



Of Special Interest

Come serve at the Hillcrest Thrift Store the first Saturday of each month!

Would you like to bless our new Hillcrest Resident, Danielle, with a meal or a note of encouragement? Contact Glenn or Carol Gordon for more info.

Check out our new website: www.christcovenant-pca.com



News from the Elders

Christ Covenant has been blessed by Pastor Eric's seven years of faithful service. Each of us has benefited from his preaching and teaching of the whole counsel of God. During this transition, we will look for more opportunities to minister to Eric, Rachael, Jared, Jason, and Audrey. Let's continue to communicate as specific needs arise so that we can address them quickly and with Christian love.

Over the last two months, we have met with almost every Christ Covenant family. We have taken your input on the transition process and have been impressed with the continuing commitment to and hope for the future of Christ Covenant that you have reiterated. We've been encouraged by the unity of spirit and common priorities that have emerged from our discussions.

As a result, we believe that we are in a position to move quickly on the search for our new pastor. On January 22nd, we plan to propose a pulpit committee to the congregation for a vote. In our search, we will be making use of all of the resources that our denomination - the Presbyterian Church in America - has available. We will work to keep you updated on the process every step of the way. Please feel free to ask of us any questions you may have.

We are confident that God has given us a solid foundation upon which to build. While there will likely be some changes in our future as we call a pastor who will have his own ideas and priorities, we will work to maintain as non-negotiable those elements that make Christ Covenant a wonderful place to worship, such as:

- A commitment to the preaching and teaching of the whole counsel of God
- A commitment to Reformed theology
- A welcoming and loving congregation
- An emphasis on reaching out into Liberty and the Northland in evangelism and mercy
- A worship that seeks to glorify God and that incorporates both traditional and modern elements

And so, we look with hope and confidence for God's continuing work among us! Please pray without ceasing that our efforts would honor God and bless his people.

Thank you.
Your Session, Mike Brink and Peter Marshall

Christ Covenant Calendar

Weekly Events:

Sunday Morning Worship
Sundays, 9:30am

Sunday Schools for Adults and for Children
Sundays, 11:00am

Men's Morning Study
Day and Time TBD

Ladies Prayer Conference Call
Saturdays, 7am

Monthly Events:

Fellowship Feast
Frequency TBD

Evangelism Committee Mtg
2nd Sunday of month at noon

Youth Night
Day and Time TBD

Service Project Saturday
1st Sat of month, 9-11am

Life Groups and Ladies Bible studies meet every other week.



Pulpit Supply

January

- 1 *Eric Adams*
8 *Eric Adams*
15 *Nathan Curry*
22 *Nathan Curry*
29 *Luke Stivers*

February

- 5 *Brian Hough*
12 *Brian Hough*
19 *Steve Carpenter*
26 *TBD*

March

- 4 *TBD*
11 *Steve Carpenter*
18 *Steve Carpenter*
25 *Luke Stivers*

Please pray for the Lord to supply our pulpit needs

Women in the Church (WIC)

Don't miss the **Northland Reformed Ladies Conference** on Saturday, April 28th at Gashland Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$20 if you register by Feb 14th. Check out the website <http://www.gashland.org/womensconf> for more details.

Hillcrest Transitional Housing Update

It has been 7 months since Hillcrest closed the two houses that served as apartments for Hillcrest residents in Liberty, in preparation for the move to two apartment buildings at Grover and Francis. As our new apartment is now ready for a family, the changes and new opportunities are worth a quick review.

The old facilities were very small and run down. However, the new Grover apartments have two bedrooms with room for multiple bunk beds. The new buildings have required more work (and money) than was originally

expected, but Hillcrest is to be commended for making the necessary renovations, including major plumbing upgrades. The holes that resulted in the walls were just one hurdle in getting our apartment ready. Also, we had a great CCPC work night with many helping to remove old carpet tack strip and thousands of carpet staples.

A new subfloor layer was installed, new carpet laid, kitchen cabinets replaced, and the cabinet hardware brought up to date. The rotted bathroom floor was replaced and all of the walls were painted. Beautiful

furniture provided by the Hills now graces the home, and our new residents, Danielle and her daughter Journey, moved in Dec 2011

God's hand to make this possible is clearly evident. Lower donations to Hillcrest due to the economy as well as higher than expected renovation costs have been offset by income from the new Liberty Hillcrest Thrift Store that opened this past summer. God is providing a splendid facility that will allow us (and Him!) to touch a great number of people. Please pray for our new residents and how we may be part of their lives.

Who is doing what in 2012

Thank you for all the ways you serve at Christ Covenant. 2012 has brought some changes in responsibilities at CCPC, while some roles haven't changed:

Outreach & Evangelism Committee - Luke Stivers
Webmaster & Church Calendar - Anjanette Barr
Missions Liaison - Karen Leuenberger

Hillcrest Liaisons - Glenn & Carol Gordon

Newsletter & Announcements - Katie Van Duyn (please e-mail weekly announcements to Katie by Thursdays for the bulletin).

Music - Carol Gordon

2012 WIC Coordinators

Coffee - Beverly Harmon

Celebration Food - Vanessa and Paige Newman

Fellowship Feast - TBD
Feast Assistant - Rochelle Logan

Nursery - Leslie Stivers
Social - Karen Leuenberger

Ladies Prayer Ministry - Beverly Harmon

Women's Bible Studies - Holly Marshall (evening) & Carol Gordon (daytime)

We are truly a body with many parts - Soli Deo Gloria!

Odds and Ends...

A Progressive Dinner will be this spring. Details TBD, but they involve food! Yum!

Babs Baby Shower - Jan 28th 1-3pm, Amy Brink's home

The WIC **Amazing Grace 360 Conference** sessions from Atlanta Oct 2011 (audio with some handout documents) will be available on disk at the book table.

There is much to highlight in the **Church Calendar** this quarter, including:

Jan 6 - Epiphany & Ordinary Time begins

Mar 6 - Transfiguration

Mar 9 - Ash Wednesday & the Season of Lent begins

Please continue to pray for our missionaries - the Vaughns, the Nebletts, & Shannon Johnston

First Ever Christ Covenant Newsletter!

This is the kick off edition of our first ever *quarterly* Christ Covenant Newsletter. We hope it benefits you greatly!

If you are new to CCPC:

Get on our Yahoo Groups e-mail list for more regular updates! Contact Anjanette Barr for more information.