

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 dwn covenant@gmail.com

June 23-28 Heatwave Conference at Wildwood NJ

Sunday, June 30 Youth group at McClellan

Sunday, July 7 Youth group TBA

Mon-Wed July 15-17 Youth Awakening, LifeChurch

Sunday, July 21 Youth group at Smith

Wednesday, July 24 Biking/rafting at Ohiopyle

Sunday, July 28 Youth group TBA

Saturday, July 27 Carwash at The Church of the Covenant

July 31-Aug 4 Pine Springs Camp (middle school)

Sunday, August 4 Youth group at Nassar (senior high)

Saturday, August 10 Youth group at Day

Sunday, August 18 Youth group TBA. Saturday, August 24 Youth group at Artuso

TRAVEL CLUB

AMERICAN MOUNTAIN THEATER - AUGUST 22, 2013

Depart Church parking lot: TBA / Return: Late evening / Price: \$105

Reservations due with full amount by July 15, 2013

Price includes show, dinner, driver gratuity and transportation.

SUGARCREEK OHIO - September 11, 2013

HALF STITCHED, THE MUSICAL

Leave Walmart Parking Lot at 7:00 AM - return at 8:00 PM. Price \$95

RESERVATIONS DUE BY JULY 25 WITH FULL PAYMENT.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DEPARTURE LOCATION. THE CHURCH LOT IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THAT DAY.

Arrive at Downtown Sugarcreek at 9:00 AM for shopping. Lunch will be at noon and the show at 2. This is another show based on an Amish novel. Return home after show.

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. Make checks payable to Marge McWreath and mail to 560 Shirls Avenue, Washington, Pa 15301.

PW 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, July 11th 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.

USHER TEAM 3 IS ON FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

John Artuso, Rod Hardy, Joe Losko, Jr, Jill Losko, Steve Marriner, Bill Payne, Chris Wagner, Bob Wagner, Brian Weaver

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JULY PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 30, 2013 **THE CHURCH AT GROUND ZERO**
4th of July Sunday Isaiah 9: 2-13

"The bricks have fallen but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down." v. 10

The significance of the church in which George Washington consecrated the United States in prayer being at Ground Zero in NYC. Why returning to the Lord as a nation is imperative.

July 7, 2013 **HEARTLAND OF THE WHISKEY REBELLION**
Communion

Dr. Broberg Galatians 5: 1-14

"...and do not submit to a yoke of slavery." v. 1

A Christian always has a vision of freedom placed in their heart by God; the challenges faced by the Church in an increasingly hostile culture.

July 14, 2013 **Guest Preacher: Kamal Saleem**
A former Muslim, now converted to Christianity and his testimony.

July 21, 2013 **Pastor Emily preaches**
Vacation Bible School Sunday celebration of children!

July 28, 2013 **HOLY GROUND**
Dr. Broberg Exodus 3: 1-12

"...for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

The importance of spirituality of place; Western PA as Holy Ground; God revisits His people at particular places in particular seasons.

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 "Buddy" Brova

Buildings and Grounds

Sulo and Linda Alto

Robert "Skip" Hornickel

Buildings and Grounds

Jack Hornickel

Honorarium Gift

Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg

Carnahan Library
Designate Fund

Erma McCullough
Cara and John Dobbin

Funerals

United with the Church Triumphant

Victor J. Brova, (husband of **Belinda Brova**) died on Sunday, May 26, 2013. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at the John B. Greenlee Funeral Home in Beallsville, with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

FROM HANDS AND HEARTS

New Care notes have been purchased by Hands and Hearts and are in Care Notes Rack in the Commons.

The titles are: How Holiday Traditions Help Heal Your Grief, Giving Yourself Permission to Move Forward After a Loss; The Art of Being Good to Yourself; Ten Helps For an Alzheimer's Family; When Memory Loss Begins; Living Alone after a Spouse Dies; How to Help Someone Suffering from Depression or Anxiety and Caring for Yourself When Caring for Someone Ill. Please visit display and help yourself to one or more of the Care Notes.

For Hands and Hearts, by Pat Boyer

THANK YOU!! Thanks to the folks who enjoyed 55 Plus over the years, we were able to donate money to four causes: The Nancy J. Brown Kitchen Fund, Scholarships for the Pre-School, Operation Christmas Child and the Presbyterian Disaster Fund for the victims of the recent tornados in Oklahoma.

Our family was overwhelmed by all the kindness and generosity of so many after my husband's sudden death in February. Thank you so much for being a true "family." God Bless you all. ~ Connie Hornickel

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".

We would typically publish the July 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.

DEADLINE FOR THE August MESSENGER IS July 15TH!

Baptisms

Baptized on June 23, 2013 at the 11:00 a.m. service, **Cameron Robert Densmore**, born February 5, 2013, infant son of **Erik and Julie Densmore** and grandson of **Bob and Bonnie Densmore**. Dr. Stuart. D Broberg officiated.

Welcome!

Our church family wants to extend a warm welcome to our newest members who are were received at the 11:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, June 16, 2013!** They include: Steve and Kara Antoinette, Ed and Judy Breedlove, Gayla Cowden, Emily Culpepper, Jack Dagg, John and Kathy DeFrancesco, Julie Densmore, Dong, Kathy and Brendon Lee, Lisa McMullen, Ed, Macy and Max Miller, Mark Schneider, Rich and Debbie Shankovich, Keri Simmons and Rob and Tracy Vettorel (and family). Blessings to you as you continue your faith journey!

CONFIRMATION CLASS OFFICIALLY JOINS THE CHURCH!

On June 2, 2013, the 2013 Confirmation Class was confirmed and received by the congregation at the 9:43 worship service and introduced at the 11:00 service. Congratulations to Austin Armstrong, Michael Bury, Forrest Cullings, Toby Cullings, Luke Day, Chris Edwards, Nate McIlvaine, Morgan Namie, Rachel Phillips, Anthony Popeck, Zachary Parr, Nate Swart, Colton Scott, and Richard Thompson. They were received into full adult membership and discipleship that morning. And thank you to adult mentors Kathy Kephart, Cookie Namie, John Artuso, Dr. Stuart Broberg, George Camlin, Chick Carlisle, Dick Crompton, Ben Evans, Eric Meyers, Steve Warren, and Jeremy Zajdel.

BLESSINGS TO OUR GRADUATES!!

On Sunday, June 16, we honored our graduates!! Congratulations on your achievements. Love and blessings from your church family as move on to future endeavors!

Rachel Betzner ~ daughter of Eric and April Betzner. Rachel was a 2013 Graduate With Distinction from Bishop Canevin High School. Rachel will be attending the Honors College at Mercyhurst University in Erie to major in Intelligence.

Morgan Boyer ~ granddaughter of Pat Boyer and the late Alex Boyer, daughter of Becky and the late Rev. Randy Boyer. Morgan graduated from Peters Township High School and will be attending Carlow College in the fall.

Emily Day ~ daughter of Scott and Marna Day. Emily graduated from Trinity High School and plans to attend Robert Morris College to study business in the fall.

Olivia Evans ~ daughter of Ben and Deb Evans. Olivia graduated from Bethany College with a Biology Degree.

Caitlin Renee Scott ~ daughter of Jody and Tracie Scott.. Caitlin graduated from Trinity High School and is planning to attend California University of Pennsylvania in the fall. She is undecided on her major.

The RETREAT was FANTASTIC! There were about 65 people present ages 6-85! The program WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE - Old Testament was appropriate for all! After about 5 hours of teaching, we summarized events and geography of the Old Testament through 77 steps of motions! Thank you to Kathy Kephart, Toni Hoover, Virginia McDade-Foster, Craig Kephart, Bob and Kathy Hedges, their grandson, Devon, and Chick Carlisle. Thank you also to Donna Carlisle and the Outreach, Assimilation, & Renewal Committee; and to Steve Warren and the Adult Ministry Team of the Christian Education Committee. Thank you also to those who brought cookies and goodies! Laurelville provided a beautiful setting of God's creation to enjoy this time of fun and fellowship and study and getting closer to God! Look for plans for next year's church retreat for WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE -New Testament! Look for plans for WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE - Old Testament here at the church for those who were unable to come to the retreat! WHOO HOO!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS is July 15-19th @ 9:00-noon. Children age 4 by July 1st-those completing 5th Grade are welcome! A \$10.00 donation/child is appreciated. Completed registration forms received by July 8th will be given a VBS music CD! Forms are available on the church's website, the church office, or at the Welcome Center in the Commons! Forms can be sent to the church office, with VBS on the envelope.



Checks may be written to "The Church of the Covenant" with VBS in the memo. All children attending VBS will receive a T-shirt on Friday. **Evening program - Friday,**

July 19th @ 6:30 pm and **Sunday, July 21st** during worship. Families and friends are WELCOME! Monetary donations above your regular pledge are also welcome! Questions or to volunteer - Contact Janet Nevin @ 724-222-0190 ext 15. During VBS - cell phone 412-217-8384.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

THE NEXT WORK DAY - **SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013 @ 9:00-1:00**
IF INTERESTED IN WORKING ----SIGN THE BOOK IN THE COMMONS
OR CONTACT STEVE JOHNSON 412 420-7253. ALL ARE WELCOME.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

HELP IS NEEDED TO HOST FAMILY PROMISE

JULY 21-JULY 28

5PM-7PM - PROVIDE AND SERVE DINNER / 7 PM-9 PM - HOSPITALITY
9 PM-7AM - SLEEP AT THE CHURCH - ALSO SET UP AND TEAR DOWN
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. The sign up book is available at the Welcome Center in the Commons. FOR INFORMATION CALL ONE THE FOLLOWING: Linda Marriner, Carol Hissom, Dorothy Opfer or Beth Smith

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CHRISTMAS IN JULY – OFFICIAL KICKOFF!!!

Come join the **CHRISTMAS IN JULY CELEBRATION** on July 28th. This will be the official kick off for Operation Christmas Child. Stu's sermon will be reflective of this ministry and Chick Carlisle will sing our theme song *Thank You for Giving to the Lord*. Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that gives the gift of Jesus Christ. Some have never even heard His name, let alone had the opportunity to receive His redeeming grace. Over the past three years we have been blessed to be able to pack 1,895 shoeboxes! We were able to touch the lives of 1,895 children giving them the opportunity to meet and know Christ. We were able to give them the hope of eternal life with our Heavenly Father. We were able to do this because of the support that **you** the congregation have shown! Mark 16:15 says; **And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."** The ministry of Operation Christmas Child gives us the opportunity to do what the Lord has commanded as each shoe box helps to spread the gospel to children all around the world. See the wonderful opportunity to support this ministry below.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!!

Premier Designs Jewelry Open House to benefit Operation Child! 100% of the proceeds will help The Church of the Covenant support OCC. **Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the church dining room.**

Church contact person: Kim Carter - 724-222-7103

Premier Jeweler: Susan Houston - 330-807-8826

