

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer time usually is a “slower” pace for Christian Education activities - well maybe! It seems that slower is not the proper adjective. Different would be more appropriate!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was the week of July 9-13th and it definitely was not SLOW! With 122 children and 74 staff present before, during, and/or after the week, there was a LOT of energy! OPERATION OVERBOARD provided the children and leaders with many opportunities to **DIVE DEEP WITH JESUS!** Look for more specific information about the week on the church’s website and check out the pictures on the bulletin boards in the Commons. Make plans for next year’s **VBS -July 15-19, 2013!**

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP also completed a very wonderful opportunity with the EXPERIENCING GOD small group study the first week of July. Over 100 folks participated in 14 different small groups for 12 weeks using Henry Blackaby’s study guide for Experiencing God. The journey provided in depth study and reflection and conversation! Additional opportunities will be available in the fall for small groups and Bible Study class options! Questions or suggestions, please email Janet Nevin @ jnevin@churchofthecov.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY!

Please consider giving some of your time and talents to Habitat for Humanity. The Church of the Covenant has committed to one workday each quarter for Habitat here in the Washington area. We work only 5-6 hours but make a needed contribution to the future and well-being of a neighbor. This is a "people project" that makes a positive difference in the lives of others. Please consider joining us in this worthy cause. Our next workday is **Saturday, August 11, 2012** from 9:00 am--2:00 pm. Sign-up sheets will be in the Welcome Center or you can contact **Steve Johnson** for information at [412-420-7253](tel:412-420-7253).

YOUTH “SUMMER FUN” SCHEDULE!!

Here's the plan for the rest of the summer. All events are for high school and middle school unless otherwise indicated. Hope to see everyone!!

Saturday, July 28 ~ 4-11pm ~ Youth group Day (2384 S Main St Extension)

Saturday, August 4 ~ 4-11pm ~ Youth group Artuso (70 Appaloosa Lane)

Wednesday, August 8 ~ Kannywood!!

Sunday, August 12 ~ 4-10pm ~ Youth group Edwards (61 Meyers Rd)

Sunday, August 19 5-8pm ~ Youth group location TBA

Sunday, August 26 5-8pm ~ Youth group " "

55 PLUS IN AUGUST

On **Friday, Aug. 10**, 55 Plus will be welcoming Susan Garland. A program of “Stories through Song”: will feature folk music she has composed. Please join us for lunch beginning at 12:00 noon. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the office to make a reservation ~ 724-222-0190 x 10.

VISIT THE LIBRARY!!

Anyone who likes to read needs to visit the Carnahan Library. There are books that would appeal to any reader’s interests. The library is located on the 3rd floor and is open Monday through Friday from 9-3 and on Sundays from 8:30 – 12:30. Use the card catalog to find a particular title, author or subject. The checkout procedure is listed right above the sign out sheet.

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TIME OF RESTORATION

Dear Friends:

August will be a quiet month, as church seasons go. We will be launching no new initiatives, no listening sessions; the relative hyper-activity of July, filled with Vacation Bible School and youth trips and the wrapping up of the Experiencing God small groups is now a pleasant memory. Maybe there is a value to rest and restoration? Perhaps there is a moment to reflect? -- an open frame where activity quiets down for a moment and we can listen to the still small voice of God?

Janet Nevin will have her knee surgery and will be recovering at home (while still tap-tap-tapping out messages from her computer). Ralph will be waxing floors till you can see yourself in them. Don Nixon will be gathering young people together in anticipation of a strong youth program this fall. Debi will be wrestling with the church calendar. I will be opening a sea of boxes in my new home –its sort of like Christmas –I unwrap something and think –“Where did that come from?!” People will be on vacation. People will go to family reunions. Kids will begin thinking about going back to school (as will their parents, perhaps with a sign of relief). The grass will turn brown from the heat and lack of rain. The sultry days grow slightly longer in anticipation of fall.

Things quiet down...but God is still in church. Here is the place to find restoration and renewal. Make a point to come to church in August, feel God’s presence and enjoy God’s love. In the quiet hear the still small voice of God.

Take a moment to breathe deeply of the Spirit of the Living God. Because can September and Rally Day be far behind?

See you in church!

Faithfully,

Dr. Stu Broberg

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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.



- E. George Engle**
Building & Grounds Memorial Fund Mark & Kimberly McCoy O'Donnell
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- Robert Fitzpatrick**
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Memorial Fund Betty and Joe Leckie
Memorial Fund Jim and Nancy Proudfit
- James Alan Grimm**
Vacation Bible School Don & Linda Grimm
- Mernie Patterson**
Memorial Fund James & Lowell Patterson
- David Wilson**
Memorial Fund Jayne R. Wilson

Funerals

United with the Church Triumphant

Della Alice Evans, died on Wednesday, June 27, 2012. A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 30, 2012 at The Church of the Covenant with Rev. Anne Howe and Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

Ernest Donald Evans, died on Saturday, July 7, 2012. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at The Church of the Covenant with Rev. Anne Howe and Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating

Mernie Beal Patterson, died on Monday, July 9, 2012. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 13, 2012 at William G. Neal Funeral Home with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

Robert Duane Fitzpatrick, died on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 13, 2012 at Warco-Falvo Funeral Home with Pastor Stephen Getchell officiating.

Baptisms

On July 1, 2012 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, **Ryan James McCrory** was baptized. He was born December 27, 2002, and is the son of David and Debbie McCrory and the grandson of James and Joan McCrory. The baptism was officiated by Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg.



USHER TEAM 6 IS ON FOR THE MONTH OF JULY



- Abe Key Jerry Smith
- Dennis Myers David Stolfer
- Larry Myers Travis Stolfer

WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

Check out all the events and happenings at the church online. The address is www.churchofthecov.org. You can download the Messenger by going to the Newsletter tab and then clicking on download the Messenger.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

The Church of the Covenant would like to welcome it's newest members, received by the congregation on June 24, 2012 at the 11:00 a.m. service: Nancy Aller, Suzanne Ashmore, Kristina Baker, Kathleen Brennan, Niki Ewing-Davis, Kathy Hedges, David & Tamara Johnson, Elizabeth Moninger, Tracy Mourer, Chris, Kathy & Katelyn Nassar. We are truly blessed to be bringing you into our church family and look forward to your active discipleship here at The Church of the Covenant!



UPCOMING PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 5, 2012	EXPERIENCING GOD	Experiencing God in the present
Communion	John 21: 24-25	is the objective reason why we believe
	“But there are also many other things	in Jesus; our sharing of what God does
	which Jesus did...” v. 25	and our testimony evokes this in others.
		The real presence of Christ in
		Communion.

August 12, 2012	HOW MANY JESUSES?	There is only one Jesus who is Lord and
	Ephesians 4: 1-6	Savior, Son of God, and the only One
	“One Lord, one faith...” v. 5	who is the way, truth and life. Jesus
		and the Spirit and the Word of God
		always agree.

August 19, 2012	The Reverend Alice Fisler preaches	Before Alice and her husband
	John move away to North Carolina, her final sermon to her home church.	

August 26, 2012	I KNOW NOW WHY	What future is there for the PC (USA)?
	THE WOMAN CRIED	Will the church remain together? Will
	Hebrews 13: 7-16	it break apart? Why we may have
	“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,	confidence that the church of the Lord
	today and forever...” v. 8	Jesus Christ will not just survive but
		Thrive.

September 2, 2012	BUILDING SOMETHING	Of what we do and the work we do,
Labor Day Weekend	FOR ETERNITY	what will remain? What lasts when all
Communion	I Corinthians 15: 51-58	Tying our life and our work to that
	“your labor is not in vain...” v. 58	which is eternal..

We will be bringing in-home communion to those in our congregation who cannot get out this Sunday. The Ministry Team and the Session is sponsoring in-home communions on Sunday afternoon, September 2nd. Please contact the church office at 724.222.0190 if you or someone you know should be added to the list. Thank you!

September 9, 2012	THE ONE LOG IN THE LOGJAM	What does the city of
Rally Day	Luke 10: 38-42	Washington need? The
	“one thing is needful...” v. 42	problems seem
		over-whelming; which of a
		thousand issues should be
		addressed? The thousand
		logs/ problems seem
		insurmountable. What
		is our role in turning
		around our community?

MINISTRY COMMITTEE HEALING SERVICE

Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 7:00 P.M. ~ In the Chapel

Have you been quietly praying for God to answer your concerns? No matter how small or how big, a new diagnosis, an operation, testing, recovering, in rehab, depressed, new baby, spouse, marriage, children, job, financial, work, stress, or any other reason God can handle them all and more. Jesus taught the disciples to gather the elders and to pray with the people and to anoint them with oil, to lay hands on them and to ask God to heal them. The Ministry Committee will join you in praying to God as Jesus taught us to do and ask God to heal whatever your concern may be. Please join us. If you don't ask we can't help. We will pray with and for you. Give God a chance!

EVENING CIRCLE

All women are PW Women so come and join The Evening Circle on **Thursday, August 9th at 6:15pm in the dining room**. We will study the Beatitudes. We invite first-time participants; you can join us at anytime. Please call Linda at 724-228-5828 if you are interested or have any questions! We meet for one hour and refreshments are served. Great conversation and fellowship!

ADULT MISSION TRIP MEETING

There will be an Adult Mission Trip meeting on **Thursday, August 30th at 7pm in the Parlor** for anyone interested in going to the Mena School in Albuquerque, New Mexico September 16th-22nd. Final arrangements for the trip will be discussed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Hello Church Family!!

Below you will find the third phase of the OCC shopping list.

Happy Shopping!! And as always.....

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!

JULY 29 The last Sunday in July and EVERY Sunday in August

- will be for school supplies.
- AUG 5** Watch for the “back to school” sales!!
- AUG 12** Hard plastic PENCIL BOXES **CRAYONS** Rulers
- AUG 19** Pencils (8 or 10 pk) Markers Notebooks
- AUG 26** Pens (8 or 10 pk) Glue sticks Kids’ Scissors
- Erasers (pencil top or block) Pencil Sharpeners
- SEP 2** Girls Shirts (girls Large or X-large)
- SEP 9** Girls Socks (large for shoe size 4 to 10)

SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER!!

Would you like to help greet visitors and church members on Sunday mornings before the 9:43 and 11:00 services? Please sign up at the Welcome Center in The Commons and one of the Deacons will be in contact with you soon. Thank you!

We would typically publish the August birthdays and daily scripture readings 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.

DEADLINE FOR THE September MESSENGER IS August 15TH!