



# Your *Communicator*

*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

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Maybe I'm just cranky. But I find myself shaking my head in confusion and, admittedly, some consternation, when I hear/read/learn about self-proclaimed religious adherents spewing hatred. They might call themselves Christians or Jews or Muslims. They claim to have found the one true way to all that is holy. And then they excoriate whole segments of society, and call down all manner of horrifying judgments on them. This can manifest itself in anything from diatribes against the poor to suicide bombings.

My question is this: How can one's belief in God, who is love, be distorted into such hatred?

Sometimes folks blame it on the holy books themselves. I am not very familiar with the Quran, but I am very familiar with the Hebrew scriptures we Christians share with the Jews and the Greek scriptures we hold as our own. I can see how certain violent passages describing the history of the people of God can be pulled out of their stories and held up to inflame people today. I can see how the apocalyptic literature can be read with the folks who don't agree with us inserted into the role of the enemy. I can see how this happens, but have a hard time understanding it when it is weighed against the whole of our traditions. The God of Abraham saves, transforms, and loves with an everlasting love that cannot be thwarted. No matter what happens—no

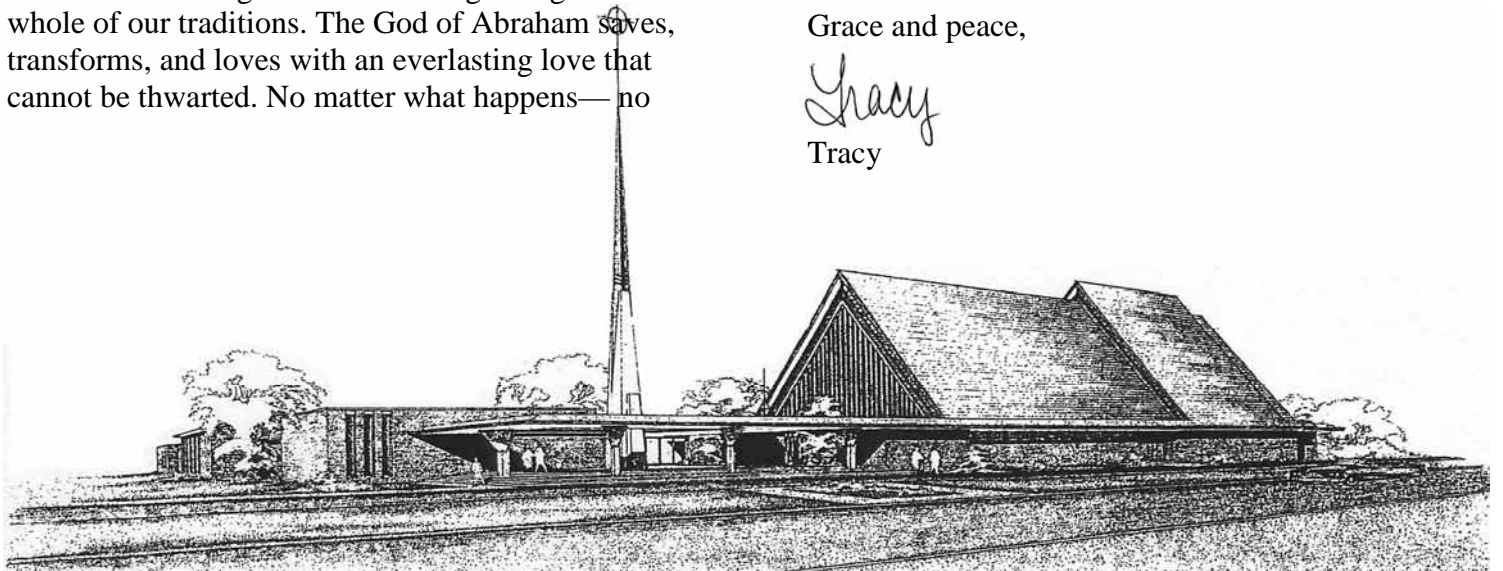
matter how upset God can become with humanity and how we do things—the bottom line with God is always redemption.

And as a Christian, I can't help but remember that when Jesus kicked up a fuss, it was against the religious zealots who were demanding and graceless and seemed, in all their fury, to have forgotten the love of the God they claimed to serve. That in itself is quite enough for me to stay humble and to seek God's help upon feeling that kind of fury myself. Whenever I find myself getting on the righteous anger bandwagon, I remember that the reason I follow Jesus is that I find in him the kind of relentless love that insists on loving even our enemies. Now THAT is a deathless love, and THAT's the kind of love I want to hitch my life-wagon to.

Maybe I'm just cranky. But I guess I would rather let God turn my crankiness into love, even for the folks who spew hatred, than to be turned into someone who spews hatred myself. If I read my scriptures right, love is the only thing that can overcome such things.

Grace and peace,

Tracy



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

**THE FORUM in the Lounge**

- Oct. 4 "Meet Mark Hare: a Mission Coworker in Haiti"
- Oct. 11 "John Calvin: His Life and Legacy"
- Oct. 18 "John Calvin: His Life and Legacy"
- Oct. 25 "John Calvin: His Life and Legacy"

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

- Oct. 4 Promises to Abraham
- Oct. 11 Message from God: The Torah
- Oct. 18 Treasure Finders Theater
- Oct. 25 Solomon Builds the Temple

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

**Prayer Bead Workshop:**

**Working on the Hidden Places Sun., Oct. 25, 12-3 pm**

Judy Smoot will return to continue our adventure with prayer beads, and Katie will join her to continue our adventure of becoming who we are meant to be. In our most private time with God, we come before this One Who Adores us to offer our broken places and to be made new. Join us in this exploration of new ways to pray for our own healing so that we might be strong in our faith and bold in our loving. To register, call or e-mail Katie, or call the church office. \$20 for lunch and materials.

**Family Bible Night Sun., Oct. 25, 5-7 pm**

Okay, we'll start with pizza, but families don't live by pizza alone, but the Word of the Living God. Experience the Bible as a playground where we explore and find the love of God. Play games, make things, eat and laugh and live within God's grace. RSVP Katie, the church office or Janet Gross. Bring friends!

**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.

**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 Koegler 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.

**Katie's Corner**

*"... it was to make us followers of Jesus that this text was given to us in the first place, and if either the large story or the detailed sentences are ever used for anything else, however admirable or enticing, why bother?"*

Eugene Peterson, *Eat This Book*

Why this call to engage with books that are thousands of years old, have sown such bitter controversy and even bloodshed, have been used to obliterate compassion and to wound people in their deepest places?

My dad thought the King James English of the Bible was beautiful, but he had been personally wounded by carefully quoted verses from it, and he was a good student of history. He knew about the blood that had been shed, slavery that had been propped up, avarice and dark power that had used scripture's words to thrive.

When I was 10 I started to read. By 13 I was devouring, feeding on the Living Word. I found real power there that allowed me to work through pain. I found power that convinced me that

love is as strong and stronger than death. I found God, not always clearly and sometimes even distortedly, but in and through those words I found the Spirit of the One in whom I have lived and moved and had my being.

Don't read to become a Bible scholar or to accumulate bonus points in the kingdom of heaven. Read for your life. Read for the lives of those around us. Read to find God and to find the Way Christ made bold and truly visible so that the power of God may take root within you and change the world.

**“God Talk” (Oct. 13) Second Tues., 7 pm,  
Old Bag of Nails, Old Hilliard, Main St.**

The topic this month will be “Who is Jesus?” Come for what promises to be intriguing and energetic conversation!

**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.

**Mark Your Calendars**

Family Pumpkin Patch Adventure	Sat., Oct. 3
Prayer Bead Workshop	Sun., Oct. 25
Bible Night	Sun., Oct. 25
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

**Wednesday School 7-8:30 pm**

Continuing are two opportunities to learn in community, to know more, to challenge your old ways of being and thinking, to have the resources to live in new ways. Classes meet each week: ***The New Testament. Through Nov. 18.*** Begin with a 30-minute DVD by Professor Bart Ehrman, Chair of Religious Studies, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is clear and interesting, and offers a way into engaging scripture so that we can become better at finding the Word of God in and through the words of the

Bible. If you've been meaning to read the scriptures more, but find yourself hampered by a way in, this is a wonderful way to begin. Charlotte Sharpe will lead the discussions. ***They Like Jesus But Not the Church. Through Oct. 28.*** “*Christians seem really silly with some of the fundamentalist views they have. They take apart the Bible and pull out the verses that they want to shame people with. They take Jesus' words and then embellish them and give meaning to*

*them in order to control the people in the way they want to.*” Pastor Dan Kimball realized that he didn't know any people who weren't Christians, and when he moved outside his office into the community, he found that the people with whom he began to develop relationships did indeed like Jesus but not the Church. His book, and this video series, are about why and what we should be doing about it. Join the discussion with Jim Mehler and Ed Chung.

**Spiritual Cinema Mon., Oct. 19, 6:30 pm, Lounge**  
“Whale Rider” will be the featured film. This award-winning film is set in New Zealand and features a young Maori woman who assumes the role of whale rider that is usually assigned to a male. A discussion led by Linda Gabel will follow. For information contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu, or Susan Imel, susanimel@gmail.com, 262-7444.

**New Member Classes**

**Sun., Oct. 11 & 18, 9:45 am, Chapel**

If you are interested in membership or simply curious to learn more about Covenant Presbyterian Church, there will be two consecutive classes held in October. Call the church office, 451-6677, and join us.

**Pumpkin Patch Party Sat., Oct. 3, 4 pm**

Families and friends from Covenant will be gathering for some Fall fun at Jacquemin Farms near Dublin. Join us for pumpkin picking, hay bale mazes, cider, homemade donuts, and jumptees!

**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.

This month a group of adults and high school students from Covenant will be headed to the Pathways Leadership Seminar. The Princeton Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry provides opportunities for adults to explore relational youth ministry, mission and service, developing a vision, and spiritual practices. We'll hear from author and educator Andy Root about re-imagining relational ministry not as seeking to influence kids toward some end (to accept

Jesus/to avoid immoral behavior) but rather, seeing it theologically, as place-sharing.

While we're off getting theological and practical training for ministry with youth, our young people will engage in workshops on theology of leadership, vocation, and spiritual practices. They'll hear from Julie Mercer Kidd about the theology of Christian leadership as well as attend three workshops on *Understanding and Leading Spiritual Practice*,

*Recreology: The Theology of Recreation*, and *Plenary: Exploring the Path of My Life and Faith*. These workshops are designed for youth to learn and to lead after the event.

This training event is an excellent opportunity for us to invest in the leadership development of our young people and those who lead with them. Remember, our students are not just the future leaders of the church, they are church leaders right now!

## God's Gift of Sexuality Series Meeting for Parents

**Sun., Oct. 4, 6-7 pm, Lower Level**

We will be starting a series on sexuality with high school students this month. The series will be based on: *The Gift of Sexuality: Empowerment for Religious Teens* by Steven Clapp; *The Adult Guide to the Gift of Sexuality* by Steven Clapp; and *Faith Matters: Teenagers, Religion, and Sexuality* by Steven Clapp, Kristin Leverton Helbert and Angela Zizak. These books are recommended for parents, students, and anyone else interested in what we will be studying. Parents can learn more at the Oct. 4 meeting.

## College Care Boxes—Addresses Needed by Sun., Oct. 11

We will be packing boxes to send to our college students reminding them that they are loved by God and by their family and friends at Covenant! Please send updated addresses for your students to Karen by Oct. 11. We are accepting donations for the boxes including: snacks (home baked or bought), gum, mints, pens, pencils, sticky-notes, note cards, and fun Halloween stuff.

## Upcoming Youth Events

Oct. 4 – Youth-Led Worship

Oct. 16-17 – Pathways Conference

Oct. 18 – Serving Breakfast at Central, 7am

Nov. 1— Youth Sub Sale for the BIG game

## Confirmation Classes Continue:

Oct. 11- 9:45, Lower Level

Oct. 25 – 9:45, Lower Level

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

This three-hour class is led by Karen Jackson and Katie Kinnison, and are 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.

## Deacon News

Deacons will be collecting large size toiletries, towels/wash cloths, coats, and bedding items for those in need through COMPASS. Place items in the laundry baskets. Remember to read *The Happenings* to stay connected to Covenant. Remember that Deacons are here to help any member who may need transportation, a small meal, a small bouquet of pick-me-up flowers or a prayer. Just let your Deacon know!

## 31st CROP Walk

**Sun., Oct. 11, 12-2pm**

One of Covenant's most popular ways of helping others is the annual CROP Walk. Start at Genoa Park in front of COSI. Families, friends, neighbors and pets are welcome to walk either the 1 or 2.5-mile route which takes you past the Santa Maria, the North Bank and Genoa Parks. If you can't join us, support those Covenant members who do walk. For info, visit the hall table after each service Oct. 4 and 11, or <http://columbuscropwalk.blogspot.com/>

## Deacons' Blood Drive Mon., Oct. 26, 1-6pm

Calling all ghouls and gals. We need your blood. Sign up between services in October, or contact Lou Ann Doub, 488-3919, or Dianne Annis, 529-0671, or sign up on line at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter *covenant* as the sponsor code.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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<b>4 Youth Mission Sunday</b> 8:00a Early Birds Rehearsal, Music Room 8:30a Worship in the Sanctuary 9:45a Christian Education 10:30a Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 11:00a Worship in the Sanctuary 1:00p Merrymakers, Music Room 6-8p Covenant Youth, Lounge, Kitchen, LL 7:00p Cub Scout Leadership, Chapel 6:30p Bible Study, 120  Opera Columbus Load In	<b>5</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> <b>7:00p Justice &amp; Peace, Lounge</b> 7:30p Gr.Col.Com.Orch., Sanctuary 2-5 7-9 Opera Columbus, FH	<b>6</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 4:30-6:30p Mouth/Wolf, Lounge <b>5:15p Bell Choir, Sanctuary</b> 7:00P Venture Troop, Lower Level <b>6:30p Discernment, Chapel</b>  2-5 7-9 Opera Columbus, FH	<b>7</b> <b>9:15a Circles: Martha</b> <b>12:15p Mary Circle @</b> 7:00p Al Anon, Chapel <b>7:30p Naomi circle @</b> <b>7:00p Wednesday Sch</b>  2-5 7-9 Opera Columbus, FH
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>GARAGE SALE ST UP, Fellows Hall, 120 Lounge, hall</p> <p>8:00a Sunrise Al Anon, Chapel</p> <p><b>9:30a Miriam Circle, Chapel</b></p> <p>12:00p COPS (Parkinson's) Meeting, 121</p> <p>6:00p Al Anon, Chapel</p> <p>7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9a-5p GARAGE SALE, Fellows Hall, 120 Lounge, hall</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9a-12p GARAGE SALE, Fellows Hall, 120, Lounge, hall</p> <p>9:30a UA Children's Program 105</p> <p>9:30a PSV Peacemaking, 121</p> <p><b>1:00p Sue Benton Memorial Service, Sanct.</b></p> <p><b>2:00p Memorial Service Reception, Chapel</b></p> <p><b>4:00p Pumpkin Patch, off site</b></p>
<p>a, 121; Eunice-Lydia, L Ruth Shealy</p> <p>Judy Oeder</p> <p>ool, Lounge, 120</p> <p>FH</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00a Sunrise Al Anon, Lounge</p> <p><b>1-3:30p Open Shelter Sandwich, Kitchen</b></p> <p>6:00p Al Anon, 121</p> <p>7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm</p> <p>2-5 7-9 Opera Columbus, FH</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>8:30-10a Open Shelter Sandwich, Kitchen</b></p> <p><b>9:30a Prayer Shawl Circle (til 11a), Lounge</b></p> <p>6-10p Little Minyan Prayer Group, Lounge</p> <p>6:30p Cub Scout Leaders, Chapel</p> <p>2-5 7-9 Opera Columbus, FH</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>8:00a Covenant Men @ First Watch</b></p> <p>9:30a UA Children's Program 105</p> <p>10:30a Non-Violent Comm, Chapel</p> <p>2-5 7-9 Opera Columbus, FH</p>
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<p>Lounge, 2 tables</p> <p>nating Team, 120</p> <p>er Level</p> <p>chool, Lounge, 120</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00a Sunrise Al Anon, Lounge</p> <p>6:00p Al Anon, 121</p> <p>7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00-10:15 UA Rec, FH</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>8:00a Connecting With God, Men's Breakfast, Lounge</b></p> <p>9:30a UA Children's Program 105</p>

## **Peacemaking Offering Sun., Oct. 4**

Give generously to support CHOICES and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. One quarter of the total offering will go to a group the Justice and Peace Ministry Team chooses: CHOICES – for eliminating domestic violence. Domestic violence increases in times of economic stress. The

mission of CHOICES is to interrupt the cycle of domestic violence in this community and advocate for social change. CHOICES defines domestic violence as physical assault, psychological abuse and/or sexual abuse between adult family members. It cuts across all geographic, religious, socio-economic, racial, sex and age

barriers. It is learned, criminal, generational, cyclical and correlated with substance abuse. It is estimated that domestic violence occurs in at least one in four adult relationships. No family member deserves to be abused by another family member. No family member has the right to abuse another family member. Intervention can help.

## **Connecting With God Sat., Oct. 31, 8-9 am, Lounge**

“A Man In Friendship With God” is the second of a multi-session study on the various relationships men have.

God’s loftiness, or transcendence, is one of the pillars of Christian theology. But an equally important theological pillar is the nearness, or imminence, of God. The Creator is willing to enter into the creation. God meets us where we are. Our relationship with God is dependent upon our spending time with God. Spending time together is important for all our relationships. Friendship with God is a matter of being, and of being ourselves with God, as God is God with us. Join the conversation. Eggs, oatmeal, hot beverage provided. If you can, bring a breakfast treat to share. Questions/Info: [jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org).

## **Medicare 2010: Overview and Update Tues., Oct. 20, 1:30–3 pm or 6–7:30 pm**

Two sessions will be presented by Chris Reeg from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program sponsored by The UA Chamber of Commerce Older Adult Resource Group. Program is free, but register in advance, 457-7876 ext. 432, or [www.uachamber.org](http://www.uachamber.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.

## **Prayers Needed about Swine Flu**

During worship in August, prayers were offered for this health issue as requested by Robinson Christian, the clergyman from the Church of North India who was here for six weeks in the 2006 Mission to the USA program. He sent an e-mail saying, “Please pray for the city on Pune, India, that is highly affected by H1N1 virus causing a contagious disease, swine flu. People are getting panicked and try to leave the city. Our country, as a

whole, is affected by this virus, but the situation in Pune is becoming worse.” Please keep this request in your prayers and also pray for Robinson, his wife and their young sons. Prayers for research that wipes it out are also worthwhile. For more information: [http://indiatoday.intoday.in/swineflu/index.php?option=com\\_content&sectionid=121&secid=143&task=view&id=56610&site=swineflu](http://indiatoday.intoday.in/swineflu/index.php?option=com_content&sectionid=121&secid=143&task=view&id=56610&site=swineflu)

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

## **NEW Communicator Distribution Saves \$**

To reduce paper and postage expenses, starting with the November issue, *Your Communicator* will be mailed only to those who have no computer or call the office to request it be mailed. Printed copies will be available at the church towards the end of the month. You are encouraged to view, download and print issues from our web site: [www.covenantpcusa.org](http://www.covenantpcusa.org). Soon, we may begin emailing news updates to those who provide their email address. Send to [joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org).

## **Nurture & Outreach Potluck Thur., Oct. 15, 6 pm**

Join friends and make new ones at this casual potluck. Bring something to share (purchased at the deli, a favorite recipe). Invite family and friends to share an hour of good food and good company.

## **CPW Garage Sale**

**Fri., Oct. 2 and Sat., Oct. 3, Fellowship Hall**

The huge annual Garage Sale is coming so drop items off in Fellowship Hall. If your items are of special value, let us know at that time. We need strong people to help with larger items, set up and sales, and pricing toys and clothing. A bake sale is planned that needs your goodies too. All proceeds go to support mission. More info: Louise Davidson, 792-1289.

## Other News continued

### Report from Session. Review of August 24, 2009 V&S Meeting of Session— Paul Morton, Clerk

Nurture & Outreach: working on publicity, a new member class, annual review of the membership rolls. Mission & Social Concerns: house being built by Habitat for Humanity, delegates from Thailand visit, adult mission trip to the Gulf. Children's Ministries: presented Bibles, the Block Party, a trip to the Pumpkin Patch. Deacons: took July off, Lemonade Sundays well received, Meet Your Deacon event this fall. Spiritual Development & Adult Learning: two new commission members, September Enneagram workshop, a March speaker from Springfest will give the sermon and do the Forum, lay led Sunday morning Bible study added, Wednesday night program done without meals and will have two events this fall: "They Like Jesus but not the Church" and a DVD based New Testament study, Katie will lead a 10-week class on *discernment*. Youth: fall retreat in Sept., study on "Sexuality and Religion" for high schoolers in fall and middle schoolers in spring, 26 people have taken the child sexual abuse prevention so far. Worship & Arts: working on a closer integration of Church Communion and Home Communion, active elders and deacons are urged to become more involved in the Home Communion program, Sunday evening service is being changed to the 2nd Sunday. Stewardship & Budget: receipts were up this July compared to 2008, receipts didn't cover 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the annual totals. Properties: working priority items for church repairs, Session approved serving Communion at Sunday evening services for the next 9 months, approved serving Communion on Sept. 20 at the Youth Retreat.

### Donate Peanut Brittle and Soup Can UPCs

Peanut Brittle making has begun! Please keep bringing sugar and margarine as we will need a lot more to keep production going. Call Ruth Adams or Sandy St. Martin with any questions. Also, CPW collects UPC codes (not the whole label) from Campbell soup cans. Leave them in the church kitchen or the CPW box in the office. They will be sent to The Shack Neighborhood House in Pursglove, WV, to buy school supplies.

### 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](mailto: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. **Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 14, April 11, May 23.** Questions? Call Anne or Dick Rorapugh, 740-881-9934.

### Justice & Peace Ministry Encourages Advocacy

During the coming year, the Justice and Peace Ministry Team will have info about endeavors you might want to support. This month's topic is *violence against women and girls* to correspond with the portion of the Peace Making offering that will go to CHOICES. Details about CHOICES are at [www.choicescolumbus.org/](http://www.choicescolumbus.org/). Also, look up The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, [www.catwinternational.org/](http://www.catwinternational.org/), and End Child Prostitution and Trafficking, [www.ecpatusa.org](http://www.ecpatusa.org).

## Joyful Noise

### Books of Tracy's Original Music Available

We have published an edition of some of Tracy Keenan's original music for use in worship. She and Weldon Adams collaborated and had it printed in time for the Presbyterian Women's Gathering in July, where Tracy was the music leader. The nearly 3,000 participants sang some of Tracy's music, and bought music books. Churches across the country are singing some of these songs! Books are in the office for \$15. Perhaps you have friends or relatives at other churches who might like to try new worship music. Proceeds go to Covenant!

# Worship & Music in September

## **October 4 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Communion / Peacemaking Offering**

Sermon	Youth Mission Sunday		
Music	All music provided by the youth.		
	“We are the Hands of Christ”	Weldon Adams	
Instrumental	Madeleine Connolly, Ben Spencer, Carmina Spencer		

## **October 11 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sermon	“What Ticks God Off?”	Psalm 90:12-17; Mark 10:17-31	Tracy Keenan Preaching
Choral	“O How Amiable”	Ralph Vaughan Williams	8:30 am Early Birds; 11 am Chancel Choir
Instrumental	“Music for Flute and Organ”	Weldon Adams, Organ; Rodolfo Vazquez, Flute	

**\*SECOND SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE Featuring the Worship Band and Communion Karen Jackson Preaching**

## **October 18 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sermon	“Out of the Whirlwind”	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Job 38: 1-7, 34-41	Karen Jackson Preaching
Choral	“Whoever Would Be Great Among You”		Ronald A. Nelson
			8:30 am Early Birds; 11 am Chancel Choir
	“At the Name of Jesus”	Ralph Vaughan Williams	11:00 Chancel Choir and Congregation
Instrumental	“Madona”	Christopher Tye	Weldon Adams, Organ
	“Rubum Quem”	Christopher Tye	Weldon Adams, Organ
	“The Sacred End Pavan”	Thomas Marley	Weldon Adams, Organ
	“Chorale Prelude on Hyfrydol”	Ralph Vaughan Williams	Weldon Adams, Organ

## **October 25th — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Reformation Sunday**

Sermon	“The Flying Trapeze”	Psalm 126; Mark 10:46-52	Tracy Keenan Preaching
Choral	“Joy in the Morning Shall Be Mine”	Douglas E. Wagner	8:30 am Early Birds; 11 am Chancel Choir
	“They Shall Reap in Joy”	Hank Beebe	11:00 Ryan Cremeans, Soloist with Chancel Choir
Instrumental	The Southminster Presbyterian Church Women’s Hand Bell Choir from Pittsburgh will play three pieces including one with our Campanile Bell Choir.		

### **Visualizing Music**

Madeleine Connolly sent Weldon Adams a note about a video on UTUBE. The music is great, but it is the accompanying video that is really interesting. It makes music visual. Listen to “Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor” by J. S. Bach, and see patterns that indicate the entrances of the fugue subject, musical sequences, broken chords, and, if you watch carefully, how Bach used parts of the initial theme to make parts of the music segue between statements of the fugue subject. This video made Weldon see things in this very familiar piece that he had never noticed before. Even if you don’t analyze the music, you will enjoy the show. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipzR9bhei\\_o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipzR9bhei_o)

### **Golden Oldies Concert**

**Sun., Oct. 18, 3 pm, Sanctuary**

Silver & Spruce (Rodolfo Vazquez, flute; Craig Goodwin, guitar; Debbie Brennan, vocals) will perform a concert of golden oldies like *Moon River*, *Love is Here to Stay*, *Baby Elephant Walk*, *Embraceable You*. Admission is free. Donations encouraged.



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## Salt & Light

### 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

October 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.

### November Issue of *Your Communicator*

November issue info should be emailed by Tues., Oct. 12, to JP: joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org. Include all contact information and what, when, who, where, how and why. The *Communicator* will be assembled for mailing on Thur., Oct. 22 at 9 am in Fellowship Hall and we would love your help. Call us at 451-6677.

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