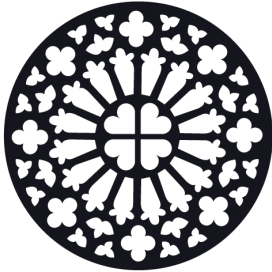


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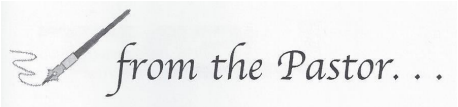
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October 2022

Dear Congregation of God,

There is one thing every one of us holds in common. And that is every one of us wants deep, healthy, life-sustaining relationships. Everyone wants better relationships because it is relationships that bring us the greatest joy. Research has shown that happiness over time is not the fruit of wealth or success or popularity or achievement. No, happiness over time comes from the presence of deep and meaningful relationships. This is not a secular idea. This is a deeply biblical idea. God created relationships to help us grow into the people that he created us to be.

In fact, one of Jesus’ most famous teachings about relationships is so brief and so brilliant that it came to be known as “The Golden Rule.” Jesus said, “So in everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 7:12)

When the Holy Spirit is really at work in someone’s life, they become devoted to keeping short accounts. They deal honestly and seriously with lingering resentments. Sarcastic shots across the bow, silent withdrawal, deep contempt and judgment are no longer things they are willing to live with. Not that they’re relationally perfect, but they are devoted to setting things right and they regularly ask the Lord, “How would you guide me in all the relationships of my life?” In those relationships they say phrases like, “I’m sorry,” “I was wrong” and “I forgive you.”

This is exactly the kind of Christian community that God calls us to be at The Church of the Covenant. A community that delivers life-transforming grace, kindness and love to each other over and over again. I believe the world is starving for this kind of rich, loving and Christ-centered community.

My wife, Karen, tells a great story. Many years ago she was attending one of my daughter’s cross-country meets. As she was waiting for her race to start, she caught the finish of the middle school boy’s race. Nearly all the boys had finished when she spotted an overweight boy about 500 meters from the finish line. He had given up and was walking. Suddenly the coach ran up to the boy and said, “Everybody’s hurting, just keep going, let’s go!” And the coach began running alongside of him. A few moments later his teammates formed a semi-circle behind him and began running with him. The boy turned the corner to the finish line and a crowd, which had formed on both sides of the path, started cheering, clapping and shouting. The boy finished dead last, but you would have thought he won the race.

This is a picture of what God intends our community to be like. Just broken, weary people brought together by Christ to deliver the power and grace of God to each other. We are to come alongside the one who is struggling in their life race and say, “Everybody’s hurting, just keep going, you are not alone! We’re right here beside you.”

Cheering and praying for you!

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
Memorial Rachel Gladden

Mary Orme

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Bob Johnston

Memorial John T. Dagg

Edmund “Ed” Roscoe

Memorial Richard and Janet Nevin
Memorial Bill and Betty Braun
Music for Choir TCOC Preschool

United With the Church Triumphant

FUNERALS

On Friday, September 16, 2022, the Rev. Dr. Scott Shetter presided over a graveside committal service in Washington Cemetery for **June Hoyes**, who joined the Church Triumphant on September 3, 2021.

Edmund “Ed” Roscoe entered the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. On Wednesday, August 31, 2022, a funeral service was held at Warco-Falvo Funeral Home, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Billy Younger.

On September 19, 2022, **Jack A. Metcalf** passed away. His funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Billy Younger on Friday, September 23, 2022. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery was private.

BAPTISMS

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

THANK YOU

I want to express my profound appreciation for all the prayers, cards, texts & well wishes from so many while I was undergoing cancer treatment. They ALL were greatly appreciated! A special shout out to Men’s Breakfast who faithfully lifted me in prayer each week! I have completed my 21st radiation treatment & God has buoyed me up along the way! I am grateful for His promises & His faithfulness! Crystal Domske

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER MESSENGER IS OCTOBER 15th.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

It is always a blessing to accept new members into our family of faith and the next opportunity is scheduled in November. Interested individuals will gather on **Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the dining room** to learn more about our church and what membership means. Those who choose to become official members of The Church of the Covenant will be **received by the Session on Monday, November 14th at 6:15** just prior to their monthly meeting and **then received by the congregation on Sunday, November 20th at the 11:00 am** Celebration of Worship.

If you, or someone you know, wishes to become a member of the church please contact Debi Nicolella – 724-222-0190 x 111 or churchoftheco@comcast.net.

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 following three books were donated by Charlotte Herron.

Daylight by David Baldacci. FBI Agent Atlee Pine’s search for her twin sister, Mercy, clashes with military investigator John Puller’s high -stakes case, leading them both deep into a global conspiracy from which neither will escape unscathed. Pulling back the layers of deceit, lies and coverups, Atlee finally discovers the truth about what happened to Mercy. And that truth will shock Atlee to her core. (*Daylight is the third in the series of Atlee Pine novels. The church library has other novels by this author.*)

A Gambling Man by David Baldacci. The 1950’s are on the horizon and Aloysius Archer needs a fresh start, so he goes out west to California. He lands a job as an apprentice to legendary private eye and former FBI agent, Willie Dash. Archer finds himself in the thick of a potential scandal: a blackmail case involving a wealthy, well-connected politician running for mayor that soon spins into something even more sinister. As bodies begin falling, Archer and Dash must infiltrate the seamy side of a corrupt town that is selling itself as the promised land. (*This is the second novel in the Aloysius Archer series.*)

The Titanic Secret by James Becker. Was it really an iceberg that sunk the Titanic? Or is it what they want you to think? On board the Titanic, three men schemed to create a military alliance between the USA and Germany with the goal of destroying the British Empire. Alex Tremayne and his American colleague, Maria Weston, are sent by British intelligence to stop the spies and with them the greatest war in history. Alex and Maria have one aim, to stop the conspirators – at any cost.

The following books were donated anonymously.

The Road to Grace by Richard Paul Evans. Reeling from the sudden loss of his wife, his home, and his business, Alan Christofferson, a once-successful advertising executive, has left everything behind and set off on an extraordinary cross-country journey. Carrying only a backpack, he is walking from Seattle to Key West, the furthest destination on his map. Now almost halfway through his trek, Alan sets out to walk the nearly 1,000 miles between South Dakota and St. Louis. It is the people along the way who give the journey its true meaning: a mysterious woman who follows Alan’s walk for close to a hundred miles, the ghost hunter searching graveyards for his wife, and the elderly Polish man who gives Alan a ride and shares a story that Alan will never forget. (*This is the third novel in the Walk Series. The church library has the first four novels of the five-part series.*)

A Step of Faith by Richard Paul Evans. Alan Christofferson is trying to leave his painful memories behind by walking from Seattle to the farthest point on the map, Key West, but in St. Louis, he is forced to stop. Because his severe vertigo is diagnosed as the side effect of a brain tumor, Alan must go to Los Angeles for treatment. He is surrounded by those who care most for him: his father, who is happy to have him back in the family home; Falene, who has been by Alan’s side through his most difficult times; and Nicole, who helped him recover from a mugging in Spokane. (*cont.*)

Alan manages to alienate them all; and he resumes his journey in angry loneliness. The people he meets as he walks the southern back roads have lessons to teach Alan about accepting love. He just has to have faith that life can be worth living again – and that the woman he rejected will be willing to forgive him. (*This is the fourth novel in the Walk Series.*)

Any Dream Will Do by Debbie Macomber. Shay Benson adored her younger brother, Caden, and got into serious trouble when she tried to help him when he owed money to some unsavory men. Seeking a fresh start, Shay wanders into a church where Pastor Drew Douglas, who is also looking for a fresh start, helps Shay get back on her feet. But Caden’s return to town and a disastrous secret threaten to undo the life Shay has tried hard to rebuild. It will take both courage and faith if Shay and Drew hope to find healing and open their hearts to a brighter future. (*There are other books by this author in the church library.*)

Home Work by Julie Andrews with Emma Walton Hamilton is the second installment of Julie Andrews’ memoirs spanning from 1963, when she arrived in Hollywood to make her screen debut in *Mary Poppins*, up to 1986. She shares her personal experiences with giants of cinema and television. She also unveils her personal story of dealing with public scrutiny, being a new mother, moving on from her first marriage, embracing two stepchildren, adopting two children, and falling in love with the brilliant and mercurial Blake Edwards.

The Litigators by John Grisham. The partners at Finley & Figg refer to themselves as a “boutique law firm,” but Oscar Finley and Wally Figg are actually a two-bit operation of ambulance chasers. They stumble into an opportunity where they can tackle a case that would make them rich without requiring them to practice much law. A class action suit has been brought against Varrick Labs alleging that Krayoxx, its most popular drug, causes heart attacks. All Finley & Figg has to do is find a handful of Krayoxx users to join the suit, which seems too good to be true – and it is. (*There are other books by this author in the church library.*)

Between Sisters by Kristin Hannah. Meghann Dontess is haunted by heartbreak. Twenty-seven years ago, she was forced to make a terrible choice that cost her everything, including the love of her sister, Claire. Now Meghann is a hotshot divorce attorney, who does not get close to anyone. Claire Cavanaugh is preparing for her wedding and will now face her harsh, judgmental older sister. Over the course of a hot summer, these two women who believe they have nothing in common will try to become what they never were: a family. (*There are other novels by this author in the church library.*)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1
Hosea 5:1-7
Acts 22:17-29
Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, October 2
Hosea 5:8-6:6
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Matthew 14:1-12

Monday, October 3
Hosea 6:7-7:7
Acts 22:30-23:11
Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday, October 4
Hosea 7:8-16
Acts 23:12-24
Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday, October 5
Hosea 8:1-14
Acts 23:23-35
Luke 7:18-35

Thursday, October 6
Hosea 9:1-9
Acts 24:1-23
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, October 7
Hosea 9:10-17
Acts 24:24-25:12
Luke 8:1-15

Saturday, October 8
Hosea 10:1-15
Acts 25:13-27
Luke 8:16-25

Sunday, October 9
Hosea 11:1-11
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday, October 10
Hosea 11:12-12:1
Acts 26:1-23
Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday, October 11
Hosea 12:2-14
Acts 26:24-27:8
Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday, October 12
Hosea 13:1-3
Acts 27:9-26
Luke 9:1-17

Thursday, October 13
Hosea 13:4-8
Acts 27:27-44
Luke 9:18-27

Friday, October 14
Hosea 13:9-16
Acts 28:1-16
Luke 9:28-36

Saturday, October 15
Hosea 14:1-9
Acts 28:17-31
Luke 9:37-50

Sunday, October 16
Micah 1:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday, October 17
Micah 2:1-13
Revelation 7:1-8
Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday, October 18
Micah 3:1-8
Revelation 7:9-17
Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday, October 19
Micah 3:9-4:5
Revelation 8:1-13
Luke 10:17-24

Thursday, October 20
Micah 5:1-4, 10-15
Revelation 9:1-12
Luke 10:25-37

Friday, October 21
Micah 6:1-8
Revelation 9:13-21
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday, October 22
Micah 7:1-7
Revelation 10:1-11
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, October 23
Jonah 1:1-17a
1 Corinthians 10:15-24
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday, October 24
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Revelation 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

Tuesday, October 25
Jonah 3:1-4:11
Revelation 11:14-19
Luke 11:27-36

Wednesday, October 26
Nahum 1:1-14
Revelation 12:1-6
Luke 11:37-52

Thursday, October 27
Nahum 1:15-2:12
Revelation 12:7-17
Luke 11:53-12:12

Friday, October 28
Nahum 2:13-3:7
Revelation 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31

Saturday, October 29
Nahum 3:8-19
Revelation 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48

Sunday, October 30
Zephaniah 1:1-6
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday, October 31
Zephaniah 1:7-13
Revelation 14:1-13
Luke 12:49-59



OCTOBER PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 2, 2022 (Communion) Mission Sunday/World Communion Sunday

Sermon Title: DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL MUSCLE:
CONTEMPLATION/SELF-EXAMINATION

Preaching: Pastor Scott
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:5-9
Focal Verse: “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!” v. 5.
Synopsis: As we complete this series on spiritual disciplines and we celebrate both World Communion Sunday and Mission Sunday, we focus on the spiritual discipline that help us examine what kind of disciples we are and how our disciplines are contributing toward our spiritual maturation.

October 9, 2022

Sermon Title: WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Psalm 19
Focal Verse: “The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.” vv. 7-8.
Synopsis: Words have transforming power. And when we are afraid, sad or struggling, nothing rejoices the heart like a Word from our Heavenly Father.

October 16, 2022

Sermon Title: A HOUSE OF HEALING

Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: John 17:6-10
Focal Verse: “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your word.” v. 6.
Synopsis: The church is to be a house of healing. A place where people’s lives collide with Jesus and his gospel. As a result, there is deep, deep healing— all in ways we could never imagine.

Special Notes: Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 AM service for the purpose of electing officers.

October 23, 2022

Sermon Title: ONE WORTHY PASSION

Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34
Focal Verse: “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” v. 33.
Synopsis: When it is all said and done, there are really only two primary ambitions in life. You will either be ambitious about you. Or, you will be ambitious for God. You will be ambitious for your kingdom— the kingdom of you, or the kingdom of God. Which is true of you?

October 30, 2022 ~ Reformation Sunday

Sermon Title: FIELD TRIP

Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Luke 8:26-39
Focal Verse: “And the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.” vv. 35-36.
Synopsis: The church is not a place to which you go. The church is a people who go. We go in the footsteps of our Master. So, wherever there is darkness and pain. Wherever there is the ravages of sin and brokenness in this world, we go with the mending, healing grace of the gospel.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Carol McClellan 10/1
Joshua Faust 10/1
Travis Stolfer 10/1
Toby Cullings 10/1
Phil Weaver 10/2
Sherri Vlainich 10/3
Kathy Kephart 10/4
Jody L. Scott 10/4
Betty Braun 10/5
Shellie Popeck 10/5
Arlene Locy 10/6
Jonathan Pachter 10/6
Chelsea Baker 10/6
Helen Brooks 10/7
Elizabeth Day-Flynn 10/7
Julie Kelley 10/7
Natalie Ewbank 10/7
Peggy Day 10/8

John DeFrancesco 10/8
Amy Rigal 10/8
Jill Ann Heather 10/10
Bruce McDowell 10/11
Jeanne Spiegel 10/11
Grant Braun 10/11
Bob Wagner 10/12
Jonathan Crompton 10/12
Geoffrey Braun 10/12
Abigail Dessart 10/12
Jeremy Kluczan 10/13
Jayne Wilson 10/15
Sonna Agnew 10/16
Vincent Nicolella 10/17
Colton Scott 10/17
Jeffery Legler 10/18
Brandie Ewbank 10/18
Eric Meyers 10/19

Deborah Shankovich 10/19
Michael Wagner 10/19
Lucy Johnson 10/20
Gretchen Brehl 10/22
Natalie Hoglund 10/22
Lainey Duncan 10/23
Todd Bright 10/24
Camille Braun 10/25
Butch Richmond 10/25
Ruby Page 10/25
Gayla Cowden 10/25
Gerald S. Smith 10/26
Leslie Zajdel 10/26
Lisa McMullen 10/27
Anna Belle Jefferies 10/29
James Heather 10/30
Cloteel Friesner 10/30
Jennifer Barletta 10/30
Toni Hoover 10/31





PASTOR SCOTT'S MUSINGS

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

"Discipleship is a lifelong journey into the abundant life for which we were created. It is a process of continual development through which we grow in maturity (become Christ-centered and fully surrendered)."

Neither of these quotes are anything new to you. You have seen me use them many times. We enter October with mission on our minds. The first Sunday is World Communion Sunday and Mission Sunday. We look back at four fruitful mission trips this year. We also invite you to join us on that Sunday during the Covenant Connections Hour in the Covenant Center as we see a presentation from missionaries that we have supported for many years.

The question is do you feel yourself called to mission. Mission comes in many forms, but it finds itself wrapped in the very person of Jesus Christ. He came on a mission to seek and save the lost. As those who have been bought and claimed by Christ, we are called to be His body and therefore, into His mission. As we grow more Christ-centered and fully surrendered, we must live into the call to seek and save the lost. This takes place in our daily lives, and we build relationships with others.

Are you on mission? Are you obediently seeking that deeper relationship with Christ and the expansion of His kingdom? As you ponder that, look into all of the ways God has given you to enter into His mission through the ministries provided through The Church of the Covenant and see how He is calling us to participate in something so much bigger than ourselves!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Scott



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

I receive many phone calls about long-term care options. It is a complex topic and therefore, in the place of our traditional annual Caregiver Luncheon, Hands and Hearts is hosting a free presentation from Zacharia Brown Elder Law on long term care planning including estate planning, asset protection strategies to pay for long term care, VA benefits and other topics related to planning and managing for medical and estate needs in your golden years. Please invite family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join us on Monday, October 17th at 5 pm in the dining room. Refreshments will be provided. Any questions? Please contact me at 724-263-7911 or stop by Room 302 on Sunday mornings from 9-10 am. Good Health to all!
Linda Grimm, RN



HANDS AND HEARTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL

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 give 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 17th at 5 pm 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.

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 11th at 6 pm. 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!

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 or 724-809-5017.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) NEWS

PW RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women's Retreat was held on October 1, 2022. This was a one-day retreat at the Wilson Lodge at Oglebay Park. Our leader for this retreat was the Rev. Dr. Karen Younger. Although it was an early start to the day for the twenty-one women who attended, they arrived at Wilson Lodge in time to have a breakfast buffet. After breakfast, they spent time getting to know each other, or to know each other better. Devotions and prayer fed their souls.

As the day progressed, Pastor Karen Younger led the group in study and discussion of scripture. Wilson Lodge also provided lunch, during which there was friendly chatting among the group. They returned to Washington in the early evening.

The retreat was planned and coordinated by Connie Hornickel and Joan McCrory of the PW.

IT'S TIME FOR AN UPDATED CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRICTORY



We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a 2022 church family pictorial directory with Universal. It will include all member's family portraits & roster info so we can stay connected.

You can sign up now online:

To access online signup go to www.ucdir.com - Code: pa963, Password: photos, **OR**

There will be opportunities to sign up on Sundays in the Commons

before and after services.

For assistance, call the church office

Photography will take place Tuesday, November 8 - Saturday, November 12.

There is no cost to be photographed & every family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to make a treasured family keepsake.

Only participating households will receive a free directory!

ALL PORTRAITS WILL ARRIVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Please join us-it won't be the same without you!

BLUE CHRISTMAS PLANNING MEETING

The Blue Christmas planning committee will meet **Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 pm in the Dining Room**. The Blue Christmas service has become an annual event that is designed to offer comfort to those experiencing a life loss (death of loved one, loss of job, loss or change in friendship). If interested, please plan to attend the meeting on October 6th. Contact Pat Boyer at 724-225-5374 with any questions.

IMPACT YOUTH

Thank you for your generous support to our Cheer Bucket program. Cheer Buckets are given to kids who are admitted to Washington Hospital. IMPACT youth were able to deliver 15 buckets in July and another 17 buckets in September. The donations also included items that were donated during VBS. Our next delivery will be December 1st. If you would like to donate to this program, items needed are: crayons, markers, coloring books, small toys or puzzles, stickers, small stuffed animals or anything that is easy to play with sitting down.



COVENANT CONNECTIONS HOUR FOR KIDS, TEENS AND PARENTS

COVENANT KIDS

Classes for kids, listed each week in the bulletin:

10:00 AM	Covenant Kids Elementary 3-5	Room 212
10:00 AM	Covenant Kids K-2	Room 210
10:00 AM	Covenant Kids Preschool	Covenant Kids Room

Where kids learn how to apply bible lessons to everyday life.

Leaders:

Pre K -Rebecca Aizupitis & Rachel Gladden

K-2 -Lois Core & Sue Robinson

3-5 - Jess Ullum, Katie Merry & Brian Merry



TEENS

Group for Youth, Middle & high school

10:00 AM IMPACT Youth Room

Teens join together for Bible discussions, service projects and fellowship.

Leaders: Yvonne Gayle
Yone Gayle
Calvin Blunt



PARENTS

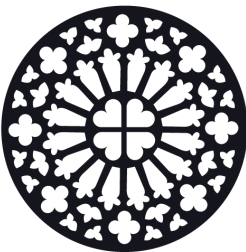
10:00 AM Parent Gathering Room 211

Where parents can have genuine discussions and studies to help us be the best parents for our kids.

Leaders: Bonnie Saffell
Heidi Gottron



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.

YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS**FX - OCTOBER 23, 5:00 pm**

Mark your calendars for October 23rd at 5 pm 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??!!

**3rd ANNUAL JINGLE JAM, DECEMBER 10**

Mark your calendars for Jingle Jam. We will have plenty of fun in our jammies! We will hear the Christmas Story, enjoy lunch, make Christmas ornaments, play reindeer games and more.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS****PRESCHOOL-- HOORAY!**

The teachers and myself are so psyched for this start of the school year! We have matched the children's excitement as well. So much we have to share with you. Ready??

We had the opportunity to hire two new assistant teachers, Miss Hope and Miss Lindsay. They have been doing a fantastic job in getting ready for the year and welcoming the children and the families into the preschool world of wonder! We have 146 families that are enrolled into our Church Preschool. It is wonderful to have them along with the amazing staff of 8. We continue to reach out to the families to tell them about our church as well. Yvonne supplies us with information about our youth activities and Covenant Connections Hour to welcome the preschool families.

Speaking about fabulous, the school was able to install new flooring in our hallways. This was made possible through our preschool fundraisers over the years and the help of the Memorial Committee. The update was so needed. It has made such a world of difference in the Preschool area. Now we would like to start saving for new flooring in the classrooms. If you remember from last year, we wanted to install a sensory path for the children. This pathway is in honor of Karen Davison. Some of the pathway has been installed, but the rest will be installed at the end of September. What a great opportunity for the children to have this sensory path.

We will also be aiding families who apply to our endowment scholarship funds. It is a blessing that these are available to assist families so their children can attend our Christian Preschool.

We all had the pleasure of having Pastor Billy greet all of the children and families on the first day of school. We look forward to having the kiddos know Billy. Also, many, many thanks to Zach Losko for his Eagle Project; completion of a bench with overhead roof, and for receiving his Eagle Scout standing. Zach, you have given us such a great gift out on the playground. There aren't enough words to express our appreciation.

So, are we excited for this school year? ABSOLUTELY! We want everyone to feel welcome and be a part of the Preschool. That includes you all--stop down and take a look at what the children are doing and how our church Preschool shines! We are Church of The Covenant Preschool Proud!! Keep us all in your prayers to have a safe and delightful year in learning about God, being kind and loving and enjoying being a child of God. Oh, and if that isn't enough, the children will be learning school stuff too!!

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REMINDER: Many of us are being careful not to go out more than necessary and are doing a lot more shopping online. We will soon be doing Christmas shopping, as well. If you shop through Amazon, please consider using smile.amazon.com. You can register at this site to give a portion of your purchase to benefit The Church of the Covenant. Just go to the site and register. If you type in "Church of the Covenant" you will need to scroll down the list to get to OUR Church of the Covenant. Once you've registered, you can shop from this site, and a portion of your purchases goes to The Church of the Covenant. Every little bit helps. Happy Shopping!