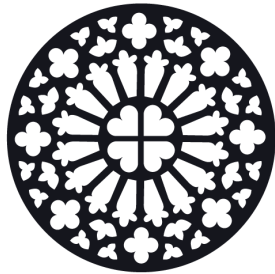


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# The Messenger

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Dear Church of the Covenant,

Here in the ebbside of Easter I am especially thankful. I am thankful because we are reminded again of where our ultimate hope finally rests.

That's important, because everything that finds its origin and source in man-made things will inevitably let us down. Trust me, sooner or later, everything man-made reveals that it is ultimately faulty and frail. The only One who will never fail is Jesus Christ. I don't. You don't. Christ does. Only Christ does all things well--- always and infallibly.

This is hard for many of us to accept. For when we examine all those things that are made by human hands we may discover those are the very things we are perhaps depending on too much: our man-made financial systems, our man-made ecclesiastical systems, our man-made theological systems, and many other things besides. So, here's the question and the challenge for us all--- Are we really willing to relinquish and forsake our false hopes and reconnect them to the Risen One who is perfect and faithful in every way?

Remember the Roadrunner cartoons where poor old Wyle E. Coyote runs off the cliff or has an anvil fall on him or opens a door and the dynamite explodes in his face? Hilarious stuff, isn't it? Well, it happens. It happens to all of us. Man-made things inevitably explode in our face. In the end, they can never be fully trusted. Respected? Yes. Honored? Sure. But never trusted.

The only unfailing object of our trust and hope is Christ himself. Christ, Christ, Christ -- the risen, living, present Person of the Lord Jesus Christ who is right here right now and always will be, forever keeping his promises---- only Christ has no limits, only Christ cannot disappoint.

He is Risen!

Billy

"My soul finds rest in God alone." Psalm 62:1  
"He will not fail." Isaiah 42:4  
"He has done all things well." Mark 7:37



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**Worship Services**  
Sundays: 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am  
10:00 am  
Spiritual development time for children and adults  
Church Office Hours  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT WEBSITE**  
Many thanks to Lindsay Wall who spent countless hours creating a fantastic website for The Church of the Covenant!  
Check it out at [www.churchofthecov.org](http://www.churchofthecov.org)

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

Mary Ann Johnson

Memorial

William and Amy Minor

Ellen “Jane” Barnickel

Memorial

Marilyn McIlvaine

Memorial

Perry M. Lane, Jr.

Jane Goddard

Memorial

Chuck and Nancy Neff

Memorial

Perry M. Lane, Jr.

Sara Smith

Preschool

Ed and Mary Lou Roscoe

Memorial

Rachel Gladden

Memorial

Roger Lee & LynAnn Goodwin

Memorial

Julia A McAvoy

Memorial

George and Mary Alice Jones

Memorial

Joseph and Susan Dudas

Memorial

James and Charlene Stultz

Memorial

Sulo & Linda Alto, Shelby Carson

Memorial

Georgina M. Turton

Memorial

Chuck and Nancy Neff

Memorial

Marilyn McIlvaine

Memorial

Perry M. Lane, Jr.

Music

Maxine Steiner & Justin Butera

Harriett Johnson

Memorial

Rachel Gladden

Memorial

Bob and Mary Wichterman

Memorial

Joyce L. McClay

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The Mersky Family-Rich &

Memorial

Darlene, Glenn & Denise,

Rick & Richard,

Patti & Mark

United With the Church Triumphant

FUNERALS

Church member Harriett Johnson passed away peacefully at home on April 2, 2022. A funeral service/celebration of life was held in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 9th, with Pastor Scott Shetter officiating.

BAPTISMS

Baptized on Sunday, April 24, 2022, **Madison Leeann Densmore**, 8-month-old daughter of Ryan Michael and Alicia Schneider Densmore, granddaughter of Bonnie Densmore and her late husband Bob. Rev. Dr. Billy Younger officiated.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Our 2022 church phone directory has arrived and with it the need to correct some of the contact information within. As fate would have it, some members information is incorrect or was somehow omitted. The office has been made aware of the necessary changes below:

Eric and Bonnie Saffell - new address (809 Longvue Drive Houston, PA 15342)

Deborah Takach - 724-579-5212

Charlotte Herron - cell phone # 724-554-9558  
home phone # 724-470-0813

If your listing in the directory needs to be corrected or updated at any time during the year please provide that information to the office and we will continue to use the newsletter as a way of informing others.

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE MESSENGER IS MAY 15th.

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.*

State of Terror by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny. This fictional story centers around a modern day Secretary of State when three terrorist bombings take place in different cities in Europe. She organizes a team of trusted associates to help her find out what happened and what will happen next. The plot holds the reader’s interest throughout. (*The library has other books by Louise Penny.*)

The Maid by Nita Prose. The main character, Molly Gray, is a maid at an exclusive New York hotel. She takes great pride in her work and has gained the reputation of being one of the top maids. She is young, trusting and sometimes gullible. One day, a wealthy American is found dead in his bed by Molly. She reports it but through a series of events by some questionable characters, she becomes a suspect.

The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel. The story begins in 1922 when the main character, Jerusza, kidnaps the 2-year old daughter of a German officer and his wife. Jerusza is now 82 and she has lived her life in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe. She has amassed a lifetime of survival skills such as finding food in the harshest winters, how to build a shelter to withstand the elements and even how to kill a man if she must. She has lived alone until she takes the little girl. They eventually rescue and help Jewish families during WWII. (*The library has another book by this author entitled The Book of Lost Names.*)

Cemetery Road by Greg Iles. The main character is Marshall McEwan, a successful journalist in Washington, DC. When his father from Bienville, MS becomes terminally ill, he returns to help run his dad’s newspaper. He finds a lot of corruption in the town caused by a group of local wealthy men. Marshall tries to solve the murder of one of his longtime older friends which then puts his life at risk.

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. In June, 1954 the main character, 18-year old Emmett Watson returns home from a 15 month sentence at a work farm for involuntary manslaughter. He and his 8-year old brother, Billy, decide to go to CA to find their mother who left the family years before. Through a series of circumstances, two escaped friends from the same work farm join them but instead of going to CA directly, they go to NYC to get cash for the trip. The book just spans 10 days but covers a lot of adventures.

Daughter of the Morning Star by Craig Johnson. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> book in the well known Longmire series. Walt Longmire is a county sheriff in WY. His best friend is an Indian named Henry Standing Bear. This story is connected to the Cheyenne Indian Reservation and a high school girl named Jaya Long who is an excellent basketball player. Some of the plot is connected to the beliefs of the Indians.

Into the Forest by Rebecca Frankel. This WWII non-fiction book follows the Rabinowitz family that narrowly escaped the Nazi ghetto in their Polish town by fleeing to a nearby forest. They survived two years in the woods until they were liberated by the Red Army in 1944. Eventually they immigrated to the U.S.

Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom by Carl Bernstein. At age 16, this now famous writer landed a job as a copyboy at the Evening Star, the afternoon paper in Washington, DC. He went on to become part of the team Woodward and Bernstein who broke the news of the Watergate scandal during the Nixon Administration. This is his memoir.

The Girl from the Channel Islands by Jenny Lecoat. The main character is a young Jewish woman who lives on one of the Channel Islands. Hedy ends up hiding in plain sight, working as a translator for the Germans while silently working against them. In time she realizes that she’s in greater danger but she manages to find a friend or two among the enemy.

Ordinary Heroes: A Memoir of 9/11 by Joseph Pfeifer. This FDNY chief was one of the first firemen to arrive at the World Trade Center. He was responsible for sending the men into the burning towers including his younger brother. It’s the story of an ordinary man who along with other ordinary people answered the call that fateful day and on the difficult days that followed.

*The following gently used book was donated anonymously.*

Body of Lies by David Ignatius. This fictional story is based on the author’s actual experiences covering the Middle East and the CIA for over 25 years. He is now a prize winning columnist for the Washington Post. The main character is a CIA operative named Roger Ferris whose next mission is to penetrate the network of a master spy known only as “Suleiman.” His plan is inspired by a masterpiece of British intelligence during WWII. He prepares a body of lies, literally the corpse of an imaginary CIA officer who appears to have accomplished the impossible by recruiting an agent within the enemy’s ranks. There are many twists and turns and the characters are interesting.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

**Sunday, May 1**  
Exodus 18:1–12  
1 John 2:7–17  
Mark 16:9–20  
**Monday, May 2**  
Exodus 18:13–27  
1 Peter 5:1–14  
Matthew (1:1–17) 3:1–6  
**Tuesday, May 3**  
Exodus 19:1–16  
Colossians 1:1–14  
Matthew 3:7–12  
**Wednesday, May 4**  
Exodus 19:16–25  
Colossians 1:15–23  
Matthew 3:13–17  
**Thursday, May 5**  
Exodus 20:1–21  
Colossians 1:24–2:7  
Matthew 4:1–11  
**Friday, May 6**  
Exodus 24:1–18  
Colossians 2:8–23  
Matthew 4:12–17  
**Saturday, May 7**  
Exodus 25:1–22  
Colossians 3:1–17  
Matthew 4:18–25  
**Sunday, May 8**  
Exodus 28:1–4, 30–38  
1 John 2:18–29  
Mark 6:30–44

**Monday, May 9**  
Exodus 32:1–20  
Colossians 3:18–4:6 (7–18)  
Matthew 5:1–10  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
Exodus 32:21–34  
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10  
Matthew 5:11–16  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
Exodus 33:1–23  
1 Thessalonians 2:1–12  
Matthew 5:17–20  
**Thursday, May 12**  
Exodus 34:1–17  
1 Thessalonians 2:13–20  
Matthew 5:21–26  
**Friday, May 13**  
Exodus 34:18–35  
1 Thessalonians 3:1–13  
Matthew 5:27–37  
**Saturday, May 14**  
Exodus 40:18–38  
1 Thessalonians 4:1–12  
Matthew 5:38–48  
**Sunday, May 15**  
Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36  
Hebrews 12:1–14  
Luke 4:16–30  
**Monday, May 16**  
Leviticus 16:1–19  
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18  
Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

**Tuesday, May 17**  
Leviticus 16:20–34  
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11  
Matthew 6:7–15  
**Wednesday, May 18**  
Leviticus 19:1–18  
1 Thessalonians 5:12–28  
Matthew 6:19–24  
**Thursday, May 19**  
Leviticus 19:26–37  
2 Thessalonians 1:1–12  
Matthew 6:25–34  
**Friday, May 20**  
Leviticus 23:1–22  
2 Thessalonians 2:1–17  
Matthew 7:1–12  
**Saturday, May 21**  
Leviticus 23:23–44  
2 Thessalonians 3:1–18  
Matthew 7:13–21  
**Sunday, May 22**  
Leviticus 25:1–17  
James 1:2–8, 16–18  
Luke 12:13–21  
**Monday, May 23**  
Leviticus 25:35–55  
Colossians 1:9–14  
Matthew 13:1–16  
**Tuesday, May 24**  
Leviticus 26:1–20  
1 Timothy 2:1–6  
Matthew 13:18–23

**Wednesday, May 25**  
Leviticus 26:27–42  
Ephesians 1:1–10  
Matthew 22:41–46  
**Thursday, May 26**  
Daniel 7:9–14  
Hebrews 2:5–18  
Matthew 28:16–20  
**Friday, May 27**  
1 Samuel 2:1–10  
Ephesians 2:1–10  
Matthew 7:22–27  
**Saturday, May 28**  
Numbers 11:16–17, 24–29  
Ephesians 2:11–22  
Matthew 7:28–8:4  
**Sunday, May 29**  
Exodus 3:1–12  
Hebrews 12:18–29  
Luke 10:17–24  
**Monday, May 30**  
Joshua 1:1–9  
Ephesians 3:1–13  
Matthew 8:5–17  
**Tuesday, May 31**  
1 Samuel 16:1–13a  
Ephesians 3:14–21  
Matthew 8:18–27



MAY PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE



May 1, 2022 (Communion)

Sermon Title: **SURPRISING GRACE**  
Preaching: Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Jonah 1:1-4

*“The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.’” vv. 1-2.*

God’s grace and mercy are often much wider and deeper than we ever thought possible.

May 8, 2022 ~ Mother’s Day

Sermon Title: **NEIGHBOR LOVE**  
Preaching: Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Jonah 1:4-17

*“Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.” v. 12.*

God calls us to love and serve those who are unlovely, just as Christ the “Greater Jonah” did by giving up his life for us.

May 15, 2022

Sermon Title: **GRACIOUS PURSUIT**  
Preaching: Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Jonah 1:17-3:3

*“You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all Your waves and breakers swept over me. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But You, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit.” vv. 2:3,6*

Jonah didn’t know his great need for a Savior until God struck him down with his great pursuing love.

May 22, 2022

Sermon Title: **WILD RESCUE**  
Preaching: Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Jonah 2

*“He said: ‘In my distress I called to the LORD, and He answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and You listened to my cry.’ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.” vv. 2:2,10*

The story of your life is not so much a story about you. Rather, your story is a story about God. Our life’s calling, then, is to build a testimony to his power, grace and rescue in our life.

May 29, 2022 ~ Memorial Day Weekend

Sermon Title: **DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL MUSCLE: SIMPLICITY**  
Preaching: Pastor Scott  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:12-14

*“For our boast is this: the testimony of our conscience that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.” v. 12*

We often tend to make the matter of following Jesus something complicated, but the spiritual discipline of simplicity draws us back to the basics of faith in Christ. It removes the distractions that cause us to lose our focus.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Opfer 5/1  
Cindy Barnhart 5/1  
Chaleece Trapuzzano 5/2  
Jeanmarie Harding 5/3  
Tammy Locy 5/3  
Paul Leake 5/5  
Sharon Valentine 5/6  
Kyle Hamilton 5/6  
Jack Metcalf 5/8  
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  
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  
Douglas DiGiovanni 5/20  
Kelsey Osbourne 5/22  
Carol Carnes 5/23  
Mary Wichterman 5/23  
Dan Halulko 5/23  
Hilary Burchett 5/23  
Chuck Neff 5/27  
Christine Crompton 5/27  
Connie Hornickel 5/28  
Patrick Grimm 5/29  
Jill McIlvaine 5/30  
Brittany Hamilton 5/31





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

Intermission: it is the time in a concert or stage program in which there is a break. The artists take a break and get prepared for the second half of the show. The audience gets up and stretches and gets prepared to enjoy what comes next.

It would be easy to see the month of May as an intermission. The first act was Easter in the month of April. The second act, Pentecost, will take place in June. It seems like time for a break and to get up and stretch so we can enjoy the second half.

However, I do believe that this is not really an intermission. It is a reminder to get ourselves prepared. The disciples waited and prepared themselves for receiving the Holy Spirit. They did not forget that Jesus had called them to more. They wrestled with what that more might be and what that might cost.

As we spend the month of May in this season of waiting to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the early church, remember that we have received that Holy Spirit at our moment of justification in Christ. The process of our ongoing sanctification calls us to wrestle with what more Jesus is calling us to be and do and to prepare to accept the cost of living in discipleship to Christ Jesus.

We are reminded that discipleship does not end, but is an ongoing process leading toward a life that is Christ-centered and fully surrendered. Let us take this time to get our hearts ready for what we are called to next. What might you do in the power of the Holy Spirit?

In Christ's service,

Pastor Scott



### **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!!**

#### **WILD THINGS BASEBALL GAME!!!** **SUNDAY, MAY 15TH**

Membership and Fellowship is sponsoring an afternoon/evening at a Wild Things game!!

Tailgate at the **Silvio Passalacqua Pavilion starts at 3:30PM**. Jason Dille will be reprising his role as the Wild Thing Mascot! This will be a fun night out to eat food, enjoy each other's company, and watch some baseball! If you would like to contribute to the food and drinks, please contact Amy Dille -

[amy.dille06@gmail.com](mailto:amy.dille06@gmail.com)

The game starts at 5:35PM.

Tickets are **\$10 for adults** and Children **12 and under are FREE**.



### **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Countdown!!**

The children just finished their Spring unit on Bible Adventure stories. We made a take-home version of a mural that portrayed these Bible stories. The kids enjoyed learning this unit and were able to talk about it at home with their Moms and Dads. Can't get any better than that. We have such little time left of this crazy school year, but we reflect back on it all and how wonderfully blessed we are to have been in-person to teach our little ones once again due to COVID. We are still planning our Spring program for the families with them in-person to watch and enjoy their children. The kids love to "show their singing talents" for their family. The songs they will sing and bells to ring all center around our Bible Adventures unit and how wonderful God's love can be!

Are we counting down? Yes we are, but with the realization that the children growing and moving on to kindergarten and the 3 yr olds coming back for their next year and new families joining us is filled with excitement. Our last day of Preschool is May 17th, so we intend to always finish the school year with plenty of energy and looking forward to Summer fun.

### **SACRAMENT TRAINING CLASS OF 2021-2022**



**Congratulations to the youngest members of The Church of the Covenant.** On Sunday, May 1st, we celebrated the Sacrament Training Class as we welcomed them to the Lord's Supper for the first time: Caleb Angelo, Olivia Angelo, Elijah Burchett, Izabella Burchett, Maxwell Burchett, Ricky Burchett, Ryand Burchett, Azair Davis, Hunter Dillie, Carter Grusofski, Samuel Hickman, Adem Jurovcik, Hailey McCarter, Aubrey Ola, Gwentyth Ola, Austin Piatt, Carsyn Piatt, Lyla Piatt, Meghan Smith, and Logan Ullom.

Thanks to the class who baked the Communion bread for all three services.

Thanks also to the church members who mentored and guided them: Cindy Garlisi, Sue and Harrell Denmead, Yvonne Gayle, Theresa Berardinelli and Lois Core.



### **Vacation Bible School ~ July 18 – 22, 2022!**



#### **VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** **JULY 18-22, 2022**

There are many fun ways to get involved both prior to and during VBS week. Opportunities for youth (grade 6 and up) and adult volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talents with us.

Learn more and register today at

[www.churchofthecov.org/post/vbs2022](http://www.churchofthecov.org/post/vbs2022)

or contact Amy Dille at [churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com) with questions.

**\*\*Child registration for VBS is now full!**

Please email [churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com) if you'd like to be placed on our wait list.

**ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES****Tuesday Evening Speaker Series****Dr. Mark Simpson, MAY 3-31, 2022**

*The Believer's Identity in Christ* In the gospel of John, Jesus contrasts His purpose with that of humanity's adversary when He states, 10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10(ESV). Our adversary is not creative, but he is consistent, incessantly whispering lies to us about God and ourselves that take root in our minds and distort our perception of reality stealing, killing, and destroying all that is good in us and for us. For followers of Jesus, the realization of the abundant life Jesus promises here and now is foundationally rooted in becoming increasingly aware of the specific lies that masquerade as truth and replacing them with the truths of who God really is and who we are as uniquely created in His image. In this class you will learn how to identify the lies that the enemy uses to keep you held captive, destroy them, and replace them with the biblical truths that will set you free (John 8:32) to know life as Jesus intends for you

**Bio:** If you were to ask those closest to Dr. Mark Simpson what makes him tick, they would say that his heart beats to inspire a legacy of knowing and imitating Christ. Whether it is in his marriage to Holly (29 years), his fathering of Mackenzie (22) and Ethan (16) or in his pastoral ministry (30+ years), this is the common thread that gets him up in the morning and keeps him talking late into the night. Mark currently serves as Associate Pastor at Church United in Staunton, VA and Adjunct Instructor at Liberty University. He holds degrees from Word of Life Bible Institute (Bible), Moody Bible Institute (B.A. Pastoral Studies, B.A. Communications), Liberty University Theological Seminary (M.A. Systematic Theology, M.Div. Systematic Theology, Th.M. Church History), and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (D.Min. Revival and Reform).

**July - August 2022 Tuesday Speaker Series July 26 - August 23**

Bio: Dr. Jim Platt ~ Synopsis: TBD

**This class will be will be totally virtual**, on ZOOM. Please contact Pastor Scott for the ZOOM link if you're planning to attend at: [pastor.scott.shetter@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.scott.shetter@gmail.com).

**DITMAN LUTES FUND**

"The Ditman Lutes Fund was established by the generous vision of Vilesca Ditman and Syvilla Lutes to encourage education at a seminary by financially supporting church members in seminary studies.

The Fund is a part of the Church's endowment, annually generating income for this purpose. Each year income from the Fund is available to help seminary students.

If you, or a church member you know is attending seminary or planning to enroll at a seminary, contact the Endowment Committee to learn more about this opportunity for help with their tuition expenses."

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) NEWS****PW SPRING GATHERING**

The PW Spring Gathering is set for **Thursday, May 19, 2022**, here at the church, from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. **Lunch will be served at a cost of \$10**. Please make your reservations by Monday, May 9th, to:

Nancy Hillberry 724-796-0505,  
[nhillberry@yahoo.com](mailto:nhillberry@yahoo.com),  
 or Jan Demnyan, 724-579-2969,  
[jdemnyan@windstream.net](mailto:jdemnyan@windstream.net).

The Mission emphasis will be on Resurrection Power, Washington City Mission and Mission from Mars (Urban Outreach based in Mars, PA).

**DO YOU KNIT, CROCHET,  
OR SEW?  
HAVE MATERIAL LEFT OVER  
FROM MAKING MASKS?  
HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
HELP OTHERS IN OUR AREA**

The Activity Director at Southmont, Presbyterian Senior Care Washington Campus, reached out to Hands and Hearts. They are in need of muffs to keep the elderly residents' hands warm when sitting up in a chair not only in colder weather but also in the summer air conditioning. The muffs can be knitted, crocheted or sewn. There are free patterns on-line and tutorials on YouTube. Please spread the word to anyone who would like to share their talent. Hands and Hearts can reimburse for yarn or material. Any questions or to drop off, please contact:  
 Linda Grimm at 724-263-7911.

**PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING**

May is the PW Birthday Offering Month. The Birthday Offering is one of two PW offerings. Received each Spring, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year in the amount of \$75,000-\$150,000 each. Grants primarily make possible capital improvement projects.

The Birthday offering supports domestic and international ministries focusing on items such as agricultural development, children, community organizations, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, employment training, and homelessness.

The 2022 Mission grantees are the Mission Eastward (MATE) This grant will help McCleary House in Maine continue to help persons who experience Homeless.

The second grantee is Iglesia Presbyteriana de Lares located in Lares, Puerto Rico. The Presbyterian Church provides food, purified water and personal products. A large number of the population is elderly or disabled. The offering will be used to replace appliances, wiring, lighting, and plumbing, and to make the facility ADA accessible.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Birthday Offering. Envelopes will be available by the sanctuary and Covenant Center. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women and placed in the offering plates or given to Joan McCrory.





**MISSION MATTERS**

The Mission Committee is working joyfully to be good stewards of your pledges. Very recently, we voted unanimously to give \$450 to Resurrection Power's fund raiser. A month ago, the Presbyterian Disaster Agency sent out a plea for help with the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis. Through this trustworthy organization, we gave \$500 for immediate aid. Currently, the PA Synod of the Trinity is offering matching funding for Ukraine relief. During our April meeting, we will vote again to give further help.

Thanks to Pat Boyer's and Kathy Nassar's dedicated leadership, the Mission Committee is sponsoring two May fund raisers. The proceeds will go completely to support our mission trips. Will you contribute by buying beautiful Mother's Day flowers on May 7, 10AM to noon? Will you also please purchase Mother/Daughter Luncheon tickets for May 14? We also need a few good men to help with serving.

**ANNUAL FLOWER SALE**

The Missions Committee will be having their annual **flower sale** fundraiser on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** from 10-12. Flats will be \$22 and hanging baskets \$25.

**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.

**PARISH NURSE CORNER**

If you have served in the military, you may be entitled to receive benefits because of your status as a Veteran. There are many resources available to vets, including some specific to elderly veterans and those in need of long-term care. Navigating these benefits can be confusing, especially for elderly retired veterans. I can provide a Guide to Veterans' Benefits that includes how to use VA benefits to pay for long-term care needs, the eligibility requirements and the application process for benefits so you can determine your options for using those benefits to pay for your health needs. Any questions? Please contact me at 724-263-7911 or stop by Room 302 on Sunday mornings. Good Health to all! -Linda Grimm, RN

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON**

Women and girls of all ages are invited to the **Mother-Daughter Luncheon to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 12:00 pm in the Covenant Center.** Alterio's Catering will be preparing a delicious meal which consists of stuffed chicken breasts, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and desserts. Kids meal includes chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, fruit salad and dessert. There will be entertainment, prizes, and baskets to raffle off to benefit the various missions supported by The Church of the Covenant.

**Adult tickets will be \$20 and children from 5-12 will be \$10. Children 4 and under are free. Please purchase your tickets by May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Look for display and someone selling tickets between church services in The Commons.

**YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS****TEEN EXTREME SUMMER ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE!!!**

Mark your calendars for Teen Extreme! Our adventures start June 7th and ends July 7th. Our five week program will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 to 5pm. Our time together will be packed with service projects, helping out around the church, fun activities, Bible discussions and field trips.

More details coming soon!

Contact Yvonne Gayle [yvonnegayle20@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnegayle20@gmail.com) for more information.

**CHEER BUCKET UPDATE**

Thank you for your donations for the Cheer Buckets. Impact Youth were able to assemble 20 Easter Buckets. We received a note from the Director of Patient Experience at Washington Hospital:

"Thank you so much for the Easter buckets for the kids! They were so adorable and we appreciate it so much. It was nice having the ones for the older kids as well. Since COVID, we have had an increase in our pediatric behavioral health population waiting in our ER to be admitted to inpatient facilities. We are constantly trying to keep them entertained, which is really hard at times. I buy a lot of coloring books and crayons for them on my own, but it's hard to keep up with. I really appreciate your help, please share my appreciation with your youth that contributed and all who donated."

They truly are making an impact!