

## **SUMMER WORSHIP**

Summer Communion on August 5<sup>th</sup>; Missionaries of The Church of the Covenant preach on August 19<sup>th</sup>... God never takes a vacation from us, let's not take a vacation from HIM!

## **THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VBS HELPERS!!!**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers that helped with Vacation Bible School! With over 140 children joining us, we needed all hands on deck! It was wonderful to see all those little faces be so excited to hear the word of God each day. We had daily reminders of God sightings and that Jesus rescues us in times when life isn't going as planned. Looking forward to planning 2019!

## **CLUB 345**

...yes, you read that correctly! We are inviting children in grades 3, 4, and 5 to join in a youth group type experience. (Change of name to **The Covenant Cubs**...much easier to say!) We will meet 2 times each month beginning in September. Before September, we are inviting you to join Kayla Goncalves in the Family Month in August. Kayla is our new Director of Youth and she is excited to get to know all the families in our church, so please join us! We will be getting together for a family experience August 5th, 12th, and 19th. There will be activities, time to get to know each other and Kayla, and time to hear what will be happening this year.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING**

Sunday school teachers mark your calendars for **August 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. - noon to go over our plan for the year, review our safety plan, and plan for Rally day.

## **TIME AGAIN FOR BEST OF THE BEST:**

You can nominate our **Church (People and Places)** and our **Preschool!**

Go to **o-rbest.com** and follow instructions!

You can vote every day through August 1st!



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## **PRELUDE TO SEPTEMBER**

Dear friends:

As August begins can September be far away? There are three things I want to place before you --

1. *The Stained Glass Window Restoration Project* begins in July and is scheduled for completion in December 2018. Your generosity and God's goodness has provided abundantly. Thank you!
2. *The new sculpture LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME* by Alan Cottrill, begins August 1<sup>st</sup> and is scheduled for completion late Spring 2019. Alan came to the church July 22<sup>nd</sup> to share with us his vision and to answer questions.
3. *Vacation Bible School "Shipwrecked"* was a great success with more than 120 children! Kayla Goncalves our new Director of Youth begins her program focusing on families in August. Rally Day for the Fall is set for Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to kick off the Fall!

See you soon! God bless you.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Stu

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Sunday School Classes will resume On September 16, 2018.



**In Memory Of**

**Mary E. Orme**

Memorial Fund

Russell E. Orme

**Bob Johnston**

Building and Grounds

John T. Dagg

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS**



On Sunday, July 15, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary, the congregation of The Church of the Covenant received our New Members!

Those new blessings to our church family include: Robert (Tom) Evans, Sharon Denise Evans, David Dunn McCabe, Allison Hofrichter and William Sharpnack. We are pleased to welcome you to our church family and look forward to sharing God's blessings with you!

**LET THERE BE LIGHT CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

As of July 16<sup>th</sup> we had \$742,338 in pledges surpassing the Session goal of \$538,000. This includes \$112,885 of future estate gifts; does not include the costs of the sculpture. \$240,840 was pledged for stained glass (we exceeded our match); \$52,901 has been pledged for the preschool endowment (we exceeded our match); the entire campaign list of projects has been funded through matching gifts or unrestricted gifts. Thank you and God bless you!

*To God be the glory!*

**NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE BOOKS**

There's no summer vacation for the Carnahan Library.

It's open for your visit 6 days a week:

M – F 9:00 – 3:00 & Sundays 8:30 – 12:30

Plan to stop by to select books for your summer reading. There are best sellers (both fiction and non-fiction), books by well known authors such as C. S. Lewis, Henri Nouwen, John Ortberg, David Baldacci, John Grisham, Karen Kingsbury, Kristin Hannah and David McCullough. THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE'S READING TASTES & INTERESTS.

**USHER TEAM 2 on duty for the month of August**

Denny Denmead  
Terri Grantz  
Jonathan Campbell

Eugene Foster  
Cloteel Friesner  
Kimberly Hyland

Frank Panepinto  
Jenna Panepinto

**REMARKS AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
ENDOWMENT OF THE PRESCHOOL**

I am so honored to be here today to celebrate with you. Stu's beautiful sermon reminded me of a hymn I have learned in recent years. The words begin, "I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus", and end with "Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus." These are lyrics which seem especially suited to words about the ministry of the Preschool and the life we all seek.

Twenty-seven years ago, I had a dream – a vision if you will – that The Church of the Covenant could minister to little children and their families through a weekday preschool. I truly believe that idea was God's call to me and to this community of faith.

One of my favorite Gospel texts is the words of Jesus, when He said, "Let the children come to me, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

So, if we take Jesus seriously, our ministry to these small ones is Kingdom work. Their happy, smiling faces here in a loving, caring environment in the Church of the Covenant, is evidence of God's Presence among us. Each child and we adults as well can abide in the knowledge that we are beloved children of God.

The first little ones who were nurtured here are now adults with children of their own, and what they learned here is being passed on to a new generation.

Every ministry is first a seed and then grows, if it is nourished in a healthy environment. I want to celebrate those who first planted: JoEllyn Barletta, Roger Johnson, and many others who believed in the vision. Most of all, I lift up Camille Braun and her inspired and deeply competent and committed work, as well as the teachers who have grown and sustained the dream. Your faithfulness as a congregation and also many who have already gone before us to be with God have provided the rich environment.

Now, with the establishment of the endowment, we have an opportunity to play our part in making sure the growth is sustained. None of us can know the future, but we can imagine that children will be a part of life, and we know they will need a community to show them the way to faith and wholeness. Our generosity now can ensure that this ministry will continue beyond our own time, a gift to those of whom we can only dream.

It is so easy to calculate value in terms of numbers, dollars and cents, but leading children to wholeness is a spiritual value beyond counting. I give deepest thanks to God for each and every child, and every adult who has passed through these doors and found the love of God as welcome into this community of faith. And I praise God for the way the seed I planted has grown and flourished, and for its future.

May God continue to bless this community of faith in the days and years to come. Johann Sebastian Bach used to sign his works, Soli Deo Gloria." To God be the Glory!

Bonnie Lamberth  
June 24, 2018



**PARISH NURSE  
CORNER**



Do you know someone with Alzheimer's but feel uncomfortable caring for or visiting the person? Here are five tips for visiting a person with Alzheimer's Disease: 1. Subtly help the person orient to the moment; for instance: "I am Jane from church and I enjoy visiting you on Fridays." 2. Simple decisions can be overwhelming. Instead of "what would you like for lunch", say "I'll make us some soup for lunch". 3. Be patient, don't rush the conversation and avoid filling all the silences. 4. Short-term memory loss makes some questions impossible. Craft conversation around the current activity; for example: "would you like to go for a walk?" 5. Learn to "speak dementia" and avoid using verbal shorthand. Consider what language sounds like from the perspective of someone who is losing the ability. Any questions? Please stop by on Sundays in Room 302 or call me at 724-263-7911. Good Health to all, Linda Grimm, RN, Parish Nurse.



**AUGUST IS FAMILY MONTH:  
AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, AND 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>:** *Social night.* Presenting our past projects and new calendar for the year. Also, a time will be set aside for the youth leaders to have a Q&A session and more!

**Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>:** *"Family Feud-not" Game night.* Coming together to solved puzzles, answer questions, and complete tasks and work together like a body of Christ should do.

**Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>:** *(Camp Themed)* A night filled with prayer, worship and family time around the "camp fire".

**Looking ahead:**

***Fall Fusion: Pine Springs retreat  
September 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> for 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders.***

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
RALLY DAY  
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**DEADLINE FOR THE September MESSENGER  
IS August 15**