# \*The Tidings\*

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### Worship



Postcards with our Advent and Christmas Schedule were mailed out to our church households. More postcards are available in the Gathering Space at church. Please feel free to take some to share by giving one in person or by mailing one. Let's share the joy of the season!

## HARK! THE ANGEL TREE

Each year, we fill our Gathering Space with signs of Advent. One of Covenant's traditions is our Angel Tree. Over the years, we have asked each household to share an angel ornament for this tree. If you have not added an angel ornament to the tree, we invite you to bring your angel ornament labeled with your name and the date, on Sunday, December 2, or anytime during Advent. Following the Service on December 2, which begins the Season of Advent, we will ask our children of all ages to help us place them on the tree as a symbol of welcome and joy for the journey of Mary and Joseph and the arrival of Jesus.

#### **SERVICE OF LIGHT**

#### Wednesday, December 19, 7:00pm

Advent is a busy season, often full of family, friends, and festivities; but some years we are not in a place to appreciate or enjoy the season. It may be the first Christmas without a loved one, you may live far from friends and family, or it may simply be a time of year that is challenging. A Service of Light is a reflective service that acknowledges that pain and loneliness do not go away simply because of the season. Whether you are looking for a way to decompress and slow down, or a chance to remember and acknowledge the losses in your life, you are invited to attend worship on **Wednesday evening**, **December 19**, **at 7:00 pm**. We hope you will join us.

## PASTORS' PAGE

#### PASTOR'S LETTER—THE REV. JENNIFER GLIECHAUF

Dear Covenant,

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas! It is amazing to consider 2018 is ending and to look back on all that has happened this year. I am so very grateful for all we have done together, especially as we moved through the transition of co-pastors. I am grateful for the heartfelt, lovely retirement sendoff we offered Pastor Melanie and the great and wonderful welcome given to Pastor Sarah. In addition, children learned the stories of our faith in Sunday School, we served in lots of mission opportunities, we deepened our faith in worship and spiritual nurture, we cared for creation and our facility (remember the basement flood?), we had VBS for all ages, we had youth enjoying fellowship together, we cared for one another, brought each other meals and made sure people had rides where they needed to go, we served as Stephen Ministers, we enjoyed lots of great food together, we laid to rest beloved members of our congregation, we married a couple, we baptized a few, we prayed for each other and gave thanks and praise to God together.

As I think about Advent and the hope, peace, joy and love we proclaim in this season, I know I feel all of those things when I think of Covenant. And what warms my heart more, is how often I hear from all of you the ways that Covenant makes a difference in your life and faith.

At our most recent session meeting, Elder Michael Clickner gave a devotion which used a metaphor I really liked. He wrote:

"I must admit that there have be times when, like a rubber band stretched almost beyond its limits, my faith has also been stretched almost to its limits. And I suspect some of you have felt like this. I question just what could possibly be the reasoning behind so many things in my world, usually disasters or violent events. Or social injustices, which seem far too common today. It is at these times I find myself not unlike a Macy's parade balloon drifting off into the stratosphere. I can't even begin to wonder why such things are allowed to occur.

But, when I'm sure that I will snap like a rubber band, I find myself in the presence of the balloon wranglers who hold onto the balloon ropes and keep them from drifting away forever. It is never just one wrangler, but several. I find I'm being held by the wranglers of Covenant Presbyterian Church and I'm holding on to them."

So, dear balloon wranglers, thank you for all you to do help "wrangle" one another. And during this holy season, may we give thanks for the promise of a God who has walked among us to show us what good "wrangling" looks like. May we follow that example and spread our hope, peace, joy and love far and near in all our days.

Blessings to each and every one of you,

Pastor Jenny

### STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP 2018 UPDATE: ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING IN GENEROSITY

Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign officially ended with Commitment Sunday on November 11. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation and interest during the campaign. We would like to especially thank those who gave Faith Talks during our Sunday services: Sue Lange Pruitt and Claudia Grace. Each of the speakers provided a very heartfelt and meaningful contribution to the campaign as they shared their personal stories and why Covenant Presbyterian is important in their lives.

We hope that you enjoyed the slide show which reminded us of all the wonderful things that have happened at Covenant in the past year.

As of this writing we have received 103 pledge cards from a potential 122 pledging households. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, there is still time, and we would ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge or increasing your current pledge.

We thank all of you who have made your pledges, with 57% increasing your pledges, and 5% in new pledges.

If you have any suggestions or comments we would love to hear from you.

Again, thank you to everyone who contributes their time, talent and treasures in order to make Covenant Presbyterian the wonderful church community that it is.

Stewardship Co-Chairs, Nancy and Dick Boudreau, Linda Webster and Will Archer

### **FELLOWSHIP**

## THE ADVENT POTLUCK: AN INVITATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join the Covenant Family to share in an Advent meal. We will hold a potluck on **Sunday, December 2, following worship.** This meal will be in conjunction with the Advent Workshop, giving us time to eat together and enjoy each other's company. You are encouraged to attend, even if you're not staying for the workshop.

We suggest you bring the food listed with the first letter of your last name, if possible:

**A-G** sandwich tray or casserole (or the like)

**H-M** vegetable, side or salad

**N-Z** fruit or dessert

We hope to see you Sunday!

## **ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

#### FINDING GOD INSIDE - TUESDAY DEC. 11 AT 5:30PM

As the cold has come, join Pastor Jenny for a time of quiet reflection and prayer in the Sanctuary. We will begin with a short time of readings/scripture and then you can stay for quiet prayer as long as you'd like.

#### LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR ADVENT EXPERIENCE?

Join us before our Advent Service of Light on **Wednesday, December 19th** for a conversation about our experience of Advent led by Pastor Sarah. Feel free to bring dinner and stay for the service.

Conversation: 5:45-6:45 p.m. Service of Light: 7:00 p.m.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Winter Retreat** 

February 23, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

More details to come ...

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS FOR EVERYONE

On **Sunday, January 13**, we will renew our baptismal vows together in worship. In our baptism, we are welcomed into Christian community and hear God's promise to love and forgive us. Baptism is our entry into Christian life, but it is only a beginning as we seek to follow Jesus throughout our whole lives. Together we will remember the promises God has made to us and renew our commitment to the promises we have made to God.

### **ADVENT**

#### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This year the Mission Outreach committee would like to invite all members to participate in a "reverse" Advent calendar to benefit the North Side Food Pantry located at North Pointe United Methodist Church.

Instead of opening a door each day on a calendar (that may have a treat inside) you would put an item of non-perishable food into a box each day of Advent. You can deliver your food items to church either each week or all together on Christmas Eve. The food pantry is particularly in need of cans of meat (tuna, etc.) and they are also always glad to get jelly to go with peanut butter they receive, canned fruit, puddings, brownie mix, pancake mix & syrup, microwave popcorn, chewing gum, candy bars, small bags of peanuts, hot cocoa packets, personal care items, and any kind of treats (think stocking stuffers!).

#### **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**

We have two Advent Devotionals for each household on a table in the Gathering Space . If you would like to have an Advent Devotional (or two) we invite you to take both home with you today. If you are not able to come to church and would like us to mail the devotionals to you please email or call Kathy Miller (kmiller@covpres.org or 262-634-4597).

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### ADVENT WORKSHOP ON DECEMBER 2 AFTER WORSHIP

Join us for four different Christmas crafts and the painting of the Christmas windows. The costume fittings for the Christmas play will also be during this time.

#### CHRISTMAS PLAY

Our play this year will be in worship on **Sunday, December 9**. This year it is called: *The Best Story: An Imperfect Christmas Pageant*.

#### YOUTH GROUP FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

**December 9 after worship until 1:00pm** for lunch, games, conversation and fun

#### **ALL YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS**

Sunday Dec. 2 at 5:00pm - Dinner at Applebees

Sunday Dec. 30 - Fun event to be determined

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### **Sunday Schedule**

- Dec. 2 Music with Joe Andreasen, children and youth will be learning the Christmas Carols of our faith including those which are part of our Christmas Play
- Dec. 9 Christmas Play in worship
- Dec. 16 Service Sunday an opportunity to make gifts to give to our Christmas Families from Goodland School
- Dec. 23 No Sunday School (children welcome in worship)
- Dec. 30 No Sunday School (children welcome in worship)

#### Other important Sunday School dates:

- Dec. 1 Christmas Play rehearsal from 10:00-11:30
- Dec. 2 Advent Craft Workshop after church and costume fittings for Christmas Play
- Dec. 8 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play from 9:00-12:00
- Dec. 15 Sunday School Potluck from 5:00-7:00pm
- Dec. 24 Family-Friendly Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES POTLUCK SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5-7PM

All Sunday School families are invited to come to this casual potluck to get to know each other better by enjoying each other's company and some good food. We will send out a link for a Signup Genius so you can RSVP. If you do not receive the email with the link please inform Kathy in the church office at kmiller@covpres.org or 262-634-4597. High School students will be here to help watch the kids so parents can spend more time visiting with each other. We ask each family to pitch in \$5 to thank the High School students.

## MISSION OUTREACH

#### COOKIES NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 9

Following 10am worship on Sunday, December 9, anyone who would enjoy sharing their special Christmas cookies or treats for the Second Sunday Coffee is asked to bring them to the church prior to the 10am worship service on Sunday, December 9.

#### MISSION OUTREACH

The Mission Outreach Committee is an organization that touches our Community by providing charitable grants and volunteer opportunities. The people behind this group are Karen Fretschel, Barb Albee, Ruth Copeland, Greg Hanchon, Nancy Iversen, Mary Lou Short, Kelly Miller, Mary Catherine Cashion, Chair Candy Lively and Pastor Jenny Gleichauf.

Our mission .... To reach out to others by being a faithful community; growing together in awareness, compassion and love for God's people by following Jesus example in helping the poor, outcasts and the least of these, with small acts of kindness.

We participate in many special projects throughout the year. One of them is the Monday Night Meal program held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church where Covenant is involved 6 times a year. Church members volunteer to serve or bring a casseroles to help feed many of our homeless or near homeless people in Racine.

This year we are asking the congregation to purchase Christmas gifts for 4 families from Goodland Elementary School. There is a Christmas tree with decorations including the child or family name of a gift recipient. We are also able to give additional families gift cards because of the generous donations by members of our congregation.

A Sunday Evening Meal was planned for our Veterans living in the Veterans Village. Several of our members prepared a wonderful meal and served it to the Veterans on a Sunday evening in September.

In September, many church members and friends made a trip to Libertyville, IL for the Feed My Starving Children event which entailed the packing of meals for malnourished children. These meals are sent to countries all over the world.

Again this year, our members graciously donated school supplies for Goodland Elementary School and for the Northside Food Pantry.

If you have a desire to join a group of people who are passionate about reaching out to our Community and helping others, don't hesitate to ask any member listed above.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING**

This year's Christmas Eve Offering will be donated to the **Hospitality Center** and earmarked for their bus pass program which Covenant helped to start. These bus passes help many people in Racine get to jobs, doctor appointments and other important places during their week.

## MISSION OUTREACH

#### MENTOR ORPHAN AFRICA (MOA): NEW MISSION PROJECT IN UGANDA

First, I would like to thank the Mission Committee for agreeing to donate to the support of this fine organization dedicated to helping orphans near the Ugandan Capitol of Kampala. I have personally been donating for the last two years and have near daily contact with the head of the program, Mr. Charles Ssenyonga.

They have had difficult times financially.

- There are 65 mouths to feed and eager students to teach!
- Medical services are available, but often expensive or inadequate.
- The number of orphans needing help far exceeds the number of orphanage positions in Uganda.

They are doing their best to help as much as they can, by offering schooling, counseling, food, lodging, Christian education, counseling and basic medical services.

They have a board of directors, a not-for-profit status, a staff to pay and are doing their very best to be self-sufficient and to teach these values to the children.

They are farming bananas, jackfruit, and anything else that will grow in their soil, as well as raising goats for milk and for eventual sale to help support themselves. They currently have one milk cow but would like to expand.

They are awaiting acceptance by an international organization (ADRA), so funding can go through a source known in the US and around the world. ADRA is in Kampala. They have a donor that will give them money to expand their capabilities as soon as this acceptance goes through. Covenant Presbyterian's grant of \$500 will greatly help in providing Christian Education Materials and food for the children.

If you wish to learn more about them, please visit <a href="www.mentororphanafrica.org">www.mentororphanafrica.org</a> for more information. There you will find plenty of pictures and an in-depth overview of this ministry.

-Deacon Donald Jacobson

#### **CHRISTMAS FAMILIES**

If you would like to purchase a gift or gifts, please remove the tag from the tree, sign out your gift by checking the number on your tag and sign your name in the binder next to the tree. Please return presents to the church by Sunday, December 9.

If you would like to volunteer in delivering gifts or have any other questions, please contact Karen Fretschel at 847-975-4945 or email karbear228@gmail.com.

### CARING FOR CREATION

#### **COMPOSTING PROGRAM**

Our Composting program at Covenant has gotten off to a very strong beginning. Participation is high and we estimate that we have diverted 400 pounds of organic matter from landfills, to make fresh soil right here! We will be continuing to accept buckets of compost-ables all through the winter. You may leave your full or partially full buckets near the "bucket shelf" near the northwest outer corner of the sanctuary. While the composting process will pause in the coldest temperatures, it will not hurt anything to keep adding to our bins. Then, in the spring, the compost pile will "re-ignite" and have plenty of fuel to burn! Thank you for your participation in this program of caring for the food scraps and organic matter that passes through our kitchens. The plants and animals thank you, and Caring for Creation thanks you too!

#### **CARING FOR CREATION**

Covenant formalized the new Caring for Creation Committee in May 2018. Our Mission is to inspire members and neighbors to respond to God's call to appreciate, respect, and responsibly care for God's gifts of the Earth and all living creatures. Specifically, our goals are to:

Embrace & protect God's creations, educate ourselves & others, share our knowledge & passion with our members & our community

In our first 6 months, we have had several accomplishments that we are very proud of:

We have built a <u>3-bin Compost System</u> with the goal of building soil and reducing waste: this church-wide program has diverted over 400 gallons of food and yard waste from going to the landfill.

With the help of over 20 church members, we planted and cared for over 200 native plants in a **Bioswale** area of our property which functions to minimize/remove debris and pollution from surface run-off, attract pollinators and beautify our grounds.

We have **reduced waste and improved recycling practices** inside our church:

- We hosted a presentation from John's Disposal and continue to share knowledge about recycling with the congregation through our church newsletter.
- We purchased reusable dinnerware for our fellowship gatherings.
- We no longer use disposable table cloths.
- We use compostable plates and washable flatware whenever feasible.
- We helped <u>educate our youth</u> during Vacation Bible School about <u>container gardening</u>. We helped make buckets/water reservoirs and helped our youth plant cherry tomatoes. The youth continued to care for the tomatoes throughout the summer.
- We conducted a **Tomato Canning Workshop** where we invited church and community members to participate.

We had a **<u>Buckthorn Removal Day</u>** for the west-side of our property.

#### YEAR-END GIVING

Thank you for your financial support of Covenant. As we approach year-end, please remember that in order for your contribution to be included on your 2018 giving statement, it must be given in the plate by Sunday, December 30, 2018, postmarked by December 31, 2018, or delivered to the office on December 31 before closing at 3pm. If you pre-pay your 2019 pledge in 2018, the contribution will be shown on your 2018 giving statement and will show your pledge as satisfied on your 2019 giving statement.

### Music

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, HANDEL'S MESSIAH AND HYMN SING SERVICE

I am proud to announce that we will be celebrating the Christmas Season, **December 30<sup>th</sup>**, with a service filled with music from Handel's Messiah. The service will feature a brilliant chorus from our Covenant Choir, as well as solos from one of our organists, Sharon Adel, myself, and an emerging professional soprano, Kimber Gerber. Join us as we celebrate The Glory of the Lord being revealed through both liturgy and one of the most captivating oratorios ever written. The pieces selected from the first act of Handel's Messiah quote the gospels and the prophets who tell us to, "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion", and reassures us by saying, "Comfort Ye My People for Every Valley Shall Be Exalted."

Sharon Adel will be featured in the beginning playing the overture to the oratorio on the organ. She is also hard at work at perfecting the symphonic reduction with which she will accompany the choir and the soloists.

The soloists will be performing a couple of the most recognizable recitatives and arias from the Messiah. The baroque vocal style is filled with agile coloratura lines, as well moments of textual reflection that not only pleases the ear with beautiful and technically demanding music, but brings the liturgical text alive in a completely different way.

Our Covenant Choir will be performing a selection from the first act that will be the most demanding piece they have tackled yet. Our choir has grown by leaps and bounds as solid and artistic musicians. Their chorus will feature not only their musicianship, but their dedication to Covenant's worship. Their hard work and dedication to making a joyful noise for the Lord is something I am consistently grateful for, and I cannot wait to hear how they add to our worship as a congregation.

Please join us on December 30<sup>th</sup> for an uplifting musical service. The service will not only delight through performance, but will also bring us together as a congregation through a hymn sing of your favorite seasonal favorites. We hope to see you there, and have the Merriest of Christmas's.

Happy Singing!, Joe Andreasen

#### **BELL CHOIR**

I am pleased to announce that the Covenant Bell Choir is up and running! We will be performing in the beginning of 2019, and are looking forward to the opportunity to ring out in our worship. We are planning to have more bell music in the coming year, and we hope that our music will bring joy and praise to our congregation.

With the growing of our bell choir, we are looking for more members. Playing bells only requires a desire to make music. Reading music notation is not needed, and having a background in performing music is definitely not a requirement. Playing bells is a wonderful introduction to making music. Anyone can play and you can pick it up quickly and easily.

If you would like to join our bell choir let me know! Or you can just come to one of our rehearsals and start playing right away. We rehearse every  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ , and  $5^{th}$  (when there is one) Sunday, right after church, for an hour. Due to our busy schedules, we will not be rehearsing in the month of December, but rehearsals start again the first Sunday in January.

Have a Merry Christmas!, Joe Andreasen

DECEMBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP										
Ushers		Nursery	Greeters	Acolyte	Communion					
Sunday December 2 10:00am	Greg Hanchon Naison Nyamatutu Leon Potter Tim Strand	Linda Greeley Michelle Neubauer	Bob & Kathy Bower	Emilie Miller	Michael Clickner Phyllis Darge Lori Jensen Naison Nyamatutu Sue Lange Pruitt					
Sunday December 9 10:00am	Same as Dec. 2	Linda Greeley Lisa Scholzen	Al & Brandy Smith	Gavin Thordson	_					
Sunday December 16 10:00am	Same as Dec. 2	Linda Greeley Maureen Potter	Bill Palmer and Cammy Thordson	Katelyn Peterson	_					
Sunday December 23 10:00am	Same as Dec. 2	Linda Greeley Felicity Smith	Nancy Piper Jankovich	Evan Nielsen	_					
Sunday December 30 10:00am	Same as Dec. 2	Linda Greeley Karen Fretschel	Kathie Eastman	Emilie Miller						

## **SESSION**

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 2018 BY KATIE MATTESON

Session approved the recommendation from the Worship & Music Committee to purchase a new set of hymnals during its regular monthly meeting on November 19. The new "Glory to God" hymnals will include 400 of the 600 songs contained in the current hymnal, plus add another 400 songs. In addition to the expanded repertoire, the new hymnals will also include a selection of contemporary hymns to complement the traditional favorites, as well as updated lyrics to reflect cultural language changes and an improved index.

#### In other business, Session:

Approved funding expanded childcare in the narthex during choir rehearsal from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays to allow those with young children to participate.

Approved the 2019 Nominations Slate for the Annual Meeting, including: Session: Maureen Potter and Tim Risler; Deacons: Candy Lively, Chris Smith and David Steege; Nominating: Leo Bloomfield and Michelle Neubauer; Foundation: Barbara Houser and Memorials and Honoraria: Brandy Smith.

Set the next Session meeting for Monday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

## December 2018

Covenant Presbyterian Church - 10am Worship with Sunday School and Nursery

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8:30 AM Choir 10:00 AM Worship with Christmas Play, Nursery 11:00 AM 2nd Sunday Coffee 11:00 AM Middle School Youth Group Advent 2 Food Contributions	10 9:00 AM Yoga 10:30 AM Yoga 1:00 PM Staff	9:30 AM -11:00 AM Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 PM Finding God INSIDE	8:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Dynasty Restaurant 10:30 AM Bible Study	9:00 AM Yoga 10:30 AM Yoga 5:30 PM AA Meetings	14	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Habitat for Humanity 1:00 PM -3:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM -7:00 PM Sunday School Families Potluck in Welsh Hall
16 10:00 AM Orristmas Play 10:00 AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:00 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Foundation Brd Advent 3 Change 4 Children Offering	9:00 AM Yoga 10:30 AM Yoga 1:00 PM Staff 5:30 PM -6:30 PM Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM Session Meeting	18 9:30 AM -11:00 AM Al-An on Meeting	9:00 AM "Tidings" Articles Due 9:00 AM Women's Breakfast at Dynasty 10:30 AM Bit eStudy 5:30 PM 3rd Wed. Group 5:45 PM -6:45 PM Advent Conv. w/Pastor Sarah 7:00 PM Service of Light	9:00 AM Yoga 10:30 AM Yoga 5:30 PM AA Meetings	21	22
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#### THE TIDINGS

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#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



Covenant Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community that celebrates:

Meaningful worship Nurturing children in faith Caring for ourselves and others --- As Jesus cares for us

#### **In Ministry Together:**

The Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Jennifer Gleichauf, Co-Pastor
The Rev. Sarah Walker Cleaveland, Co-Pastor
Joe Andreasen, Music Director
Sharon Adel and Kitty Friend, Organists
Linda Greeley, Nursery Caregiver
Kathy Miller, Ministry Assistant

#### <u>Sundays</u>

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, Nursery

#### Weekdays

Church Office Open: Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

#### **USEFUL ADDRESSES**

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Bill & Gina Smutz 234 Roseacre Lane Webster Groves MO 63129

Mary Steege 35 Stoneridge Pl, Durham NC 27705

#### **News of the Church Household**

#### Congratulations

- ... to Frank and Florence Bogyos on the birth of their first greatgrandchild, Sahana Maxine Beri, to Sandeep and Ann Beri, on October 22, 2018.
- ... to Ahn Peterson on the birth of grandchild Jameson, to daughter Katie, on November 2, 2018.
- ... Congratulations to Chip Clark who has accepted a position with Northwestern Medicine to begin a new practice and mentor residents in Northwestern's Family Medicine Residency Program in Grayslake, Illinois. Melanie and Chip will be moving near there once their house sells here. This was an unexpected opportunity, but one that puts them closer to family, which they welcome. We wish them well but won't say goodbye as they will only be an hour away!