

## USHER TEAM 4 IS ON FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Barry Blose      Harold Caesber      Barb Reintgen  
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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sundays July 28th - August 25th will be for school supplies

Watch for the "back to school" sales!!

**AUG 4**      Hard plastic pencil boxes      Crayons      Rulers  
**AUG 11**      Pencils (8 or 10 pk)      Markers      Notebooks  
**AUG 18**      Pens (8 or 10 pk)      Glue sticks      Kids' Scissors  
**AUG 25**      Erasers (pencil top or block)      Pencil Sharpeners  
**SEP 1**      Girls Shirts (girls Large or X-large)

### P.W. EVENING CIRCLE

Hey Covenant Women! Ever thought of joining a small group for Bible Study and fellowship? Presbyterian Women invite you to join The Evening Circle on Thursday, August 8th at 6:15pm in the Parlor. We are exploring a Bible Study called "Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles". Copies are available and will be given to you prior to the class. We invite first-time participants; you can join us at anytime! Bring a friend! Please call Linda at 724-228-5828 if you are interested or have any questions. We meet for one hour and refreshments are served.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP HOST FAMILY PROMISE SEPTEMBER 8 - 15

If you would like to help with dinner, hospitality or for an overnight please sign up in the book provided at the Welcome Center in the Commons. People are also needed to set up on Sunday the 8th and clean up the rooms on Sunday the 15th. Donations of juice, milk and snacks are needed and appreciated!! Please call Linda Marriner, 724-225-9644, with questions.

### FROM THE BOILER ROOM

I want to express my thanks to the church members who came to help on the first workday. We got a lot of broken chairs repaired. As this ministry grows I hope that we accomplish many labor intensive jobs around the church. More importantly build relationships, get to know others who we may just greet on Sunday morning and really become the Church the Bible speaks of. Watch your bulletin to find out when and what we will be tackling next! Serving Always, Ralph

### FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket on Sunday.

### LANCASTER CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 12 - 13 2013

LEAVE WALMART PARKING LOT 6:30 AM / RETURN NEXT DAY 10:00 PM  
PRICE PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) \$395  
RESERVATIONS DUE **AUGUST 1** WITH DEPOSIT OF \$100. BALANCE TO BE PAID **SEPTEMBER 1 \$100, OCTOBER 1 \$100, NOVEMBER 1 \$95.**

All shows and meals with the exception of lunch on day 2 are included in the price as is the lights in Hershey along with the hotel and transportation. Any questions, please call or email Marge McWreath, 724 225 3226 or [mmcwreath@msn.com](mailto:mmcwreath@msn.com). Make checks payable to Marge McWreath and mail to 560 Shirls Avenue, Washington, Pa 15301.

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### SPIRITUAL FALL KICK OFF

Dear friends:

This fall will kick off God's call to us to be and become a more missional church. We believe God is calling us as a people to become more involved in mission in our community and world. So this fall we will extend an invitation to people to become more involved and to have our faith and life engaged for God. We begin with a *SPIRITUAL FALL KICK OFF*.

So we begin by asking our choirs, Sunday School teachers, elders, deacons and staff members to convene for a time of worship, prayer and communion on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. As we pray together and receive communion together we also believe we will be led and empowered to do that which God has called us to do as a church. Then, there will be times of meetings, choir rehearsals and preparation for Rally Day, which is the next day.

On Rally Day not only will Sunday School classes kick off but also people will have an opportunity to become part of a small group study team, a God in Action Group that will focus on a study of Becoming the Good Samaritan.

We will rally around the Lord on Saturday as we seek to kick off our program year with new ideas and energy on Rally Day. Please plan on attending and praying for God to be at work in, around and through us this Fall.

*Mission IS Possible!*

Faithfully,



### The Church of the Covenant

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Worship Services: Sundays: 8:30, 9:43 & 11:00

Adult and Children's Sunday School will resume in September.

**Church Office Hours - Mon. - Fri. 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



Victor J. Brova

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Memorial Fund  
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Harry and Ona Broberg  
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Robert "Skip" Hornickel

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Harry and Ona Broberg  
Charles and Nancy Neff

Earl Sharpnack

Building Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keisling

### Weddings

**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Stewart (Taylor Dino) who were married in our Sanctuary on Saturday, June 29, 2013. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiated. Patrick is the grandson of Mary Stewart.

**Congratulations**, also, to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Rector (Bethany Weir) who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, July 13, 2013. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiated. Bethany is the granddaughter of Wilma Beeghly.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the prayers, best wishes, cards, and visits during my recent knee replacement surgery and recovery. I appreciate the love from my church family! ~ Shirley Desmond

### REACH OUT WEEKEND

On October 5-6, the Church of the Covenant will conduct "Reach Out Weekend." The purpose of this annual event is to demonstrate the importance of Christian commitment and service in the world beyond the doors of the church. The Saturday of that weekend - October 5 this year - is a "workday" devoted to reaching out to agencies in the community and individuals in the congregation to assist them with work projects. (The work projects we are interested in helping with are those that can be accomplished in 5-6 hours and do not require specialized labor. Examples include general cleanup, painting, simple repairs, moving of heavy objects, yard work, etc.) Sunday of Reach Out Weekend features a guest pastor with experience in the mission field, addressing how Christians are taking Christ's message to the world around us. Following the 11:00am service there is a luncheon with the guest pastor.

Please allow for some time on your calendars to participate in this weekend of activities in your church. We can use your help during the October 5th workday. We have contacted several local Washington organizations and agencies to identify work projects from which you can choose. And you will want to attend one of the services on Sunday October 6 to hear Dr. Johan Swart the guest pastor. Dr. Swart is the Associate Pastor of World Mission and Evangelism at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Details and sign-up opportunities will be available at the Welcome Center at the church and in future editions of the Messenger.

**August 4, 2013** STREAMS IN THE DESERT  
Communion  
Dr. Broberg  
Isaiah 35: 1-10  
"For waters shall break forth...and streams in the desert." v. 6

How to accept & get out of spiritual dry times in our lives; the giant aquifer under the city of Pittsburgh waiting to spring up.

**August 11, 2013** VIRTUAL REALITY ISN'T  
Dr. Broberg  
I John 1: 1-4  
"...so that you may have fellowship with us". V.3  
Pastor Emily away on vacation.

Communication in the end is two people in the same room having a conversation face to face.

**August 18, 2013** TOUCHED BY CHRIST  
Pastor Emily  
Mark 1: 40-45



**August 25, 2013** GOD'S WORD FOR THE WISE  
Pastor Emily  
Psalm 119: 1-16  
Stu Broberg away on vacation.

**September 1, 2013** NOT A GAME OF THRONES  
Labor Day  
Communion  
Samuel 13: 8-14  
"The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart." v. 14

Are we no-hearted, whole hearted or half-hearted? From our heart springs the reality around us.

**September 8, 2013** WHO IS YOUR ELLY FLEMING?  
Rally Day  
Pastor Emily  
Joshua 4: 1-7, 19-24

### Coming soon to a church near you . . . Mission IS Possible!



Did you ever want to get involved and help to make Washington a better place, but you just didn't know where to start? Well, look no further! This fall, we will learn how to get involved as a church family. We will learn about God's call to us to be a neighbor to those in need. We will also learn what the issues are and how to get involved. Then, we will stop all the talking and start doing great things in Jesus' name! Exciting things will be happening at the Church of the Covenant and in Washington, Pa. as we follow Christ out into our community. I hope you will come along for the ride, because *Mission IS Possible!* ~ Pastor Emily

### NEWS FROM HANDS AND HEARTS

The Hands and Hearts Committee appreciates the support of the congregation for the Love in a Basket project. We have been working with Laboratory Presbyterian and other faith families for several years. Items especially needed are outfits for infants - 3 to 6 months, bibs, and wipes. A ceramic piggy bank is provided to collect money (for diapers). We have LOTS of blankets thanks to the wonderful knitters in the congregation.

The Safe Birth Project, sponsored by the committee and Presbyterian Women ensures prenatal care and medical supervision at time of birth for mothers in areas where childbirth is still a most dangerous occasion. A blue "candlestick" is next to the basket and holds 100 quarters when full. We will be accepting donations for both these mission efforts one Sunday a month, beginning with the second Sunday of August, which is August 11th.

### BRIEF VBS SUMMARY AND INVITATION

What a blessing our VBS week was! There were about 192 children present at some time during the week. Many thanks to all of the volunteers, church staff and members who made it possible with contributions of time, talent and financial contributions. The **Lemoyne Center Summer Camp** program accepted our invitation to participate in our VBS. Two groups of children Kindergarten through 3rd grade walked over each morning with their staff. They enjoyed our activities and brought an energy to our program. Joyce Ellis, the director, sent a note of thanks to our "ENTIRE CHURCH" for a great time. She has invited us to their parents' showcase on **August 9th at 1:00 pm**. All are welcome to join any church staff who are able to be present!

### YOUTH "SUMMER FUN" SCHEDULE!!

Here's the scoop so far. All events are for high school and middle school unless otherwise indicated. Hope to see everyone!! Contact Don Nixon for more info. 724.222.0190 x 11 or [dwnccovenant@gmail.com](mailto:dwnccovenant@gmail.com)  
Sunday, Aug 4 - All Youth @ Nassar home (Sr. High) - 5-10 pm  
Monday, August 5 - Kennywood - meet at church late morning  
Saturday, August 10 - Youth Group @ Day home - 5-10 pm  
Friday, August 16 - Pirate Game + pregame tailgate party  
Sunday, August 18 - Youth group @ Edwards home - 3-7 pm  
Saturday August 24 - Youth group @ Artuso home - 5-10 pm

### SUMMER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

A new opportunity on Sunday mornings beginning July 28th! Jonathan Pachter will be leading a study of "The Sound of Music" at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the small dining room. Jonathan does an excellent job finding God's message in the "silver screen"--or the big screen TV!! Plan to enjoy a cup of coffee and a time of fellowship!

### RALLY DAY!

September 8th--join your church family for worship, Christian Education opportunities, and fellowship! The Sunday morning classes will resume for ALL God's children! There will be a picnic lunch at Noon--in the Covenant Center! Watch for the next Messenger for ALL the details!



### MEN'S BREAKFAST ~ TOWER RESTAURANT

Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 A.M.  
All Men are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

### DEADLINE FOR THE September MESSENGER IS August 15th!

We would typically publish the August birthdays and daily scripture readings and library book reviews in The Messenger. Conservation of space prohibits that but they will be posted on the website and a printed list will be on the bulletin board at the church.

### WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

Check out all the events and happenings at the church online.  
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