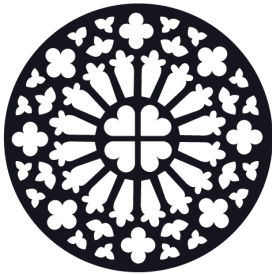


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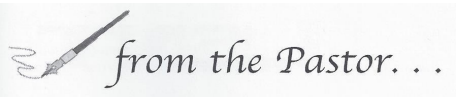


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WHY EASTER?

From the very beginning, the church organized its corporate life around Easter. Just when it seemed like their highest hopes and deepest dreams were destroyed, the disciples of Jesus came face to face with the risen Christ. They saw Jesus alive and in their midst. Since that first encounter was on the first day of the week, the church began to meet together on Sunday. They called it, “the Lord’s Day.” They met with the Lord to hear “the Word of the Lord” retold and to come to “the Lord’s Table” where the Risen One fed them. They lived in light of Jesus’ resurrection. He was alive and He was alive in them.

While each Lord’s Day was a “little Easter,” the early church soon celebrated the anniversary of the resurrection on an annual feast day called Easter Sunday. Easter was the central and greatest feast day of the church. The council of Nicea (A.D. 325) decided that the date of Easter would always be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. That kept Easter the same week as the Jewish Passover, which also moves according to the lunar calendar. Passover week is the week Jesus died and rose again. (That also means that the earliest Easter comes is March 22 and the latest is April 25.)

So why do we need Easter now? First, Easter is obviously more than a high and holy day of celebration---the greatest day of the church year. It’s also much more than a grand church tradition with appropriate rituals. We need Easter to remind us that resurrection is the central reality that empowers our faith. The church teaches and we believe that Jesus’ resurrection from the dead means that He is alive in the world and in us. Resurrection life therefore is “normative” for every follower of Jesus Christ. The early church referred to that reality as “the power of the resurrection” that works in the life of all Jesus’ followers.

However, while resurrection life is normative for the Christian, the reality of Christ’s resurrection also reminds us that we are people of extraordinary hope. The truth is that unless Jesus comes back first, you and I will die. Yes, our bodies will rot and decay. Sad? Depressing? It should be! But here is the extraordinary hope of the Christian--- death is not the last word. The resurrection of Jesus showed us our own future. We too will be raised. He will give our bodies back, better than before, re-made like his dazzling body. What is more, we have actually seen in a knowable event here in human history what a resurrected human being is like—the risen Jesus of Easter.

Dear Christian, I dare say that if this is true — if Christ has already conquered our worst enemy, death, then there is absolutely nothing that He cannot conquer or overcome in your own life! Worry, doubt, sorrow, bitterness or fear? No, it doesn’t even stand a chance. Indeed, there is a power greater. There is no hope more profound. And there is no life more abundant than that. So bring yourself, your family, and your voices to worship this Easter Sunday 2023 and let us proclaim and celebrate Christ’s victory together.

“The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.”

In Him,
Billy

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Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 am

10:00 - 11:00 am

Spiritual development time

for children and adults

Church Office Hours

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

LILIES TO ADORN THE SANCTUARY

It’s time to order gorgeous White Easter Lilies
to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

Only \$10 each! Orders due to Church Office by **April 2nd**; make checks payable to
“The Church of the Covenant” **with “Lily” in the memo please**

In Memory / Honor of (please circle one): Last Name: _____

First name: _____ Relationship _____

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

Ordered by _____

Phone # _____

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

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

- Harold Caesber
Dave and Carol McClellan
- Shirley Howe
Maxine Steiner
T. Jean Piatt
Jim and Karen Simonini
George and Mary Alice Jones
ILG Private Wealth, Inc.
Linda Weaver
Martha V. Paul Chapter #404, O.E.S.
- Peggy Day
George and Mary Alice Jones
- Kathy Teagarden
Bob and Mary Wichterman
Jonathan Pachter
Don and Linda Grimm
Rick and Janet Nevin
Bill and Betty Braun
John M. and Judith R. Scott
Connie Hornickel
Brown Family Charitable Fund
Holly and Karen (Raymie) Woods
Heather Purcell
Sheila Olenik
Eric and Anne Brown
GSA Junior Troop #28896 and
GSA Brownie Troop # 50772
Robert and Dorothy Kerns
Susan Kepler
Barry Bartusiak-Washington PLLC
Diane W. Lodge
Stephen and Linda Marriner
George and Mary Alice Jones
Eugene Wayne and Ruth Sondermann
Renny and Crystal Domske
Steve and Trish Warren
Drake Dowler, Sara Dowler Auman

In Honor of Del and Patty Mounts

- Youth Education
Anonymous

United With the Church Triumphant

Ellen Beam Wilson, passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2023. A Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 8:45am at Washington and Jefferson College Chapel. Interment at Washington Cemetery will be private.

Helen Louise Coen Brooks, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. As Helen requested, all services were private.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Many are aware that my office hours are changing. I anticipate being in the office during these times. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of help in any way!
Monday - 7:30 - 11:30am
Tuesday - 7:30am - 3:30pm
Wednesday - 7:30am - 3:30pm
Thursday - 7:30 - 11:30am
Friday - off
Blessed to serve in His name,
Debi

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.



MANY THANKS

Brian Teagarden would like to thank all who prayed for, encouraged, and aided him during Kathryn's recent spell of illness.

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 Carnahan 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 Library Committee thanks the donors of the Library books.

We would like to thank Barb Driscoll Knight, who donated two books by Kate Quinn, *The Huntress* and *The Diamond Eye*, in honor of her sister, Meg Driscoll. The donor information was omitted in the January-February Newsletter.

From the Ashes: Berlin Fractured, Book 1 by Marion Kummerow was donated by Barb Knight. Inspired by true historical events after World War II. Marlene has no love lost for the Soviet occupying forces, who turn out to be as cruel as the Nazis were. Living in constant fear of the Russian soldiers, she works in a hospital to make ends meet, where she meets Werner, a cold-hearted career politician. Werner, a German émigré to Moscow, returns to his hometown of Berlin with the highest hopes for a better future. Sent by the Communist Party, he's soon caught in a moral conflict between loyalty to the party and his conscience. When Marlene criticizes the communist regime, she becomes the target of powerful men. Werner wishes to protect her, but will he be able to shed decades of indoctrination, and will he be willing to put his own future at risk?

The following four novels were donated by Helen Haines. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus was given in memory of Harriett Johnson. Chemist Elizabeth is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans, the lonely, brilliant Nobel Prize-nominated grudge holder falls in love with the brilliant Elizabeth. Like science, though, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth finds herself not only a single mother but also the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show, *Supper at Six*. Her unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. As it turns out, Elizabeth isn't just teaching women to cook, she's daring them to change the status quo. *Lessons in Chemistry* is laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters.

The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson was donated in memory of Harriet Johnson. As the daughter of the famed, blue-skinned Troublesome Creek pack horse librarian, Honey Lovett and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. When her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes that she must fight to stay free or risk being sent away for good. Honey picks up her mother's old Pack Horse Library route and delivers books to the remote hollers of Appalachia. If Honey wants to bring freedom books to the families who need it most, she's going to have to fight for her place and eventually learn that the extraordinary women of the hollers can make a difference. (The library also has "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" - precedes "The Book Woman's Daughter.") *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. Adunni is a fourteen-year-old girl who knows what she wants: an education. As the only daughter of a broke father, she is removed from school and sold as a third wife to an old man. When unspeakable tragedy swiftly strikes in her new home, she is secretly sold as a servant to a household in the wealthy enclaves of Lagos, where no one will talk about the strange disappearance of Rebecca. No one but Adunni...she has been told all her life that she is nothing, but Adunni won't be silenced.

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett weaves together multiple strands and generations from the Deep South to California and from the 1950s to the 1990s. The identical twin Vignes sisters grew up together in a small southern black community and ran away at age sixteen. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. Across the country, the other sister secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Although separated by many miles and many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

The following four books were anonymously donated. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. What would you do if you could fix your "regrets" and choose another direction for your life? Up until now, Nora Seed's life has been full of misery and regret. But between life and death in Nora's life, there is a library. When she finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. The books enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. Each book contains a different life that affects her life story and everyone around her. But things aren't always what she imagined they would be. Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: What is the best way to live?

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave. Before Owen Michaels disappears, he manages to smuggle a note to his beloved wife of one year, Hannah: "Protect her." Hannah knows to whom the note refers – Owen's 16-year-old daughter, Bailey. As phone calls to Owen go unanswered, as the FBI arrests Owen's boss, and as a US Marshall shows up, Hannah realizes that her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity - and why he really disappeared.

The Boys from Biloxi by James Grisham. For the past 100 years, Biloxi was known for its beaches, resorts, and seafood industry. Biloxi also had a darker side and was notorious for gambling, prostitution, bootleg liquor, drugs, and contract killings. Keith Rudy and Hugh Malco grew up in Biloxi in the 1960s and were childhood friends as well as Little League all-stars. But as teenagers, their lives went in different directions. Keith's father became a legendary prosecutor, determined to "clean up the Coast." Hugh's father became the "Boss" of Biloxi's criminal underground. Keith went to law school and followed in his father's footsteps. Hugh preferred the nightlife and worked in his father's clubs. The two families were headed for a showdown, one that would ultimately happen in a courtroom. (The Library has other novels by this author.)

Always a Guest by Barbara Brown Taylor. From beloved writer and renowned preacher Barbara Taylor Brown comes a new collection of stories and sermons of faith, grace, and hope. Taylor finds that when you are the invited guest speaking of faith to people you don't know, one must seek common ground: exploring the central human experience. Full of Taylor's astute observations on the Spirit and the state of the world along with her gentle wit, this collection will inspire Taylor's fans and preachers alike as she explores faith in all its beauty and complexity. (The Library has other books by this author.)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

Saturday, April 1
Jer. 31:27-34
Rom. 11:25-36
John 11:28-44
or John 12:37-50
Sunday, April 2
Zech. 9:9-12
1 Tim. 6:12-16 or Zech. 12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9
Matt. 21:12-1
Monday, April 3
Jer. 11:18-20;
12:1-16 (17)
Phil. 3:1-14
John 12:9-19
Tuesday, April 4
Jer. 15:10-21
Phil. 3:15-21
John 12:20-26
Wednesday, April 5
Jer. 17:5-10, 14-17 (18)
Phil. 4:1-13
John 12:27-36
Thursday, April 6
Jer. 20:7-11 (12-13)
14-18
1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32
John 17:1-11 (12-26)
Friday, April 7
Gen. 22:1-14
1 Peter 1:10-20
John 13:36-38 or John 19:38-42

Saturday, April 8
Job 19:21-27a
Heb. 4:1-16
Rom. 8:1-11
Sunday, April 9
Exod. 12:1-14
John 1:1-18
or Isa. 51:9-11
Luke 24:13-35 or John 20:19-23
Monday, April 10
Jonah 2:1-10
Acts 2:14, 22-32
John 14:1-14
Tuesday, April 11
Isa. 30:18-26
Acts 2:36-41 (42-47)
John 14:15-31
Wednesday, April 12
Micah 7:7-15
Acts 3:1-10
John 15:1-11
Thursday, April 13
Ezek. 37:1-14
Acts 3:11-26
John 15:12-27
Friday, April 14
Dan. 12:1-4, 13
Acts 4:1-12
John 16:1-15

Saturday, April 15
Isa. 25:1-9
Acts 4:13-21 (22-31)
John 16:16-33
Sunday, April 16
Isa. 43:8-13
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-7
Monday, April 17
Dan. 1:1-21
1 John 1:1-10
John 17:1-11
Tuesday, April 18
Dan. 2:1-16
1 John 2:1-11
John 17:12-19
Wednesday, April 19
Dan. 2:17-30
1 John 2:12-17
John 17:20-26
Thursday, April 20
Dan. 2:31-49
1 John 2:18-29
Luke 3:1-14
Friday, April 21
Dan. 3:1-18
1 John 3:1-10
Luke 3:15-22
Saturday, April 22
Dan. 3:19-30
1 John 3:11-18
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, April 23
Dan. 4:1-18
1 Peter 4:7-11
John 21:15-25
Monday, April 24
Dan. 4:19-27
1 John 3:19-4:6
Luke 4:14-30
Tuesday, April 25
Dan. 4:28-37
1 John 4:7-21
Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday, April 26
Dan. 5:1-12
1 John 5:1-12
Luke 4:38-44
Thursday, April 27
Dan. 5:13-30
1 John 5:13-20 (21)
Luke 5:1-11
Friday, April 28
Dan. 6:1-15
2 John 1-13
Luke 5:12-26
Saturday, April 29
Dan. 6:16-28
3 John 1-15
Luke 5:27-39
Sunday, April 30
Gen. 18:22-33
1 Peter 5:1-11
Matt. 7:15-29

APRIL PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday
Sermon Title: *“The Glorious Cross”*
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: John 12:12-16, 20-33
Synopsis:

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday
Sermon Title:
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture:
Synopsis:

April 7, 2023 Good Friday
Sermon Title: *“Before Pilate”*
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26
Synopsis:

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday
Sermon Title: *“On the Road”*
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: Luke 24:13-35
Synopsis:

April 16, 2023
Sermon Title: *“CSI Jerusalem”*
Preaching: Rev. Daniel T. Hans
Scripture: Luke 23:32-49, 55-56, 24:1-12
Synopsis: TBD

April 23, 2023
Sermon Title: TBD
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: TBD
Synopsis: TBD

April 30, 2023
Sermon Title: TBD
Preaching: Pastor Billy
Scripture: TBD
Synopsis: TBD

DEADLINE FOR THE MAY MESSENGER is APRIL 15th.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jean Hanas	4/03	Kylan Blunt	4/09	Tara Knight	4/15	April Devenney	4/22
Megan Sutton	4/03	Rae Dawn Guyton	4/09	Christopher Knight	4/17	Denny Denmead	4/23
Nicholas Wall	4/03	Niki Ewing-Davis	4/09	Susan Kepler	4/18	Rachel Phillips	4/23
Billy Proudfit	4/04	Caitlin Scott	4/09	Jennifer Rakoczy	4/18	James Little	4/24
Nancy Bernett	4/05	Emily Yukish	4/11	Jason Piatt	4/19	Jack Piatt, III	4/24
Joseph Di Pietro	4/05	Jim Curry	4/12	Lindsay Wall	4/19	Jessica Gunjak	4/24
Sarah Cole	4/05	Kenneth Watson	4/12	Betsy Gaul	4/20	Travis Nassar	4/24
Evi Mecalf	4/06	Dominic Clutter	4/12	Edward Phillips	4/20	Norma Koman	4/26
Stephanie Silbaugh	4/06	Pat Sanders	4/13	April Betzner	4/21	Stephen Spiegel	4/26
Michael Spiegel	4/06	John Pankopf	4/13	Karen Suzanne Orr	4/21	Joseph Jefferys	4/28
Jessica Kosco	4/06	April Batove	4/13	Brenda Griffith	4/21	Lucy Kime	4/28
Ben Baker	4/07	Michelle McCarrell	4/13	Marian Keisling	4/22	Doug Locy	4/28
Emilia Hickman	4/07	MaryAnna McNeel	4/14	Donna Sukel	4/22	Dayne Warren	4/28
David Hough	4/07	Joyce Hough	4/14	Brooke Roupe	4/22	Sarina Jones	4/29



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS**RETURN OF OFFERING COLLECTION
AT THE 11:00 SERVICE**

Responding to God's blessings and mercies with tithes and offerings has long been an important element of worship. Accordingly, the Worship and Music Committee is pleased to announce that the church will return to our previous practice of passing the offering plates during the **11:00am service on April 9th, Easter Sunday.**

Returning to the practice of collecting those tithes and offerings in our weekly service is a fundamental demonstration of our thankfulness for God's gifts to us. The practice also requires the good graces of volunteers. Volunteers for helping to collect offering will be solicited each quarter. The Committee hopes that if called upon, and able, members will assist in this important aspect of our worship service.

**PARISH NURSE CORNER**

Warmer weather means exposure to ticks is more common. The four most common ticks in our area are the Deer Tick, the Lone Star Tick, the American Dog Tick and the Brown Dog Tick. To help prevent tick-borne diseases such as Lyme Disease do the following: wear insect repellent, shower soon after being outdoors, check for ticks daily in your hair and skin and see your doctor if you develop a fever or rash after a tick bite or tick exposure. Protect your pets by checking your pet for ticks daily, run your fingers through the pet's fur to feel for small bumps and talk to your veterinarian about tick prevention products. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/ticks.

Any questions contact me at 724-263-7911. Good Health to all, Linda Grimm, RN, Parish Nurse.

PRESCHOOL AWESOMENESS!!

Every child shines every day here at our Preschool. A day doesn't go by without the joy of experiencing this feeling and watching the children love who they are. Our teachers do such a fabulous job teaching, nurturing, listening to, and loving our children. The kids have the joy of learning and accepting God into their lives. All of our children are different here at the Preschool, but they have a way of bringing joy into the lives of us all. We are truly blessed to have this opportunity and mission here at our church!

**DIABETES PROGRAM
SAVE THE DATE**

Hands and Hearts is once again hosting a program on Tuesday, May 16th at 6pm entitled "Diabetes and You" for people with new or chronic diabetes or pre-diabetes. The free program will focus on healthy eating, medications, exercise and monitoring with a Q&A period. It is open to church members, family, friends, neighbors and the community. All ages are welcome. No preregistration is necessary. Healthy snacks will be available. Last year's program was well-attended with participants requesting another session. The speaker returning from last year will be Dana Stainbrook, RN, MSN, CDCES, a Diabetes Educator with The Washington Health System. For questions about the program, contact Linda Grimm, RN at 724-263-7911.

TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES

**Dr. Mark Simpson
May 2 – 30 at 7:00 PM**

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

May 2-30: Dr. Mark Simpson:
*Biblical Revival ~
Haggai and Zechariah*

August 1-29: Dr. Billy
Younger:
*Wisdom Literature in the Old
Testament ~ Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes, Job*

September 29-October 24:
Dr. John Burgess;
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**PINE SPRINGS
WOMEN IN THE WOODS
RETREAT**

The PSC "Women in the Woods" retreat will take place from Friday, March 31st, 2023 to Saturday April 1st, 2023. This retreat is an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness through a variety of creative, active, and contemplative seminars and will feature speaker Rev. Dr. Jennifer Haddox, co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Waynesburg.

For registration details, visit:

<https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-woods-spring>.

**ANNUAL FLOWER SALE**

The Missions Committee will be having their annual flower sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 13th from 10-12. Flats will be \$24 and hanging baskets \$25. You can preorder your flowers by completing a form by the display in The Commons or contacting Kathy Nassar at 724-350-5000. Pre orders must be made by April 23rd. Flower order pick up times will be Thursday, May 11th from 12:00-2:00. Please make check payable to Church of the Covenant and write flower sale on memo line. Money is due at time of the order.

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON**

Women and girls of all ages are invited to the Mother-Daughter Luncheon held on Sunday, May 21st at 1:00 pm in the Covenant Center. Alterio's Catering will be preparing a delicious meal which consists of stuffed chicken breasts, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, salad, and rolls. Kids meal includes chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, and fruit salad. Desserts will be provided by Mary Smith and Lynn Sylvis. There will be entertainment, prizes, and baskets to raffle off to benefit the restricted fund for Mission Trips planned by The Church of the Covenant. Adult tickets will be \$22 and children from 5-12 will be \$10. Children 4 and under are free. Please purchase your tickets by May 7th. Look for display and someone selling tickets between church services in The Commons.

**THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
WEBSITE**

Check it out at www.churchofthecov.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our Pre-School covenant connections class is looking for a classroom helper. If you are interested in assisting Mrs. Rebecca with this outstanding children’s ministry program, please contact Yvonne Gayle at yvonnegayle20@gmail.com



COVENANT KIDS PRESCHOOL “MEET THE TEACHER”

Attention parents! Will your child be turning 3 in the months ahead? Or is your child ages 3-5 and curious about our Sunday school program? We welcome you to join our Covenant Kids Preschool class on a special day, Sunday, April 16th from 10-11 am in the Covenant Kids Room. Parents will be able to meet our outstanding Covenant Kids Preschool teacher, Rebecca Aizupitis, and learn more about and observe the Covenant Kids Preschool class while new “students” join in on the fun and make new friends!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ JULY 17 – 21, 2023

Reserve your spot today at www.churchofthecov.org/post/vbs2023

Attention ALL Superheroes! Hero Hotline Headquarters needs YOU to answer the call to follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! Join us for an action-packed week of fun, friends, and faith.

Adult/Youth Volunteer Registration:

Want to learn more about volunteer roles before you sign-up? Check out our [Volunteer Superhero Powers](#) on the VBS webpage.

Kid Superhero Registration: (Age 4 By July 1, 2023 – Rising 6th Graders)

New format! New Sessions! Including extra play time for our youngest heroes, mission projects/interactive experiences for our oldest heroes, and more!

Register today - spaces fill up fast!

LEARN MORE at VBS PROMO DAY - APRIL 16th

9:30AM-12:00PM - COMMONS

Questions? Reach out to Amy Dille at churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com

CHEER BUCKET UPDATE

Items needed for Cheer Buckets! If you would like to spread some love and provide a bit of Joy to kids who are admitted to Washington Hospital, please consider donating items. We are in need of colored pencils, markers, crayons, coloring books, small toys or craft projects. Basically anything a child can do sitting down. We have received texts and letters from Washington Hospital expressing their appreciation and how helpful the items have been. You may give items to Yvonne Gayle or leave in the office. Thank you for your continued support!



IMPACT YOUTH SKIT MEMBERS

- 1. August Ralston, James McCarter, Ada Rose Ralston.
- 2. Lauren Jurovcik, Trey, Kylan and Kelton Blunt.



Bearing in mind that only our Savior, Jesus Christ, was perfect and that all Christians are a “work in progress,” the **Nominating Committee requests your assistance in identifying candidates for Church Office with the following qualities:**

Candidate shall:

Profess Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

Acknowledge that the Bible is God’s written word and is the ultimate authority in matters of faith and daily living.

Be a member of and regularly worship at The Church of the Covenant.

Be striving to deepen his/her relationship to Christ through personal study, adult education, and other ministry opportunities.

Be a responsible steward of his/her time, talent and treasure; willingly and joyfully returning a portion of all three gifts of God, our provider.

Commit to **faithfully** serving a three-year term. This involves a monthly meeting and assignment to at least one sub-committee.

Each Church Officer will actively participate in ministry using his/her time, talents, gifts, and skills. All Church Officers should have the desire to stretch and grow in their spiritual lives. Church Officers will seek the Lord’s Will, relying on His guidance, as they complete this wonderful opportunity of service.

Points of Information

All offices are for a three-year term.

Elders are expected to attend the **monthly** Session meeting plus a monthly committee meeting to which they are assigned.

Deacons also have a regular **monthly** meeting.

Auditors and Trust Fund Management Committee members meet **Quarterly**.

It is assumed that all nominees are **members** in good standing at The Church of the Covenant.

Nominations for Church Officers

You are the Light of the world. A city on the hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 14 - 16

In order that your recommendations may be considered as we prepare the nominations for church officers, we would appreciate your suggestions. The space below is for Elders; Deacons, and Auditors.

Any person currently serving on the Board of Deacons and/or Session is ineligible. Both men and women are eligible to serve as officers provided they are confirmed members actively serving the life and ministry of this church.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

ELDERS: Ruling body of the church. Responsibilities are: 1. Direct the activities and promote the spiritual interest of the church. 2. Be a faithful participant in worship. 3. Attend all Session meetings and assigned standing committee meetings. **DEACONS:** They are to be the instruments of the church's ministry of compassion, helping the poor, visiting the sick and the lonely, following the example of Jesus Christ. Duties: Attend all Deacon Meetings, be a faithful participant in worship and participate actively in the Deacons' ministry.

Candidate's name and office: (You may volunteer yourself) **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY May 1, 2023**

Name	Office

Please pray about your choice(s) and then drop this form in the offering plate; bring this form to the church office; or e-mail your nominations to Ed Breedlove, committee chair, at: ed.breedlove@yahoo.com. All transactions will be handled with complete confidentiality. If you have any questions, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee: **Ed Breedlove, Barry Blose, Rae Dawn Guyton, Heidi Gottron, Dona Hamilton, Steve Johnson, Chuck Neff, and Stacy Phillips.**

We thank you for your prayerful consideration.