

## Happening this week

### Thursday, December 7

**Grilled Cheese**—Final Grilled Cheese lunch for 2017. Grilled Cheese will resume on January 18.

### Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

**Deacons Offering**—We will be taking a special offering to meet the needs that may arise within our church family. You may donate to the Deacons Sharing Fund [online](#), or drop your gift in the offering basket this Sunday (please use a green envelope).

### Learning Communities for Nursery through Adults—9:00 a.m.

- **Mosaic**—Room 204. Mosaic is a community of believers growing together in Christ and relationship.
- **Roundtables**—Family Room. Join Pastor Steve for two more weeks for a discussion: Mary, the Mother of God, for Protestants.

**Worship Service**—10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Angel Tree Gift Program**—Today is the last day to select angel tags on the tree in the Atrium. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 17. Volunteers are needed to help deliver gifts. Questions? Email [Dan or Lyssa Bingman](#).

### Wednesday, December 13

**Awana**—6:00–7:30 p.m. More information [online](#).

**Youth Group Christmas Party**—6:00–7:30 p.m. in Room 208/209.

### Awana & Youth Group Schedule Note—

Awana and Youth Group will not be meeting on December 20, December 27, and January 3.

## Upcoming Events

**Nuts and Bolts Men's Ministry Breakfast**—December 16, 7:00–8:30 a.m. Dave Little will be sharing on healthcare and medical directives. Mark Rothe will be serving breakfast. Find more information [online](#).

**Blessing Bags**—Mark your calendars and start collecting items for our next blessing bag assembling event on February 7, 2018. Covenant will be joining with the Awana program for this outreach to our community.

**Youth Group Winter Retreats**—There is still time to sign up for the middle school winter retreat January 19–21. Also, December 31 is the last day to save \$25 on the high school retreat. Go [online](#) today to find out more or to register.

**2018 Youth Mission Trip to Nicaragua**—Sign up for 2018 Mission Trip to Nicaragua by January 15. We need to plan for tickets and assess skills for the projects available in Nicaragua.

**Pokrov Mission Trip**—If you are interested in going on the next mission trip to Pokrov, Russia, contact [Doug Hering](#) or [Chari Hicks](#) soon. Commitments are needed in January.



**Thanks** to everyone who helped decorate the church for the Advent season.

**Thank You!** We are already seeing financial donations marked “year end gift” and we are so grateful.

**Thanks** to all who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child. You donated sixty shoeboxes!!!

**Thank you** Covenant Presbyterian Friends from David and Anna Rau: “Thank you for your continued partnership and financial support. We couldn't do it without you. We miss you all and are praying for you! Thank you for your investment in us and those international students from around the globe!”



## Pray Now

**Pray Now has moved to its own page**, allowing you to print it and carry in your Bible or journal or post it where you will be reminded to pray throughout the week. Submit prayer requests to [office@covenant-pres.org](mailto:office@covenant-pres.org) and [lcraig@covenant-pres.org](mailto:lcraig@covenant-pres.org) by Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

**Recent Giving:** December 3: 10,605 Weekly need: \$10,242 For your convenience, you may make a [financial donation online](#).

**Listen** to past sermons or download Covenant's podcast [online](#). **Steve's Corner of the Neighborhood** is now [online](#).

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# Pray Now

December 7, 2017

**Bruce and Cathy Eskew:** Celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, Lincoln Bruce Eskew, son of Will and Michaela Eskew.

**Lisa Nelson:** Having surgery on her foot today and will have to stay off of it for six to eight weeks.

**Sheri George:** Pray for Rilee, four year old niece of Sheri's sister-in law, who has stage 3 lymphoma cancer and a tumor behind her heart that is hindering her breathing. The tumor has shrunk and she may be able to go home soon.

**Jeff Barnes:** His father, William J. Barnes, went home to be with his Lord after battling cancer for five years. Pray for the family as they grieve.

**Cliff and Chari Hicks:** Celebrating the birth of their grandson Alexander Thomas Bergland, son of Eric and Christie Bergland.

**Sam Liberto:** His niece, Laura Brown, broke her neck.

**Julia Arndt:** Prayer for protection, strength, support, wisdom, and guidance as she moves forward after some difficult events.

**Dave Carpenter:** Recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**Tom and Diane Wisdom:** Tom is doing well after receiving a pacemaker. Continued prayer for Diane's parents, Donn & Lorna Parker, and for Tom and Diane as they assist them in California.

**Don and Judi Shive:** Continue to pray for their grandson, Adrian, who is being treated for two forms of leukemia.

***Pray also for those who are grieving the passing of loved ones.***

