

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
OPERATION OVERBOARD!**

July 9-13th @ 9:00-Noon for children age 4-5th grade!

It is not too late to register!

FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM - July 13th @ 6:30!

All are welcome!

The children will also share wonderful VBS songs and other fun stuff **Sunday morning, July 15th** during worship!

It is also not too late to donate, if you can!

Questions - contact Janet Nevin 724-222-0190

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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!!

Sunday, July 1 ~ 6-9pm ~ Youth group location - Phelan's farm

Sunday, July 8 ~ 5-9pm ~ Youth group location TBA

Friday, July 13 ~ 8-11pm ~ Youth group Warren (345 E Beau St)

Sunday, July 15 - Thursday, July 19 ~ Mission-EX (middle school) Pine Springs Camp

Saturday, July 21 ~ 5-11pm ~ Youth group location TBA

Wednesday, July 25 ~ Wild Things game

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 ~ Kennywood!!

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 " "

EXPERIENCING GOD

The small groups have been meeting since April and are completing their studies this week. What a wonderful adventure with God! If you were unable to participate this time, please watch for various opportunities in the fall!

TRAVEL CLUB - Trip to Lancaster -August 15 & 16, 2012

Shows: *Fiddler on the Roof* @ Dutch Apple; *Confessions* @ Bird in Hand; *Jonah* @ Sight & Sound. Also Kitchen Kettle Village and behind the scenes tour of Sight and Sound Theater, overnight at LaQuinta Inn. Cost is \$375. Deadline for reservations for the **Lancaster trip** on August 15-16 extended until July 1st. We need 6 more. Call Marge McWreath at 724 225 3226 for info.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

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

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Greetings from the Church Office!

We are using a different newsletter format for July and have created the "Summer Messenger"! Summer, at least in my mind, is a time to "lighten up" a bit. A change in routine ~ no school...maybe a vacation where family can relax and enjoy each other. Conscientiously doing things a little differently to make the most of the warm weather and longer days that we're given. We've "lightened up" the newsletter, and in a way, it's a preview of coming attractions!

A number of things in our ministry here at Covenant have changed remarkably in recent years. The world in general has become more conscious of sustaining the environment, reusing, conserving and being "green" is the smart way to exist. Almost every college campus (and our family has visited quite a number in the last few years) is "going green". Businesses and corporations of all sizes are following suit. We don't plan to be left behind!

We work in an sustainable way here at the church, always considering the best way to use and reuse our resources, but you will be hearing more in the near future about the increasing ways in which we plan move forward in these efforts! From the office perspective, we can save resources such as paper and postage by downloading and reading The Messenger on the website.

The good work we are already doing is to be applauded! There are other thoughts, ideas and ways of doing things that have been generated and will be implemented in the coming months. For now, have the peace of a slower summer schedule and enjoy The Messenger "Lite".

Blessings, Debi

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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.



William R. Corwin

Memorial (Music) Helen C. Brooks

E. George Engle

Memorial Fund Charles and Dorothy Bowers
Memorial Fund Jane Goddard
Building & Grounds Barbara and Thomas Knight
Memorial Fund Patricia P. Murphy

Mary E. Orme

Memorial Fund Russell E. Orme

Carla Riggs

Memorial Fund Peg C. Flynn
Memorial Fund T. Jean Piatt

Funerals

United with the Church Triumphant

Carla J. Riggs, died on Friday, June 8, 2012. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at Piatt and Barnhill Funeral Home, with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

JULY PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- July 1, 2012 THE PRAYER THAT FORGED A NATION
4th of July James 5: 16 and 2 Chronicles 7: 14
Communion "The prayer of a righteous man..." James 5:16
The prayer George Washington prayed at Valley Forge was the turn around point that led from defeat to victory.
July 8, 2012 Sermon Series: The Incarnation and the Body of Christ
#1 THE EYES OF CHRIST
Revelation 1: 8-18 and I Corinthians 13: 12
"His eyes were like a flame of fire..." v. 14
In the flesh of Jesus we see God; what do we see when we look into the eyes of Jesus?
July 15, 2012 #2 THE HANDS OF THE CARPENTER
VBS Sunday Matthew 8: 1-17
"And He stretched out His hand and touched Him..." v. 3
Jesus' hands were rough-hewn from carpentry. But within those hands was the power to heal and give new life.
The power in our touch.
July 22, 2012 #3 THE FEET OF GOD
Operation Matthew 28: 16-20
Christmas "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." v. 19
Child Jesus' feet led Him to do mission and ministry wherever He went. What does preaching the gospel to the world mean?
July 29, 2012 Guest Preacher, The Reverend Dr. Tim Fearer
Missionary from Turkey preaches.

Baptisms

Baptized on June 24, 2012 at the 11:00 a.m. service, Nicole Skye Christy, born February 17, 2012, daughter of Richard and Kristina Selway Christy and Austin William Piatt, born March 9, 2012, son of Jason and Kirsten Burchett Piatt. Dr. Stuart. D Broberg officiated. Both are great-grandchildren of Jean Piatt.

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. We won't know where or what kind of work until the week prior to the event. Please check your availability and put the date in your calendar. Sign-up sheets will be in the Welcome Center starting in late July or you can contact Steve Johnson for information at 412-420-7253.

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.



FOOD FOR THE SHOPPING CART FOR JULY AND AUGUST

SONNA AGNEW (WHO DELIVERS THE FOOD TO THE FOOD BANK) HAS RELAYED THE MESSAGE THAT THE JEFFERSON AVE. METHODIST CHURCH NEEDS A LITTLE HELP WITH SUPPLIES FOR THEIR FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER - PASTA SAUCE AND SPAGHETTI ARE NEEDED.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT WILL AGAIN BE HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE IN JULY. THE DATES ARE JULY 22- JULY 29. ALSO--FAMILY PROMISE IS CONVERTING TO AIR MATTRESSES AND BED PILLOWS ARE NO LONGER PROVIDED. EACH CHURCH IS ASKED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN SUPPLY. THEREFORE: 12 OR MORE BED PILLOWS WITH PLASTIC COVERS ARE NEEDED IN JULY. (LIKE THE OTHER BEDDING THESE WILL BE USED OVER AGAIN.)

We would typically publish the July 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 August MESSENGER IS July 15TH!

PW EVENING CIRCLE: The Evening Circle will meet on Thursday, July 12th at 6:15pm in the parlor. 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.

55 PLUS IN JULY Gregory Kenney, will be presenting "Bill Cosby" at 55 Plus luncheon Friday, July 20, 2012 We welcome all who would like to hear this Pittsburgh actor who has made presentation in many states, as well as on TV .Lunch will be \$ 7.00 and a sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center as always. Please note the change to the third Friday (due to Vacation Bible School the second week). Call church office if you have any questions.

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE ~ LAST CALL

September 28 & 29, 2012 ~ July 10 is the last day to register and pay for the Women of Faith Conference. Unsold tickets have to be returned. For information, contact Donna Carlisle, 724-228-3616 or dlcarlisle@comcast.net

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Hello Church Family!!

Below you will find the second phase of the OCC shopping list. The third and last phase will be in next month's Messenger. I look forward to seeing all of you on July 22nd for the Official OCC Kick-off! Until then, Happy Shopping!! And as always..... THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!

- JULY 15 CANDY (no chocolate please)
Candy is on the list for July 15th & 22. It takes a lot of candy to make 400 bags!!
Here are a few ideas for candy;
Tootsie Pops (or any kind of lollipop) Smarties
Twizzlers (individually wrapped) Any hard candy
Skittles (individually wrapped) Starburst
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)

USHER TEAM 5 IS ON FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

- Dick Crompton Steve Johnson Gary Recktenwald
Don Grimm Doug Locy Jim Simonini
Jim Grimm Doug Patterson Geoff Weinstock
Jack Keisling Frank Pryor