

Welcome to First Covenant Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- "The Chosen" Study begins this week! Join us on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the sanctuary for viewing and discussion of the series "The Chosen". Everyone is welcome!
- God's Pantry Lenten Calendar: Help support God's Pantry this Lent season by donating an item per day through Lent to benefit God's Pantry! The calendar can be found on the welcome tables or in the March newsletter. Most of the items can be purchased at Dollar Tree. Please be sure to check expiration dates when donating. Please have items turned into God's Pantry by April 7th!
- Easter Flower Memorial Forms are now out on the welcome tables or in the March newsletter. Forms are due to the office by March 27th.
- Welcome our new Senior Pastor, Liz Whitney! Sunday, March 3rd! 10 AM Worship Service followed by coffee and donuts in fellowship hall.
- Financial updates will no longer be provided in the church newsletter. A financial update can be provided to you by contacting Sarah in the church office at any time.

SPECIAL FRIENDS:

Diane Olmstead; Orchard Grove; 2000 Southwestern Dr.; Jamestown, NY 14701

David Potts; Heritage Park; 150 Prather Ave.; Jamestown, NY 14701

Antoinette Sommerville; Westchester Park Apts.;
55 Ralston Ave.; Kenmore, NY 14217

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REFLECTIONS

JOHN 3:1-17

NOW THERE WAS A PHARISEE, A MAN NAMED NICODEMUS WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH RULING COUNCIL. 2 HE CAME TO JESUS AT NIGHT AND SAID, "RABBI, WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE A TEACHER WHO HAS COME FROM GOD. FOR NO ONE COULD PERFORM THE SIGNS YOU ARE DOING IF GOD WERE NOT WITH HIM." 3 JESUS REPLIED, "VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, NO ONE CAN SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS THEY ARE BORN AGAIN." 4 "HOW CAN SOMEONE BE BORN WHEN THEY ARE OLD?" NICODEMUS ASKED. "SURELY THEY CANNOT ENTER A SECOND TIME INTO THEIR MOTHER'S WOMB TO BE BORN!" 5 JESUS ANSWERED, "VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS THEY ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT. 6 FLESH GIVES BIRTH TO FLESH, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES BIRTH TO SPIRIT. 7 YOU SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED AT MY SAYING, 'YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.' 8 THE WIND BLOWS WHEREVER IT PLEASES. YOU HEAR ITS SOUND, BUT YOU CANNOT TELL WHERE IT COMES FROM OR WHERE IT IS GOING. SO IT IS WITH EVERYONE BORN OF THE SPIRIT." 9 "HOW CAN THIS BE?" NICODEMUS ASKED. 10 "YOU ARE ISRAEL'S TEACHER," SAID JESUS, "AND DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS? 11 VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, WE SPEAK OF WHAT WE KNOW, AND WE TESTIFY TO WHAT WE HAVE SEEN, BUT STILL YOU PEOPLE DO NOT ACCEPT OUR TESTIMONY. 12 I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU OF EARTHLY THINGS AND YOU DO NOT BELIEVE; HOW THEN WILL YOU BELIEVE IF I SPEAK OF HEAVENLY THINGS? 13 NO ONE HAS EVER GONE INTO HEAVEN EXCEPT THE ONE WHO CAME FROM HEAVEN THE SON OF MAN.[E] 14 JUST AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SNAKE IN THE WILDERNESS, SO THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP, 15 THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE IN HIM." 16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. 17 FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM.