



# Your *Communicator*

*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*November 2009*

I have been reading several books about the Transcendentalists of New England in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Margaret Fuller, the Peabody sisters, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Bronson Alcott. In their day they were blowing the lid off the traditional assumptions about life, meaning, human nature, and nature itself, and were quite controversial figures because of it. There is a delicious sense of rediscovering the world as I read their observations of the environment, the deep satisfaction of physical work, and their efforts to live as harmoniously as possible. At the same time, I have to laugh at some of their foibles: Thoreau accidentally burned down hundreds of acres of woods belonging to his neighbors when his campfire swept out of control. Bronson Alcott, in his experiment of communal living called Fruitlands, could not bear to use animals to pull plows, not to take eggs from chickens or milk from a cow—animals were his brothers and sisters, and even their manure was not to be taken for use as fertilizer—and then he wondered why the commune’s farming endeavors produced scarcely enough for its inhabitants to eat. Many of the circle of idealists pooh-poohed the need for money, which was not a problem as long as they were being financially subsidized or even fully supported by Waldo Emerson, who had inherited a sizable estate from his first wife.

They saw themselves as reformers, destined to reawaken in all humanity its sacred calling and to rid themselves of all the trappings of materialism and vanity. There is much to admire in their efforts. But,

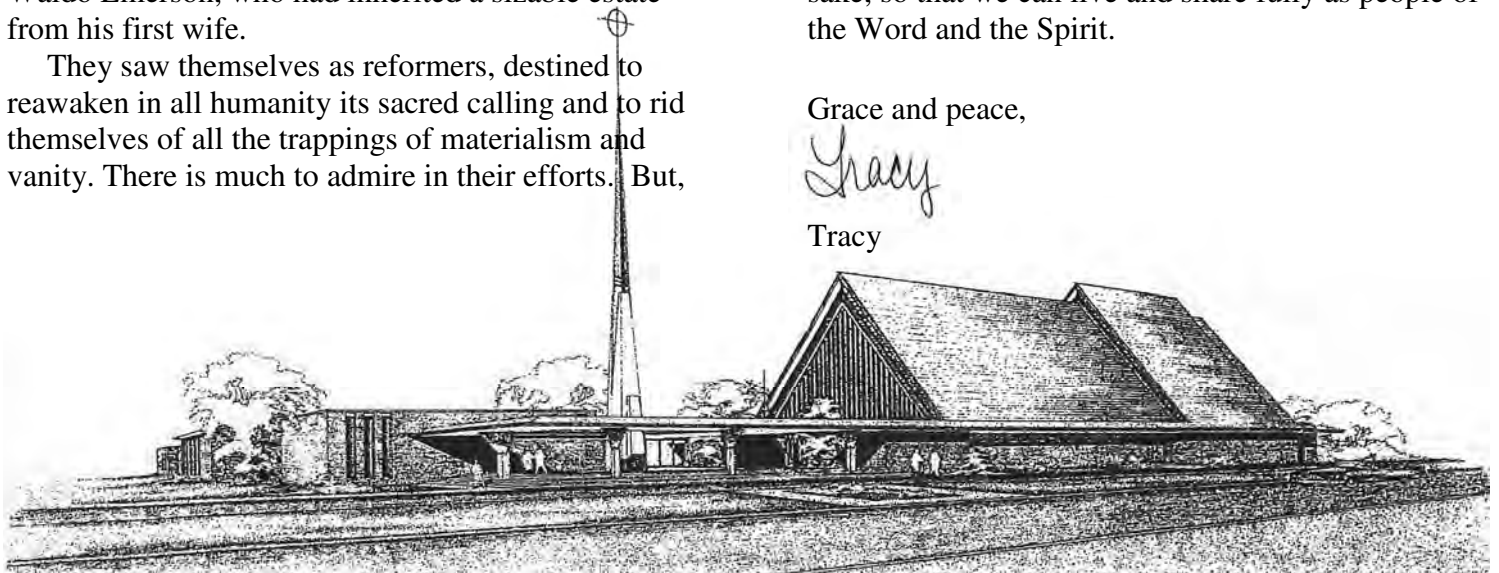
like many reformers, in their zeal to reform they tried to throw out baby, bathwater, soap, washcloth, and towels. And, of course, they fell prey to the same human frailties as we all do.

When we look at ourselves in the Protestant Church as “reformed, always reforming,” we must always be willing to throw out that which does not move us toward God, even if it is something held dear and sentimental. But the risk is, in cleaning house, or “cleaning church,” that we begin to shun anything that is an institutionally accepted way of doing things simply because the institution has accepted it. The institution is not in and of itself the problem. Some of those institutional traditions are the tried and true things that work, just as plowing, milking cows and gathering eggs will nourish a farm family. And yet, we must remember that the church as institution is not what we worship, not what we defend, and not what we pledge ourselves to. The church only insofar as it continues to point us to God, challenge and comfort, and equip us for loving this world, is what we call ourselves members of—that is the Body of Christ.

We want to keep the church fresh, and at the same time hold fast to the wisdom passed down through the ages. We want to rid ourselves of unnecessary trappings and the junk that exists only for its own sake, so that we can live and share fully as people of the Word and the Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Tracy



**Sunday Morning Education Hour 9:45 am**

**THE FORUM in the Lounge**

Nov. 1, 8, 15 Willem Kogeler and Katie Kinnison discuss Everything Must Change by Brian McLaren  
Nov. 22 The Advent Event: No Forum Today  
Nov. 29 Christmas Carols with Weldon Adams

**CHILDREN: Treasure Finders, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall**

Nov. 1 "Jeremiah"  
Nov. 8 "A Good Ruler"  
Nov. 15 "Fiery Furnace"  
Nov. 22 "The Advent Event in Fellowship Hall"  
Nov. 29 Topic to come

**YOUTH:** Study of the gospel according to "Joan of Arcadia" in Karen's office.

**Other Weekly Sunday Morn Options:**

**The Wired Word Room 120** Join us for a revamped version of engaging with the world and scripture. We have a new resource to use in addition to the Wired Word, studies from the Thoughtful Christian. Talk. Listen. Be challenged. Contact Marsha Martin or just show up.

**The Parents' Lounge Room 102**

Take your children to Treasure Finders (aka Sunday School), and then join us in the room next to the nursery. We talk, listen, share pieces of our lives, and wonder about things. There is no set curriculum, just a lot of great relationships.

**The Longest Night Wed., Dec. 16, 7 pm**

*If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you. . . . Psalm 139:11* The Longest Night service is designed for anyone who is not feeling so very merry this Christmas, or whose joy is interspersed with pockets of pain during these holidays. The nights can be very long when we wait for God to be made visible. Join us on and we'll face the darkness together.

**Spirituality Center**

**Begins Sun., Nov. 29, 8am-1pm, Chapel**

A Spirituality Center will be open in each Sunday morning during the season of Advent. Each week we'll offer different opportunities for prayer and reflection. Come try listening for God in some ways you might not have thought of before. Let this season of waiting for Christ to come also be a season of learning to welcome him when he does.

**Read With Me On Line Thursday Mornings**

[www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com](http://www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com)

Each Thursday, Katie will post a response to her reading of the scriptures as she makes her way through the Bible again. You are invited to turn these postings into conversations as you respond to them and we all seek to find the Word of God in and through these words.

**Good Books Coming Up in November**

Willem Kogeler and Katie will lead discussions on two wonderful books: Brian McLaren's *Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope* and Sarah Vowell's *The Wordy Shipmates* about the Puritans and their journey to America. Pick up a copy in the hall and stay tuned for more details. Our discussion of *The Wordy Shipmates* will be Sun., Nov. 22 at 12:30 in the Lounge. RSVP to Katie by Fri. Nov. 20 if you would like lunch.

**Katie's Corner**

You may not want to hear this, but – Advent is actually a little Lent. It's not (in theological or liturgical or time-to-look-at –it-in-terms-of-God terms) about shopping and baking and housecleaning and decorating. It's about preparing ourselves for God's wonder. It's about getting ready to notice, training our ears to hear God's

whispers, opening our eyes to catch all the radiance of God's light come into darkness.

Advent is about waiting for God to come. It is about the miracle of incarnation, about Emmanuel who is God with us, about the Spirit of the Living God who is God within us, about the Living Body of Christ who is

God who knits us all together in love.

This is a time to prepare ourselves so that we will be strong and brave and bold as God calls us to abundant loving in this kingdom of God – a kingdom which is so close we ought truly be able to taste it. Light the candles and prepare the way, for God is coming—still and again.

**Spiritual Cinema Mon., Nov. 16, 6:30 pm, Lounge**  
“Young at Heart” will be the featured film in November. Called “alternately hilarious and heartbreaking” by *Newsweek* magazine, this documentary about an older adult chorus that performs contemporary and classic rock and pop songs holds many lessons about positive aging. A short discussion led by Susan Imel will follow the film. For information contact Beth Askue at askue.1@osu.edu or Susan Imel at susanimel1@gmail.com or 262-7444.

## Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Every child is welcome to join us for our Christmas pageant. We will begin practicing for our 5 pm Christmas Eve pageant on Sun., Nov. 29 at 10:30 am in Room 104. You may “retrieve” your child by 10:55 am in Room 104 or meet him or her at the Sanctuary for 11 am worship. Kim Halsey will bring the children to worship after our practice. Questions? Contact Kim or

## “God Talk” (Nov. 10) Second Tues., 7 pm, Old Bag of Nails, Old Hilliard, Main St.

The topic this month will be “Worship: Is there a right or a wrong way?” We'll talk about how we worship: what feels meaningful and what feels empty. Join us for some good, honest conversation and fellowship!

## Sunday Evening Bible Study: Acts 6:30 pm, Room 120

Join us to read Acts together and imagine new possibilities for how we live as the body of Christ. This group is led by Katie.

## Advent Devotional Available Nov. 22, Fellowship Hall

For the season of Advent each year, members of Covenant compose individual devotions (responses to scripture, prayers, holiday traditions) that we put together into a booklet to share with one another. If you are able to give us this gift, please take an envelope from the display in the hall. Instructions are inside each envelope, and submissions must be returned by Nov. 8. Questions or more info? Contact Roberta Adams.

Katie. Our run-through of the entire event will be Sun., Dec. 20, 12:15 pm. We'll begin with lunch in Fellowship Hall and be done by 1:30 pm. Parents and siblings are welcome to stay and join us for lunch if they like. Please RSVP to katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org, so we have plenty of food.

## Mark Your Calendars

Advent Event	Sun., Nov. 22
Hanging of the Greens	Sun., Nov. 29
Covenant Night at the Zoo	Wed., Dec. 9
Longest Night Service	Wed., Dec. 16
Vacation Bible School 2010	July 26-30

Back in September, the Deacons enjoyed serving and sipping cider while eating doughnuts with our Covenant family. On Oct. 11, many Covenant members enjoyed a beautiful day by participating in the CROP WALK. Thanks to all the walkers and everyone who sponsored a

walker to fight hunger. On Oct. 26, we hosted another Blood Drive and we continue to collect items for COMPASS. Please place all items in the white baskets. Adopt-A-Family for Holiday giving will be the Deacons next project to serve outside our community.

## Adopt-A-Family – Christmas Ministry

Form groups to adopt a family by supplying wrapped new toys and clothing for children, and gifts for adults. The Salvation Army will identify needy families by mid-Nov. Deacons contribute gift cards for Kroger's. Let us know if interested so we know how many families we can serve. We have helped 10-15 families in the past; can we surpass that? Write checks to Covenant marked for Adopt-A-Family. Contact Jay McLean, 457-9177 (h), 209-7314 (c), or Ed Chung, 459-9011.

## Deacon News

At the end of this month, a group of young people and adults will share a very special thanksgiving. Our *Montana de Luz* mission team is planning to travel to Honduras to love and serve children with HIV/AIDS. Political instability caused us to postpone our trip in July, and many teams have cancelled their travel. If all goes well, we will be the first mission team since the end of June! While the children and the facility have been relatively unaffected by the political situation, the resulting trip cancellations cause great financial and emotional stress.

*Montana de Luz* relies on the money generated by trip fees, but more importantly, they rely on the connections built between team members and children who are fighting not just to survive but to thrive! Despite the pain of losing their family, the challenges of poverty, and

the chronic nature of their disease, the children's hope and joy is the true light on the mountain. Volunteers give hugs and repair buildings, but they also add their own light to the glow which finds its root in Christ and its expression in love. After such an experience, many team members feel called to sponsor a child donating \$30 a month to help cover the cost of food, shelter, education, and life-saving (but very expensive) medication.

Whether or not we are able to embrace our friends in Honduras and share our Thanksgiving meal with them, we at Covenant are committed to loving and serving our neighbors at *Montana de Luz*. If we cannot travel, we will donate a portion of our trip fees to the organization and continue to support them in other ways. At least three of our UAHS seniors are centering their 'capstone projects' on the children of *Montana de Luz* and



others with HIV/AIDS. A number of small groups at the church including our children in Treasure Finders will be sponsoring a child or raising money for the organization. If you are interested in learning more or sponsoring a child, visit [montanadeluz.org](http://montanadeluz.org) or speak to Karen. Whatever you feel called to do, please pray for the children of *Montana de Luz* – for their health, safety, and hope for the future.

## Youth Sub Sale

Don't forget to get your big eats for the big game! The youth will be selling 22" subs for \$10 to raise money for mission. Buy on Sunday morning Nov. 1, 8, and 15. Pick them up on Sat. Nov. 21 from 9-10 am to have them for the game, or grab them after church on Nov. 22.

## Christmas Honeybaked Ham Sale Coming Up!

Look for your order form in the Dec./Jan. *Communicator* or order on Sunday morning Dec. 6 and 13. *Last day to order hams will be Mon., Dec. 14.*

## Darkness2Light Sun., Nov. 8, 12:30-3:30 pm

This three-hour class is led by Karen Jackson and Katie Kinnison, and is part of our congregation's commitment to making this place and the world safe for our children. Learn how to recognize and prevent the sexual abuse of children. Workbooks are \$15 each. Lunch is provided so please RSVP to the church office or to Karen or Katie. The topic is hard, but love needs to be brave.

## Upcoming Youth Events

- Nov. 1: 6-8 pm, Chi Rho, *God's Gift of Sexuality Series* Connections, *Glow: The Word*
- Nov. 8: 6pm, Worship; 7pm, Dinner and Games
- Nov. 15: All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 20: 4-6pm, Making Subs
- Nov. 22: 6-8pm, Chi Rho, *God's Gift of Sexuality Series*, Connections, *Relationships*
- Nov. 29: Hanging of the Greens after Church, No Night Youth Group
- Dec. 6: Adopt-a-Family Shopping

## Confirmation – Fall 2009, Asking the Questions

- Nov. 1: How can God be three and also one?
- Nov. 15: If God is a God of love, why do people suffer?
- Dec. 6: Jesus Save Us. How? Why? When?
- Dec. 20: What Happens When the Kingdom Comes?

Stay tuned for Spring 2010 when we ask: *What is the church? Why does it exist? How does it work? And the Big One: What do I believe?*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>1</b> Youth Sub Sales 8:00a Early Birds Rehearsal, Music Room 8:30a Worship in the Sanctuary 9:30a Confirmation, LL 9:45a Christian Education 10:30a Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm 11:00a Worship in the Sanctuary 1:00p Merrymakers, Music Room 3:00p Praise Band rehearsal, Sanctuary 6-8:00p Covenant Youth, FH, Kitchen, LL 6:30p Bible Study, 120 7:00p Cub Scout Leaders, Chapel</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>1:30p PiYo, Lounge</b> 6:30p Rudy Flute, Chapel 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 96, Lower Level <b>7:00p Crafters, 120</b> 7:30p Gr.Col.Com.Orch., Fellow. Hall</p>	<p><b>3</b> 5a-7p Board of Elections Fellowship <b>8:30-2:30 Peanut Brittle, Kitchen</b> <b>9:00a Mission Sewing, 121</b> <b>9:30a Children's Day Out, Nursery</b> <b>11:30a Retirees, Lounge</b> 1:30p Staff Meeting, Tracy's Office <b>5:15p Bell Choir, Sanctuary</b> <b>6:30p Discernment, 105</b> 7:00p Venture Troop, Lower Level <b>7:00p PFM, TK Office</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>9:15a Circles: Martha</b> <b>12:15p Mary Circle @</b> <b>4-5:30p Tutoring, Low</b> 5:00p Parkinsons Edu 7:00p Al Anon, Chap <b>7:30 p Naomi circle @</b> <b>7:00p Wednesday S</b></p>
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<p><b>29</b> <b>1st Sunday In Advent</b> 8:00a Early Birds Rehearsal, Music Room 8:00a Spirituality Center, Chapel 8:30a Worship in the Sanctuary 9:45a Christian Education 10:30a Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm 11:00a Worship in the Sanctuary 1:00p Merrymakers, Music Room 5:00p Hanging the Greens 5-8:00p Covenant Youth, FH, Kitchen, LL 6:30p Bible Study, 120</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>1:30p PiYo, Lounge</b> 6:30p Rudy Flute, Chapel 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 96, LL</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>

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<p>11:30a-12:15p Al Anon, 121; Eunice-Lydia, Lounge                      Pat Quinby                      Lower Level                      Education, FH                      Chapel                      School, Lounge</p>	<p>5                      8:00a Sunrise Al Anon, Lounge                      9:30a Miriam Circle, Lounge                      12:00p COPS (Parkinsons) Meeting, Lounge                      6:00p Al Anon, 121                      6:30p Garden Group, Lounge                      7:00p Flute Choir, 120                      7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm</p>	<p>6                      9:30-11:30 Women's Theology Grp, 120                      9:00-10:15 UA Rec, FH                      1:00p Wedding, Chapel</p>	<p>7                      9:30a UA Children's Program 105                      9:30a PSV Peacemaking, 120                      10:30a Non-Violent Comm, Chapel</p>
<p>Education, FH                      Chapel                      School, Lounge</p>	<p>12                      8:00a Sunrise Al Anon, Lounge                      1-3:30p Open Shelter Sandwich, Kitchen                      6:00p Al Anon, 121                      7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm</p>	<p>13                      8:30-10a Open Shelter Sandwich, Kitchen                      9-10:15a UA Rec, FH                      9:30-11a Prayer Shawl Circle, Lounge                      CPW Fair Trade Sale, Lounge                      6-10p Little Mnyan Prayer Group, Chapel</p>	<p>14                      8:00a Covenant Men @ First Watch                      9:00a Thanksgiving Dinner, Set-up, FH                      9:30a UA Children's Program 105                      2-4p Pei-An Music Recital, Sanctuary                      CPW Fair Trade Sale, Lounge</p>
<p>Communicator Mailing, 120                      Lower Level                      Education, FH                      Chapel                      School, Lounge                      Al Anon, 121</p>	<p>19                      8:00a Sunrise Al Anon, Lounge                      9:00a Communicator Mailing, FH                      10:00a Bible Study, Friendship Village, Tracy                      6:00p Al Anon, 121                      7:00p Flute Choir, 120                      7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm</p>	<p>20                      9:00-10:15a UA Rec, FH                      9:30-11:30a Women's Theology Grp, 120                      Sub Making, Kitchen                      6-8:00p Sub Pick Up</p>	<p>21                      8 a Men's Breakfast Connect w/God, Lnge                      9-10a Sub Pick Up                      9:30a UA Children's Program 105                      10:00a IANDS, Chapel                      10:30a Non-Violent Comm, Lounge                      2:00p Pei_An Chao, music recital, Sanctuary                      5:00p Gourmet Group, Lounge, Kitchen</p>
<p>Lounge, 2 tables                      Lower Level                      Education, FH                      Chapel</p>	<p>26  <b>THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED</b>                      8:00a Sunrise Al Anon, Lounge                      6:00p Al Anon, 121</p>	<p>27  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                      9:30a Prayer Shawl Circle ('til 11a), Lounge</p>	<p>28                      10a-12p Little Mnyan Prayer, Lounge                      3:00p Boy Scouts, Jay McLean, Lounge</p>
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## Thank Offering Sun., Oct. 4

Before we know it Halloween will have come and gone. We've stopped thinking about "trick or treating" and are focusing on Thanksgiving. Covenant Presbyterian Women will host the "All Church Family Thanksgiving Potluck" on Sun. Nov. 15 when, as always, the Thank Offering will be received and dedicated. The recipients listed in the July issue of *Horizon's Magazine* are 11 other synods and 11 international

applicants including: In the Synod of the Pacific Cervs' Interfaith Care Community (Medford, OR), \$30,000 to transition homeless vets back to productive lives through self-empowerment programs; In the Synod of the South Atlantic, \$13,000 to Safehouse Ministries, Inc. for a food bank in Elberton, GA to provide shelter, food, clothing and furnishings for victims of domestic violence; Yahave-Jire Children's Foundation,

Community Cement Block Factory, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, \$28,000 to provide economic empowerment and job stimulation to address hunger and poverty. If you subscribe to *Horizons*, check out all of the recipients. If not, borrow a copy from a friend who has it. Then remember to contribute when you come to the dinner, or give it to a Covenant friend who will attend. May we show our gratitude for all the blessings we receive.

## Connecting With God Sat., Nov. 21, 8-9 am, Lounge

"Men And Our Relationships" is the third of a multi-session study on the various relationship men have. This session is on: "Men As Competitors and Rivals." Fear is one of the great obstacles to healthy friendship between men. Dealing with unspoken and unadmitted fears, many men adopt a warrior mentality which perceives every other man as a potential threat. Join the conversation over eggs or pancakes, oatmeal, and hot beverage. If you can, bring a breakfast treat to share. Questions? [jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org).

**The SOS Food Pantry needs:** canned baked beans, cereal, jam, peanut butter, canned corn, canned green beans, macaroni and cheese, tuna, main dish for one person. Can you help with deliveries of emergency food to a client? Call Gerlinde Lott, 486-8607 or Lou Ann Doub, 488-3919.

## Children's Acting Workshop Fri., Dec. 5, 1 pm

Bring your children ages 4-16 to a free acting workshop where a group of OSU students will perform *The Disenchanted Frog*. There will be punch and cookies during the break.

## Justice & Peace Encourages Advocacy

*Enough for Everyone* is part of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. At its heart is deep concern for global economic justice and a commitment to live out our faith in Jesus Christ with integrity. Living as global disciples means evaluating our lifestyle choices both as individuals and as

a congregation. *Enough for Everyone* suggests creative hands-on actions for responding to global economic realities from the perspective of Christian faith. For information on caring for the natural world so that all may live abundantly, go to the website: <http://www.pcusa.org/enough/>

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**Habitat for Humanity, Saturdays,  
8:15 am-3:30 pm.** Dave Fecht 451-9770.

## Community Garden Thurs., Nov. 5, 6:30 pm

Do you think a Covenant Vegetable Garden to share with those who do not have enough to eat is a great idea? Do you like to plan and grow vegetable gardens? Join the Covenant Community Garden Task Force. Bring ideas, enthusiasm and expertise as we plan for a vegetable garden for 2010. Justice & Peace will introduce the concept, joined by members of the Little Minyan. For information or to RSVP to the meeting contact Karen Hjelm, [karen.hjelm@att.net](mailto:karen.hjelm@att.net) or the church office.

## Other News continued

### Donate Peanut Brittle and Soup Can UPCs

Peanut Brittle making continues! Please keep bringing sugar and margarine (65% vegetable oil or more) as we will need a lot more to keep production going. Call Ruth Adams or Sandy St. Martin with any questions. We're making peanut brittle (\$6) and cashew brittle (\$7.50).

**Covenant Men's Breakfast**  
**Second Sat. of Month, 8 am**  
Join Covenant men for breakfast at Kingsdale First Watch each month.  
Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318.

### Variety Show '10

**Feb. 10, 2010**

Plans are underway for our annual Variety Show. The theme is "New Orleans" and there will be songs, dances, skits, and breathtaking acts of courage. Okay, that may be an exaggeration, but it will be a fantastic evening! If you're interested in being a part of the show, contact Tracy, *before the end of October*:  
tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org.

**Mission Sewing 1st & 3rd Tues., 9 am, Room 121**  
Mission Sewing seeks new members who like to sew, quilt or learn to quilt. Note new meeting time above. Next meeting is Oct. 6. Contact Diana Sanders 847-4431. Also, chemo caps sewn by the Mission Sewing group are available in Room 121 on the shelf in a *chemo caps* box. If you or someone you know needs a soft cap to keep a head warm, help yourself. Contact Diana Sanders, 847-4431, or Betty Crook, 932-1976.

### Play Bridge Sun, 2 pm, Lounge

Bridge players meet once a month except in December. Come as pairs or as individuals who will pair up when we meet. Reservations not needed.

Bring a snack to share and a cold drink for yourself. Hot drinks and ice provided. Prizes are awarded each session with more in May for the season. To pay for prizes and

incidentals, \$1 per person is collected each week. **Nov. 8, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 14, April 11, May 23.** Questions? Call Anne or Dick Rorapugh, 740-881-9934.

### Thanksgiving All-Church Potluck Sun., Nov. 15, 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for the Thanksgiving All-Church Potluck with Tracy Keenan and Dave Powers providing a program of "Music in Worship from the National PW Gathering." Tracy says, "We will be doing some of what we did at the PW Gathering: old songs and new, serious and silly, meditative and rambunctious...all to celebrate God and encourage God's people!" Cost is \$4 per person, \$12 maximum per family. Turkey, gravy and rolls are provided, and the rest of the meal is thankfully received by everyone bringing a dish to share. The Thank Offering and quilt drawing will also be included, and the Fair Trade sale will be taking place at the same time. Also, Primetimers are invited to sit together.

**On December 13** at both services our choir will present *Laud to the Nativity* by Ottorino Respighi. Respighi is best known for his instrumental compositions the *Pines of Rome* and the *Fountains of Rome*, but he did compose more works, including this short piece in operatic form for Christmas. Soloists, choir, instrumentalists, actors, scene painters, and costumers will all combine their talents to make this a festive presentation of the story of the angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and the events of Jesus' birth.

# Worship & Music in September

## November 1 — All Saints' Day / Communion / Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sermon	“Home Plate”	Deut. 6:1-9; Mark 12:28-34	Tracy Keenan Preaching
Choral	8:30 “By All Your Saints”	Finnish Folk Tune	Early Birds
	11:00 “O How Happy Are They”	American Folk Melody	Chancel Choir
	“Home”	(from <i>The Wiz</i> )	Scott Henning, Soloist
Instrument.	“Introduction & Toccata in G Major”	William Walond	Weldon Adams, Organ

## November 8 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon	“What We Do For Love”	1 Kings 17:8-24; Mark 12:38-44	Tracy Keenan Preaching
Choral	“What I Did for Love”	Marvin Hamlisch	Roberta Adams, Soloist; Chancel Choir;
		Ollie Yohn, Directing	
	11:00 “I Surrender All”	Mark Hayes	Chancel Choir
Instrument.			Rodolfo Vazquez, Flute and Sean Ferguson, Guitar

## \*SECOND SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE Featuring the Worship Band and Communion

## November 15 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon	“Getting to Carnegie Hall: Part 1”	Galatians 5:22-24	Tracy Keenan, Karen Jackson, Katie Kinnison Preaching
Choral	8:30 “I Will Sing to the Lord”	Gail Leven Pollock	Early Birds
	11:00 “Grant Us Peace”	Nylea L. Butler-Moore	Violin, Handbells, Congregation & Chancel Choir
Instrument.	“Joyful Rhythm”	Kevin McChesney	Campanile Bell Choir
	“Joyous Praise”	Cynthia Dobrinski	Campanile Bell Choir

## November 22 — Christ the King/Reign of Christ / Thanksgiving / Ingathering of Food / Congregational Meeting

Sermon	“Getting to Carnegie Hall: Part 2”	Galatians 5:22-24	Tracy Keenan, Karen Jackson, Katie Kinnison Preaching
Choral	8:30 “Sing to the Glory of God”	Francis Patrick O’Brien	Early Birds
	11:00 “Thanks”	Carroll McGruder	Ryan Cremeans, Soloist; Chancel Choir
Instrument.	“Chorale Preludes on <i>Nun danket alle Gott</i> ”	Sigfried Karg-Elert	Johann Sebastian Bach

## November 29 — 1st Sunday of Advent

Sermon	“All the Fullness of God”	Colossians 1:11-20	Katie Kinnison Preaching
Choral	“God With Us, Emmanuel”	Joel Raney	Choir and Congregation
	8:30 “Prepare Ye”	Marc Robinson	Chancel Choir; Scott Henning, Soloist
Instrument.	“Chorale Preludes on <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i> ”	Robert Cherwien	Robert Hobby

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

At 5:00 pm we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to begin decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. There will be bows to tie, wreaths to hang, crèche scenes to set up in the display case, garlands to hang in the hallways, trees to assemble, and many tasks for many hands – hands with great talent and no fear of heights, and hands that can help pass things to those people with no fear of heights. Join us as we prepare the way of the Lord.



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## Salt & Light

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### Mission News

There is a letter from Doug Baker, who is serving in Northern Ireland, on the mission board by the north entrance. Please take a copy. There is also one there from Dr. Mary Sue Makin in Malawi.

Preparing and delivering lunches for the Open Shelter is a ministry of Presbyterian Women in our congregation, but all members (even men) are welcome to join. If you

would like to help make sandwiches, pack lunch bags or deliver lunches, sign up on the sheets on the Salt and Light Board in the hall next to the Information Table, or call Carrie Mellen, 771-1396. If we have your e-mail, sending a reminder is very convenient!

### Mission Opportunities

November continues to bring Salt & Light opportunities for missions such as lunches for homeless and SOS pantry efforts. Find out more from mission presentations, sign-up sheets and posters on the Salt & Light Board in the narthex or hall. Consider participating, because every one-time effort matters. Watch for letters from Mission co-workers and read bulletin inserts. Sandy Pritz, 451-6898.

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### Dec./Jan. Issue of *Your Communicator*

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