

Covenant Call

December 2022 Newsletter

Easy to Ignore By Dr. Dan Milford

In my November newsletter article, I briefly mentioned that our journeys over the summer led to seeing history through the lives of people who were relatively unknown or not powerful. It was an unplanned and surprising way to look at history. Last month, I wrote:

"I realized that we tend to study history through the lens of the most powerful people of the time or location. We often visit castles, palaces, and museums that celebrate political leaders and/or wealthy businesspeople (such as Sam Walton, Lorenzo de' Medici, and Popes on our journeys). On this Sabbatical, I stumbled my way into what I would later recognize as a study of history through the lens of courageous prophets (Reformers, proto-Reformers, Waldensians, African Americans, the LGBTQ+ community, etc.). It was a surprising revelation and an inspiring part of the journey. The emphasis on this community is not one necessarily of 'success' or 'power' but rather of resilience, courage, and hopefulness in the face of great risk."

One place where we encountered a small, courageous community was in Wuppertal-Barmen, Germany. For those familiar with the Presbyterian Book of Confessions, "The Theological Declaration of Barmen" will ring a bell. This profession of faith, drafted by Karl Barth in Germany in 1934 as the Nazi Party takeover of the churches deepened, was finalized and approved at a small church in a relatively small town. It included **six bold theses** that each contain scripture, an affirmation of their faith, and a rejection of the Nazi intrusion into the life of the church. The Gemarker Church was chosen not for its prominence, but rather for the courage in opposing the Nazi takeover that it had already shown. One of the Lutheran bishops attending the synod (meeting) that finalized "The Theological Declaration of Barmen" drove this point home by commenting that there was not a single church in all of Bavaria that could have hosted the synod. It was held in Wuppertal-Barmen because they needed a congregation courageous enough to host it.

As amazing as the story was of the congregation's hosting of the synod and the work of those courageous pastors and lay leaders in 1934, the present life of the congregation may be even more fascinating. As the Jewish population grew in the 1990's, a new synagogue to replace

one destroyed on Krystallnacht was needed. The Gemarker (Reformed) Church donated a portion of its small plot of land for a synagogue to be built. A little over a decade ago, Walter Lang of the Gemarker Church wrote an article about the importance of "The Theological Declaration of Barmen" for their congregation today. In the article, he suggested looking through their windows to the presence of the Bergisch Synagogue. He also noted, that for security reasons the buildings of the two worshipping communities *are surrounded by the same fence. Interconnected as a community sharing both life and risks, [the synagogue] is today part of an inseparable entity with the church in which on 31 May 1934 the Barmen Declaration was agreed.*

Between the Gemarker Church and the Bergisch Synagogue is an inner courtyard which can be reached as easily from the Protestant church as from the synagogue. In October a booth is put up there (for Sukkot) and we can hear the songs and celebrations of our Jewish neighbors. In the words of ... Peter Baier, we like to say that, "the missing seventh Barmen Thesis stands here built in stone."

We could also...[say] that the congregation sees the meaning of the Declaration in the fact that we share our living space with the Jewish religious congregation. Following the lack of solidarity and the destruction of all Jewish life in Germany, the fact that next door to the Gemarker Church Jewish life is once more developing is the rewriting of the Barmen Declaration for our time.

As we reflect on the courage of this congregation both in the 1930's and in the present, might we wonder "with whom would we be willing to share our space? With whom might we be willing to share our life and risk? Would we share a courtyard and security fence with a worshipping community that might get bombed (like the Bergisch Synagogue was in 2014)? What community would that be in our context: perhaps Jewish or Muslim?"

As we walk through Advent, we are preparing ourselves not only for Christmas and the coming light of Christ; we are also preparing ourselves to **become** the body of Christ, the presence of the One who chose to live by vulnerable, self-giving love. Can we do any less?

Grace & Peace, Dan



Advent Worship at Covenant

We hope you'll join us this December to worship, share our blessing, and have fun! With COVID-19 statistics remaining low, if you haven't joined us in worship in a while, we hope you'll consider whether this might be the time for you to return. The sanctuary will be beautifully decorated, the music will be outstanding, and the opportunity to worship together heightens the joy of the season! Oh come let us adore Him!

December

Sunday – 4th 10:30am	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday – 11th 10:30am	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday – 18th 10:30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Wednesday – 21st 6:30pm	BMC – Longest Night Service
Saturday – 24th 5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service & Communion
Sunday – 25th 11:00am	<i>(Please note time change)</i> Lessons & Carols Worship

The Perfect Gift - Christmas Joy Offering

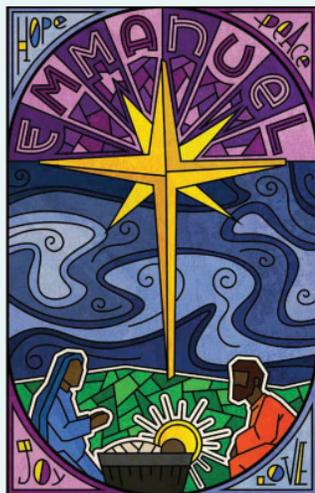
When Jesus was born among us, He came as a helpless baby destined to bring joy, peace, and salvation to His people. This child, God's Word Made Flesh—fully human and fully God—became one of us, sharing our life and knowing our struggles and vulnerabilities. He connected us to himself, offering us His gift of eternal life.

Through the ***Christmas Joy Offering*** sponsored by our General Assembly, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of retired church leaders who find themselves in critical financial need. Sometimes church leaders who have served in very small churches with limited budgets are in crisis because of changing health situations or emergency circumstances and are unable to sustain themselves. It is then that our gifts through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions give emergency aid. In 2021, our gifts of \$1.1 million provided emergency financial support to 751 church leaders in desperate situation.

The Joy Offering is equally divided between that assistance program and Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color, sustaining a tradition Presbyterians have carried out for nearly 140 years.

Three such schools are:

- 1. Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico** - Ranked the best Christian high school and 5th best private school in New Mexico. Students from 15 – 20 countries are enrolled each year, most of whom are of minority ethnicities.
- 2. Presbyterian Pan American School, in Kingsville, Texas** - 100% of graduates are accepted into colleges and universities in their home countries or in the United States. This international student body has represented 26 countries in the last 25 years.
- 3. Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama** - This college has been selected a College of Distinction for 2019-20 and 2021-22 for Christian Education, Teacher Education, support of the military and veteran students, preparing business leaders, and equity inclusion. 87% of students are first generation in college.



Scholarships to these schools are a lifeline to students who may be “hanging on by a thread.” Future leaders of color can receive much needed assistance while they discover and pursue their professional goals at these institutions of learning.

We will be collecting donations during Advent and Christmastide. **Make your contribution by addressing your check to Covenant Presbyterian Church, with “*Christmas Joy Offering*” in the memo line.**

Weekly Small Group Bible Study

The Heart That Grew Three Sizes—Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch

by Matt Rawle

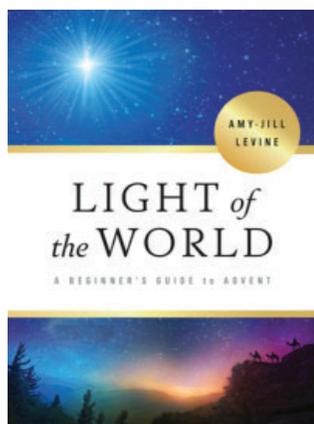
We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow

three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, we invite you to look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture. Covenant has several small groups that meet each week. For more information, please contact Chad Bosse (chad@covenantcares.org).



Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Light of The World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent By Amy-Jill Levine



In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

ADVENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

People, Look East— A Study on Advent Hymns by Mary Louise Bringle

November 27th – December 18th
Emmaus Classroom @ 9:00am



This study reminds us that hymns have histories: they were written by a particular people, often in response to particular circumstances in the writers' lives. More than this, hymns teach history. By paying attention to their back stories, we learn of joys and struggles that have occupied our ancestors in the faith from biblical times to our own.

Written by well-known song writer Mary Louise Bringle, each session presents the history and relevance of hymns sung during the season of Advent.

November 27th – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

December 4th – O Splendor of God's Glory Bright and Savior of the Nations, Come

December 11th – People, Look East

December 18th – Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us)

Each week, the class will read, study, pray and sing their way through these lessons as we are led forward to that time beyond time when we all will sing together before God. So come, learn about these songs, and enjoy singing your way through the Advent season.

Longest Night Service

for those with a heavy heart at
Christmastime

December 21, 2022
6:30pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church
211 Roletto Drive
San Antonio, TX 78213

The winter solstice is the longest night of the year. It is the night of the year when we literally experience the most darkness before the sun starts to once again gain strength as it slowly moves through winter toward spring. Symbolically, this longest night comes to stand for our own dark times, the "Dark Night of the Soul" when we experience loneliness or despair, when we are anxious about our health, jobs, relationships or the world. For those who are grieving or suffering, the light-hearted commercialism that often comes with the holidays can make us feel like we've been left out or are invisible and alone in our grief and lament.

How healing it can be for your heavy heart to acknowledge the darkness that surrounds you and then choose to create light perhaps by lighting a candle. Light a candle for every loss you've experienced over the past year. Light a candle for the loved ones you still mourn. Light a candle to know, fully know, that where there is light the darkness retreats. Choosing the light even while we still feel the loss is a powerful action toward recovery.

If you have experienced a loss, we encourage you to join Beautiful Minds on December 21st at 6:30pm for the Longest Night Service. The Longest Night Services is a peaceful space in which to worship and heal. We are having a hybrid service just as we do every Sunday. If you are at home, we encourage you to light candles and post the pictures of the flames in the live chat. You can also simply type a message about what you are lighting a candle for---a remembrance of a loved one or a prayer, personal or for others. If you want your prayer spoken aloud by a member of the Beautiful Minds and a candle lit in the sanctuary, please send your short remembrance or prayer to BMC@covenantcares.org between now and December 21st at noon so we have time to print them out and ensure we have enough candles for each and every prayer sent in. We will also have extra candles for those that attend in person.

If you or someone you know needs a service like this, please make plans to attend in-person or via Facebook Live at 6:30 pm on December 21st and help us spread the word by sharing our upcoming FB posts about the Longest Night Service with family and friends.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4
Peace be with you, in this season and always.

All Creatures Great and Small . . .

. . . love Covenant Presbyterian Church. This small creature had decided to take up residence in the ceiling space above Mission Hall. It had gained access through a hole in the exterior wall above the air conditioning units adjacent to the back patio between the Friendship Hall (gym) and Education Wing. After a successful (and humane) capture, it was relocated to mutually agreeable area. A few days later, a second raccoon was also captured and similarly removed. Apparently, they were trying to start a family. Can we blame them for wanting to join in fellowship with our church family?





Children's Sunday School 9:00am

Covenant's Children's Classes continue to focus on foundational truths about God using the Bible, storybooks, art, music, and games. Each week, children will gather together at 9am to participate in an opening time together. This opening time will feature music and energizers. After, children will be dismissed into their class where they will be invited to explore topics of faith in a unique way. For more information, please contact Chad Bosse (chad@covenantcares.org).

Advent Devotionals for Adults

This Advent season, the Christian Education Team lifts up two books for your consideration. Each book can be purchased from your preferred book provider.

***Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana**

Here's a description of the book:

What hope is, what hope isn't, and how to find it in hopeless times.

How do we cultivate hope to face each day? How do we find the energy to persevere, knowing things don't always work out OK, no matter what the platitudes say? How do we pursue the work of justice, knowing that the task is too big for any of us?

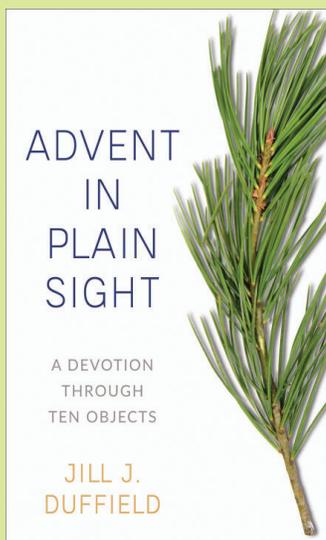
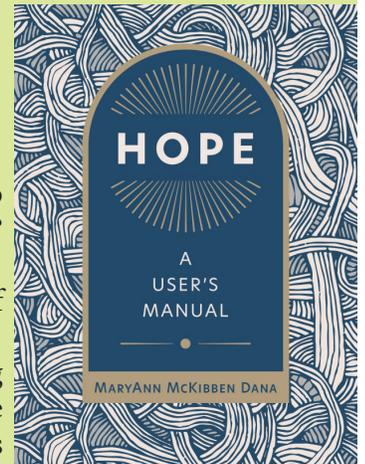
This book addresses these questions. It's MaryAnn's attempt to write herself back into a sense of hope after a grueling few years of life and world events.

Though this is not a pandemic book, readers will see COVID-19's hulking presence from time to time, as well as the looming specter of climate change and the urgent work of confronting racial and economic injustice. Also braided in these pages is MaryAnn's experience walking with her daughter through a debilitating depression.

The family found hope hiding in unexpected nooks and crannies in that journey; but hope also lurks in tattooed wisdom from a beloved children's book and in Marvel movies, on the running trail and in a sweater full of holes.

One thing is certain: real hope demands that we do something with it. That we live it out. That we use hope to participate in a bigger story playing out behind the bleak world we see on the news or in our social media feeds every day.

Whether you're a person of faith, or someone disillusioned with faith, or someone who hardly ever thinks about faith: if you're a human being who longs for a spiritual counternarrative to live by, this book points to one resilient enough to endure crises and crushing defeats. If you're tired of hearing about some heavenly hereafter amid the pressing need for justice here and now, this is a book about hope for this world.



***Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects* by Jill J. Duffield**

Here's a description of the book:

At Christmas, God came into our ordinary world in the form of a child, and still today, God is at work through the ordinary stuff of life, if we train our eyes to see.

In this daily devotional for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation--objects we encounter in our own lives. Through objects such as gates, trees, cloth, light, and water, readers will find new meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' coming. By connecting everyday objects with biblical texts, *Advent in Plain Sight* prompts readers to see the near kingdom of heaven on earth and ponder what that divine proximity enables and asks them to do and be. Each daily devotional features a Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection, reminding Christians that God still dwells among us, even in the most ordinary places.



Advent Celebration!

Sunday, December 3rd @ 1:00pm

Join us for this introduction to the season of Advent! We'll have snacks, music, and some memorable Advent crafts! Children and families will learn about the season of Advent together as they make crafts and ornaments in a fun setting. We hope you will join us!

Young at Heart CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

11:30AM



17 SATURDAY
DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING:
ODIN LIMAYE & FRIENDS

MUST RSVP TO 210-342-5253 BY DEC. 10
LIGHT LUNCHEON

Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon to be followed by a wonderful **Christmas Concert** organized by our own Josh Pepper. The holiday season is rapidly approaching. The pandemic kept us from enjoying this wonderful treat we love so much during this time of year.

With the spirit of the holidays upon us, Young at Heart is pleased to continue this year with a light lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by a wonderful **Christmas Concert** featuring **Odin Limaye and friends** at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please RSVP to the Church Office by December 10 for the luncheon.

A Note from Pastor Dan - 2023 Staffing Model

Dear Friends,

November is a month in church life where we focus on stewardship, Thanksgiving, and—at the end of the month—preparing for the coming light of Christ as we enter Advent. It involves a rich mix of themes that actually feed on one another and amplify each other. Gratitude, it seems to me, is the uniting theme for the month. In gratitude, we close October celebrating All Saints' Day and the lives of the “great cloud of witnesses” that surround us and cheer us on. In gratitude, we reflect on the time, talents, treasure, relationships, and opportunities that God has entrusted into our care. In gratitude, we celebrate Thanksgiving, family gatherings, bountiful harvests, and life lived together. And in gratitude, we prepare ourselves to celebrate God's coming into our world in the gift of vulnerable, self-giving love.

We have much to be grateful for in our life together at Covenant. We have weathered a storm over the last couple of years that has been a dizzying mix of pandemic, political strife, and economic challenges. We've found new ways to care for one another, utilize technology, and make our campus a place where people can experience the unconditional love and grace of God. We've continued to move forward with mental health ministry efforts in our congregation, city, and nationally. We've seen the Cub Pack at our church grow, thrive, and deepen in a time when other packs closed and other churches quit supporting scouting. We've supported our scout families in launching Boy Scout (Boys) Troop 537 with 19 young men and hope to launch BSA (Girls) Troop 537 in 2023. We're deepening in our life of faith through Bible studies that started just before the pandemic and that have flourished through it. Our musicians and AV Techs helped us pivot during the pandemic and learn to do online worship that still feeds many people every week. New members joined during the pandemic and multiple new visitors are with us in worship every week. A grant from the Pilgrim Alena Housing Development Corporation enabled us to pay off our mortgage, replace rotting fascia, and paint the church.

In addition to these many blessings, we also have challenges to face as we continue to emerge from a pandemic whose impacts are yet to be fully revealed in our country and world. For our church, as for many others, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans/grants from the federal government of about \$56,000 each in 2020 and 2021 were a lifeline to us in the pandemic, enabling us to maintain our full staffing through those years and 2022. Stock market growth in 2019 through 2021 helped our modest “Our Covenant for the Future” funds grow in ways that enabled them to support our ministries further. However, in 2023, we will no longer have the PPP grant funding, and our modest endowment has taken a beating in the market. Thus, the finance and personnel ministry teams have led our session in a time of adjusting our staff model to one that can lead us into the future.

The staffing model we are moving towards in 2023 will be smaller and leaner:

- our music director position will move from 3/4-time to 1/2-time,
- our director of educational ministries will shift from full-time to 2/3-time,
- and our custodial needs will be met through a contracting service.

More changes may still be required. None of these changes is a reflection the quality of work that our staff members have been doing. To the contrary, our staff members serve us exceptionally well and have adapted what they do and how they do it with every change that we have been through over the last dozen years. They serve us with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love even as they have received just one raise of 2% over the last six years. Our five primary staff members also have a combined service of nearly 70 years to Covenant, so they know us well and have experienced much life with us. Still, it will take a leaner staff to lead us forward in 2023, and a leaner staff will not be able to do everything we've enjoyed having staff do for us in years past.

The need of Christian community—and particularly one like Covenant—is greater today than ever. After two years filled with isolation and disconnection, people's need for loving, grace-filled community is greater than ever. The pandemic and political strife have driven up levels of anxiety and depression in many, if not most, people over the last two and a half years. A congregation like ours where these things can be talked about, where people understand, where encouragement and support can be found—such congregations are even more deeply needed than ever before. A congregation that welcomes all people into participation and leadership—regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, or any other such category—such a congregation is rare in any city and is a deeply needed witness to the fullness of the gospel. A congregation that strives to love and understand one another across differences and that sees our differences as one of our greatest strengths is a powerful witness in a country becoming increasingly tribal. Thus, our energetic and enthusiastic witness in San Antonio is of critical importance in this “interesting” time.

Let us walk forward into the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and the New Year with a resilient hope and expectation. God is not finished with us. It will be fascinating to see what God does through us in the years to come.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Dan



Holiday Grocery Shopping for SAMM Families

Each year Covenant helps the families at the SAMM's Transitional Living and Learning Center. For homeless families, the Center meets the basic needs for families in transition while supporting their first steps towards independence and self-reliance. The program includes life skills, job training, financial management, computer skills, parenting classes and more.

How Covenant can help...

Giving: Of the many things needed, groceries seem to be the highest priority for the families. Our congregation grocery shops for the families with the financial gifts that are donated to the James Payne Fund through December 11th.

Note: Be sure to write "James Payne Fund" on the memo line of checks or online donations for this project so the money will be placed in the correct account.

Shopping: As a church community, we personally shop for each family and need lots of volunteers to help with the shopping and delivery of all the groceries to the 40 families at the Living Center.

When/Where: Meet in Mission Hall at 8:30am on Saturday morning, December 17th.

What: Volunteers will be given a description of the family who is assigned to them along with the budget assigned for that family. We will have a brief meeting with further instructions about the shopping and delivery of the groceries to the SAMM center. Then we will go to HEB to shop. There will be special checkout lanes designated for Covenant.

HEB
6000 West Ave
(Off 410; intersection of West and Jackson Keller)

SAMMinistries TLLC
5922 Blanco Road
(Off 410, inside the loop)

For questions, please email Vicki Moreno at office@covenantcares.org.

Thank you,
Missions Ministry



YAH Creative Crafts Ornament Making Get Together

The Holiday Season is upon us. Young at Heart will gather together to create a holiday ornament to share or keep for yourself. Dennie Hawkins is heading up Creative Crafts to share this wonderful treat with us on December 8, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the Choir Room. There are limited supplies, so please sign up as soon as you can. The ornament takes around 30 minutes to make and craft supplies are free. Join us for this fun and spirit filled opportunity. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or RSVP with Demarius Douthit.



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MEMO: "JAMES PAYNE FUND"

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210-342-5253*

**We hope you consider giving financially to support the life and ministry of the church.
Please consider contributing to both of the funds below.**

OPERATIONS FUND

Contributions to the Operations Fund support the budget. This includes educational ministries, worship & music, fellowship & congregational care, the operation/upkeep of the church facilities (including utilities, maintenance repairs, & building improvements), and staff salaries.

UNDESIGNATED MISSIONS FUND

Contributions to this fund will be allocated by the Missions Committee as needs and opportunities arise throughout the year. This will include gifts to local and global disasters in addition to ongoing support our mission partnerships of the church. Funds will also help support our church Community Garden.

There are several easy ways to donate to the church:

ONLINE BILL PAY - Automate Your Contribution

Your bank has an online service called Bill Pay. You can set up “Covenant Presbyterian Church” as the “payee” and schedule either a one-time or recurring payments to the church. Your bank will mail a check to the church office automatically, as often as you like. For example, some members schedule one check a month and others have their checks scheduled to mail weekly to the church. Please contact Bethany Borak in the Church Office for more information on how to set up online bill pay with your bank.

ZELLE APP

If you are able to use Zelle (an app that you download on your phone) for your giving to the church, it is a quick way to donate funds and have them deposited immediately. To find us on Zelle, contact the Church Office for our username to locate our church. In making your donation, when it asks “What’s this for?” please enter “Operations,” “Missions,” or whatever designation that you wish it to go towards.

OFFERING PLATE or MAIL A CHECK TO THE CHURCH

Cash/Check offerings can be put in the offering plate as you leave church on Sunday mornings OR feel free to send checks to our church mailbox. We pick up the mail daily. Our mailing address is:
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 211 Roletto Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213.

**A NOTE
ABOUT YEAR
END GIVING**



Year-End Giving

Please remember that for us to count gifts toward 2022 giving, they need to be received at the Church Office by December 31, 2022. Please also note that a number of local companies, including USAA, provide corporate matching of employee donations to registered non-profits. USAA, for example, matches up to \$1,000/employee/year through matches made by payroll deduction through Benevity. Covenant is registered with Benevity and receives corporate-matched gifts from several members already. If you are considering a year-end gift and work for a large company, ask if there is a corporate matching program that can help your gift go further. If you work at USAA and would like to do so, our office manager, Bethany Borak, would be happy to help walk you through the process.



Celebration Luncheon for the Ministry of Josh Pepper

*Join us Sunday, December 11, after worship for a luncheon
to celebrate the ministry of Josh Pepper!*

Josh has served as Covenant's Director of Music for the last 8 years, filling our worship with moving and varied music, drawing the best out of our singers, showing deep care for all our musicians, and helping us transition to blended worship and online services. He has served us with consistency, excellence, and care. As our ordination vows state, he has served us with "energy, intelligence, imagination, and love."

**Please bring a dish to share and join us for the
Potluck Luncheon to celebrate
Josh's life and ministry with us!**

Christmas Poinsettias

DONATE POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY
IN HONOR, MEMORY, OR APPRECIATION OF SOMEONE!

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Large Poinsettias _____ **x \$18** (per plant) = _____ **Total Due**

**Make Checks out to "Covenant Presbyterian Church" or via Zelle and write "Poinsettias" in the Memo Line.
We have only 11 poinsettias left. Please get your orders in as soon as possible.**

Please Circle the type of dedication (example: "In honor of") and print the name(s) of the individual(s)

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A poster for a Christmas Eve Service. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright starburst in the upper right. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a shepherd with a staff and sheep on a hill. The word "Christmas" is written in a large, white, cursive font, with a horizontal line underneath it. Below the line, the words "EVE SERVICE" are written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the date and time are listed: "Saturday, December 24" and "5:00PM In-Person & Online". Below that, it says "Communion will be served. All are welcome." data-bbox="37 529 966 974"/>

Christmas
EVE SERVICE

Saturday, December 24
5:00PM In-Person & Online
Communion will be served. All are welcome.