

# The Communicator

September 2007

Covenant Presbyterian Church

When parents bring a new baby home to the family, they not only have to deal with the needs of the baby, but with the anxieties and concerns of the older siblings. While the older siblings are intrigued by the newest addition, and however much they may have wished for this new baby, invariably there is jealousy and a sense of rivalry for the parents' affections.

Covenant is a kind of family. We are brother and sisters in the faith. And we have been wishing for new siblings. I hear again and again how much we want young families, new members, more children and youth. So we gear ourselves up for this kind of ministry. It's like a family decorating the nursery or buying baby clothes and a new car seat. We start creating new ministries geared for young families. In fact, our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is conducting a study and search for a new Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Families. And we begin to see the fruits of our labors.

Vacation Bible School was a rave success this year. We are starting new Wednesday evening programming ("*Power Play*"),\* new Sunday morning approaches ("*Treasure Finders*"), and are bringing on a new part-time Children's Ministry Assistant (*Shane Spicer*).\*

But we are starting to hear some of the anxiety creeping into the conversations with the existing siblings in the family. "What about us? Don't we need ministries, too?" So please know that older Adult Ministries is getting extra attention and there are plans for improved ways of meeting needs. The deacons and their caring ministries are being well supported. Jim Mehler, our Parish Associate, and Janet Muench, our Older Adult Ministries Coordinator, are working hard to be sure that none of our vital ministries fall through the cracks. And we need to make sure that we are reassuring one another that yes, even though we are pumping up our efforts to reach new people, there are enough resources, love, care, time, and attention to go around. All God's children will be cared for here at Covenant.

And it doesn't even stop there. Remember that church (and family) is not only about sustaining itself, but about being good for the world. All God's children will be cared for here, AND all God's children will be challenged to think beyond ourselves to the needs of others, the needs of the community, and to the sharing of God's love with those who might not have recognized it yet in their lives.

So our Covenant family is likely to be growing. We'll set more places at the table, pull in a few more chairs, and make sure there is enough food in the larder to nourish everyone so that we can go back out there and be the salt of the earth, light of the world.

Grace & Peace,

Tracy

\*See inside for more details on all these things.



## Friendly Visitor – Part 2

A theme of the congregation is “Connect At Covenant” – connecting with God, connecting with one another, connecting with the world. In a way, the Friendly Visitor Ministry touches all of those.

It is probably fairly obvious how the Friendly Visitor Ministry is a way to “connect with one another”. A person from the congregation, who senses the call to be a visitor, “connects” with an older member of the congregation for conversation and, on occasion, a friendly visit. A connection is made between persons and between the church and the persons being visited. The Friendly Visitor Ministry is just one of the ways the church seeks to maintain “connections” with persons ... there is also the ministry of the Deacons, the Prayer Chain, fellowship and study groups.

The Friendly Visitor Ministry is a way to connect with God. Through resources provided by the Deacons and the Older Adult Ministry, the visitor and the person being visited may utilize prayer books, scripture resources, meditations as a way of growing in a deeper relationship with God.

The Friendly Visitor Ministry is a way to connect with the world. Reading the newspaper and viewing televised news programs brings the world into our living rooms. But I, for one, relish the opportunity to talk about the events of the day and the things going on the world ... especially if I want to be reminded of how God is moving in and through these events. It is also important to be reminded how my church is responding to the needs of the world. The visiting pairs can talk about Covenant In Mission and the significant ways the church is engaging the world for Christ. I didn't realize how many connections the Friendly Visitor Ministry could make between persons, God, and the world. It does.

As we move our way into the Fall, we invite you to give prayerful consideration of how you can be part of this exciting ministry to old and new friends at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Opportunities for getting involved will be made available over the coming weeks.

*- Jim Mehler, Parish Associate*

### Meet Your Deacons

Deacons will greet, usher and be lay readers Sunday, September 30, 2007 at both the 8:30a and 11:00a services. Minute for Mission will highlight the Friendly Visitor Program. This is another opportunity to talk with your deacon. For more information, contact Linda Van Aman, 459-1615.

### Covenant Crafters Report

✠ Covenant Crafters and friends have responded to the challenge of knitting 50 pairs of mittens for our 2007 Holiday Mitten Tree. We are closing in on our original goal and plan to continue knitting to make another 50 pairs! The mittens will be on display prior to donation to children in Adopt-A-Family and to local organizations that identify children in need. Each colorful pair is a work of art and clearly made with TLC. We are happy to report that we have also received hand knitted hats and scarves. These will be on display and donated as well.

✠ We are continuing our original project of making and distributing afghans to those in need and still need knitted and crocheted rectangles (7"x 9"). A marked box is waiting for your donation in Room 120.

*We appreciate your support in our efforts to make a difference in the lives of children and those who are less fortunate. Thank you and remember busy needles are happy needles!*

# “Salt & Light”

## Hands-On Local Mission

### Thank You for Toiletries Donations for Open Shelter

On August 2, 2007, 122 complete hygiene kits containing at least six items, and a big box of soap, shampoo and lotion, were delivered to the Open Shelter. Thank you for your generosity!

Donations will be collected throughout the year. Help the Deacons provide the Open Shelter with toiletries for their homeless residents. Sample size (such as those provided for hotel guests) are preferred, but all sizes are helpful. There is a box just inside the door of the Pastors' area labeled "Hygiene Kits." Please place your items there throughout the year. Items needed include:

- ✠ Small bars of soap
- ✠ Sample sizes of shampoo & conditioner
- ✠ Sample sizes of lotion
- ✠ Sample sizes of deodorant & antiperspirant
- ✠ Sample sizes of toothpaste
- ✠ Toothbrushes
- ✠ Disposable razors

### The Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain sponsored by the Board of Deacons invites Covenant members and friends to pray for others as well as to request prayers. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 451-6677 and tell the receptionist. The Prayer Chain Coordinator will contact you. Similarly, if you would like to request prayers for someone or for yourself, please call the church office with your request. **Whenever possible, please obtain the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayers.**

### Increased Mission Opportunities

Mission happens through the summer, but increases in the fall. During summer there are Salt & Light opportunities, people helping with Habitat homes, youth mission trips, lunches for homeless, SOS pantry efforts and more. Involvement increases when school begins. Find out more from sign up sheets, posters and more frequent Covenant Mission presentations during worship. Think about participating in the Crop Walk, being a donor or worker at the Bloodmobile, and helping other Deacon projects. Watch for letters from our Mission co-workers.

And be sure to read the Bulletin inserts or contact Karen Hjelm, 326-1433, Hjelm@Columbus.rr.com, about the Peacemaking offering that will be received Oct. 7.

### Learn About Sustainable and “Green” Communities

As an extension of “It’s Easy to Be Green,” the Justice and Peace Ministry Team invites all interested to attend the initial meeting about Sustainable Communities, Tuesday, September 11 in the Church Lounge. The group seeks to develop a harmony between the community and the environment through working together to learn about the many things that can be done to improve the sustainability of a community. This could be the design of the community, the use of renewable energy, the provision for walking and biking, green building, year-round farmers’ markets and more. The intent is to share information about what can be done to enhance the sustainability of our communities and what we can all do in our lives to be more friendly to our environment. Please attend, learn, and share.

### Open Shelter Dinners

Many thanks to all of you who made brownies, cooked food, advised, delivered and served food to our homeless brothers and sisters. The folks who received your generous kindness are so very grateful to you. Even if they don’t say thank you, you can see it in their eyes. Our next dinner is planned for September 6, 2007. To offer your help, please sign up on the Salt & Light sheet in the Narthex, or contact Carol Petro at 614-485-0994 or [jpetroball@aol.com](mailto:jpetroball@aol.com).

### Speakers Assisted New Orleans Effort

At a luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, September 19 at 11:45am in the Lounge, Kay Graham and Martha Pool will discuss their experiences in New Orleans assisting families in rebuilding efforts through the Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO) program. Kay and Martha hope to build a better understanding of the ongoing and continuing needs of families struggling to rebuild after 2005 Hurricane Katrina. Cost is \$6.00. Make reservations at the Sept. Circle meeting or by calling 451-6677 by Sept. 17.

# Christian Education

## Katie's Corner

*We “want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*

*Colossians 2: 2-3*

Paul wrote these words about his hope for those who were hearing the gospel and striving to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. He wanted people to grow in their understanding of the mystery of God by turning their attention to Jesus Christ and by uniting in love.

As we worked this summer to refashion Sunday School into something called **Treasure Finders**, this prayer became ours. We want our children to delve into the mystery of God, to move into the heart of God and discover what it means to love. We know that if we can help our young ones to learn about Jesus, they will learn about the abundant and steadfast love of God – and it is this knowledge that is the best treasure. In the Bible, in each other, in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, we find the treasures of God’s love for us and of the call to love one another. These are the treasures we hope to share with our children when they come to Covenant.

We want our grown ups to have these treasures, too. If we are to explore the mystery of God, we must look to Jesus. In his book [The Jesus I Never Knew](#) Philip Yancey wrote: “God is not mute: the Word spoke, not out of a whirlwind, but out of the human larynx of a Palestinian Jew. In Jesus, God lay down on the dissection table. . . .” So, in our Forums this Fall we are going to seek to better know Jesus and to answer the question he posed to his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” We’ll have a workshop on studying the scriptures, those words that bring the Word alive to us. We’ll have lunch and discuss Yancey’s book. As a community knit together by the love of Christ, we will study and pray and grow together – children and grown ups alike.

## **Bible Study 101: How to Lead a Bible Study for Yourself and Others**

Even opening up a Bible with those sixty-six books staring you in the face is intimidating for a great many people. We know we are supposed to study the Word of God, but how? It’s hard to do it in a room by yourself when there is so much you simply don’t know. And being asked to shepherd other people through a discussion of scripture sends even faithful Christians running for cover. We understand.

So, come get some help. Come discover how the Bible might really become sweeter than honey in the honeycomb for you, how reading scripture might be a source of more abundant, more authentic, more loving life.

Join us on Saturday, September 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for “Bible Study 101.” Whether you are truly a novice or whether it’s the thought of leading other people in study that gives you hives, we invite you to come learn how to open the scriptures and find the Word of God in and through these words — without hyperventilating. Our Director of Christian Education, Katie Kinnison, is leading this workshop. Lunch and supplies are provided, and the cost of the workshop is \$10.00 per person. To register, please call the church office (614-451-6677) or email Katie Kinnison ([katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org)).

## **The Artist’s Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity**

As many of you may be aware, in July a group of began working through this course in discovering and recovering our creative selves. This twelve week course, designed by Julia Cameron, uses morning writing, “artist dates,” and assigned weekly tasks to help people remember or discover the joy of doing beautiful, soul-filled work and play.

Several people have expressed interest in beginning another group. If you would like to try walking along this “Artist’s Way” with a group of people to share in the journey, or if you would like more information, please call or e-mail Katie Kinnison: 451-6677 or [katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org).

# Our Little Ones

## Nursery Coordinators

We need two people who will make sure our Sunday morning nursery is staffed with loving, qualified caregivers, and that the nursery is clean and well-supplied. While we do hire one nursery worker each Sunday, we also have church members help care for our young ones. This job of nursery coordinator involves getting things organized and making phone calls. It can be done at any time during the week. Please call or e-mail Katie Kinnison or Terry Kennedy Mancini if you have any questions.

## Children's Day Out

This program for children from eighteen months through three years of age begins September 11 and concludes in May. Young children play, share, have lunch, and are well-loved by two adults and up to seven classmates. Classes are Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Registration forms are available on the Welcome Table, or you may contact Katie Kinnison at 614-451-6677 or katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org.

## For Children

### Children's Ministry Assistant

We have hired Shane Spicer, a man with years of experience in Children's Ministry and a former teacher who now works at McGraw Hill publishing company, to help us minister to our children at Covenant. Shane will work three to six hours a week: teaching the three year old class of Treasure Finders on Sunday mornings, leading a Bible story and game or craft for squiggly children during our 11:00 worship, and doing drama and puppetry with our Power Play children on Wednesday Nights. We give our thanks and praise to God for bringing Shane to Covenant to share his gifts with us. Please join us in welcoming Shane, his wife Gina, and their two year old son, Jack.

### Treasure Finders: What You Thought Was Sunday School

Join us on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> as we begin a whole new adventure during our education hour at Covenant. Children from three years old through eighth grade are invited to come find the treasures that await us in the mysteries of Jesus Christ. Get your Treasure Finder Guide Books and Treasure Maps from the Welcome Table. [The Treasure Hunt begins September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in the newly redesigned room 104 where we all meet together this first day.](#)

Rooms: 112 = 3s & 4s    108 = 5s & Kinder.    104 = 1st & 2nd    105 = 3rd & 4th    004 - 5th & 6th

[Power Play—see page 8](#)

### Girls Friday

#### Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the Lounge

Girls Friday is a time for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to come together at church for time designed specifically around them. Every 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl is welcome, and we encourage our members to bring friends. We spend about an hour and a half each month eating together, doing a craft, playing a game and talking.

To get these parties started this year, we are inviting 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their moms or other grown up to a planning luncheon. Please join us on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the Lounge. We'll spend an hour or so dreaming dreams and making plans for the next year. It may be that Friday isn't the best time each month. When would you like to meet? What kind of food would you like to eat? What would you love to do?

These years make up such a critical time for girls in terms of self-esteem, self image, peer relationships and pressures, figuring out who one is and how one ought to be, and how to live out one's faith. Our hope is to create a space where the girls can be together and enjoy one another's company while creating friendships they can rely upon. We want them to be able to talk about their lives and find love and support as they grow into

# Youth

## **Middle School and Senior High Youth offerings during the school year**

For middle school youth we have a group called Connections. We meet every Sunday night from 5:00-7:00. The first hour is filled with fun and high energy activities. The second hour is for music and relevant discussion. All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to participate and they can bring their friends too! We meet downstairs in Room 008.

For senior high youth we have a group called Chi Rho. We also meet every Sunday night from 6:00-8:00. The first hour is combined with Connections for music and relevant discussion. The second hour is for all the fun high energy games and activities. This group is for all youth in grades 9-12 and all are encouraged to bring friends.

## ***New Offering for Senior High***

Peer Ministry!! What is peer ministry? Peer Ministry helps youth connect the dots between faith and real life through learning how to use practical communication skills to better help friends. Come find out more at an informational meeting Sunday, September 9 after the 11:00 service. We'll provide lunch and talk about this exciting new group, when and how often we will meet, and all that is involved. Contact Michele Nordine at 451-6677 x12 for more information or with questions.

## **The Forum in the Lounge:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month we will begin a new forum series, one that takes seriously Jesus's question to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" By studying the scriptures, and the ideas of men and women of faith, we hope to grow in our understanding of who Jesus is, and, of what that means for our lives. What does following Jesus look like when we do it?

## **Forums**

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| September 2  | Practical Theology: The Shape of Our Lives<br>Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education   |
| September 9  | New Orleans: An Update on Presbyterian Ministries There<br>Louise Davidson, Presbyterian Women's Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace |
| September 16 | Is it all the same story? The Birth of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels<br>Reverend Tracy Keenan   |
| September 23 | The Titles We Give Jesus: Who We Have Said That He Is<br>Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education                              |
| September 30 | Jesus the Preacher: From Wilderness to Witness<br>Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education                                     |

# Book Discussions

## **Rock of Ages Book Discussion September 9**

Rock of Ages: Science and Religion in the Fullness of Life by Stephen Jay Gould looks at the relationship between Science and religion and calls for mutual understanding and mutual respect. The book is beautifully written and a quick read (256 pages). Gould, a renowned evolutionary biologist at Harvard, became widely known through his popular science essays in *Natural History* magazine and his best-selling books on evolution. ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/wiki/Natural\\_History\\_%28magazine%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/wiki/Natural_History_%28magazine%29)) Dr. John Harder, Covenant member and a professor in the College of Biological Sciences at The Ohio State University, will lead a discussion of this book on Sunday, September 9 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lounge. Lunch will be served. Please let us know you are coming by emailing Katie Kinnison ([katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org)) or calling the church office (614-451-6677). Copies of this book are available for purchase at a cost of \$13.00 per copy. Stop by the church office or see Katie Kinnison on Sunday mornings to purchase this book.

## **The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey Book Discussion October 14**

Many of us read Yancey's The Bible Jesus Read two years ago. We invite you now to explore your own understanding of who Jesus is by reading Philip Yancey's The Jesus I Never Knew. Copies are available in the church library and for purchase at the Welcome Table. Copies of the book are \$14, and checks may be made payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church.

You are also invited to join us in a discussion of the book on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in the Lounge. We'll have lunch and share what we've learned. Cost for the lunch is three dollars. To register call the church office or e-mail Katie Kinnison at [katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org).

### **Coming Up in Christian Education**

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: Fourth Graders will receive their Bibles from the congregation

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: "Reformed Always Reforming: How Does This Apply to You?"

A workshop from noon until 3 pm for grown ups who want to keep learning

### **Faith, Terrorism and the Use of Torture**

**Sunday, September 16**

Rev. Carol Wickersham, an ordained Presbyterian minister and Beloit College faculty member, will speak in central Ohio September 16-18 on moral issues involving faith, terrorism, and the use of torture. Rev. Wickersham is a co-founder and coordinator of the faith-based *No 2 Torture* movement. She helped write the "Resolution on Human Rights in a Time of Terrorism and Torture," approved by the 217th General Assembly (2006) of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and create a curriculum for congregational use entitled "Out of Horror, Hope." During the past two years, she has helped organize conferences in Los Angeles and Miami on the response of the faith community to war, terrorism and torture.

On Sunday, September 16, Rev. Wickersham will speak on these issues at Broad St. Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad St. She will preach at the 8:45 and 11:00 am worship services on the subject of faith and fear. From 3:00-5:00 pm, she will speak at a public forum entitled "Beyond Fear: Faith in a Time of Terrorism and Torture." There will be a question and answer period after her talk. Everyone is invited to attend all of these events.

Rev. Wickersham's visit is sponsored by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Peace and Justice Committee and by the Synod of the Covenant. For more information, contact Mary Hershberger 614-442-5915 or [Hershberger.54@osu.edu](mailto:Hershberger.54@osu.edu) or contact Rev. Phil Bougher, 614-766-7865.

# Consider This

## **POWER PLAY! Begins Wednesday, September 26!**

*A new Wednesday Night program for preschool and elementary aged children:*

*Through **Puppetry** (designing, creating, and using puppets)*

***Costumes** (designing, creating, and wearing)*

***Creative play** (entering into the story and bringing it to life)*

***Props** (making use of all sorts of things)*

***Scripting** (writing and directing)*

***Set building** (making simple pieces for stage use)  
and a whole lot of **imagination...***

We will actively engage in Bible stories and help to understand them in a whole new way! And, then, we will share our dramatic accomplishments with the rest of the church by presenting them during a special worship service. There is star quality in each of us... let's share it and shine it all around!

**Note to grown-ups:** This is a new program that will not only deepen your child's sense of the Bible and its stories, but will nurture creativity, teach new skills, build confidence, and bring a lot of laughter!

## **CONNECT AT COVENANT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning September 26**

**6:00** Dinner with the church family

Adults = \$7.00 each Age 3-12 = \$3.00 each Age 0-2 = FREE

**6:30 - 7:30 *Power Play!*** for preschool & elementary age kids (FREE!). Classes for Youth and Adults (FREE!). Child care provided for the "under threes"

## **Something Different: Once-A-Month Sunday Night Worship Communion Sundays at 6:00 p.m.—Beginning October 7**

*(Correction: Times for this service in August's Communicator were incorrect. The following are the correct times.)*

### **What's different about it?**

- ✚ It will be casual and under forty-five minutes in length.
- ✚ It will involve large-screen multi-media.
- ✚ Music and liturgy will be led by teenagers, children, young adults, older adults... all kinds of people of God. Rhythm instruments will be available to everyone.
- ✚ There will be giant, brightly-colored pillows and blankets on the floor between the chancel and the pews for babies, squirmy children, and anyone who wants to sit on the floor.

### **What's the same about it?**

- ✚ We will have prayer and praise and scripture and a message.
- ✚ We will share communion.
- ✚ Everyone will be welcome.
- ✚ We will worship and honor God!

*(Brought to you by Worship and Arts, Children's Ministry, Youth Commission, and the Program Staff.)*

### **After Sunday Night Worship (5:45-7:30 p.m.):**

6:45 Fellowship Time

Sandwich making (and more fellowship) for Central Presbyterian's ministry to the homeless.

7:00 Adult Bible Study

Chi Rho (High School Youth Group that meets every Sunday night)

# Worship in September

## Sunday, September 2, 2007 - 14th Day of Pentecost - LAST COURTYARD SERVICE- LABOR DAY

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 and Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Sermon: *Fountain or Cistern?*  
Katie Kinnison preaching

Vocal Music: *I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies* Felix Mendelssohn  
*Remember, O Thou Man* Thomas Ravenscroft  
Matt Digby, Soloist; Weldon Adams, Piano  
Linda Gabel, Nancy Davidson, Soloists;  
Merrymaker Ensemble

Instrumental: *Es Spricht der Unweisen Mund Wol* Resinarius  
*Consort on Psalm 1* Anonymous  
*Recessional* Richard Edwar  
Merrymaker Ensemble

## Sunday, September 9, 2007 – 15th Day of Pentecost - COMMUNION

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Sermon: *Running Away*  
8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

Choral Music: *You Have Searched Me* Michael Joncas

Instrumental: Psalm Prelude on Psalm 139:11 Herbert Howells  
*(Darkness and light to thee are both alike)*  
Psalm Prelude on Psalm 33:2 Herbert Howells  
*(Sing unto the Lord a new song)* Weldon Adams, Organ

## Sunday, September 16, 2007 – 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Sermon: *What is "Saved?"*  
8:30 Early Birds & Praise B: 11:00 Chancel  
Choir & Praise B

Choral Music: *Amazing Grace* Mark A. Miller

Instrumental: *Sonata I, I. Massig schnell (Abridged)* Paul Hindemith  
*Sonata I, III. Phantasie, frei* Paul Hindemith  
Weldon Adams, Organ

## Sunday, September 23, 2007 – 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and I Timothy 2:1-7  
Sermon: *RX for the Heartsick*  
Early Birds  
Arr. By William L. Dawson Chancel Choir, Soloist

Choral Music: 8:30 *Healer of Our Every Ill* Marty Haugen  
11:00 *There Is a Balm in Gilead, Spiritual,*

Instrumental: *Toccata and Fugue in F Major* Dietrich Buxtehude  
*Prelude and Fugue in F Major* Dietrich Buxtehude  
Weldon Adams, Organ

## Sunday, September 30, 2007 - 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 and Luke 16:19-31  
Sermon: *What Would It Take?*  
8:30 Early Birds & Campanile Bell Choir;  
11:00 Chancel Choir & Campanile Bell Choir

Choral Music: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Traditional American, Arranged By Kathryn Bonner

Instrumental: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Traditional American, Arranged by Kevin McChesney, Campanile Bell Choir  
*Carillon* William Mathias  
Weldon Adams, Organ

# To Know

## 2007 Peacemaking Offering

On October 7, 2007, the Peacemaking Offering will be received as a part of the celebration of World Communion Sunday. The theme for the 2007 Peacemaking Offering is taken from the following verse in Revelation: "And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations" (Revelation 22:2). This verse is part of John's vision for a new Jerusalem: a world at peace with enough for everyone to eat and the resources to heal all the wounds and illnesses of human kind.

Each year, the funds received through the Peacemaking Offering are divided among a number of efforts. Seventy-five percent of the funds will be used to help our partners in the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly in their efforts to make this a more peaceful world.

The remaining 25 percent of the funds will be used to support two groups working for environmental justice: Eco-Justice Ministries ([www.eco-justice.org](http://www.eco-justice.org)) and Presbyterians for Restoring Creation ([www.prcweb.org](http://www.prcweb.org)). Eco-Justice Ministries, an independent, ecumenical agency that helps churches answer the call to care for all of God's creation, will receive \$150 to use to support one issue of its newsletter. The balance of the funds will be given to PRC, a nationwide network of people of faith who care for God' creation. Further information about these groups can be found on their websites.

### Aging In God's Care

Losing the ability to drive a car is one of the most traumatic situations a person can face. Since public transportation is often not conveniently available, people who can't drive are dependent upon family and friends to take them everywhere. However, here in the Columbus area, there are some options:

- ✠ Covenant's Deacons operate the C.A.R.E.S. program. Please contact Betsy Campbell (614-451-3480) or Jay McLean (614-457-9177) to request a ride to an appointment or to church from another Covenant member. For those Covenant members who can drive, this is an opportunity for service as well!
- ✠ The Upper Arlington Commission on Aging along with the Upper Arlington Senior Center publishes a booklet titled, "2006 Resource Directory." A list of transportation providers can be found on page 23. Please contact them (614-583-5326) to request a copy of this directory.

For more information on transportation or other issues concerning aging and/or care giving, please contact Janet Muench, Older Adults Resources Counselor, through the church office (614-451-6677) or at home (614-771-9295).

## IT'S TIME TO PACK UP YOUR TREASURES FOR THE CPW GARAGE SALE!!

Presbyterian Women will begin Monday, October 1, setting up for their fabulous garage sale! Welcome items include: toys of all sorts, books, videos, CDs, tapes, computer games, clothes (including babies' and children's), dishes – especially sets – decorative household items, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, lamps, and furniture are popular. Tools for house and garden and working small appliances are welcome. Please make sure vases and baskets are reasonably clean. Other items needed are small boxes for jewelry (these may be left anytime in Room #121), paper and plastic bags to bag purchases, and hangers for the clothing. Questions? Pick-up? Call Louise Davidson, 792-1289 or 736-0042.

During September, PW members will be in the hallway to welcome you as you sign up to help with the garage sale. This is a great time for fellowship! Help is needed daily October 1st-4th to set up. The sale will be held Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. till noon. Cashiers are needed in shifts that last about 2 hours the sale days, and help is needed Saturday noon with clean-up. The latter is a **big** job, but it goes fast with many hands to help. There are no age or gender requirements for any of this work. PW's Garage Sale is an equal opportunity employer paying generously in love and thanks!

# More for You

## CHOIR SCHEDULE

All of the choirs will resume rehearsals and worship participation during the first week of September. Membership in all choirs is open to anyone who loves to express faith and enjoys making music. Membership in the Bell Ensemble requires experience, but all groups welcome members — experienced or inexperienced — and will work to achieve the best efforts possible. The old saying: “He who sings prays twice” is not really accurate; those who rehearse for worship pray many more times than two and often have a fuller understanding of Scripture and liturgy than those who only experience the services once.

- ✚ **CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m., sings for the 11:00 a.m. services, and presents special music services and programs on occasion. The group embraces a wide variety of choral literature.
- ✚ **EARLY BIRDS** rehearse on Sunday mornings from 8:00-8:25 a.m. and sings for the 8:30 a.m. services. The group has limited rehearsal time, so their music is easily learned and is often in unison or two or three parts.
- ✚ **CAMPANILE BELL CHOIR** rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 5:15-7:00 p.m. and plays for services at least once each month. The group plays five octaves of handbells and five octaves of choir chimes.
- ✚ **BELL ENSEMBLE** rehearses on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30-5:15 p.m. and plays for worship occasionally. Under the direction of Nancy Davidson, the members learn ensemble techniques, including bell sharing and four-in-hand ringing.
- ✚ **MUSICA DI CAMERATA** rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and plays many sizes of recorders, cornamuses, and percussion. They sometimes accompany the choirs and play for services occasionally.
- ✚ **MERRYMAKERS** rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and is a small recorder ensemble. The group, under the direction of Dan Thyng and Marsha Martin, presents a major program each year and plays for services occasionally.
- ✚ **FLUTE CHOIR** rehearses on Wednesday evenings (rehearsal times vary) and plays flutes and alto flutes. The group, under the direction of Rodolfo Vazquez, plays for services two or three times each year.
- ✚ **PRAISE B** rehearses at various times, depending on what the group is preparing. The members play Drums, Bass, Synthesizer, and Piano. Other instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome. The group, under the direction of Tracy Keenan, plays music in a variety of modern styles.

## PIYO Begins September 10

Instructor Sandy Tullett. Will lead classes in PIYO Starting at 1:30 pm in the Lounge. PIYO is a blend of Pilates and Yoga focusing on increasing strength, flexibility and balance of the entire body. There is also a relaxation component. Wear comfortable, loose clothing, and bring a mat or towel and water. There is no cost, but contributions will go toward a mission chosen by the class members. All are welcome. No experience required.

## Mission Sewing Group

The mission sewing group meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 PM. We are working on a variety of projects including chemo caps, the quilt for 2008, scrubbies, pot holders, hanging towels, and layette blankets. The group is led by Martha Circle, but welcome all church women to join us. We need people to cut fabric, pin items, hand sew, crochet or knit, and quilt. For more information call Diana Sanders 847-4431.

## Welcome, JP!

We are delighted to introduce you to Joan Pogalies (known as JP) as our new Communications Administrator. We took the old position of Office Manager (formerly filled by Traci Weiss) and reconfigured it to have fewer responsibilities for membership information (now handled by Ingrid Brooker) and more responsibilities for church communications, both among members and out in the community. JP brings her talent and rich experience in writing, graphic design, editing, and management to Covenant, and we are thrilled to have her working with us.

## For the Oct. Issue

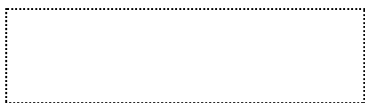
- ✠ Please use the enclosed Article Information Form for all future submissions to *The Communicator*. Additional copies of this form are available in the church office, or you may download a copy from our website at: [www.covenantpcusa.org](http://www.covenantpcusa.org).
- ✠ Completed Article Information Forms are due by Monday, Sept. 10, at 4:30 p.m. to the Communications Administrator (or fax form to: 451-1326.)
- ✠ The October 2007 *Communicator* will be assembled for mailing on Thursday, September 23, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 614-451-6677.

## Pastoral Leadership Team

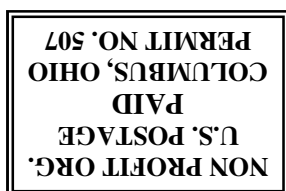
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