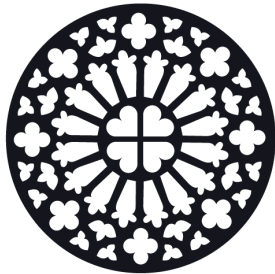


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**10:00 am**

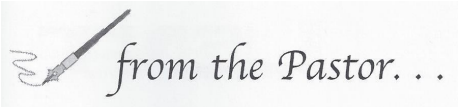
**Spiritual development time for  
children and adults**

**Church Office Hours**

**Mon.-Fri. 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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# The Messenger



September 2022

Dear Church of the Covenant,

Interestingly, Jesus has a lot to say about money. In addition, the apostles also speak a lot about it as well. One of the more famous and often misquoted is I Timothy 6:10: “Money is the root of all sorts of evil.” We know that. We’ve seen it. Every day the media confirms the destructive power of money and wealth. Money easily corrodes morals and impoverishes the soul. Literature throughout the centuries corroborates the same theme. For example, one of Gustav Flaubert’s characters in *Madam Bovary* says, “of all the winds that blow on love, money is the coldest and most destructive.”

Nevertheless, neither Jesus himself nor Scripture declares that wealth is inherently evil. Rather it is inherently dangerous. Again, the whole issue of money from a Christian perspective quickly becomes an issue of stewardship. Stewardship is the *grateful* management of our lives. We should know that all of our resources, material, physical and spiritual, belong to God and should be used to serve God and his creation. Our means, our resources, are not independent of God. They don’t belong to us. And when we make our gifts the end of our life rather than the means to a greater end, we are diminished. We create idols that become destructive.

What is more, God’s covenant with us, the people of God, promises God’s blessings and, at the same time, God’s covenant requires the blessed people to be a blessing to the rest of the world. That begins with supporting the local body of Christ that you have committed yourself to by sustaining its ongoing financial health and strength.

This year, our stewardship campaign begins on October 9th and concludes with Commitment Sunday on November 13th. Therefore, I would invite you in the weeks leading up to that day to be in discussion and prayer as to what you and your family plan to contribute in the coming year. And when you look at the dollar signs, please translate those dollar signs into vital ministries. First of all, ministries of worship, education, fellowship and mission. But also ministries for our children and youth and their families. For ultimately it is not only by your dollars that these vital ministries continue. But through them our God is glorified supremely. And that, my dear friends, is the greatest blessing of all.

In Christ,

Billy



NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

**Harriett Johnson**

Library Harry and Cathy McConnell

**Anne Haines**

Stained Glass Windows Fund Sally Corwin

**Mary Orme**

Memorial Russell Orme

**Lois Morton**

Memorial Joyce McClay  
Stained Glass Windows Fund Sally Corwin

**Dr. Thomas “Tom” Snee**

Memorial Joyce McClay  
Memorial Kay Snee and Family



BAPTISMS

Baptized on Sunday, August 21, 2022, **Parker Blair Stewart**, born on April 11, 2016, son of Patrick Howard and Taylor Ann Stewart, with the Rev. Dr. Billy Younger officiating, Elder Joan McCrory and Parker’s grandfather, Elder Bill Stewart, assisted.

Baptized on Sunday, August 28, 2022, **Emalyn Ann Carl**, born on April 6, 2022, daughter of Chad Robert and Melina Bast Carl, with the Rev. Dr. Scott Shetter officiating and Elder Joan McCrory assisting.

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER  
MESSENGER IS SEPTEMBER 15th.**

COVENANT FUND FOR 2023  
KICKS OFF SUNDAY OCTOBER  
9TH

Please be aware that the 2022 Covenant Fund Campaign will officially kick off on Sunday, October 9th. In the meantime, please begin to pray and think about your commitment to pledge and support the operation and missions of the church in 2023. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you in advance for your faithful consideration, which is essential to ensure the sustainability of all we do here at The Church of The Covenant, now and in the future.

PW RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women’s Retreat is set to begin on the morning of **October 1, 2022** at the Wilson Lodge at Oglebay Park. We are so pleased to announce that Pastor Karen Younger will be our leader.



**Please make your reservations by  
Monday, September 26, 2022.**

Attendees, please bring your Bible.

The charge for the buffet breakfast and lunch can be paid by **check, made payable to Presbyterian Women**, in the amount of **\$42.00**.

To register, or to get more information, please call Connie Hornickel at 724-747-0581, or Joan McCrory at 724-222-5806.

**RALLY DAY**  
**September 11th**  
**9am Worship Service**  
(featuring the Covenant Characters)  
**10am Rally Day Activities**  
Bible story, Games, Snacks and Craft  
**11am Worship Service**  
(featuring the Covenant Characters)

The fun begins at our 9 o'clock service where all kids will receive a superhero cape. At 10 am kids can meet their teacher, make their own superhero shield, and play heroic games. Snacks and treats will be provided for all.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

<b>Thursday, September 1</b> Job 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16 Acts 13:1-12 John 9:1-17	<b>Thursday, September 8</b> Job 29:1; 31:1-23 Acts 15:1-11 John 11:17-29	<b>Friday, September 16</b> Esther 1:1-4, 10-19 Acts 17:1-15 John 12:36b-43	<b>Saturday, September 24</b> Esther 9:1-32 Acts 20:1-16 Luke 4:38-44
<b>Friday, September 2</b> Job 19:1-7, 14-27 Acts 13:13-25 John 9:18-41	<b>Friday, September 9</b> Job 29:1; 31:24-40 Acts 15:12-21 John 11:30-44	<b>Saturday, September 17</b> Esther 2:5-8, 15-23 Acts 17:16-34 John 12:44-50	<b>Sunday, September 25</b> Hosea 1:1-2:1 James 3:1-13 Matthew 13:44-52
<b>Saturday, September 3</b> Job 22:1-4, 21-23:7 Acts 13:26-43 John 10:1-18	<b>Saturday, September 10</b> Job 38:1-17 Acts 15:22-35 John 11:45-54	<b>Sunday, September 18</b> Esther 3:1-4:3 James 1:19-27 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	<b>Monday, September 26</b> Hosea 2:2-15 Acts 20:17-38 Luke 5:1-11
<b>Sunday, September 4</b> Job 25:1-6; 27:1-6 Revelation 14:1-7, 13 Matthew 5:13-20	<b>Sunday, September 11</b> Job 38:1, 18-41 Revelation 18:1-8 Matthew 5:21-26	<b>Monday, September 19</b> Esther 4:4-17 Acts 18:1-11 Luke (1:1-4) 3:1-14	<b>Tuesday, September 27</b> Hosea 2:16-23 Acts 21:1-14 Luke 5:12-26
<b>Monday, September 5</b> Job 32:1-10, 19-33:1, 19-28 Acts 13:44-52 John 10:19-30	<b>Monday, September 12</b> Job 40:1-24 Acts 15:36-16:5 John 11:55-12:8	<b>Tuesday, September 20</b> Esther 5:1-14 Acts 18:12-28 Luke 3:15-22	<b>Wednesday, September 28</b> Hosea 3:1-5 Acts 21:15-26 Luke 5:27-39
<b>Tuesday, September 6</b> Job 29:1-20 Acts 14:1-18 John 10:31-42	<b>Tuesday, September 13</b> Job 40:1; 41:1-11 Acts 16:6-15 John 12:9-19	<b>Wednesday, September 21</b> Esther 6:1-14 Acts 19:1-10 Luke 4:1-13	<b>Thursday, September 29</b> Hosea 4:1-10 Acts 21:27-36 Luke 6:1-11
<b>Wednesday, September 7</b> Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31 Acts 14:19-28 John 11:1-16	<b>Wednesday, September 14</b> Job 42:1-17 Acts 16:16-24 John 12:20-26	<b>Thursday, September 22</b> Esther 7:1-10 Acts 19:11-20 Luke 4:14-30	<b>Friday, September 30</b> Hosea 4:11-19 Acts 21:37-22:16 Luke 6:12-26



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jason Stolfer	9/1	A. Lincoln Key, IV	9/12	Craig Meyers	9/20
Brian Merry	9/2	Chelsey Carl	9/13	Anthony Popeck	9/20
Cara Dobbin	9/3	Jean Snider	9/14	Garrett Nassar	9/21
Nancy Johnston	9/4	Kim O'Donnell	9/14	Brandi Frazee	9/22
Gabriel Fraser	9/4	Tim Walsh	9/15	Erik Densmore	9/22
Bradlee McClay, Sr.	9/5	Stacy Gesky	9/15	Joyce McClay	9/24
Peg Caesber	9/6	Ryan Leckie	9/15	Scott Armstrong	9/25
Nancy Phelan	9/7	John Riddle	9/16	Brittany Digon	9/25
Jameson O'Donnell	9/7	Forrest Cullings	9/16	Connie Nassif	9/26
Andrew McCarrell	9/9	Sarah Hardy	9/16	John Dobbin	9/26
Jennifer McClay	9/10	Ruthann Karoleski	9/18	Cherrie Walsh	9/27
Jack Dagg	9/11	Chris Bury	9/18	Maggie Bennewitz	9/28
Beth Smith	9/11	Paul Jurovcik	9/19	Jean Piatt	9/29
		Gerilee Davison	9/19	James Leckie	9/30



SEPTEMBER PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>September 4, 2022 (Communion)</b> Sermon Title: <b>LABOR LESSONS</b> Preaching: Pastor Billy Scripture: Proverbs 6:6-11; 10:4-5; 12:11; 24:30-34 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12  Focal Verse: <i>“For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” 2 Thessalonians 3:10.</i>  Synopsis: We have forgotten that one of the major keys to a life of satisfaction is meaningful work. The Gospel reminds us not only of the importance of work, but also reorients us to a proper role of work in our lives.  Special Notes: Labor Day Weekend	
<b>September 11, 2022 ~ Rally Day!</b> Sermon Title: <b>ALL FOR THE MISSION: PART 1</b> Preaching: Pastor Billy Scripture: Acts 1:1-11  Focal Verse: <i>“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’” John 20:21</i>  Synopsis: Are you on mission? Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” Let us rediscover what that mission is.	
<b>September 18, 2022 ~ Get Involved Sunday</b> Sermon Title: <b>ALL FOR THE MISSION: PART 2</b> Preaching: Pastor Billy Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13  Focal Verse: <i>“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’” John 20:21</i>  Synopsis: Are you on mission? Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” We continue to discover what that mission is.	
<b>September 25, 2022 ~ Come To The Table Sunday</b> Sermon Title: <b>THE BELOVED COMMUNITY</b> Preaching: Pastor Billy Scripture: Matthew 16:18 Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:9-10  Focal Verse: <i>“Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” 1 Peter 2:10.</i>  Synopsis: What is a Christian? A Christian is first a beloved child of God. Second, A Christian is a part of the beloved community.	



### **PASTOR SCOTT'S MUSINGS**

*“And He who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also, He said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’” (Revelation 21:5)*

These words spoken near the end of the book of Revelation speak of God fulfilling all His promises and cleansing all evil from His creation. But it is the story of what God has been doing throughout the history of time since our fall into sin. God has been persistently renewing and restoring His creation. While it will not come to completion until the return of Jesus, His first advent was the lynchpin in God’s plan for this redemption.

Through the death and resurrection of His Son, God placed His seal upon that renewal. God made a way for all things to be made new by breaking the chain of sin and disobedience in our lives. He has called His church to continue the work toward that final renewal. It is through the body of Christ that He continues to bring His kingdom to its fullness. He does not leave the church to figure out how to do it on our own. He has empowered us by His Holy Spirit. He constantly is in the business of renewing us and making things new.

As we enter into this month of September, God is again making things new in the life of The Church of the Covenant. I urge you to take full advantage of what God is doing here. This is a new season with many exciting expectations. Be a part of what God has in store for us. Christian life is not done in a vacuum but through the work of the Spirit in the life of the church. Come and be in communion with Christ as He draws you toward spiritual maturity (being Christ-centered and fully surrendered).

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Scott

### **COME TO THE TABLE**

Come To The Table, the highly popular small group program full of food, fun and fellowship, is back! Join us **Sunday, September 25th at 10 a.m.** in the Commons to learn all about the small groups you could be joining. Here are some of the highlighted groups that will be returning this year:

- **Brunch Bunch**: This ever-popular group typically has two sessions - one group meets on Sunday after church and the other during the week.
- **Friends' Night Out**: Sometimes you need a little time to hang out with friends, and if that's the case then this is the group for you.
- **Dinner and Devotions**: There's nothing like having a good, filling meal that feeds both your body and your soul, which is this group's aim.
- **Grub 'n Games**: This popular returning group is for adults of all ages who like getting a little (or a lot) silly as they fellowship together.
- **Out and About**: Check out a new dining experience every month with an array of different restaurants to choose from!



### **THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY**

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II, Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

*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 Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray was donated by **Linda Grimm**. In her twenties, Belle de Costa Greene was hired by J.P. Morgan as his personal librarian to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. This book is the remarkable story of Belle de Costa Greene, the black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white to leave a legacy that enriched our nation. *(The co-author, Marie Benedict, was raised in Upper St. Clair and lives in the Pittsburgh area with her family. There are other books by Benedict in the church library.)*

**The following four books were donated by Linda Pitner.**

**First Family: Abigail and John Adams** by Joseph J. Ellis brings America’s preeminent first couple to life in a moving and illuminating narrative that sweeps through the American Revolution and the republic’s tenuous early years. Both John and Abigail Adams were prolific letter writers and the author uses this record to give us a wide-ranging account, part biography, part political history and part love story.

**Lady Bird Johnson: Hiding in Plain Site** by Julia Sweig portrays Lady Bird’s influence and power in the formidable political partnership at the center of the Johnson presidency. The author draws substantially on Lady Bird’s White House diaries and reveals a woman ahead of her time and an accomplished politician in her own right.

**Nine Essential Things I’ve Learned About Life** by Harold S. Kushner relates how the author’s time as a twenty-first century rabbi has shaped his senses of religion and morality. He elicits nine essential lessons from the sum of his teaching, study, and experience offering a lifetime’s worth of spiritual thought, pragmatic advice, inspiration for a more fulfilling life, and strength for trying times. *(There are other books by this author in the church library.)*

**What Truth Sounds Like** by Michael Eric Dyson is an exploration of America’s racial politics that continues the conversation from the author’s ***Tears We Cannot Stop***. This book revisits a turning point in Robert Kennedy’s moral and intellectual odyssey on the issue of race. When Kennedy asked writer and activist James Baldwin in 1963 to assemble a group of notable African Americans, he expected to have a policy discussion and instead got an earful of rage. The author depicts this as a “watershed moment in American politics” to recognize black suffering, the limits of mainstream liberalism and its gradualist approach and “the explosive power of truth through testimony.”

**The following two books were donated by Harriet Johnson.**

**If You Tell** by Gregg Olsen is the shocking and empowering true crime story of three sisters determined to survive their mother’s house of horrors. Sisters forever and victims no more, they found a light in the darkness that made them the resilient women they are today - loving, loved and moving on.

**The Gown** by Jennifer Robson. This historical fiction is the interesting story of two women, Miriam and Ann, who worked on Princess Elizabeth’s (now Queen Elizabeth II) wedding gown for her wedding to Prince Philip in 1949. Ann’s granddaughter, Heather, is left a mysterious box of embroidery after her grandmother’s death in 2016. No one in the family knows anything about the embroidery, but soon Heather is off to England to figure out the mystery with Miriam’s help.

**The following two books were donated by Pat Sanders.**

**Joey** by Jennifer Marshall Bleakley. KimTschirret runs the fledgling horse ranch, Hope Reins, which is in dire financial trouble. When she met Joey, a famous prizewinning jumper who has been neglected to the point of blindness, she saw in him the same God-given potential that she saw in every abused child her ministry was created to serve. Kim took a leap of faith and brought Joey home to Hope Reins. Could Joey learn to trust again, to connect with the children who needed him so badly?

**Of Mutts and Men** by Spencer Quinn. Chet the dog, the narrator of the story, and his human partner, P.I. Bernie Little, are greeted with a shocking sight at hydrologist Wendell Nero’s trailer. The scientist met with a violent end before he could reveal the purpose of their meeting. Chet and Bernie are on the case to find the killer.

**The following two books were donated anonymously.**

**When We Were Young** by Karen Kingsbury is the story of Noah and Emily Carter who would seem to have the ideal family life, all documented on social media. Emily becomes disenchanted with their life in the public eye; and their marriage is falling apart. Noah gets to see what the future would be like if they were no longer married. Reliance on faith in Jesus Christ is a major theme in the book. *(There are other books by this author in the church library.)*

**Redemption** by David Baldacci is the fifth book in the ***Memory Man Series***. Detective Amos Decker is visiting his hometown of Burlington, OH when he is approached by a convicted murderer, Meryl Hawkins, to clear his name. Hawkins is the first killer that Decker ever put behind bars; and Hawkins was released because he is dying from terminal cancer. The case was open and shut with solid evidence, but when Hawkins turns up dead with a bullet in his head, even Decker has doubts and is determined to uncover the truth. *(There are other books by Baldacci in the church library including books in the **Memory Man Series**.)*



## **ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Tuesday Evening Speaker Series**

#### **Professor Ron Tappy, August 30th—September 27th**

*Kinship and Covenant: Tribalism and the Biblical Family* This series will investigate the nature of ancient Israelite society and ways in which that social structure informs the biblical texts. After laying the groundwork by outlining the appearance of “Israel” in the archaeological record and the overall organization of the Old Testament, we will discuss the principal features of the biblical family, a series of specific texts (including the Ten Commandments and narratives from the Book of Judges), and the anthropological concept of complementary opposition. A look at the marriages of Jacob will illustrate ways in which a tribally organized society worked in both the nuclear and extended family. In addition, we will consider archaeological discoveries that reveal the design and functionality of the family house and see ways in which the architecture itself reflects the social structure of old Israel. Finally, these discussions will lead us to consider how the concepts of kinship and covenant carry forward to undergird New Testament texts and theology.

Bio: Dr. Ron Tappy is the G. Albert Shoemaker Professor Emeritus at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and former Director of the Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology. He is the Project Director and Principal Investigator of The Zeitah Excavations, an archaeological field project at Tel Zayit, Israel. In addition to completing graduate work at the Jerusalem University-College and the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, Professor Tappy received an MATS degree (*summa cum laude*) from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and his AM and PhD (*with distinction*) from Harvard University. His teaching focuses on the life and literature of ancient Israel, Biblical Archaeology, and the history of the ancient Near East, and his teaching method examines ways in which the broader context of biblical Israel shaped both the world of the biblical writers and, by extension, their theological outlook.

Tappy’s research and publication interests center on the interrelated nature of the cultural, political and economic history of Iron Age Israel as well as the various cultural groups with whom Israel interacted. He began excavating at various sites in Israel over 38 years ago, and his current fieldwork at Tel Zayit involves the full-scale field exploration of a late Bronze-Iron Age town in the Shephelah (“lowlands”) region of biblical Judah. During the 2005 season of excavation, his team discovered an inscription incised in stone in the earliest known Hebrew alphabet (see New York Times, Nov. 9, 2005). He has written articles on a variety of topics including subjects in biblical archaeology, ancient Israelite burial customs and beliefs about the afterlife, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, and the Ten Commandments. He is a leading authority on the archaeology of Israelite Samaria and has written three books on that subject. In 2009, another of his books, *Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan: The Tel Zayit Abecedary in Context* (edited with P. Kyle McCarter of the Johns Hopkins University), received the Frank Moore Cross Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research. This prestigious honor is given annually “to the editor/author of the most substantial volume(s) related to ancient Near Eastern and eastern Mediterranean epigraphy, text and/or tradition.”

Prior to accepting his current position at PTS, Professor Tappy taught at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA, and in the Near Eastern Studies Department at the University of Michigan. He is married to Connie Gundry Tappy and has one daughter, Madeleine Rose Tappy Trivasse.



## **HANDS AND HEARTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL**

### **CPR Class—SAVE THE DATE!**

Save the Date! Hands and Hearts will be hosting an American Heart Association Layperson and Health Care Professional CPR Class on **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. A certified CPR instructor from The Washington Hospital will be teaching the class that will last approximately 2 hours. This is open to all church members 18 years or older. **Preregistration is preferred but not necessary.** Cost is \$57 for laypersons and \$43 for health care professionals; payment is cash only and the exact amount is appreciated by the instructor. Please phone or text Linda Grimm at 724-263-7911 to register. Come learn how to save a life!

### **Elder Law/Caregiver Planning Presentation**

Hands and Hearts will be hosting a program focusing on a basic discussion of the importance of proper documents for estate planning and long-term care planning including durable financial and medical powers of attorney, living will, wills, trusts and for an overview of long-term care options (such as assisted living, nursing homes, memory units) and asset protection planning to qualify for Medicaid and veteran’s benefits. This program is open to church members, family, friends and community. Plan to attend this important presentation on **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the church**. An attorney from Zacharia Brown, an Elder Law firm will speak. No preregistration is required. Hands and Hearts will provide refreshments. For questions, contact Linda Grimm at 724-263-7911.

### **Veteran Recognition**

Hands and Hearts would like to recognize members of our church family who have served or are active-duty military this coming Veteran’s Day. If you or someone you know who attends The Church of the Covenant is a veteran or is currently serving in the Armed Forces, please contact Linda Grimm or Mary Wichterman by phone or text at 724-263-7911

### **PARISH NURSE CORNER**



As children return to participating in fall sports such as football and soccer, it is important for parents to know the signs and symptoms of a concussion. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, headache, dizziness, loss of consciousness, drowsiness, difficulty with memory or attention and visual disturbances. Seek medical attention.

Treatment for a concussion is rest; both physical and mental rest. Rest allows the brain to heal. This means no physical sports activity and a rest from activities requiring concentration such as schoolwork and screen time. Children should resume normal activities gradually. The child’s physician and school should work together for the best outcome and recovery for the child. Visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) to learn more. Any questions? Please contact me at 724-263-7911 or stop by Room 302. **Office hours will resume in September on Sunday mornings from 9-10am.**

Good Health to all! -Linda Grimm, RN

**MISSION MATTERS****The Mission Committee is Alive and Well!**

"He who watches over you will not slumber" (from Psalm 121)

Your Mission Committee continues to ascend. Such amazing work God provides!

Donna Carlisle is asking all of us to sign up for helping locally to pack food. With a hearty crew we plan to volunteer on the third Friday of each month from 8-10AM or 12-2PM. The requests for food assistance has risen. Please join us to ease someone's need. Call the church office for details.

As a reminder, 18 Church of the Covenant people are leaving soon for mission work at Menaul School in NM. They ask for our prayers and support. With your pledges we are sending them with funds and blessings.

With carefully hand written thank you notes, Pastor Pierre has reminded us what your generous gifts mean to the Haiti mission school. Haiti's food prices, like ours, have risen. The money we send feeds families and educates young people whose very existence depends on us. How much we can learn from their faith!

On the 4th Monday in August, Mission meets again. Thank you! Thanks be to God!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Aizupitis

**Save the Date for a Mission Celebration:  
Sunday, October 2, 2022**

Our church is serving God's mission. Come and join the joyful going forth. *"You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace."* Isaiah 55:12

Rev. Dr. Scott Shelter will preach at all three services. On Sunday, Oct. 2, you will witness vibrant photos of our many mission projects. You will hear from Joan McCrory's brother Don Roths on his New Zealand mission work (This presentation will be in the Covenant Connection Hour between services.)

Our church supports students and families in Haiti. In the past two years we have taken on Shawn Harmon, a missionary to refugees in Italy. And we have also reached those in our back yard, who need a hand up: Washington Christian Outreach, Blessings in a Backpack, Food bank box packing, Resurrection Power, Domestic Abuse protection and Neighbor to Neighbor meal prep.

"And all the trees of the fields will clap their hands as we go out in peace." Isaiah 55:12

**RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 11th**

Please join us on September 11th from 9 to Noon as we kick-off our fall programming. The Covenant Characters will be geared up for a special skit. There will be snacks and treats for everyone. Kids will be able to meet their teachers, make their own superhero shield and receive a cape. You will not want to miss the special project Impact Youth will be working on. Don't miss the fun!!



Join us on Rally Day, September 11th

BACK-TO-SCHOOL  
*Blessing*

At the 9am service we will have special Back to School Blessing. We would like to invite all of our students and teachers forward to offer up a prayer for their school year.



Mark your calendars for October 23rd at 5pm and join us for our second annual Family Challenge. Start refining your reflexes and practice your dance moves because this year will have some tough competition. Last year's winners were the Fine family. Come and see who will take home the trophy this year?

**COVENANT CONNECTIONS: PARENT GATHERING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18th**

The Parent Gathering will resume on September 18th at 10 am in room 211.

This group will begin studying The Love Languages of Children.

This study will include:

- Discovering your child's love language
- Assisting your child in successful learning
- Using the love languages to correct and discipline more effectively
- Start to Build a foundation of unconditional love for your child

*Plus:* Find dozens of tips for practical ways to speak your child's love language.

Discover your child's primary language--then speak it--and you will be well on your way to a stronger relationship with your flourishing child.

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**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.