

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

## January Newsletter 2024

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# Message from the Pastor

New Year's blessings to you all! Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations extra special at Covenant! Our Sanctuary was beautiful and our music was outstanding. Hallelujah! Christ is Born!

As we begin the new year, I want to call your attention to two new additions to our ministry intended to bring you closer to God.

First is our Daily Prayer email which is sent Monday through Saturday at 2am. In the email is a link to a pre-recorded, 10-minute worship service featuring prayers and scripture readings. It is my hope that you will make Daily Prayer part of your routine so we can remember that no matter where we are or what we are doing, we are most importantly children of God. The more we place God first in our lives, the better we'll be able to deal with everything else that is going on: family, work, health, finances, whatever!

Please look for an email from  
[covpccin@icloud.com](mailto:covpccin@icloud.com)



The other new addition to our ministry is our online weekly Bible Study which will begin January 3 at 7pm. The studies will live-stream via Zoom and the ID is 897 8171 2968.

These Bible Studies will explore great themes of scripture which are found in most books of the Bible. The first one will be about God. We will also discuss the Messiah, the Holy Spirit, and Sacrifice, among others.

We'll take a break from Bible Study in February to join with churches in our area to celebrate the season of Lent with soup, salad, and worship.

I'm sure you'd agree that the world needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ now more than ever. The stronger our prayer relationship with God is and the more we know about the Bible, the better equipped we will be to share the gospel wherever we go.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Bob



# Message from Sesson

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is winding down. We busy ourselves with our new presents and think about what we will spend those gift cards on. We've gorged ourselves on so many cookies, candies, and holiday meals that we could burst.

As we enter this new year, let us remember those who did not receive any gifts this year, those who do not have a warm home to celebrate in, or a hot meal to fill their bellies.

May we remember that the reason for the season is to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to share the message of hope and love with our neighbors. Let's try to make the giving season of Christmas last throughout the coming year.



**The Muppets say it best, in their version of A Christmas Carol:**

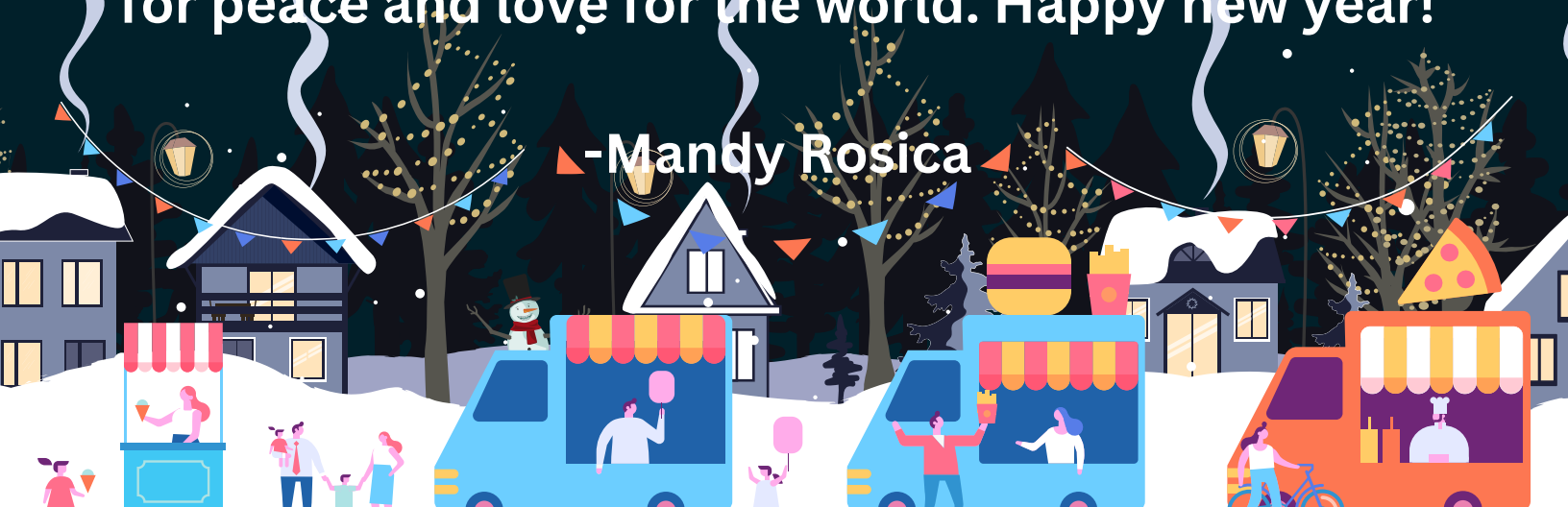
*It is the season of the heart  
A special time of caring  
The ways of love made clear  
And it is the season of the spirit  
The message if we hear it  
Is make it last all year*

*Bless us all, that as we live  
We always comfort and forgive  
We have so much, that we can share  
With those in need we see around us everywhere  
Let us always love each other, Lead us to the light  
Let us hear the voice of reason, singing in the night*

**Let us run from anger and catch us when we fall Teach  
us in our dreams and please, yes please Bless us one  
and all**

**I hope that 2024 brings you health and joy. Prayers  
for peace and love for the world. Happy new year!**

**-Mandy Rosica**





# *Schedules*

## **Refreshments**

**1/7: Karen Schwartz**

**1/14: Barbara VanTassel**

**1/21: Linda Ballenger**

**1/28: Betty Herskovitz**

## **Greeter/Usher**

**1/7: Christy and Bob Jeffries**

**1/14: Pat Rothenhofer and Sandi Pascone**

**1/21: Joy Connolly and Diane Steel**

**1/28: Joan Samph and Betty Herskovitz**





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1/4: Michael Cain

1/5: Carol Lambersky

1/9: Skip Jeffries

1/10: Greg DiBona

1/12: Allie Duba

1/15: Dave Landgraf

1/15: Anthony Cinque

1/19: Graham Slater


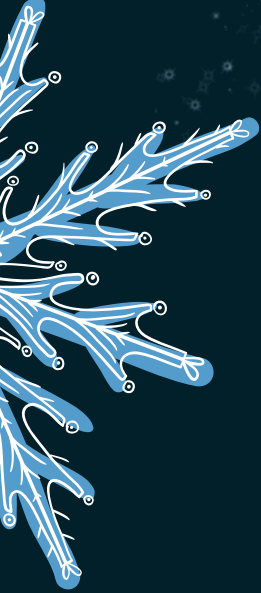
1/19: Justin Cain

1/22: Joan Samph

1/30: Lauren Rosica



# Music



**Covenant's chancel choir will be performing throughout January. All are welcome to sing! Rehearsals take place after worship services at 11 AM in the choir room.**

**Rehearsals begin January 7. The choir will resume singing in the service on January 14.**

## Choral Anthems

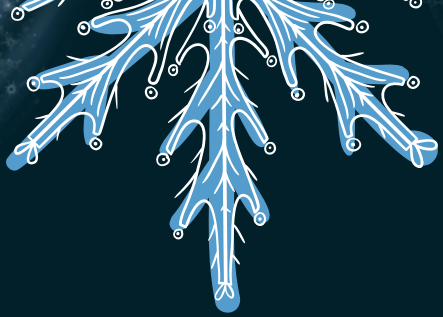
**1/14: Down to the River to Pray, by McDonald**

**1/21: Yes, My Jesus Loves Me, by McDonald**

**1/28: Shepherd Me O God, arr. Mark Hayes**







**Covenant's bell choir rehearses on Mondays at 7 PM. Rehearsals will resume on January 8. All are welcome to ring!**



# *Happy Anniversary*

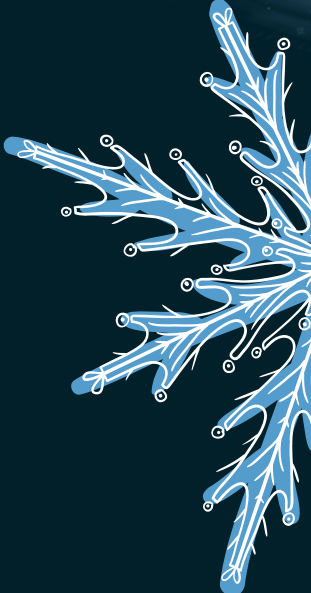
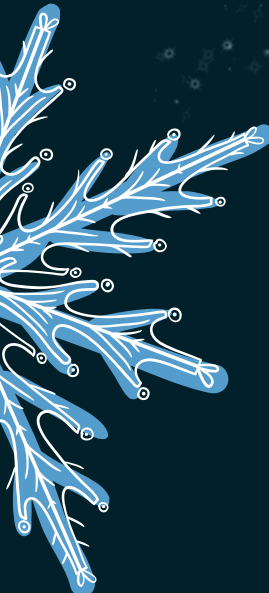
**1/ 2: Christy and Bob Jeffries**  
**1/12: Cynthia and David Joffe**





# Daily Prayer

Covenant is now offering Daily Prayer videos narrated by our new Pastor, Bob! This is a wonderful way to begin each day in prayer. If you are not receiving them, please notify Bob, or Greg and you will be placed on the email list.



## Giving Envelopes

All 2024 envelopes are available. They are organized by number and located in the narthex.





# BIBLE STUDY WITH BOB!

To get the new year started, Pastor Bob invites you to join an online Bible Study to be presented over Zoom on Wednesdays at 7pm. Sign in from home! Dress however you like!

The Zoom app is available on computer, phones and iPads and can easily be downloaded from the App Store (Apple) or the Google Play App. The sign in code for the meeting will be 897 8171 2968.

Unlike other Bible Studies you might have been part of, in this one we will be studying the great themes of the Bible which are found in almost every book.

January 3 - God

January 10 - The Messiah

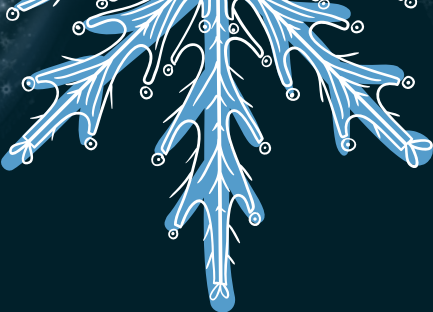
January 17 - Holy Spirit

January 24 - Tree of Life

January 31 - Eternal Life

February 7 - Sacrifice and Atonement






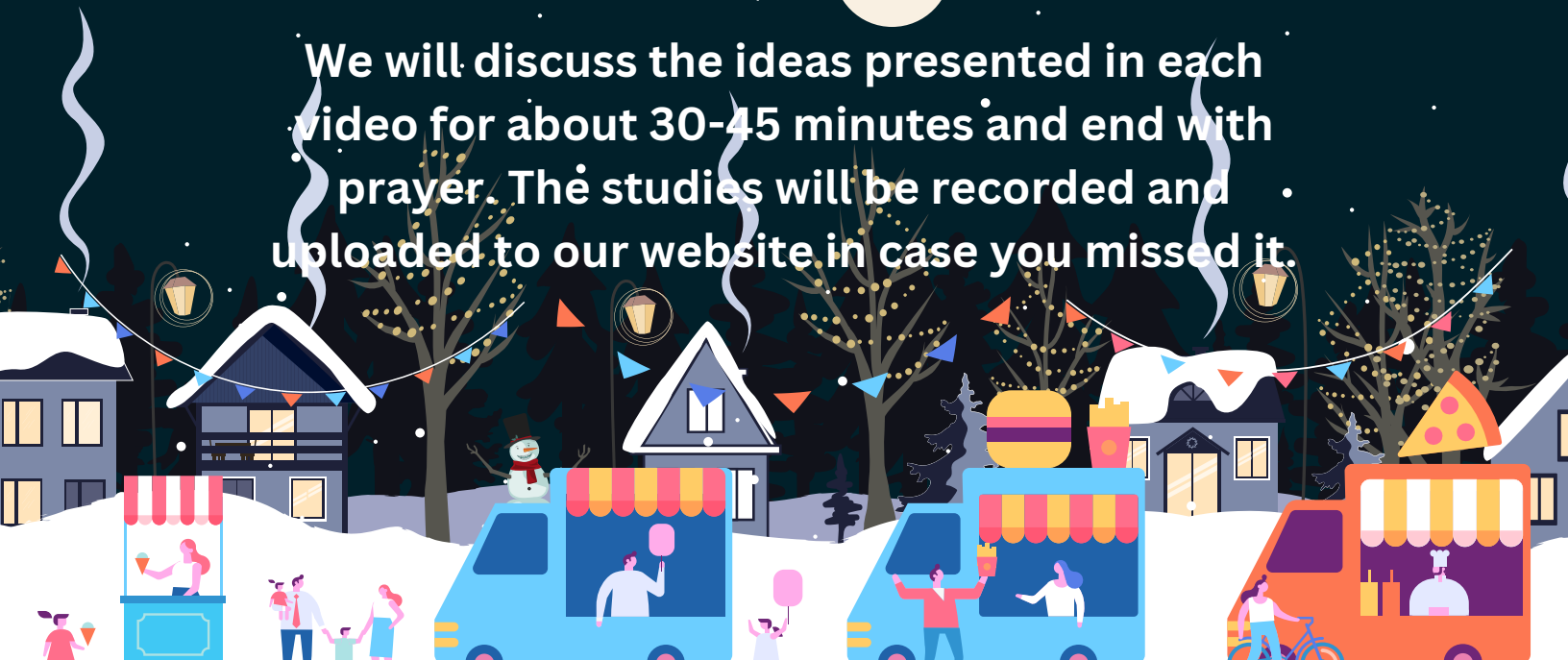
**We'll take a break starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, as we join our neighboring churches in the celebration of Lent with soup, supper and worship.**



**Each meeting will feature a short video produced by an organization called the Bible Project ([www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)). The BibleProject is a nonprofit, crowdfunded organization that produces 100% free Bible videos, podcasts, articles, classes, and educational Bible resources to help make the biblical story accessible to everyone everywhere.**



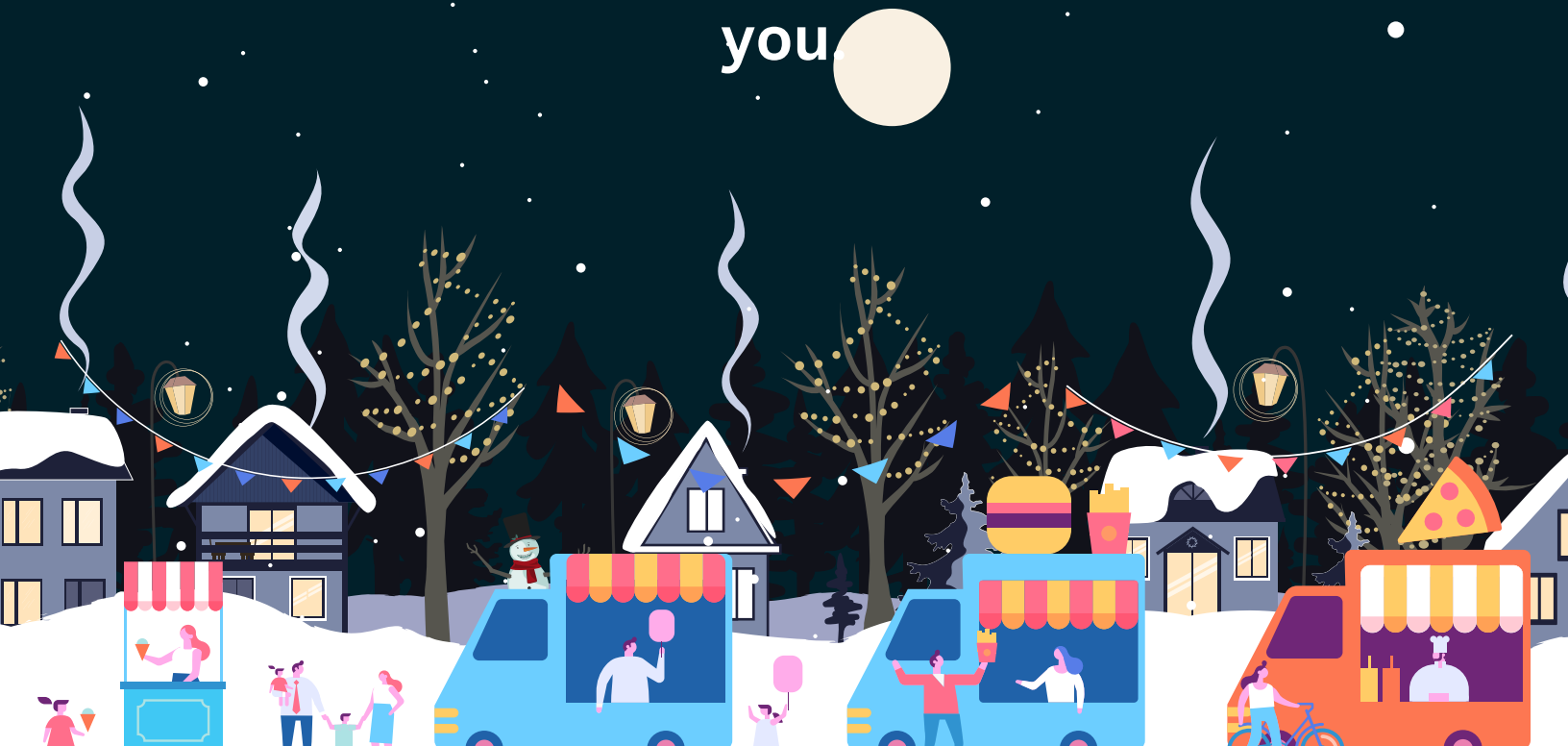
**We will discuss the ideas presented in each video for about 30-45 minutes and end with prayer. The studies will be recorded and uploaded to our website in case you missed it.**



# Initial Offering

As a congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA), we support the administrative costs of the Presbytery for Southern Jersey, the Synod of the Northeast and the General Assembly. These costs are shared equitably through per capita apportionment as each congregation contributes money based on the number of active members.

Please prayerfully consider using your special envelope marked Initial Offering to help Covenant meet its giving responsibility for our connectional church. For 2024 we are requesting a contribution of \$40.00 per member to meet the per capita costs of the presbytery, synod and general assembly. Thank you





# Bible Study

Bible study is located in  
the Lounge on Mondays at  
**11 AM. We hope to see you there!**

# Flower Chart



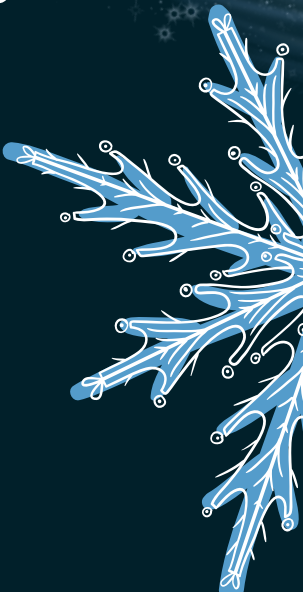
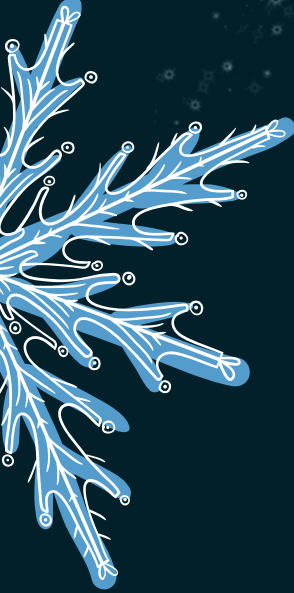
The flower chart is posted on the  
bulletin board for 2024. Sign your  
name on a specific date in order to  
dedicate flowers to a loved one.





# Your Participation is Needed!

Members are invited to participate in our services. Please contact Bonnie Cain or Greg DiBona if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services. We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



# Christian Caring Center

Non-perishable food items may be brought the 1st Sunday of the month and placed in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity.







Thank you to everyone who took tags from the Deacon's Angel Tree, and generously bought gifts for the two local families. On December 20 the Deacons assembled in the multi-purpose room and wrapped everything, then enjoyed a light lunch. Mary Lou Newborg delivered the gifts to the Maple Shade family. Mike and Jeanne Martin took a trunk full of presents up to Riverside. Our Covenant congregation is able to great things for our neighbors when we work together.

