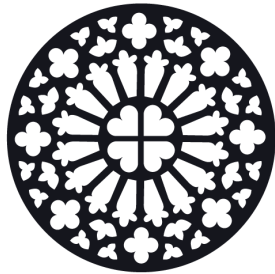


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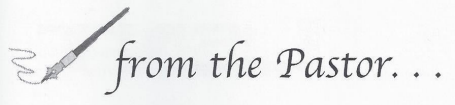
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The Messenger



November 2022

Dear Congregation of God,

As a pastor, one of the spiritual disciplines that I have embraced over the past few years is relearning the “language of lament.” That is, coming alongside people who have lost so much recently amidst this pandemic. People who are grieving speak a particular language, “I just wish we could go back to the old ways of life.” Or even, “I wonder if we’ll ever go back?” Grieving to most means the loss of something that they once held dear. It is apparent to me that over the next month we are entering into one of those seasons where we will be grieving the loss of staff and certain services within our church.

First, we grieve the loss of Pastor Scott and his ministry within our church. Once again, the leadership wisely and prayerfully made this difficult decision for the financial well-being of the church. Nonetheless, it will be painful for us and for Scott and his family to say farewell on November 20th. And so we grieve.

Second, we made the decision to indefinitely suspend the 8:00am worship service beginning on November 27th. Once again, with the financial crisis we face, as well as our reduced number of worship attenders coming out of the pandemic, it comes down to a question of resources— are we wisely using our resources for the larger mission of the church? Here again, Session made the difficult decision, and so we grieve with those who have made that service (and its 8:30 predecessor) “their service” for many years.

Last and most recently, the Membership and Fellowship committee made the difficult decision to discontinue our Sunday radio broadcast on WJPA on November 27th. As you know, the Finance Committee charged all committees to reduce their 2023 budget by 10%. The Membership and Fellowship Committee felt this change was the most effective way to reduce their budget. And while we are uncertain just how many continue to tune in to this broadcast, we are certain there are other, more cost-efficient methods of broadcasting and streaming the weekly sermon. That said, this will be difficult news to hear from those who continue to tune in via the radio broadcast.

With all that said, you can see why I say we are most certainly entering into a season of lament. My simple charge to you, and to me, is that we all come alongside those who are most affected by these most difficult decisions. Change is hard. Grief is natural. But let us all listen to, pray, and show love and compassion to one another as we press forward with unwavering faith into the future that God has planned for us. Trust me, there are good days ahead!

Journeying with you,

Billy

POINSETTIAS TO ADORN THE SANCTUARY

It’s time to order gorgeous Red Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! Only \$10 each! *Orders due to Church Office by **December 15th**; make checks payable to “The Church of the Covenant” with “Poinsettia” in the memo line.*

In Memory / Honor of - Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Number Ordered _____ **Amount Enclosed (\$10 each)**_____

Ordered by _____

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☐ I will pick mine up after Christmas ☐ I would like mine delivered to a shut-in

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

Laura Thompson

Memorial	T. Jean Piatt
Memorial	Jean Phelan
Memorial	Bob and Mary Wichterman
Missions	Charlotte Herron
Memorial	Don and Linda Grimm
Memorial	Chuck and Lynn Sylvis
Memorial	Rick and Janet Nevin
Memorial	Dr. Michael and Donna Guthrie
Music	Bill and Betty Braun
Memorial	Harold and Susan Koehler

BAPTISM

Baptized on October 30, 2022 at the 9:00am service, **Noah Thomas Phillips**, born June 17, 2022. Noah is the son of Paul Edward and Laura Marie Phillips and the grandson of church members Jerry and Beth Smith and Ed and Stacy Phillips. Noah’s baptism was officiated by the Rev. Dr. Scott Shetter.

UPDATE FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

On October 4, the Endowment Committee performed one of its most important regular functions. The Committee made its annual distributions from endowment income to the budget of the Church. This year distributions to church budgets totaled over \$97,800 to support categories required by restrictions in the various endowed funds. These restrictions fall into eight (8) broad areas listed below alongside the amount distributed to each in 2022.

AMOUNT	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	CATEGORY
\$40,413	General Use	\$13,167	Building & Grounds
\$25,689	Missions	\$10,097	CoTC Preschool
\$ 478	Childrens’ Ministries	\$ 3,644	Music Purposes
\$ 2,508	Presbyterian Women Mission	\$ 1,885	Memorials

Endowment monies are generous gifts to the church from thoughtful individuals and families. They intend that their gifts be held intact as a principal sum to generate income far into the future. These benefactors customarily designate the use of the income to annually preserve and enhance the worship, Mission and ministries of the church in very specific ways. The Church of The Covenant has a long history of endowment gifts and in 2010 the Session revised the Bylaws for processes and procedures of an Endowment Committee to oversee the invested funds of the church. The Endowment Committee publishes details of its work in the “Annual Reports” of the church. Additional information about the Endowment Committee, endowment giving, or establishing endowment funds, can be obtained by contacting the Church Financial Administrator, 724-222-0190 X 111.

United With the Church Triumphant

FUNERALS

Long-time member **Laura Thompson** passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2022. The funeral service was held at Neal Funeral Home on September 30, 2022, with the Rev. C.J. Haury officiating. A private interment followed at Forest Lawn Gardens.

The church has been notified that **Ruby S. Page**, from Strabane Trails, passed away on June 12, 2022. No local services were held.

Faithful member **Jean Phelan** joined The Church Triumphant on October 8, 2022. A Celebration of Life was held at The Church of the Covenant on Wednesday, October 19th, with the Rev. Dr. Billy Younger officiating.

Long-time member **H. Milton “Whitie” Grantz** joined The Church Triumphant on October 22, 2022. The funeral service was held at Piatt & Barnhill Funeral Home on Friday, October 28, with the Rev. Dr. Billy Younger officiating. Interment immediately followed at Washington Cemetery.

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 two books were donated by Linda Pitner. *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. Francis Gleeson and Brian Stanhope, rookie cops in the NYPD, live next door to each other outside the city. What happens behind closed doors in both houses—the loneliness of Francis’s wife, Kena, and the instability of Brian’s wife, Anne, sets the stage for the explosive events to come. This story is an exploration of the lifelong friendship and love that blossoms between Kate Gleeson and Peter Stanhope, born six months apart. One shocking night their loyalties are divided, and their bond will be tested many times over the next 40 years. This novel reveals the way childhood memories change when viewed from the distance of adulthood—villains lose their menace and those who appeared innocent seem less so.

The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware. A young woman accepts a live-in nanny’s job in Scotland that seems too good to be true—a generous salary, a beautiful home, and a picture-perfect family. What she doesn’t know is that she is walking into a nightmare—one that will eventually find her in prison awaiting trial for murder. The author is described as the Agatha Christie of our time. *(The library has more books by Ruth Ware.)*

The following two books were donated by the Rev. Kay Balderose. *Eerdman’s Handbook to Christianity in America* by Mark A. Noll provides a history of the US Christian church with biographical information on church leaders, the different organized churches, and popular Christian movements from colonial times up through the 1970’s. Excellent photographs and artwork accompany every major topic.

Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from its Cultural Captivity by Nancy Pearcey offers a razor-sharp analysis of the public/private split, explaining how it hamstringing our efforts at both personal and cultural renewal. The book reflects a division in the concept of truth itself, which functions as a gatekeeper, ruling Christian principles out of bounds in the public arena. How can we unify our fragmented lives and recover spiritual power? With examples from the lives of real people, past and present, Pearcey teaches readers how to liberate Christianity from its cultural captivity. She walks readers through practical, hands-on steps for crafting a full-orbed Christian worldview. Finally, she makes a passionate case that Christianity is not just religious truth, but truth about total reality. It is total truth.

The following books were donated anonymously. *Runaway* by Peter May. In 1965 Glasgow, Jack Mackay dares not imagine a life of predictability and routine. The headstrong 17-year-old has one thing on his mind – London – and successfully convinces his four friends and fellow band mates to join him in abandoning their homes to pursue a goal of musical stardom. In 2015 Glasgow, 67-year-old Jack Mackay is haunted by memories that he has run from all his life. In 2015 London, what started with five teenagers five decades before will now be finished.

The Canadians by Andrew H. Malcolm. The second-largest country by area in the world, Canada was created by another foreign power for reasons of its own that had little to do with Canadian desires and nothing to do with natural geographical boundaries. Beset by political handicaps, a harsh climate, and a divisive geography, a disparate Canada set out to build a modern, independent country in the economic, military, and cultural shadow of the world’s two superpowers, the US and the Soviet Union. The fact that it accomplished this task without a military revolution, civil war or without the overthrow of any government denotes an impressive amount of skill and grace. But it was also accomplished without much attention even within Canada.

The Striker: An Isaac Bell Adventure by Clive Cussler. It is 1902, and a bright, inexperienced young man named Isaac Bell, only two years out of his apprenticeship at the Van Dorn Detective agency, has an urgent message for his boss. Hired to hunt for radical unionist saboteurs in the coal mines, he is witness to a terrible accident that makes him think something else is going on...that provocateurs are at work and bigger stakes are in play. Little does he know how big they are. Given exactly one week to prove his case, Bell quickly finds himself pitted against two of the most ruthless opponents he has ever known—men of staggering ambition and cold-bloodedness who are not about to let some wet-behind-the-ears detective stand in their way.

The Racketeer by John Grisham. In the history of the US, only four active federal judges have been murdered. Judge Raymond Fawcett has just become number five. His body is found in his remote lakeside cabin. There is no sign of forced entry or struggle. Just two dead bodies: Judge Fawcett and his secretary, and one large, state-of-the-art, extremely secure safe, opened and emptied. One man, a former attorney, knows who killed Judge Fawcett and why. But that man, Malcolm Bannister, is currently residing in the Federal Prison Camp near Frostburg, Maryland. Though serving time, Malcolm has an ace up his sleeve. He has information the FBI would love to know and Malcolm would love to tell them. But everything has a price –and the man known as the Racketeer wasn’t born yesterday. *(The library has other books by John Grisham.)*

No Place I’d Rather Be by Cathy Lamb. Two years ago, Olivia Martindale left behind her Montana hometown and her husband, Jace, certain it was the best decision for both of them. Back temporarily to protect her almost-adopted daughters from their biological mother, she discovers an old, handwritten cookbook in the attic, the recipes are written in different hands and in different languages. Hoping the recipes will offer a window into her grandmother’s closely guarded past, Olivia decides to make each dish and records her attempts. The result, like much of her life to date, involves a parade of near disasters and chaotic appearances by family members. The project is messy, real and an unintended hit.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 1 Isaiah 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21 Revelation 21:9–11, 22–27 (22:1–5) <i>or</i> Hebrews 11:32—12:2 Matthew 5:1–12	Tuesday, November 8 Joel 2:3–11 Revelation 19:1–10 Luke 14:25–35	Wednesday, November 9 Joel 2:12–19 Revelation 19:11–21 Luke 15:1–10	Thursday, November 10 Joel 2:21–27 James 1:1–15 Luke 15:1–2, 11–32	Friday, November 11 Joel 2:28–3:8 James 1:16–27 Luke 16:1–9	Saturday, November 12 Joel 3:9–17 James 2:1–13 Luke 16:10–17 (18)	Sunday, November 13 Habakkuk 1:1–4 (5–11) 12—2:1 Philemon 3:13–4:1 Matthew 23:13–24	Monday, November 14 Habakkuk 2:1–4, 9–20 James 2:14–26 Luke 16:19–31	Tuesday, November 15 Habakkuk 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18 James 3:1–12 Luke 17:1–10
Wednesday, November 2 Ephesians 2:1–15 Revelation 16:1–11 Luke 13:10–17		Thursday, November 16 Malachi 1:1, 6–14 James 3:13–4:12 Luke 17:11–19	Friday, November 17 Malachi 2:1–16 James 4:13–5:6 Luke 17:20–37	Saturday, November 18 Malachi 3:1–12 James 5:7–12 Luke 18:1–8	Sunday, November 19 Malachi 3:13–4:6 James 5:13–20 Luke 18:9–14	Monday, November 20 Zechariah 9:9–16 1 Peter 3:13–22 Matthew 21:1–13	Tuesday, November 21 Zechariah 10:1–12 Galatians 6:1–10 Luke 18:15–30	Wednesday, November 22 Zechariah 11:4–17 1 Corinthians 3:10–23 Luke 18:31–43
Thursday, November 3 Ephesians 3:1–7 Revelation 16:12–21 Luke 13:18–30						Thursday, November 23 Zechariah 12:1–10 Ephesians 1:3–14 Luke 19:1–10		
Friday, November 4 Ephesians 3:8–13 Revelation 17:1–18 Luke 13:31–35								
Saturday, November 5 Ephesians 3:14–20 Revelation 18:1–14 Luke 14:1–11								
Sunday, November 6 Joel 1:1–13 1 Corinthians 14:1–12 Matthew 20:1–16								
Monday, November 7 Joel 1:15–2:2 Revelation 18:15–24 Luke 14:12–24								



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

William King, Jr.	11/02	Kylie Leckie	11/11	Barbara Payne	11/21
James Simonini	11/03	Destiny Alexis Lehw	11/11	Debra Evans	11/21
William Braun	11/04	Annabelle Knestrick	11/12	Ryan Kelley	11/21
Mary Smith	11/04	Linda Grimm	11/12	George Rau	11/21
Dona Hamilton	11/04	Daniel Orr	11/12	Catherine Heck	11/22
Marna Day	11/04	Sharon Burchett	11/13	Charlotte Herron	11/23
Jill Losko	11/04	Robert Burdette, III	11/13	Luke Day	11/23
Susan Moninger	11/05	Michele Carl	11/15	Cynthia Osbourne	11/25
Ryan Hoglund	11/06	Amanda Gibson	11/15	David Dickson	11/25
Chad Carl	11/06	Jacob Betzner	11/15	Lois Core	11/26
Daniel Kephart	11/08	Linda Chaney	11/16	Daniel Gottron	11/27
Rebecca Aizupitis	11/09	Steven Devenney	11/16	Carol Ann Yohe	11/28
Mason Burchett	11/09	Edna Grimm	11/17	Emily Pitner	11/28
David McClellan	11/09	Thomas Knight	11/17	Charles McIlvaine	11/29
Julie Densmore	11/10	Brittany Ingram	11/19	William Roesner	11/29
Lauren Jurovcik	11/10	Adam Denmead	11/20	Betty Lou Engle	11/30
Jacqueline Grantz	11/11				



NOVEMBER PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE



November 6, 2022 (Communion)
Sermon Title: **THE AIM OF LIFE**
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Luke 12:13-21, 32-34
Focal Verse: *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* vv. 34.
Synopsis: The primary aim of life is to give glory to God. In other words, we are pieces of art — designed to draw attention to the glory of the Artist (and not our own glory).

Special Notes: All Saints Sunday & Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 13, 2022
Sermon Title: **THE AIM OF LIFE: PART II**
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Luke 12:13-21, 32-34
Focal Verse: *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* vv. 34.
Synopsis: The secondary aim of life is to live daily for Jesus’ glory and the glory and well-being of his church. Because the church is Jesus’ bride, pride and joy, Jesus’ glory and his church is what matters most to him. It’s what he died for. May God build this passion inside of us!

Special Notes: Consecration Sunday

November 20, 2022
Sermon Title: **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Psalm 100
Focal Verse: *“For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”* vv. 5.
Synopsis: On the worst day of our lives, we need to know that the Lord is good and faithful. Why? Because sometimes life and this world is not good, and sometimes we cannot understand it. But the Lord is good, and His faithfulness continues through all generations! Therefore, let us give thanks!

Special Notes: Thanksgiving Sunday

November 27, 2022 (First Sunday, Advent)
Sermon Title: **GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING: THE SOVEREIGN**
Preaching: Craig Kephart
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11
Focal Verse: *“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* vv. 9-11.
Synopsis: King Jesus has come into the world to remind us that He is sovereign over all and nothing is outside His love and care.

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER MESSENGER IS NOVEMBER 15th.

PASTOR SCOTT'S MUSINGS

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord.”



Partings are always such difficult things. We do not really like to part and grieve deeply when we do, especially when we have been deeply connected and vulnerable with one another.

Partings in this life are always inevitable, and here we are at one of those moments.

When pastors preach at funerals, we seek to honor the legacy of the one who has departed and to bear witness to what God is doing through the Resurrection of His Son, Jesus. I believe that is in order at this time as we prepare for the moment that is coming this month.

We have been through much together in the three years we have been united in ministry through Christ Jesus. We have weathered the unprecedented ups and downs of the COVID-19 pandemic, having closed and opened twice, lived through the surprise of the retirement of a dearly loved Sr. Pastor, navigated the waters of ministry while waiting for an interim pastor and then through that leadership while awaiting a new Sr. Pastor, and welcomed the ministry of the new Sr. Pastor. We have forged ahead with new ministries while we retired others. We have welcomed a new Director of Children, Youth, and Families and watched new life breathed into the church. Together, we worked to see the completion of my Doctor of Ministry project, providing the church with a new and exciting form of ministry that I pray will continue to flourish well into the future. Through it all, we have seen the faithfulness of our God.

I believe that the verses above are written for both this congregation and for me. God has great plans in store for both of us, though it is not what either of us may have wanted or wished for. The Church of the Covenant has been reforming and will continue to reform as you yield to God's plans for you and for the community you serve. I will pray for your faithfulness to the tasks and through the challenges that still lie ahead and will be watching from a distance praising God as you follow Him and grow in His grace and in discipleship of Jesus.

Let us step into the future recognizing the grace of the past, the pain of the present, and the hope of the future as we set our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Scott

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 6:15p.m.**, 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.

IT'S TIME FOR AN UPDATED CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a 2022 church family pictorial directory with Universal. It will include all members' 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!

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 NEWS
BIRTHDAY AND THANK OFFERINGS

Presbyterian Women (PW) have been heeding the call to give thanks to God, and to do good to one another and to all since they started organizing as aid societies in the 1700s. Today, the PW continues the tradition of generosity through Birthday and Thank Offering fund raising drives.

The Thank Offering began in 1888, when Eliza Clokely of Springfield, Ohio urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual offering. In 1998, the newly-formed Presbyterian Women adopted the Thank Offering as one of two grant-giving programs of the PW National Organization. This year, the group has awarded grants to eight national and two international causes.

Included in those chosen to receive grants are Presbytery of Miami Valley. A \$13,000 grant will provide supplies for building and rehabilitating homes. Due to the projects' financial structure, these funds will continue into perpetuity. The international grant is for Haiti, of the South Atlantic Presbytery of Tampa Bay, in the amount of \$47,887. This project will help prevent and address the root causes of severe malnutrition for rural, exceptionally poor families in Mombin Crochu.

November is Thank Offering month. Sunday, November 20th is Thank Offering Sunday. Thank Offering envelopes will be available at entrances to both the sanctuary and the Covenant Center. Offerings can also be mailed to: Joan McCrory, 1240 W. Wylie Ave., Washington, PA 15301. Make your check payable to Presbyterian Women, with "Thank Offering" in the memo line.

RESULTS FROM THE SECOND ANNUAL FALL FAMILY CHALLENGE !!!

We had an action-packed, fun evening at our 2nd Annual Family Challenge. The Dille Family took home the trophy! Thank you to all of our families who participated. You were all rock stars! Thank you Calvin Blunt for leading the games!



FAST-MOVING FUN



THE WINNERS!



FOOTBALL-STYLE DRILLS



FUNKY NEW DANCE MOVES?

A NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family,
I marvel at how God continues to weave our individual stories into a beautiful narrative of love, uniting us in His Spirit to make Christ known in our community and across the world. Because of your generous love, the Stewardship Committee wants to thank each of you for pledging financial support during the 2023 Fall Covenant Campaign. Making a future pledge during this challenging economy is not only an act of faith, but also demonstrates true worship of God with thanksgiving and through sincere prayer. No human effort could have unleashed such generosity! We believe as Elijah had done, and God brought forth the rain (James 5:17-18). We are witnessing firsthand, that the fervent prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective (5:16). Again, many thanks for your faithfulness and fidelity to the mission and ministry of The Church of the Covenant.
And if there are those who have yet to pledge, it's not too late. For God loves a cheerful, merry, joyous, and hilarious giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Sharon Evans, Stewardship Committee Chair

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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 purchase goes to The Church of the Covenant. Every little bit helps. Happy Shopping!

END OF AN ERA

On Sunday, November 20, 2022, WJPA radio will air the final worship service broadcast from The Church of the Covenant. Unfortunately, the church budget can no longer accommodate the cost of this ministry. The good news is, there are other ways to connect with the church and worship even if you are not able to be here in person. We have a wonderful livestream of our 11:00am Traditional Service and hope to be able to do the same with the Covenant Alive! (9:00am) service in the near future. If you currently listen to WJPA on Sunday for worship, please call the office 724-222-0190 if you would like someone from the church to help you connect to our video stream.



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

As I write this, Hurricane Ian had just devastated Florida in the past few days. It seems we hear about traumatic/violent events and natural disasters every day. They may involve our family, community, state, nation or the world. Sometimes we struggle to understand why such horrible things happen. Here are some tips on self-care to manage distress surrounding these events: Find a quiet place to breathe and talk to God; turn off the news or limit the amount of time you watch the news; eat healthy, get adequate rest and physical activity; do something productive alone or with others (make phone calls, provide meals/transportation, provide emotional support by listening to others, especially children) and lastly, pray. There are many resources to help; please contact me at 724-263-7911 or stop by Room 302 on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15am. Good Health to all!
-Linda Grimm, RN



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box, packed full of quality toys, school supplies and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

If you would like to donate a shoebox to share your Christmas spirit and God's love, boxes will be available in the Commons from November 1st through the 12th. Pack your box with small hygiene items, toys and non-perishable items. Shipping fee is \$10 a box.



Please deliver your box to the church by November 13th.

*Tip ~ If you're not sure what to pack in your box, Google Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child for lists of items that are popular shoebox gifts.



YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS

2nd ANNUAL JINGLE JAM, DECEMBER 10

JINGLE JAM UPDATE!!!

Jingle Jam is filling up fast! Please sign up for Jingle Jam today by going to this link: <https://form.jotform.com/222932670171150>

If you are not able to use the link, please contact Yvonne Gayle at yvonnegayle20@gmail.com.

Jingle Jam is a one day event on December 10th from 10 to 2 pm for kids ages 4 to 11. Kids will experience the Christmas Story, a hot chocolate bar, Reindeer Games, create an heirloom craft and more! Lunch is provided.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

God, Togetherness, Family, Friends and Gratefulness=Thanksgiving

The month of November all of the Preschoolers will be busy talking to their classmates during their Show and Tell about their favorite foods. All of these nonperishable items are being donated to the Food Bank. This coincides with our monthly theme of "Sharing with One Another".

To carry this lesson out even more, another mission is Toys for Tots. During the month of November and up until December 12th the families will donate toys for this great cause. If you care to contribute to this mission, there is a box located in the Preschool area, but since we are being careful of who comes into the Preschool area-you can just drop your donation right at our inside doors of the Preschool. Many thanks in advance for your kindness.

In celebration of togetherness, the preschoolers will be celebrating Thanksgiving by having a "feast" on November 21st and 22nd. As always, we are continuing to learn about God, Bible stories, our letters, cutting, and printing and a wonderful project to honor preschool family Veterans, and Honoring World Kindness Day etc. The list goes on and on!

We also have seven families who are blessed to have received assistance through the various endowment funds and the Ditman-Lutz Fund. The families are very grateful to have their children attending our Christian Preschool.

So everyday is a special day here at our church preschool. We love every minute of it and are very blessed!



Also--just to let you all know--just like last year, beginning in mid-September, the Observer Reporter had a contest called Best of the Best in Washington Co. With your help and others, The Church of The Covenant Preschool made it to the top 3 Preschools in the county. The Preschool will be notified in November if we made it to be the Best Preschool for the sixth time! We really are keeping our fingers crossed--It would be a grand feeling. So stay tuned!! Of course our wish is to bring it "home" for the sixth year, but we already feel in our hearts that we remain #1. To get this recognition publically once again is awesome because the community spoke! We sure do LOVE our church Preschool!

Happy Fall!!

Miss Camille