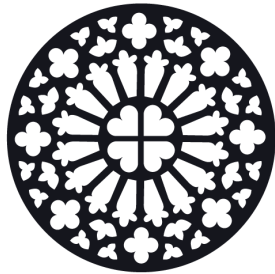


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Dear Church of the Covenant,

Once again Lent is here. Ash Wednesday, falling on March 2nd this year, officially kicks off the forty days before Easter, excluding Sunday (because in the Christian tradition, every Sunday is Resurrection Sunday). The forty days symbolizes many things: Noah endured the flood for forty days; Israel wandered in the desert for forty years; Jesus spent forty days fasting in the wilderness after his baptism.

Traditionally, we set aside these forty days before Easter in order to fast and pray, a time to repent and prepare, focusing intently on all various ways God is working in our lives. Moreover, Lent forces us on a journey with Jesus that moves irrevocably toward Gethsemane's agony and Good Friday's crucifixion. Though some forms of Christianity seem to offer, even guarantee, ceaseless peace and endless prosperity, the Bible and the church insist that suffering and a cross lie at the heart of the Christian faith---no evasions possible.

The Christian faith, however, does not stall in Lent, nor does it end on Good Friday. Our entire Christian life, and Lent in particular, points to Easter, the astonishing fountain of grace offered to all who follow Christ.

Lent is full of grace and joy. In fact, the word Lent is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word which means "lengthening" and refers to the lengthening days, the added time of winter moving toward spring. Light lingers longer in the western sky, extra minutes of light become hours and then days of warmth and light.

Lent is the church's spring. It is about the length of time, forty days of preparation, but Lent is even more about the *quality* of time. Lent offers us a precious opportunity to grow in the light of His presence, to seize each moment as an opportunity to get right with God --- to think and pray and seek God's renewal for your life and for our church. Lent is a season of anticipation of the day of days, Easter, when we celebrate the greatest news of God's triumph over sin and death and evil forever.

Time is all we've got, they say, but if you use this time wisely this Lent, you may well find it to be the time of your life.

May it be so!

Billy



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

Ahoy, matey! Arrrr you ready for VBS? Registration for children and volunteers is now available!

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

**Don't miss VBS Promo Day on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

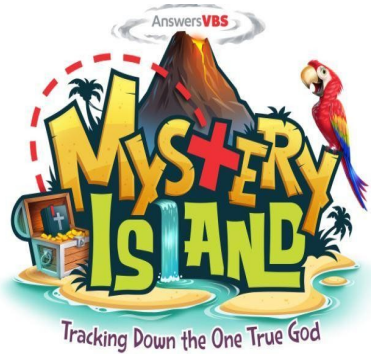
Church Commons 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy buccaneer bites and fun with our Mystery Island characters. Registration forms and info for participants and volunteers will be available!

Your VBS Leadership Team,  
Lois Core, Amy Dille, Tara Dyer, Yvonne Gayle, Dan Gottron,  
Heidi Gottron, Kara Jurovcik, and Bonnie Saffell  
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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.



NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

Marge McWreath

Christian Ed.	Rodney and Dolores Hardy
Memorial	T. Jean Piatt
Memorial	Connie Hornickel
Memorial	Jane Goddard
Memorial	Connie Hornickel
Memorial	Bill and Betty Braun
Memorial	George and Mary Alice Jones
Memorial	Dave and Carol McClellan
Memorial	Ed and Mary Lou Roscoe
Memorial	Robert and Sharon Aloia
Memorial	William and Linda Hill

MaryAnn Johnson

Memorial	Rachel Gladden
Memorial	Jane Goddard

Ellen “Jane” Barnickel

Memorial	Connie Hornickel
Memorial	T. Jean Piatt
Memorial	Stephen and Sydney Spencer
Memorial	Martin and Judy Beichner
Preschool	Bob and Mary Wichterman

Jane Goddard

Memorial	Bill and Betty Braun
Memorial	Dave and Carol McClellan
Memorial	Jeffrey T. Falsetti
Memorial	Rick and Janet Nevin
Memorial	Steve and Lucy Johnson
Memorial	Jonathan Pachter
Church Library	Bob and Mary Wichterman

THANK YOU

To my COTC family:  
Thank you to all of my COTC family and the Fellowship of Concern who have sustained me over the past eight months with an outpouring of love, cards, support and prayer. I have felt your prayerful consideration through difficult and lonely moments. God has given me the strength to persevere and, I believe, will continue to do so as I move forward in my treatment. Special appreciation to Mary Wichterman and the Hearts and Hands Mission team, the staff for their notes and cards and my Knight in shining armor for sending updates to the FOC. May God continue to bless you all.  
Harriett Johnson

United With the Church Triumphant

FUNERALS

On January 14, 2022, **Ellen “Jane” Barnickel** passed away. The Rev. Dr. Scott Shetter officiated at a graveside memorial service in Washington Cemetery On Friday, January 28, 2022.

On February 8, 2022, long-time member **Jane Goddard** passed away. There was a private graveside committal service on February 22nd, officiated by Pastor Scott. Jane’s family invites the congregation to a Celebration of Life. Please see the box below this announcement for details.

JANE GODDARD MEMORIAL SERVICE

The family of Jane Goddard invites you to join them for a Celebration of Life on Sunday, March 6, 2022, in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant at 6:00 PM. There will be a time to visit with the family following the service.

BAPTISMS

**Colton James Ernest**, born May 1, 2021, son of Christopher James and Blair Taylor Ernest, was baptized on February 20, 2022, with the Rev. Dr. Billy Younger officiating, assisted by Elder Joan McCrory.

Also baptized on February 20, 2022, **Theodore William Sharpnack**, born September 2, 2021. Theodore is the son of William Addison and Allison Ann Sharpnack. The Rev. Dr. Younger officiated, with Elder Joan McCrory assisting.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We are offering a class for New Members on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 7:00pm** in the Dining Room. If you are interested in membership, or know someone who is, please contact Debi Nicoletta at 724-222-0190 x 111 or [churchoftheco@comcast.net](mailto:churchoftheco@comcast.net).



DEADLINE FOR THE April MESSENGER is March 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.*

*The following gently-used book was donated by Barb Collins: **A Column of Fire**, by Ken Follett. 1558, the ancient stones of Kingsbridge Cathedral look down on a city torn apart by religious conflict. As power in England shifts precariously between Catholics and Protestants, royalty and commoners clash, testing friendship, loyalty, and love. Ned Willard wants nothing more than to marry Margery Fitzgerald. But when the lovers find themselves on opposing sides of the religious conflict dividing the country, Ned goes to work for Princess Elizabeth. When she becomes queen, all Europe turns against England. The shrewd, determined young monarch sets up the country’s first secret service to give her early warning of assassination plots, rebellions, and invasion plans. Over a turbulent half century, the love between Ned and Margery seems doomed as extremism sparks violence from Edinburgh to Geneva. Elizabeth clings to her throne and her principles, protected by a small, dedicated group of resourceful spies and courageous secret agents.*

*The following gently used book was donated by Linda Pitner: **Reforesting Faith**, by Matthew Sleeth, M.D. What do trees reveal about God, faith, and the future of everything? More than you ever imagined. Join Dr. Sleeth as he explores the wonders of life, death, and rebirth through the trail of trees in Scripture. Once you discover the hidden language of trees, your walk through the woods—and through Scripture—will never be the same.*

*The following gently-used books were donated anonymously. **The Gnostic Mystery**, by Randy Davila. An ancient mystery in today's Middle East . . . Jack Stanton, an American businessman, makes a pilgrimage to war-torn Israel in hopes of rekindling his Christian faith. While traveling with his friend Punjeeh, an ER doctor from Jerusalem, Jack acquires an ancient scroll written by the Gnostics, a mystical group of early Christians--and his spiritual quest takes an unexpected turn. The scroll makes the startling claims that the Gnostics were the original followers of Jesus, and that they retained secret knowledge of Jesus that was not included in the Bible. With the help of the brilliant Chloe Eisenberg, a professor of philosophy and religion, Jack and Punjeeh navigate the dangerous terrain of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in an attempt to decipher the puzzle of the scroll and bring the Gnostics' revelations about Jesus to light. Threaded with the searing realities of today's Middle East, *The Gnostic Mystery* is packed with historical facts about the Christian religion. The thrilling mystery makes a compelling case that the origins of Christianity are far different than we believed . . . until now.*

**Horse Tales from Heaven**, by Rebecca E Ondov. Drawing on 15 years of living “in the saddle” while guiding pack trips and working as a wilderness ranger, gifted writer and avid horsewoman Rebecca Ondov invites you to experience life in

a wilderness camp, discovering wisdom to live by through true stories. *Horse Tales from Heaven* captures authentic western life and what it means to depend on God for love, provision, and grace as you ride the trail with Him every day.

**Western Hearts** is a book that has two stories – *Montana* by Debbie Macomber and *Ransom Canyon* by Jodi Thomas. Both are about finding homes in the west. *Montana* – When Molly learns that her grandfather is ill, she packs up her sons without a second thought and makes the long drive home to Sweetgrass, Montana. But she immediately has a question about the stranger working on her grandfather’s ranch. Why doesn’t the sheriff trust him? Despite everything, Molly can’t deny her attraction to him—until her ailing grandfather tries to push them into marriage. *Ransom Canyon* – Rancher Staten Kirkland is rugged and practical to the last. But when his troubling memories threaten to overwhelm him, the lovely, reclusive Quinn O’Grady is there to catch him. Young Lucas Reyes has his eye on the prize—college. But one night, one wrong decision will set his life on a course even he hadn’t imagined. Yancy Grey is running hard from his troubled past. But Yancy isn’t prepared for what he encounters in the good people of Ransom Canyon.

**Between Friends**, by Debbie Macomber. The story of a remarkable friendship—told in a remarkable way. A story in which every woman will recognize herself . . . and her best friend. Jill Lawton and Lesley Adamski. Two girls from very different backgrounds become best friends in the turbulent ‘60’s, but their circumstances and choices—and their mistakes—take them in opposite directions. But they always remain friends through the years and across the miles, they confide everything to each other—every grief and every joy. Because the quality of a friendship is the quality of a life. Plus Bonus book – *Home to Honeymoon Harbor* by JoAnn Ross. The rivalry between the Mannion and Harper families has divided them for over a century. Which is why, when John Mannion and Sara Harper fall in love, they become the small seaport town’s very own Romeo and Juliet.

**White Lace and Promises**, by Debbie Macomber. A Whirlwind affair. Glenn Lambert has been nursing a broken heart ever since his first love married another man. The last place he wants to be is his friend’s wedding, where everything is a reminder of his failed relationship—everything except Maggie Kingsbury, the maid of honor. Back in high school, Maggie and Glenn were best friends. Now years later, they meet again—and are caught up in their undeniable attraction. Bonus story – *Yours to Keep* by Shannon Stacy. Sean Kowalski no sooner leaves the army than he’s recruited by Emma to be her fake fiancé. But when fake kisses lead to very real, explosive sparks, Emma and Sean discover that their big ruse might lead to happily ever after.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH



**Tuesday, March 1**  
Proverbs 30:1–4, 24–33  
Philippians 3:1–11  
John 18:28–38  
**Wednesday, March 2**  
Amos 5:6–15  
Hebrews 12:1–14  
Luke 18:9–14  
**Thursday, March 3**  
Habakkuk 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18  
Philippians 3:12–21  
John 17:1–8  
**Friday, March 4**  
Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32  
Philippians 4:1–9  
John 17:9–19  
**Saturday, March 5**  
Ezekiel 39:21–29  
Philippians 4:10–20  
John 17:20–26  
**Sunday, March 6**  
Daniel 9:3–10  
Hebrews 2:10–18  
John 12:44–50  
**Monday, March 7**  
Genesis 37:1–11  
1 Corinthians 1:1–19  
Mark 1:1–13  
**Tuesday, March 8**  
Genesis 37:12–24  
1 Corinthians 1:20–31  
Mark 1:14–28

**Wednesday, March 9**  
Genesis 37:25–36  
1 Corinthians 2:1–13  
Mark 1:29–45  
**Thursday, March 10**  
Genesis 39:1–23  
1 Corinthians 2:14—3:15  
Mark 2:1–12  
**Friday, March 11**  
Genesis 40:1–23  
1 Corinthians 3:16–23  
Mark 2:13–22  
**Saturday, March 12**  
Genesis 41:1–13  
1 Corinthians 4:1–7  
Mark 2:23—3:6  
**Sunday, March 13**  
Genesis 41:14–45  
Romans 6:3–14  
John 5:19–24  
**Monday, March 14**  
Genesis 41:46–57  
1 Corinthians 4:8–20 (21)  
Mark 3:7–19a  
**Tuesday, March 15**  
Genesis 42:1–17  
1 Corinthians 5:1–8  
Mark 3:19b–35  
**Wednesday, March 16**  
Genesis 42:18–28  
1 Corinthians 5:9—6:11  
Mark 4:1–20

**Thursday, March 17**  
Genesis 42:29–38  
1 Corinthians 6:12–20  
Mark 4:21–34  
**Friday, March 18**  
Genesis 43:1–15  
1 Corinthians 7:1–9  
Mark 4:35–41  
**Saturday, March 19**  
Genesis 43:16–34  
1 Corinthians 7:10–24  
Mark 5:1–20  
**Sunday, March 20**  
Genesis 44:1–17  
Romans 8:1–10  
John 5:25–29  
**Monday, March 21**  
Genesis 44:18–34  
1 Corinthians 7:25–31  
Mark 5:21–43  
**Tuesday, March 22**  
Genesis 45:1–15  
1 Corinthians 7:32–40  
Mark 6:1–13  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
Genesis 45:16–28  
1 Corinthians 8:1–13  
Mark 6:13–29  
**Thursday, March 24**  
Genesis 46:1–7, 28–34  
1 Corinthians 9:1–15  
Mark 6:30–46

**Friday, March 25**  
Genesis 47:1–26  
1 Corinthians 9:16–27  
Mark 6:47–56  
**Saturday, March 26**  
Genesis 47:27–48:7  
1 Corinthians 10:1–13  
Mark 7:1–23  
**Sunday, March 27**  
Genesis 48:8–22  
Romans 8:11–25  
John 6:27–40  
**Monday, March 28**  
Genesis 49:1–28  
1 Corinthians 10:14–11:1  
Mark 7:24–37  
**Tuesday, March 29**  
Genesis 49:29–50:14  
1 Corinthians 11:2–34  
Mark 8:1–10  
**Wednesday, March 30**  
Genesis 50:15–26  
1 Corinthians 12:1–11  
Mark 8:11–26  
**Thursday, March 31**  
Exodus 1:6–22  
1 Corinthians 12:12–26  
Mark 8:27–9:1

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Maxine Donham	3/1	Janet Nevin	3/6	Kelly Proudfit
Rose Moyer	3/1	Linda Weaver	3/6	Dr. Will Sharpnack
Renee Dickson	3/3	Thomas Day III	3/7	Clint Watson
Rachel Heather	3/3	David Hough	3/7	Fred Simpson
Shirley Howe	3/3	Carrie Justice	3/7	Gay Vroble
Ryan Kepler	3/3	Terrie Myers	3/10	Jeffrey Goddard
Doug Hodinko	3/4	Clarissa Lucas	3/10	Kay Thompson
Alec Osbourne	3/4	Colleen Benard	3/11	David Camlin
Barry Blose	3/5	Gloria Lesnock	3/11	Jennifer King
Jarrett Maleski	3/5	David McCabe	3/11	Kirk Spiegel
Craig Myers	3/5	Lois Morton	3/12	Brian Dessart
George Miles III	3/6	Maureen Breitigan	3/14	Harry Johnston

MARCH PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE



March 2, 2022 (Communion) (Ash Wednesday)

Sermon Title: **SEEK RECONCILIATION**  
Preaching: Pastor Scott  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Focal Verse: *“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” v. 20b.*  
Synopsis: Lent is a time for introspection. We look into ourselves to see what separates us from full fellowship with God. Reconciliation has been brought about by God through His Son, but what part do we play in that reconciliation?  
Special Notes: There are two services:  
10 AM PW led service  
7 PM Evening service

March 6, 2022 (Communion) (First Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: **EXTREME SPIRITUALITY**  
Preaching: Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Philippians 3:7-14  
Focal Verse: *“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” v. 7.*  
Synopsis: The knowledge that we are the object of God’s passionate pursuit enables us to pursue Christ’s kingdom above all other things.

March 13, 2022 (Second Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: **STANDING FIRM**  
Preaching: Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Philippians 3:12-4:1  
Focal Verse: *“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!” v. 1.*  
Synopsis: The Christian life is a call to a life of ongoing faithful obedience. Christ’s sacrificial love enables us to fulfill this high and holy calling.

March 20, 2022 (Third Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: **CITIZENS OF HEAVEN**  
Preaching: Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Philippians 3:20-4:9  
Focal Verse: *“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” vv. 20-21.*  
Synopsis: Because Jesus Christ is our Heavenly King, he summons the church today with a mandate to bring the very culture of heaven to earth.

March 27, 2022 (Fourth Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: **DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL MUSCLE: FASTING**  
Preaching: Pastor Scott  
Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18  
Focal Verse: *Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God and cry out to the Lord. Joel 1:14.*  
Synopsis: Fasting is designed to draw us into closer fellowship with our God so that we might be able to discern His will more clearly and more readily obey His call on our lives.



3/14	George Linck	3/21
3/14	Bonnie Densmore	3/22
3/14	Aaron Kojundic	3/22
3/15	Morgan Namie	3/22
3/16	Casey Key	3/23
3/17	Mary Alice Wilson	3/24
3/18	Bonnie Saffell	3/25
3/19	Amy Wagner	3/26
3/19	Christopher Edwards	3/27
3/19	Margaret McIlvaine	3/27
3/20	Barbara Richmond	3/29
3/21	Joan McCrory	3/31



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

Dear Friends,  
I came across something a few years ago that I thought was really good at reminding us of what Lent is all about. I thought I might share it with you this month as a part of my musings.

## **TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ dwelling in you.  
FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.  
FAST from apparent darkness; FEAST on the reality of God's light.  
FAST from thoughts of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.  
FAST from words that pollute; FEAST on phrases that purify.  
FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.  
FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.

Author Unknown

This is a great recipe for a healthy Lent and a healthy life. Philippians 4:8 says, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." You can see that if we do what is taught here then we will see the grace of the right side of this recipe. I challenge you across this Lenten season to change your thinking through the power of Christ Jesus.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Scott

### **YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS**

During January, Impact Youth enjoyed a Winter Retreat weekend at Jumonville. We had 13 teens attend. They studied the book of Esther and were reminded that we were made for such a time as this. They also had a lot fun sled riding, playing games and making new friends.



IMPACT Youth gather around the Jumonville entrance



Now, who are you going to dump that sled full of snow on?



Group picture. Thirty seconds later, the teens in the front row had sledded to the bottom of the hill!



Role-playing as we study the book of Esther

### **TEEN EXTREME!!!**

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.





**PRESCHOOL NEWS****MARCH MADNESS!!!**

We have so many interesting things going on for the month of March. We have a nutrition week unit that the kids learn about the good foods we SHOULD eat. The Transition class takes a field trip to Shop and Save and learn even more about good foods. Then Eating Of The Greens--for St. Patrick's Day. All the children will bring in green fruits or veggies for the classroom snack and we provide the yummy dip. We move on to our eyes and how important it is to have good vision, so the kids will be having their eyes screened by Vision Services of Washington-Greene County for free.

So I think we have taken care of our bodies this month. We will welcome our unit on Bible Adventures and Easter teachings into April.

Want to know something else that was cool in February? Who doesn't like to get "happy mail"? We love it here and the T class challenged all families from past to present to reach out to other relatives to send the preschoolers happy mail from all over the United States. What a happy outcome! We have received mail from Hawaii, Oregon, California, Florida and so many other states. The kids are then "pinning" a map as to where these letters and cards are coming from. So exciting and the letters are continuing to come to the preschoolers.

So it is a "March Madness" going on in our church Preschool.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**UPCOMING EVENTS****FAMILY EXPERIENCE - FX****FAMILY FUN TIME**

Join us for our next Family Experience on March 6th at 5pm. This is a fun time for families to come together for the Purpose of honoring kids and their families. Please RSVP @ [yvonnegayle20@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnegayle20@gmail.com).

**ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES****Tuesday Evening Speaker Series****MARCH 1-29**

Dr. John Burgess is Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Seminary and has written extensively on the Christian church in Germany and Russia. He is a member of the Karl Barth Translators Team at Princeton Seminary.

This series will introduce participants to the life and thought of the greatest Protestant theologian of the twentieth century, Karl Barth. Barth was one of the few theologians in Germany to speak out against the Nazis. He was also one of the few to see that Christians in the West were rapidly becoming a minority in a "post-Christian" society. We will examine how his thinking inspires us and our congregations to be more faithful witnesses to God's presence and work in a secular world.

**This class will be hybrid**, so you can attend in person in the dining room, or by ZOOM. If you choose to attend by ZOOM, please email Pastor Scott for the link, at [pastor.scott.shetter@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.scott.shetter@gmail.com).

**SCHEDULE FOR LENTEN SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES****Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday**

10:00 AM - PW Ash Wednesday Service with Communion.....Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM - PW Continental Breakfast after service.....Dining Room  
 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Evening Service with Communion.....Sanctuary

**Sunday, March 6 - First Sunday of Lent**

Regular Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 ~ Communion

**Sunday, March 13 - Second Sunday of Lent – Regular Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00****Sunday, March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent - Regular Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00****Sunday, March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Regular Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00**

Pastor Billy's Installation will be held in the Sanctuary at 3:00 PM

**Sunday, April 3 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Regular Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 ~ Communion

**Tuesday, April 5 - New Members' Class, 7:00 PM, Dining Room.**

New members will be received on Easter Sunday

**Holy Week****Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday**

Regular Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 – Palms will be available at the door

**Thursday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday - Service at 7:00 PM with Communion....Sanctuary****Friday April 15 - Good Friday - Service at 12:00 Noon in the Commons at the foot of the Cross****Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday - Regular Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00**

10:00 AM - New Members received by the Session.....Dining Room  
 11:00 AM - New Members received by the Congregation.....Sanctuary

**Monday, April 18 - Church is closed to observe Easter**

**MISSION MATTERS**

**MISSION TRIP PLANNING ~ ASSESSING LEVEL OF INTEREST**

A quandary that The Church of the Covenant Mission Committee encounters in planning a Mission Trip is figuring out which comes first—the specific trip for which volunteers are needed; or a group of interested volunteers needing a specific trip to go on.

Accordingly, the Mission Committee wants to know if there are church members interested in going on a Mission Trip to Ronceverte, West Virginia this summer. Ronceverte Presbyterian Church conducts weekly “workcamps” from June through August in the rural, high-poverty area in which it is located. Volunteer groups participate in workcamps each week, living in the Ronceverte church and working at projects in the surrounding area. The church partners with local agencies and businesses which generate a wide variety of projects aimed at assisting people in the area in the name of Christ. For example, local agency partners include family refuge centers, a children’s shelter, an animal shelter, community centers, and a child/youth advocacy center. Ronceverte coordinators assign projects to the volunteer work groups based on need, so a work group will be involved in a diverse number of projects during its stay at Ronceverte. There are some construction and home repair jobs. Reforestation and local produce harvesting projects at certain times in the summer. Groups staying in the Ronceverte church sleep on cots, prepare their own meals in the church kitchen, and utilize shower and bathroom facilities in the church. Twenty-five people can be accommodated comfortably at the church. Not only does this opportunity afford groups the chance to assist others in need (no special skills needed), but it also allows groups to strengthen their faith and personal relationships, taking their mission “lessons learned” back to their homes and churches at the end of the week. Nominal cost per person (excluding transportation) is @\$200 for the week.

If you and friends of yours are interested in participating in this trip this summer, contact one of the folks below or tell someone in the church office. If there is sufficient interest in such a trip, the Mission Committee will set it up with the Ronceverte church and help organize The Church of the Covenant participation.

Points of Contact: Rebecca Aizupitis, Pat Boyer, Steve Johnson

REMEMBER! Expressing interest doesn’t mean the trip will go or that your decision to participate is final. We need to determine interest. So, if you are interested, speak up. Thanks....



**COMMUNITY CIRCLE FOOD PANTRY EASTER FOOD DRIVE**

The Lenten season and Easter is fast approaching. Once again this year, The Church of the Covenant is partnering with The Community Circle Food Pantry to help local families put Easter dinner on their tables, and to make Easter more special. You can make a difference for our neighbors in need by giving food items or financial support for the Easter Food Drive 2022. Food items can be

dropped off in the gray bin in the Commons by March 28<sup>th</sup> (Easter is April 17<sup>th</sup> this year). For any questions, please call Melanie Wolfe at Community Circle Food Pantry, 724-225-1540, or email [mwolfe15301@outlook.com](mailto:mwolfe15301@outlook.com).

**Easter Dinner food items needed:**

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| Boxed scalloped potatoes | cake mix                  |
| Boxed au gratin potatoes | icing                     |
| Canned green beans       | Jell-O                    |
| Canned corn              | Easter Egg dye            |
| Canned beets             | Bag of jelly beans        |
| Canned fruit             | small bottles of vinegar. |



**MENAU MISSION TRIP NEWS!**

**MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**APRIL 5TH, 6:00 PM**



We will be having an informational meeting on April 5th at 6 pm at the church. Please come to find out more about this trip.

We've traveled to the Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM for 8 years, skipping the past two years because of COVID. The trip this year will be September 10-17.

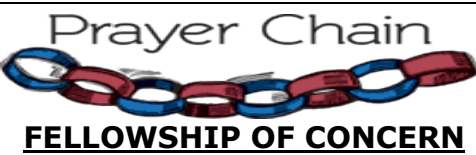
So come to the meeting and learn more about this mission to prayerfully determine if this is for you. Any questions please contact Deb Evans @ [gongal121@gmail.com](mailto:gongal121@gmail.com) or 724-986-0816.

Menaul School is a faith-based, college preparatory day and boarding school for students in grades 6–12, rooted in developing excellence, confidence, and integrity and providing the foundation for life-long learning and ethical leadership.

**DITMAN LUTES FUND**

“The Ditman Lutes Fund was established by the generous vision of Vilesca Ditman and Sylvia 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.”



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**



March is National Nutrition Month with the goal of bringing awareness to healthy eating. Ways you can individualize your nutritional goals include eating a variety of foods; include all food groups; learn how to read food labels; incorporate favorite cultural foods; choose healthy recipes; use a grocery list; make healthy food and drink choices away from home; try new foods and flavors. If you have a chronic disease such as diabetes or hypertension, consider consulting a Registered Dietitian. The Washington Hospital offers this service at The Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center (no membership required) and if you are a diabetic, insurance commonly covers this service.

Any questions, please contact Linda Grimm, RN at 724-263-7911 or stop by Room 302 on Sunday morning. Reminder: BP screenings each week. Good health to all!