Dearly Beloved:

I’m sure we were all shocked to learn that on Easter Sunday over 300 Christians were targeted and killed in Sri Lanka as they gathered to worship God on the Day of Resurrection. Women and children were blown apart as they sought to worship the Lamb of God who was slain. I have read that the most persecuted religious group in the world are Christians. And for whatever reason the news media chooses not to give much coverage to such events.

But we may also point to the shooting at the mosque in New Zealand…

But we may also point to the shootings at Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh…

So it seems the issue may be more about religious intolerance and bigotry that cuts across the spectrum of all religions. Religion per se has become a target. Malevolent people, sometimes masquerading as religious people, become the cause.

So the solution seems to me to be the LOVE of God. Love covers a multitude of sins. Perfect love casts out fear. “God is love”. When we read our Bible we indeed know --Love does triumph in the end.

In all we do in the month of May, are we able to live the love of God out to people who are unlike us and thereby model something that the world now desperately needs, more than ever?

Many blessings!

Faithfully,

Pastor Stu

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**May Dates to Know**

**Saturday May 4th** – VENDOR FAIR from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Covenant Center. Come support our mission efforts by participating in the Vendor Fair sponsored by our Mission Committee and Mission Teams. The funds produced will help support our mission trips to Ronceverte, West Virginia in June and Menaul, New Mexico in September.

**Sunday May 5th** – Endowment Sunday with Pastor Ellie Johns-Kelley preaching, the Sacraments Class participates in communion for the very first time, and our Confirmation Class is dedicated in worship.

**Sunday May 12th** – Mother’s Day and Music Appreciation Sunday. Special music, children included in worship, and a baptism. Mothers recognized in worship.

**Tuesday, May 14th** – Presentation on aging and Woodside Place, the new memory care facility being built at Presbyterian Senior Care in Washington, presented by Pastor Gary Gibson.

**Sunday May 19th** – Youth Sunday with the Confirmation Class leading worship and graduating senior, Todd Bright preaching. TWO services only – one at 9am contemporary in the Covenant Center and 11am traditional in the sanctuary. In between services at 10am is God’s Garden for children. Last Day of Sunday School with recognition of our wonderful Sunday School Teachers.
**Memorial Gifts**

*In Memory Of*

**Lois Shoup**

Memorial Fund: Kathryn Jo Butcher

**Logan Craft**

Love of Logan Fund: Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg

George “Mimp” Miller: Dona C. Hamilton

Elizabeth “Betsy” Stevenson: Dona C. Hamilton

Barre A. McClay, Sr.:

Stained Glass Windows: Chuck and Nancy Neff

Stained Glass Windows: Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg

Stained Glass Windows: Chris and Lena Potts

Stained Glass Windows: Dona C. Hamilton

Stained Glass Windows: Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #22

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, 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:

Katherine Bonus, Jennifer and Stephen Breen and son, Justin Butera, Betsy Gaul, Dan and Heidi Gottron and family, Destiny Lehew, Bud and Cindy Osbourne, Rachael and Ryan Seitzinger, Maxine Steiner and Deborah Takach.

We are pleased to welcome you to our church family and look forward to sharing God’s blessings with you!

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT FOR 2019 is $45.00**

The Per Capita Apportionment for each active member is $45.00 this year. “Active Members” include our younger members who have joined the church as part of the Confirmation Class.

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**Thank you** to our members who donated to our Easter basket mission for Washington Christian Outreach. Thank you to the youth that helped to pack the baskets...we filled the church van!! In total, 18 family Easter dinner baskets and 75 children’s Easter baskets were packed! What a blessing that will be to so many families in our area!

**Thank you** to everyone that participated in the CE hour and the worship services on Palm Sunday. The children had fun with an Easter egg hunt, a story and crafts. The ‘big’ kids seemed to have fun hiding all the eggs for the younger ones to find! The young adults seemed to be deep in discussion about putting the Word into practice and preparing to weather any storm that life may bring. Giggles could be heard as the adults met for a time to get to know each other better. Around the table, deeper discussions focused on questions concerning Good Friday and Easter. The 11 o’clock worship service was filled with opportunities for the children to participate: palm processional, ringing Krystal bells, and providing rhythm for the choir. What a celebration!

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**DEADLINE FOR THE June MESSENGER Is May 15th.**

**USHER TEAM 5 IS ON FOR JUNE**

Steve Johnson   Pam Kushner   Jim Simonini
Don Grimm       Kim O’Donnell  Bob Weber
Bob Johnson     Mark O’Donnell  David McCabe
Barb Weber      Gary Recktenwald

**USHERS NEEDED**

The Safety & Security Team is recruiting additional ushers! We need volunteers and will provide training during the month of May. Dates planned for training include Sat. 5/11 & 5/18 and Sun. 5/19.

Sign up at the Welcome Center and we’ll contact you about scheduling.
MAY PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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From your financial administrator:

It would be very helpful if you could put your envelope number on your checks if you do not use the regular, numbered offering envelopes. If you don’t know your number please call the office and speak with Debi - 724-222-0190.

It would also be very helpful if you could make contributions with separate checks when you designate money to different fund areas; for example, do not combine your Per Capita, Campaign contributions, memorials, etc. with your regular giving. Thanks for your assistance in this matter!

MUSIC NOTES...

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019, at the 11:00 service. The service will include The Jubilate Ringers ringing a medley of old familiar hymns; The Junior Bell Ringers, with 8 of our talented young folks ringing; The Kristal Bells; The Covenant Choir singing a beautiful piece, accompanied by piano, violin and cello; and a piano and organ duet. Please plan to attend this exciting service!
MISSION MATTERS

Ronceverte Presbyterian Church

Other churches have missions that matter. We not only can learn about those missions but also they offer opportunities for Christian service in which we can participate. One such mission is conducted during the summer months by the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church in Ronceverte, West Virginia. That church conducts weekly workcamps from June through August in the rural, high-poverty area in which it is located. (The Ronceverte project started in 2017 following flooding that devastated the area.) Volunteer groups participate in workcamps each week, living in the Ronceverte church and working at projects in the surrounding area. The church partners with local agencies and businesses which generate a wide variety of projects aimed at assisting people in the area in the name of Christ. For example, local agency partners include family refuge centers, a children’s shelter, and animal shelter, community centers, and a child/youth advocacy center. Ronceverte coordinators assign projects to the volunteer work groups based on need so a work group will be involved in a diverse number of projects during its stay at Ronceverte. There are some construction and home repair jobs. Reforestation and local produce harvesting projects occur at certain times in the summer. Groups staying in the Ronceverte church sleep on cots, prepare their own meals in the church kitchen, and utilize shower and bathroom facilities in the church. Twenty-five people can be accommodated comfortably at the church. Not only does this opportunity afford groups the chance to assist others in need (no special skills needed), but it also allows groups to strengthen their faith and personal relationships, taking their mission “lessons learned” back to their homes and churches.

A mission team from Church of the Covenant will travel to Ronceverte next month (June 23-30) to participate in the program. This is the third mission visit to Ronceverte by members of Church of the Covenant. Approximately 10 people have signed up to participate and openings on the team for this summer are still available. Members of the team will report about their experiences to the congregation at Mission Emphasis Weekend in October. If you are interested in participating in this mission trip contact Deb or Ben Evans or a member of the Mission Committee.

PARISH NURSE CORNER

Practice gratitude. Many studies have linked practicing gratitude to improved happiness and overall wellbeing. An easy way to express gratitude is to write a letter thanking someone who has greatly impacted your life. You will have a positive impact both on that person's life and on your own happiness level. Hands and Hearts will be showing their gratitude to all the caregivers in our congregation with an appreciation luncheon. Watch for details later this summer in the Messenger. Now go write that letter! Please contact me with any questions at 724-263-7911 or stop by on Sundays in Room 302. Good Health to all, Linda Grimm, RN, Parish Nurse.

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.
From CE: Can you believe it is May already? As the school year is winding down, so are Sunday school and youth group here at the church. The last day of Sunday school will be May 19th. Thank you to all of the teachers and volunteers that have helped to make this year a great one!

**Covenant Cubs** will have 2 more regularly scheduled meetings. On May 5th we will discuss how God is always with us, create a mural for the hall and have a time for games (if the weather is nice…we will go outside!!) May 19th will be our last official meeting for this season. We will be celebrating our 5th graders who will be moving up and inviting the 2nd graders who will join us next year! Come and join in the celebration! Because we have had so much fun this year, be on the lookout for summer activities. (summer activity ideas: visits with our shut-ins to have a game time, Wild Things baseball game, movie night).

**God’s Garden is back!** We will have activities, games, crafts, and fun on Sunday, May 19th from 10-11am in the

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**
The Confirmation Class of 2019 will begin on May 5th. The students will be recognized and dedicated as our new Confirmation Class of 2019. The class will meet about once a week for various lessons, outings, and activities until June 23rd, Confirmation Sunday, when they will be received by the congregation as Active Members of The Church of the Covenant. Please contact Kayla Goncalves for more information. Email: kayla.4495@hotmail.com or call 724-222-0190 x114.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO VBS**

- **Bible Story Station**: interactive Bible lessons reveal Power Launcher (key learnings) to equip them for an active life with God. Our Voyagers will also discover our Vector Verse (Bible memory verse), Ephesians 3:20 - Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! Students will expand on their discoveries by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats as we gather back together. Along the way, the Voyagers will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action!

- **Blast Off on this Epic Adventure with Us!** Space is limited, so register today!

(Registrations can be found on the church website, at the Welcome Center, on the CE bulletin board, and outside of the Covenant Center on the table.)

**CHURCH OF THE COVENANT PRESCHOOL TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER**

**WHEN:** MAY 2ND - TIME: 11:00-2:00
**COST:** $10.00 PER PERSON
**CHILDREN 3-10 $5.00 ** 2 & UNDER FREE!
**TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN CAMILLE BRAUN’S OFFICE!**

Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Sure hope you can join us for buffet lunch and Chinese auction fun!!!
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

**WHERE:** The Church of the Covenant, 267 E. Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301  
**WHEN:** July 15 - 19, 2019  9:00 am-Noon  
**WHO:** Children age 4 by July 1st thru those completing 5th Grade are welcome! 

A $10.00 donation/child is appreciated. 

*Please return completed registration forms by July 1st, in order to receive a VBS music CD (one per family)*  
*Spaces will be limited.* 

Forms can be sent to the church office, 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. 

**ALL CHILDREN ARE ASKED TO PLEASE WEAR TENNIS SHOES! NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS FOR SAFETY REASONS!** 

VBS closing program and picnic - Friday, July 19th @ 12:00pm. 

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Jessica Hickman - 724-222-0190 X 111. 

A $10.00 donation per child is appreciated, please! One registration form per child please. 

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**Registration Form** (One Per Child)  
$10 Donation Per Child is appreciated. 

Child’s name: __________________________________________________________  
Child’s gender: ____________  

Child’s age: ______ Date of birth: ____________________________ Last school grade completed: _______  

Name of parent(s): ___________________________________________________________________  

Street address: _______________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ ZIP: _______________  

Home telephone: (______)__________________________  

Parent/caregiver’s cell phone: (______)__________________________  

Home email address: __________________________________________ Home church: ________________________  

Allergies or other medical conditions: _______________________________________________  

(continue on back if necessary)  

In case of emergency, contact: __________________________ Phone: _________________________________  

Relationship to child: ________________________________  

**T-Shirt size:** Youth - XS (4-5)  S (6-8)  M (10-12)  L (14-16)  

or Adult - S  M  L  XL  - please circle one  

**ALL CHILDREN ARE ASKED TO PLEASE WEAR TENNIS SHOES!** 
**NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS FOR SAFETY REASONS!**
DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

Wednesday, May 1
Dan. 2:17–30
1 John 5:1–11

Thursday, May 2
Dan. 2:31–49
1 John 2:18–29
Luke 3:1–14

Friday, May 3
Dan. 3:1–10

Saturday, May 4
Dan. 3:19–30
1 John 2:18–29

Sunday, May 5
Dan. 4:1–18
1 Peter 4:7–11
John 21:15–25

Monday, May 6
Dan. 4:19–27
1 John 3:19–4:6

Tuesday, May 7
Dan. 4:28–37
1 John 4:7–21

Wednesday, May 8
Dan. 5:1–12
1 John 5:1–12
Luke 4:38–44

Thursday, May 9
Dan. 5:13–30
1 John 5:13–20 (21)
Luke 5:1–11

Friday, May 10
Dan. 6:1–15
2 John 1–13
Luke 5:12–26

Saturday, May 11
Dan. 6:16–28
3 John 1–15

Sunday, May 12
Gen. 18:22–33
1 Peter 5:1–11
Matt. 7:15–29

Monday, May 13
Jer. 30:1–9
Col. 1:1–14
Luke 6:1–11

Tuesday, May 14
Jer. 30:10–17
Col. 1:15–23
Luke 6:12–26

Wednesday, May 15
Jer. 30:18–22
Col. 1:24–2:7

Thursday, May 16
Jer. 31:1–14
Col. 2:8–23
Luke 6:39–49

Friday, May 17
Jer. 31:15–22
Col. 3:1–11
Luke 7:1–17

Saturday, May 18
Jer. 31:23–25
Col. 3:12–17
31–35

Sunday, May 19
 Isa. 32:1–8
2 Thess. 2:13–17
Matt. 7:7–14

Monday, May 20
Jer. 32:1–15
Col. 3:18–4:18
Luke 7:36–50

Tuesday, May 21
Jer. 32:16–25
Rom. 12:1–21
Luke 8:1–15

Wednesday, May 22
Jer. 32:36–44
Rom. 13:1–14
Luke 8:16–25

Thursday, May 23
Jer. 33:1–13
Rom. 14:1–12
Luke 8:26–39

Friday, May 24
Deut. 31:30–32:14
Rom. 14:13–23
Luke 8:40–56

Saturday, May 25
Deut. 32:34–41
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Rom. 15:1–13

Sunday, May 26
Deut. 15:1–11
1 Tim. 3:14–4:5
Matt. 13:24–34a

Monday, May 27
Deut. 8:1–10
or Deut. 18:9–14
James 1:1–15

Tuesday, May 28
Deut. 8:11–20 or Deut.
18:15–22
James 1:16–27

Wednesday, May 29
Deut. 19:1–7
James 5:13–18

Thursday, May 30
Ezek. 1:1–14, 24–28b
Heb. 2:5–18
Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 31
Ezek. 1:28–3:3
Heb. 4:14–5:6

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Opfer  5/1
Cindy Barnhart  5/1
Chaleece Trapuzzano  5/2
Peggy Nicolella  5/3
Tammy Locy  5/3
Paul Leake  5/5
Diane Mackie  5/5
Sharon Valentine  5/6
Kyle Hamilton  5/6
Maggie Warren  5/9
Matthew Georgalas  5/9
Chelsea Kearns  5/9
David Opfer  5/11
Shawn Jacobs  5/11
Margaret Thompson  5/11
Paula Lane  5/13
David Taylor  5/14
Sheryl Leckie  5/14
Kerri Lacock  5/15
Audrey Moss  5/16
Margaret McCarrell  5/16
Barbara Weber  5/17
Sydney Bury  5/17
Madison Zajdel  5/18
Brian Teagarden  5/19
Dennis Myers  5/20
Wallace McCarrell  5/20
Amanda Weaver  5/20

MAY BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

Douglas DiGiovanni  5/20
Kelsey Osbourne  5/22
Carol Carnes  5/23
Mary Wichterman  5/23
Hilary Burchett  5/23
Daniel Halulko  5/23
Christy Stanek  5/23
Chuck Neff  5/27
Christine Crompton  5/27
Connie Hornickel  5/28
Patrick Grimm  5/29
Jill McIlvaine  5/30
Brittany Peters  5/31
Alexa Holik  5/31
**HERE’S WHAT’S HAPPENING**

**ENDOWMENT SUNDAY** presented by the Endowment Committee, Wayne Hunnell, Chair. On Sunday, May 5th we will emphasize our Covenant Endowment through worship and meeting area representative for the Presbyterian Foundation, Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley in the Commons Area between services. There will be specially prepared reports showcasing our establishment of new endowments – The Neff Family Mission Endowment, the John Wallace McCreight Brass Instrumental Fund, the Wyatt Stained Glass Preservation Fund, the Roger L. Johnson Preschool Endowment, the Bonnie Lamberth Preschool Scholarship Endowment. Reports, including financial reports, will be made available.

**BIO for the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley**

The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Northeast Region. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.

“Building on relationships and resourcing churches to help them increase funding for their ministry are my top priorities,” said Ellie. “I want to help others realize the vast amount of resources available through the Foundation and work in collaboration with other agencies of the PC(USA).”

Prior to joining the Foundation, Ellie served nearly four years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pennsylvania. She also served as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Assistant Director of Admissions at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A member of the Presbytery of Lake Erie, Ellie most recently served as co-moderator of the Presbytery’s Administrative Committee and was a member of the Trustees. Previous service to the larger church includes the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission, Regional Resource Person for the Theological Education Fund in the Synod of the Trinity and the Synod’s Campus Ministry Task Force.

Ellie received a Bachelor of Science in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She resides south of Pittsburgh in the town of Carmichaels with husband Dr. Eric Kelley and two young daughters.

**Woodside Place**

Tuesday, May 14th. Please plan on attending a presentation on Woodside Place through the Presbyterian Senior Care, the new memory care unit of the Washington Campus. We will gather at 7:00 p.m. in the small Dining. Refreshments will be served. Presentation by Rev. Gary Gibson, Presbyterian Senior Care Chaplain. The Mission Committee has voted to fund the new unit through a series of three gifts, $5,000 per year, over the next three years.

**ADULT EDUCATION NEWS**

A favorite teacher is returning! **Dr. Jim Platt returns for a SUMMER Adult Ed series!** Beginning Tuesday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Platt will be speaking about “Lost in Translation”, a 5 week course that will look at Bible passages with interesting translations from the Greek, in order to better understand and interpret them. If this seems all “Greek to me” you’ll discover a much deeper understanding of the Bible by studying with a Master teacher the underlying original languages of scripture. Dr. Platt is a professor of Greek at Duquesne University. This follows from our highly successful adult ed series with Rabbi David Novitsky of Temple Beth Israel in Washington on The Jewish Roots of New Testament Christianity; it averaged more than 50 people per week, the largest adult ed class in more than a decade!
INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2019 Nominating Committee has begun the task of seeking nominations for the 2022 class of elders and deacons. It is of vital importance that you, the congregation of The Church of the Covenant, take an active role in this process. We are asking you to prayerfully consider nominating qualified individuals for these positions. This is crucial to the future of our church and it is a congregational responsibility that needs your serious consideration. In addition to elders and deacons we also need candidates to fill the positions of Trust Fund Management, Nominating and Audit Committees. Nominations should be individuals that demonstrate a love for the church, possess a strong faith and exhibit leadership skills. You may also nominate yourself for any of these positions as well. Inserts can be found in our Sunday church bulletins and once filled out they may be placed in the offering plates or given to any member of the Nominating Committee. Thank you for your involvement in this nominating process. Please see the next page for more information.

Committee members are: Fred Boni (1st elder), Connie Simon (2nd elder), Peg Condon (Deacon Representative), members at large Peg Caesber, Cloteel Friesner, Steve Johnson, Dennis Myers, Gary Recktenwald and Staff representative, Stu Broberg.
Candidate shall:

Profess Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

Acknowledge that the Bible is God’s written word and is the ultimate authority in matters of faith and daily living.

Be a member of and regularly worship at The Church of the Covenant.

Be striving to deepen his/her relationship to Christ through personal study, adult education, and other ministry opportunities.

Be a responsible steward of his/her time, talent and treasure; willingly and joyfully returning a portion of all three gifts of God, our provider.

Commit to faithfully serving a three-year term. This involves a monthly meeting and assignment to at least one sub-committee.

Each Church Officer will actively participate in ministry using his/her time, talents, gifts, and skills. All Church Officers should have the desire to stretch and grow in their spiritual lives. Church Officers will seek the Lord’s Will, relying on His guidance, as they complete this wonderful opportunity of service.

Nominations for Church Officers

You are the Light of the world. A city on the hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 14 - 16

In order that your recommendations may be considered as we prepare the nominations for church officers, we would appreciate your suggestions. The space below is for Elders; Deacons, and Auditors.

Any person currently serving on the Board of Deacons and/or Session is ineligible. Both men and women are eligible to serve as officers provided they are confirmed members actively serving the life and ministry of this church.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

ELDERS: Ruling body of the church. Responsibilities are: 1. Direct the activities and promote the spiritual interest of the church. 2. Be a faithful participant in worship. 3. Attend all Session meetings and assigned standing committee meetings.

DEACONS: They are to be the instruments of the church’s ministry of compassion, helping the poor, visiting the sick and the lonely, following the example of Jesus Christ. Duties: Attend all Deacon Meetings, be a faithful participant in worship and participate actively in the Deacons’ ministry.

Candidate’s name and office: (You may volunteer yourself)

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY June 16, 2019

Candidate’s name and suggested office: (you may volunteer yourself)

Name  Office

Please pray about your choice(s) and then drop this form in the offering plate; bring this form to the church office; or e-mail your nominations to Fred Boni, committee chair, at: fredboni47@hotmail.com. All transactions will be handled with complete confidentiality. If you have any questions, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee: Connie Simon (2nd Elder) 724.222.5276; Peggy Condon (Deacon) 412.427.4234; Peg Caesber 724.222.3898; Cloteel Friesner 724.916.4419; Steve Johnson 724.503.4052; Dennis Myers 724.825.1838; or Gary Recktenwald 724.228.7935

We thank you for your prayerful consideration.
A Farewell to Arms

Churchill

The following books were donated to the library. The Library Committee thanks the donors. All have been cataloged and are ready to be checked out. The library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title or subject.

The following gently-used books (9) were donated by Tom Gladden.

Thatcher’s Trial, 180 Days That Created a Conservative Icon, by Kwasi Kwarteng. In six months, Margaret Thatcher reinvented her political party. Kwarteng intimately captures this shopkeeper’s daughter’s unique leadership qualities—from her pulpit-style and New Testament imagery to her emphasis on personal moral responsibility—that saw her through some of the most adverse conditions facing any world leader in modern peacetime.

Inheriting the Revolution, The First Generation of Americans, by Joyce Appleby. The first generation of Americans inherited a truly new world—and with it the task of working out the terms of independence. Anyone who started a business, marketed a new invention, ran for office, formed an association, or wrote for publication was helping to fashion the world’s first liberal society. These are the people you will encounter in this book. Appleby crafts an extraordinary—and deeply affecting—account of how the first generation established its own culture, its own nation, its own identity.

Churchill’s Trial, Winston Churchill and the Salvation of Free Government, by Larry P. Arnn. No statesman shaped the twentieth century more than Winston Churchill. To know the full Churchill is to understand the combination of boldness and caution, of assertiveness and humility, that defines statesmanship at its best. With fresh perspective and insights based on decades of studying and teaching Churchill, Larry P. Arnn explores the greatest challenges faced by Churchill over the course of his extraordinary career, both in war and peace—and always in the context of Churchill’s abiding dedication to constitutionalism.

The Charterhouse of Parma, A New Translation by Richard Howard, by Stendhal. Balzac considered it the most important French novel of his time. Andre Gide later deemed it the greatest of all French novels, and Henry James judged it to be a masterpiece. Now, in a major literary event, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and distinguished translator, Richard Howard, presents a new rendition of Stendhal’s epic tale of romance, adventure, and court intrigue set in early nineteenth-century Italy. The Charterhouse of Parma chronicles the exploits of Fabrizio del Dongo, an ardent young aristocrat who joins Napoleon’s army just before the Battle of Waterloo. Yet perhaps the novel’s most unforgettable characters are the hero’s beautiful aunt, the alluring Duchess of Sanserverina, and her lover, Count Mosca, who plot to further Fabrizio’s political career at the treacherous court of Parma in a sweeping story that illuminates an entire epoch of European history.

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway. The best American novel to emerge from World War I, A Farewell to Arms is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Hemingway’s frank portrayal of the love between Lieutenant Henry and Catherine Barkley, caught in the inexorable sweep of war, glows with an intensity unrivaled in modern literature, while his description of the German attack on Caporetto—of lines of tired men marching in the rain, hungry, weary, and demoralized—is one of the greatest moments in literary history. A story of love and pain, of loyalty and desertion.

Destiny and Power, The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush, by Jon Meacham. In this brilliant biography, Jon Meacham, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, chronicles the life of George Herbert Walker Bush. Drawing on President Bush’s personal diaries, on the diaries of his wife, Barbara, and on extraordinary access to the forty-first president and his family, Meacham paints an intimate and surprising portrait of an intensely private man who led the nation through tumultuous times. From the Oval Office to Camp David, from his study in the private quarters of the White House to Air Force One, from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the first Gulf War to the end of Communism, Destiny and Power charts the thoughts, decisions and emotions of a modern president who may have been the last of his kind. This is the human story of a man who was, like the nation he led, at once noble and flawed.

A Complex Fate, William L. Shirer and the American Century, by Ken Cuthbertson. William Shirer (1904-1993), a star foreign correspondent with the Chicago Tribune in the 1920s and ’30s, was a prominent member of what one contemporary observer described as an extraordinary band of American journalists, “some with the Midwest hayseed still in their hair,” who gave their North American audiences a visceral sense of how Europe was spiraling into chaos and war. Ken Cuthbertson’s A Complex Fate is a thought-provoking, richly detailed biography of William Shirer. Written with the full cooperation of Shirer’s family, and generously illustrated with photographs, it introduces a new generation of readers to a supremely talented, complex journalist and writer, while placing into historical context some of the pivotal media developments of our time.

When Trumpets Call, Theodore Roosevelt after the White House, by Patricia O’Toole. A remarkable portrait of one of our most remarkable presidents, When Trumpets Call focuses on Theodore Roosevelt’s life after the White House. TR had reveled in his power and used it to enlarge the scope of the office, expand government’s role in economic affairs and increase U.S. influence abroad. Only fifty when he left the White House, he would spend the rest of his life longing to return. Surprising, original, deeply moving, When Trumpets Call is a portrait framed by a deeply human question: What happens to a powerful man when he loses power?