



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

SYMPATHY TO:

Esther-Elaine Scott on the loss of her mother, Anne Elizabeth Hung.

Margery White on the loss of her stepfather, Tony Tisko.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Are you a guest visiting with us today, or did you meet a guest this morning? We encourage all our guests to stop by our guest kiosks in either the main or north lobby. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card. There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary you can fill out and place in the offering. You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the online guest card. If you do not have a Bible, we invite you to take a Bible from one of the pews to take home with you today. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 3



All are invited to join us for our special Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 3, at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy a time of singing carols together and other musical selections prepared by our choir and orchestra. Children's programs are available for ages 4 months through 35 months. If you have questions about children's programs, please contact Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org.

This is a great time to bring family and friends for a special night of music as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

We have special invitations available for you in all the lobbies of the worship center that you can take and use to invite your family, neighbors and friends!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Mark your calendars for our drop-in Children's Christmas Celebration on December 9, from 9:30 am-11:30 am, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Join us for a special Christmas story time at either 10:00 am or 11:00 am and lots of games and crafts you can do anytime from 9:30 am-11:30 am. This is a free event for families with fifth graders and younger. Invite and bring your friends and neighbors as we celebrate Christmas together!

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A POINSETTIA

Each Christmas at Christ Covenant we provide an opportunity for you to buy a poinsettia that is displayed in our sanctuary for the Advent season. You can purchase one for you/your family, give one in honor of someone, or give one in memory of someone. We will print the names of those who receive a poinsettia in honor and in memory in the courier for our Christmas Eve worship service.

Each poinsettia is \$10. If you purchase one, you can either pick it up and enjoy it at home after the Candlelight Christmas Eve evening worship service, or you can leave it to bless someone else. Poinsettias can be purchased online at <https://ccym.wufoo.com/forms/qk8fgs714upkfd/> or by using the form below and placing it in an offering box.



POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

Each poinsettia is \$10.00. Deadline to order is Monday, December 19.

Giver's name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

☐ I will pick up my poinsettia after the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve evening worship service.

☐ I will leave my plant to be given to someone to brighten their Christmas.

Paid by: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ online

**MEN’S MINISTRY
GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, DEC. 1**

All men ages 16 and older who enjoy playing golf are invited to come play a round of golf at Monroe Country Club on Friday, December 1, 2023, with tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. There are only 20 spots available, so if you are interested, please sign up to secure your spot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAC2DABF5C16-46014658-mens>. The fee is approximately \$55. If you have questions, please contact Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

**MEN’S MINISTRY
FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, DEC. 2**

On Saturday, December 2, at 7:00 am, our monthly Men’s Fellowship Breakfast will be a buffet breakfast in the Community Life Center rooms 1&2 (CLC). Invite a friend and bring your sons who are 12 years or older. A \$10 donation will be collected for the breakfast expense. Kindly RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABA828A2FDC07-46001842-dec>. If you have questions, please contact Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
THURSDAY, DEC. 7**

Our annual Women’s Christmas Brunch will be held this year on Thursday, December 7, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Let us enjoy the season together with delicious food, carols, and a special panel entitled “Christmas Around the World” featuring some of our intern wives. Registration for this event is open until November 27, 2023. Childcare is available. Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/5xttknfx>.

**LARGE PRINT
WORSHIP FOLDERS**
For your convenience, large print worship folders are available at the Guest Center in the main lobby.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER TUESDAY, NOV. 28

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, November 28. There are two ways you can participate. One is to come in-person for your prayer time to the Covenant Day School Conference Room located in the A Building (this room is located next to the church’s main office) anytime between 7:30 am – 7:00 pm. Prayer guides are provided. Another option is to pick a time slot and pray where you are, whether that’s at home or at work. The day is divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign up and pray for supported workers and for the needs of our congregation. You can select the time that best fits your schedule at <https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer/>. We also hope you will take time to submit your confidential prayer requests online at <https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer/> or by email at prayer@christcovenant.org.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Healing from divorce is not easy. Most people will say separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they’ve ever had. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you’ve never encountered before. Our DivorceCare Ministry is offering a “Surviving the Holidays” session Monday, December 4, from 6:30 pm-8:30pm in worship center room 211. At this session, people in separation and divorce will find tools, teaching, and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future. You can register at www.divorcecare.org/findagroup or contact Gaylene Scheide at gscheide@christcovenant.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our next New Member Class begins Sunday, January 7, 2024, and you can register today for the class! The New Member Class is an opportunity to learn more about the ministries, people, staff, doctrine, and vision of Christ Covenant. The class is open to anyone but is especially for those who are new to Christ Covenant or are considering membership at the church. This class is required for those 9th grade and older who would like to become members of Christ Covenant Church. Those participating will have the opportunity to develop relationships with other class participants and current members.

We ask that everyone interested in attending the New Member Class to register at <https://christcovenant.org/newmembersclass/>. If you have any questions, please email Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares special events and various weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar of what is coming up this week, along with additional announcements.

- Nov. 26 • No Sunday School through December 31
- Nov. 28 • Monthly Day of Prayer
- Dec. 1 • First Friday Fellowship
- Dec. 1 • Men’s Ministry Golf Outing
- Dec. 1 • Senior Adult Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 2 • Men’s Ministry Fellowship Breakfast
- Dec. 3 • Christmas Concert during Evening Worship
- Dec. 4 • Surviving the Holidays
- Dec. 7 • Women’s Ministry Christmas Brunch
- Dec. 9 • Children’s Christmas Celebration
- Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service during Evening Worship
- Dec. 31 • Morning Worship
- Dec. 31 • No Evening Worship

WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant.
Please continue to pray for God’s provision throughout 2023.

<i>Inflow 1/1/23 – 11/19/23</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	5,685,295	5,663,400	21,895	.4%
Faith Promise Budget	420,302	307,196	113,106	36.82%