



THE CORNERSTONE



April 2022

Our Vision

We envision a church that proclaims the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ by identifying itself as a church of and for our community.

We envision a church that, following the example of Jesus, prays, welcomes people of every race, class or human condition, and encourages everyone to fulfill his or her ministry.



SESSION

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KC's Last African-American Boy Scout Troop Hoping to Recruit More Members



The scout name used by Andre Sidney, Scoutmaster for Kansas City Boy Scouts of America Troop 1027, is "Son of Tall Standing Blue Flame" because he likes to watch the campfire and the small flames dancing at the top. He's also known as Happy Hunter because he likes to be out in the woods and escape the city.

It's something he knows many young men in Kansas City's urban core know little about and only few will experience. It's something he and other troop leaders for Kansas City's only remaining Black scouting troop hope to change.

"There is a need for scouting in our community," Sidney said. "To take a young man who's never left the boundaries of the city and give them the experience of camping and being outdoors, that experience is breathtaking. They really can take a deep breath and get a peace of mind."

Boy Scouts of America is a youth program that teaches character development and leadership skills through a number of outdoor activities including camping, hiking and even whitewater rafting.

At one point, there were at least six Black boy scout troops in the Kansas City area. Troop 1027, the biggest one, became the last one after COVID-19 hit and they combined with Troop 1056.

The troop meets on Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Ray Ealy Scout Cabin on 59th and Swope Parkway. The cabin, which is more than 100 years old, is sponsored by and next to Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Sidney says he wants to give his scouts the same experience they would receive in a suburban troop.

"I have had scouts who've never been outside their neighborhood, let alone outside the city," he said.

Freddie Alan, who has been involved with the troop since the 90s when his stepson joined, said he's learned a lot about living in the woods since he's become a member.

"I've learned things like what trees not to go by while going to the bathroom," Alan said chuckling, "And how to cook. We can fry food, make cobbles, cake and it always turns out good. We make some of the best meals when we camp."

Not only do the scouts learn outdoor and survival skills, but being a member can open doors later in life, including college scholarships and opportunities for reputable careers.

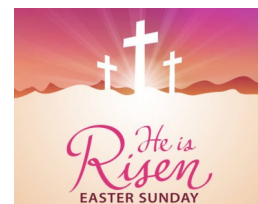
Season of Lent

We are rapidly approaching Easter, the culmination of the liturgical Season of Lent.

We would like to share some news about upcoming activities:

- We are currently collecting donations for spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary. Because of supply chain issues and inflation, we probably will not be totally filling the chancel with Easter lilies as we have done in the past. If you would like to make a \$10 donation for colorful spring flowers, please submit your order, your flower dedication and your payment to the office by April 10.
- April 10 is Palm Sunday, a time to commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This is always a special day in the life of the church!
- On the evening of April 14, we will be holding a joint Maundy Thursday service with our brothers and sisters from St. Paul Presbyterian Church and Linwood-United. As has been our tradition, the service will include a presentation of Twelve Soliloquies, a look at the lives and ministries of the disciples. The service will be at 6:30 p.m. April 14 at St. Paul, located at 2910 Victor St., which is just east of Benton Boulevard, between 28th and 29th Streets.
- On Easter, April 17, please join us for worship. Our service will include special music by the choir and musicians, Communion, and of course, the good news of the Resurrection.

Please join us as we celebrate!



Women of Covenant

Covenant Women will be meeting on Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom. We will be discussing Lesson 7—Mary.

Food Pantry

Our pantry was open 19 days in March; We fed 306 households, comprised of 557 adults, 367 children, and 40 seniors.



THANK YOU!
to everyone from
Covenant and
Second Presbyterian
Church who

donated snacks, filled backpacks and delivered 250 snack packs to the African Centered College Prep Elementary School at 6410 Swope Parkway on April 16-17. It warms our hearts to know we were able to provide school-age kids in our neighborhood food to eat during their Spring Break.



Session Snippets

Received 2022 Annual Statistical Report submitted to Presbytery.

Approved a motion permitting Southeast Youth Coalition to hold a monthly Youth Night at Covenant.

Received February's Financial Report: Total Income was \$10,136.76; Total Expenses were \$8,181.02, resulting in net income of \$1,955.74.

Received Christian Education Committee's Report: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 13-17, 5:15-8:00 p.m.

Received Worship Committee's Report: An event is being planned for Easter Sunday. Covenant will hold Maundy Thursday service at St. Paul's Church.

Granted provisional approval of the Ministry Information Form prepared by the Interim Pastor Search Committee.

Spiritual Life

The Spiritual Life committee continues a variety of efforts in support of Covenant's commitment as a Matthew 25 Congregation to work toward eliminating Systemic Poverty and Structural Racism and to promote Congregational Vitality. We also continue our efforts to emphasize Black History as American History throughout all the months of the year. We encourage anyone who is interested in presenting a personal story, family history, or other component of Black History during Minute for Mission to contact a member of the committee.

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jeremiah Washington 10:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Esoke Dance	2 11:00am Stewardship 12:00pm Esoke Dance
3 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Karate Class 1:30pm Esoke Dance 5:00pm New Fellowship AA	4 10:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Cub Scouts	5 Jonathan Fairchild Olivia Fairchild Cicilie Walters 9:30am Elevate Metro KC 10:00am VPC Delivery 10:00am Food Pantry 8:00pm New Fellowship AA	6 10:00am Food Pantry 7:15pm Bible Study	7 10:00am Food Pantry 8:00pm New Fellowship AA	8 Marlene Reed 8:30am Harvesters Delivery 10:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Esoke Dance	9 9:30am Spiritual Life 11:00am Session 12:00pm Esoke Dance
10 PALM SUNDAY 9:30am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group 12:00pm Karate Class 1:30pm Esoke Dance 5:00pm New Fellowship AA	11 10:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Cub Scouts	12 Brad Smith Paige Worthy 10:00am Food Pantry 8:00pm New Fellowship AA	13 Willa Mae Ingram 10:00am Food Pantry 7:15pm Bible Study	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00am Food Pantry 6:30pm Twelve Soliloquies Presentation 8:00pm New Fellowship AA	15 GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED 6:00pm Esoke Dance	16 12:00pm Esoke Dance
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Boy Scouts

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Burley Durant, a grandparent to a Troop 1027 scout, said he's seen the group help build his grandson's character and life skills.

"It gives them a sense of belonging," he said. "They have built a great bond together."

Troop 1027 is now accepting new members. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Sidney (816) 898-5925 or email: aesidney@gmail.com.

"To see their mind exploring and learning, it touches you spiritually and emotionally to know that you're impacting their future, to know that you're changing the life of another young man, another future leader, a future CEO, future boss of an organization or company," Sidney said.



Courtesy of Jazzlyn Johnson, The Community Voice, March 22, 2022

Sunday Worship

	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>
April 03	Rev. Eric Garbison	Letha Chadiha
April 10	Ruling Elder Darron Story	Sandi Moss
April 17	Rev. Heidi Peterson	TBA
April 24	Rev. Paula Isgrig	Walt Grainger

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 641 472 5608 Passcode: Q6fy0G

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Children's Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study 7:15 P.M.

Community Food Pantry

Mon-Fri 10 A.M. - Noon

Orlandra Brown, Office Administrator

Bobby & Flo Houston, Custodians

Doug Tilton, R.L., South Africa

Lindsay Dunn, Nursery

Paul Backer, Choir Director

Osric K. Reavis, III, Organist

Greg Richter, Drums

Tom Pender, Guitar

Joseph Straws Jr., Bass

Sam Johnson, Drummer Emeritus



Easter Flower Order Form



Name _____ Orders due by April 10, 2022

_____ Spring Flower at \$10 each **Total \$** _____ Please print

Please attach cash/check payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church
or pay through Tithely online or mobile app.

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