I'm grateful to have shared ministry with Cindy. Before we were married Cindy's mom asked her about the potential of her future husband serving a church. Cindy replied that Kirk's a non-profit executive. You know how that is, God had different plans, and those plans included Cindy as the "First Lady" of Covenant. I'm grateful that we've all had this journey together.

However, we've got work and ministry and life together for the next five months so let's get to it.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Kirk Perucca, Pastor

Zoom Links

Sunday Worship (10:30 A.M.)

Bible Study (Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/719607151?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/719607151?pwd=eFNDd0F2eHArL2t3NUlXUjY3VTJ0Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 719 607 151 Passcode: 058879

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1-646-558-8656, 719607151#, 058879# (EST)

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Worship Leaders

August 01	Carole Thomas
August 08	Sandi Moss
August 15	Lyn Payne
August 22	Jonathan Freeland
August 29	Letha Chadiha

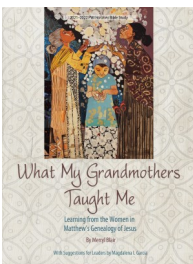
Community Social Justice Quilt

We kicked off worship in-person with individual quilt blocks for our Covenant Community Social Justice Quilt. So far we have 9 hanging together in the sanctuary, but I know of at least 5 more that have been made and others that are being thought about that would be great to add to this growing project! Please bring them with you to worship when you come or drop them off at the church office. It is never too late to contribute to this beautiful quilt.

Women of Covenant

It has been wonderful getting to meet and spend time with everyone at our summer socials in Loose Park. We are planning another meeting on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 P.M. in Loose Park.

Bible Study 2021-2022 will be "What My Grandmothers Taught Me Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" by Merryl Blair. We will order regular and large print edition books. Village Presbyterian Church is having a training and meet the author event on Saturday, August 28 at 1-4 P.M. via Zoom. Hope you will be able to attend.



Please contact Niki Krenznel at niki.krenznel@gmail.com or (315)767-6629 to bible study book.

Committee Meetings:

Deacons, Sunday, August 1	12:00 P.M.
Building & Grounds, Saturday, August 7	10:00 A.M.
Stewardship, Saturday, August 7	11:00 A.M.
Session, Saturday, August 14	11:00 A.M.
Women of Covenant, August 26	6:30 P.M.
Christian Education	CANCELLED
Spiritual Life	CANCELLED
Youth Group	CANCELLED

Food Pantry

Our pantry was open 20 days in July; We fed 232 households, comprised of 388 adults, 301 children, and 52 seniors.

Year	Households Served	Hours of Operation
2021	2,415	Monday - Friday
2020	4,160	10 A.M.—Noon
2019	4,283	

SAVE THE DATE

Curbside Food Pantry will be Saturday, September 18, 9 A.M.-Noon. We will provide 300+ bags of food to help feed our neighbors. Heart to Heart International will also be on site to offer COVID Vaccinations. You can preregister at <https://cov0918.timetap.com/#/>, but walk-ins are welcome!

Session Snippets

The Session discussed and acted upon the following items at the Stated Meeting held on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

- Received the Church's Financial Report. Total Income was \$17,938.06 in June. Total Expenses were \$19,142.41, resulting in an income deficit of \$1204.35. June income included a mission gift (\$4,000) from Second Presbyterian Church and the first half of Swope Corridor/Upper Room Summer Program payment (\$3,500) for building use.
- Received reports from Pastor Kirk and three committees: Building & Grounds, Christian Education, and Worship. (Note: Spiritual Life Committee was on summer break during July)
- Approved Orlandra's new job description as Office Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,
Letha Chadiha, Clerk of Session

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Karate Class 1:30pm Esoke Dance 5:00pm New Fellowship AA	2 10:00am Food Pantry 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 10:00am VPC Delivery 10:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Elder Statesman of KC Jazz 8:00pm New Fellowship AA	4 10:00am Food Pantry 7:00pm Bible Study	5 10:00am Food Pantry 8:00pm New Fellowship AA	6 6:00pm Esoke Dance	7 10:00am Building & Grounds 11:00am Stewardship
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 August 17 Isaiah Alvarenga
 August 18 Heather Klinkenberg
 August 22 Rayzion Dunmore
 August 29 Kirk Perucca
 August 29 Felicia Fairchild

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Worship

For the last few months, the Worship Committee has been focused on our return to in-person worship on July 11 and the creation of a hybrid worship service, utilizing our new technology. A special thanks goes out to those who have made the purchase of our new technology possible, and to those who have worked to put that technology to use!

Our goal has been to safely return to the sanctuary, while continuing to offer a meaningful experience for those who remain at home. We have worked to maintain the connection and inclusiveness of the Zoom experience while returning to some semblance of our pre-COVID worship. I hope we have achieved that, but we are always looking for ways to improve our worship time, whether in the church building or remotely. If you have any concerns or suggestions about how we could improve the service from your standpoint, please contact one of the members of the Worship Committee....Barbara Bever, Candi Moss, Sandi Moss, Osric Reavis, Pastor Kirk or me. We continue to welcome your feedback.

We know that your decision on returning to in-person worship is a deeply personal one, and one that you may wrestle with from day to day. Please know that we are with you on that journey. Whether on Zoom or in the sanctuary, you are a beloved part of our church family, and a beloved member of the family of God.

Paul Backer, Worship Committee Moderator



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Choir Director: Paul Backer

Organist: Osric K. Reavis III

Sam Johnson: Drummer Emeritus

Nursery Attendant: Lindsay Dunn

Regional Liaison: Doug Tilton