



Your Communicator

Covenant Presbyterian Church

September, October, November 2011

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Dear Covenant
friends and family,

As I look toward
the familiar rhythms
of fall, I think of the
thrum of approach-
ing school buses, the cicadas that
linger until the first frost, and the
sound of scuffled leaves that make
every footstep a soft-shoe. The
change of the season also means that
we look to other ways to stay com-
fortable. At first we are relieved to
be able to step outside without swel-
tering, but before we know it, we are
reaching for sweaters and listening
for the furnace to kick on.

We humans tend to like our com-
forts. We like to keep things steady
and predictable. We like for church
to be comfortable, too. We prefer the
familiar tunes, the cadence of the
liturgy, the friendly faces, the view
from our own particular pew. There
is certainly something to be said for
the comfort this offers: the refuge
from the anxiety of the world, the
solace of the words we have recited
since childhood, the rhythms that
calm and reassure us.

Funny, then, isn't it, that God is
always calling us to scuffle out of
our comfort zone and look beyond
our own perspectives to open our-
selves and our church to the world.
We hear again and again that the

church needs to change the way we
do things, to look outward, or we
will die a slow death. We hear again
and again that we need to reach out
to those who are in need, those who
do not already grace our pews, those
who hunger and thirst for the good
news of God's love, but to do so
often means discomfort if not out-
right sacrifice.

One of the things I love about
Covenant is that we do try to look be-
yond our own comfort to the call of
God and the needs of the world. Not
every new thing is everyone's cup of
tea, but most of our folks can at least
see that the "comfort zone" is not
what we worship. It seems that
change is pretty much of a constant
in this world and even in our church,
and our task is to be faithful to the
Holy One through every shift in sea-
son or circumstance. Look through
this Communicator and see what life-
filled things are happening through
this congregation: worship and mis-
sion, fellowship and spiritual growth
for all ages. Look for something new
that challenges you as well as the fa-
miliar things that comfort you. It's a
wonderful time to be a-traveling this
holy road with you all!

Grace and peace,

Tracy
Tracy

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Katie's Corner - I have a full time job and three daughters and by the time you're reading this, I'll have started taking Greek. I know what "my cup runneth over" means. Blessings are blessings, but they can still make one tired, and some times you wonder if you can fit one more thing in your cup.

I am not suggesting that you should overbook yourself, and busyness is much more like a cultural disease than a spiritual practice – BUT – I am suggesting that you add one more thing to what you've planned for yourself this Fall. Even if that means not doing something else you had planned.

Consider joining a small group for six weeks. Here's why: I believe what we'll be doing in these small groups will help you love God better, and I believe what we'll be doing in these small groups will help you love others better. I believe that if many of us make this six week commitment to one another, Covenant will be stronger; we will be even better at loving.

So, read what it says in the article entitled "Get Real" (page 3), pray about it, and sign up to be part of a small group. It will be a small but truly powerful commitment.

Katie Kinnison, katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip Sat., Oct. 8, 2pm, Jacquemin Farms

Inflatable toys in which to hide and bounce. Caramel apples in which to revel. The corn sandbox. The many, many pumpkins beckoning to be picked. And friends from Covenant to share in it all. Join us for an afternoon of laughter in the crisp fall air. We'll meet at the farm; we're usually hanging out in the children's play area for a while. For more information, check out the farm's website or see Tori Vazquez, Jennifer Ludowise Smith, Karen Jackson or Katie Kinnison.

Family Game Night

Sat., Oct. 15, 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Here's the thing: it's just for fun. Pizza, chips and a bag of baby carrots. People bring games, and we pull out some we keep here at church. And we play. You don't need kids to come -- the children who do come make sure we all remember how to play, and they lead us into simple delight. Please RSVP to Karen or Katie by Fri., Oct. 14 so that we know how much pizza to get -- and tell us your favorite kind!

Wednesday Bible Study 7-8pm, Lounge

Why Did Jeremiah Lament and What Does It Have to Do with Us? Have you ever felt your soul wail? Does it feel sometimes like the world around us is crumbling and that no one is doing anything about it? Jeremiah felt these things centuries ago, and when we read about them in the Living Word, we see our pain acknowledged and we find a path to hope. Join us on Wednesday nights as we discover these things together.

A Joyful Noise - Children's Choir

It's time again for a children's choir. We've had some wonderful music in Treasure Finders (aka Sunday School), but now we are actually going to develop our children's "joyful noise" into regular practicing and into our corporate worship on Sunday mornings.

"A Joyful Noise" will practice both during our Christian Education Hour at 9:45 am, as part of Treasure Finders, and during our 11:00 am worship time, as part of "Wiggle Worship." For more information, please contact Rob Rucker, Amy Rucker, Kim Halsey, Shane Spicer or Katie Kinnison.



Joy Gym Begins Again Mid-October

Fridays 9:30-11am

This turned out to be a great idea. When the weather gets a bit nippy, maybe too rainy or cold to play outside, we open up Fellowship Hall, cart down toys from the nursery, and play. We have juice boxes, gold fish crackers and fruit to fortify ourselves, but mostly, grown-ups bring children, and we play, run, build, talk and laugh. Simply fun! All are welcome. Help us spread the word in the neighborhood, and come play with us.

Sunday Morning Education Hour 9:45 am...and more



ADULTS - Contact Person: Katie Kinnison

- **The Forum**, Lounge - Sundays at 9:45 am The Forum offers a variety of speakers and topics.

The Sunday Sept. 11 Forum will be presented by authors Jim and Nancy Petro discussing their recent book "False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent." Jim Petro received the 2010 Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award, "Honoring the person who goes above and beyond in supporting and championing efforts that free the wrongfully convicted and/or reform the criminal justice system to prevent wrongful convic-

tions." He has been Ohio State Auditor and Attorney General, and is currently Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents of Higher Education. Nancy Petro has more than 35 years of experience in marketing, publishing and business management and worked with Jim for two and a half years on the book "False Justice." Go to www.falsejustice.com for further information.

- **Lay Led Bible Study**, Room 120 – Check on line or in a church bulletin for info on which scripture is being studied. Contact person: Steve St. Martin
- **Parents Lounge**, Room 102 – A chance for parents to share their lives, laugh some, and support one another.

YOUTH

- 4th-7th grades – Faith and Fun, Lower Level
- 8th-12th grades – Bibles and Brew @ Panera - meet in front of Karen's office by 9:50am if you need a ride

Children birth to 3 years of age: Our nursery is staffed from 8:15 until 12:30

Children 3 years through 3rd grade: Treasure Finder:

September 4Creation	October 16Isaac and Rebekah
September 11Adam and Eve	October 23Jacob
September 18The Fall	October 30Rachel and Leah
September 25The Flood	November 6Joseph's Dreams
October 2Abraham	November 13Joseph and Pharaoh
October 9Sarah	November 20Advent Event
	November 27Joseph and His Brothers

Get Real: Join a Small Group

Sign up between Aug. 28 and Sept. 11

Get real with God. Get real with each other. Remember what it is to be truly heard when you speak. Practice listening with undivided and complete attention. Notice, actually notice, what God is doing in your life.

First, we'll listen for God. Then, we'll listen to one another. We'll learn how and practice with each other. Who knows what will happen then? It's just a six-week commitment. Can you join a small group and meet once a week for an hour and a half six times? Just show up, but fully present when you get there. You have to be ready to listen. You'll learn what may be a new way to read scripture (actually a very ancient way), and you'll practice noticing God in your life, in your everyday life.

Pick up a brochure at church, or download one on line, for more information. You can read about the structure of a meeting and see all the options for meeting times and places. Some groups will provide child care. If you have questions, ask Katie Kinnison, Steve St. Martin, Martin Spencer, Jennifer LuPiba, Sandy Tullett, Lynn Hamilton, Brad Liebling, Dorothy Roberts, or Sidney Dill. (That's the Spiritual Development and Adult Learning Commission.) Come on. Get real.

Groups meet at various times, weekly, from Sept. 18 – Oct. 29

The Party is Oct. 30, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall



Karen's Corner - This year in our youth programs we'll be focusing on how we can love God and love our neighbor in our daily lives. **What does it really mean to love God and follow Jesus Christ? How can we recognize God in the world and in our own lives?** How can we live out our faith not only in Honduras and Pittsburgh, but in Columbus, in classes and sports and cafeterias?

These are important questions in a life of faith, and they are particularly important questions to consider as we prepare for our upcoming summer mission experiences. **Next summer, we'll be going back to Honduras, to Montana de Luz to work at an orphanage for children with**

HIV/AIDS. This was an amazing trip and a very powerful spiritual experience for the students who went in 2008. All students who feel called to serve in this way will be expected to enter into a time of spiritual preparation with the group every Sunday night for dinner and Bible study. This is not a onetime trip, it is part of our call as Christians to love God and serve others. It's a big trip and it requires lots of commitment - physical (monetary), educational, and SPIRITUAL. We will also be headed back to Pittsburgh with middle school students and any high school students hoping for an 'in-country' mission opportunity. **Again, we hope to help our students see this as more than a mission trip – as an opportunity to join God in mission, to unite our call to serve everyday with a particular need in a particular place.**

I'm also very excited to be starting a faith formation class for adults based on our confirmation curriculum. Studies, experience, our own hearts, pretty much everything says that the best indicator for faith and religious devotion in young people is their parents. I know we all desire that our children would know and love God, that they would find a home in the church, that they would root their identity in Christ, and that they would be able to articulate all of this for themselves. That is our goal in confirmation! But what about the adults? **The goal for this class is to help parents, mentors, and any other adults who are interested put words to our faith.** We will study the major tenets of the reformed faith in a way that is fun and helpful for relating to young people and others in our lives. Join us! *Blessings, Karen Ware Jackson karenjackson@covenantpcusa.org*

Youth Dinner & Bible Study Sundays, 6-7:30pm

Open to all middle and high school students, it is a low key event geared towards an older crowd. This weekly activity is expected of all students who feel called to serve at Montana de Luz this summer.

Youth Fellowship Wednesday, 7-8pm

Open to all students grades 5 and up: games, hanging out, and short time of prayer and study.

Youth Sunday School 9:45-10:45am, Lower Level

We are going to have a great Sunday school class for youth using the same curriculum series we are using for confirmation. The 'non-confirmation' lessons will be focused on Old Testament Bible Stories.

Youth Confirmation 9:45-10:45am, Lower Level

- Sept 11 – **5:30-8pm** Interfaith Youth Event:
Better Together,
- Sept 25 – **12:30-2:30pm** Faith Journey Labyrinth
- Oct. 9 – Was Jesus of Nazareth God?
- Oct. 23 – If Jesus was God why did he have to die?
- Nov. 6 – Is believing in Jesus really the only way to get to heaven?
- Nov. 20 – Is the Holy Spirit a person or wind or fire or what?
- Dec. 4 – Why should I follow Jesus; can't I just say I believe in him?
- Dec. 18 – Am I really supposed to believe Mary was a virgin?

IAM Youth Conference - "Better Together: The Path to Peace" Sun, Sept 11, 6-8

Join this multigenerational conference sponsored by the Interfaith Action Movement for Youth. Meet at church at 5:15 to go to Congregation Tifereth Israel together where we will reflect on the 9/11 tragedy and the community spirit, recognize community leaders in the interfaith movement, and enjoy music and poetry by youth. This event is one of our confirmation class activities, but is open to all youth and interested adults.

Adult Confirmation 9:45-10:45am, Lower Level

Are you comfortable articulating your Christian faith? Do you have questions about God/Christ/The Holy Spirit? Of course you do. Let's talk about them together. Let's put words to our questions and our faith so that we can talk to our children.

- Sept. 18 – Is the Bible True?
- Oct. 2 – Was Jesus of Nazareth God?
- Oct. 16 – If Jesus was God why did he have to die?
- Oct. 30 – Is believing in Jesus really the only way to get to heaven?
- Nov. 13 – Is the Holy Spirit a person or wind or fire or what?
- Nov. 27 – Why should I follow Jesus; can't I just say I believe in him?
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Summer Youth Mission 2012

Montana de Luz, Honduras – June 20-17, 2012

Ages: entering 9th grade -graduates

Cost: Total cost is \$1,600, church hopes to pay \$1,000 per student making your cost \$600. (Talk to me early for help with raising this \$600.)

Expectations: You will be expected to attend the Sunday night dinner and Bible Study starting in the fall and continuing through the trip (6-7:30pm every Sunday night). You will also be expected to participate in church mission fundraisers like the Covenant Cafe and sub sales.

The Pittsburgh Project – July 9-13, 2012

We need adult sponsors for this trip. Please consider if you might be called to serve :)

Ages: entering 6th grade - graduates

Cost: \$150 (total cost is \$300)

Expectations: You are expected to help with Covenant Cafe and sub sales. We would also love to see you at Wednesday night youth group, Sunday school, etc.

Deacons Report - Jeff DuBois, Moderator

The Deacons have been very active this summer with Lemonade Sundays, Communion in the garden, on Wednesday night services, regular first Sundays. We have been serving Ronald McDonald House breakfasts, various memorial services, CARES support and a Deacon's picnic in July at the DuBois' (a well attended and much needed social event). We look forward to our activities coming up the next three months and will be inviting the congregation to participate in as many activities as they can.

Our first congregational opportunity in the Fall will be the first Saturday of each month breakfast at Ronald McDonald House. Tim Owens is leading that activity and will have information in the Sunday bulletin if you want to volunteer. Next is two Mid Ohio Food Bank volunteer evenings, 6-8pm. Tim Scott and Gail Griffin

are coordinating that activity and will provide a sign up sheet. October is also Crop Walk and we encourage those who can, to walk, and others to support the walkers. More information to come about this in September.

As the Winter approaches we prepare for our support for the Compass program and the "Biggie" Adopt-a-Family. As always we will have many different opportunities for members of our congregation to support the families who have needs beyond their means. It is heart warming to see the families enjoy God's Love during this blessed time.

Throughout the next three months, the Deacons will continue to serve the congregation through the many ongoing service programs. Let Jim Mehler or the office know if you have a need that we can help you with.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeff DuBois, Moderator

Deacon's Blood Drive **Mon., Oct. 24, 1-6pm, Fellowship Hall**

On July 11, we collected 31 pints of blood; the goal was 20! Thank you all for your donations. Our next blood drive is in October. Sign up sheets will be available between church services several weeks prior to that Monday. Let's try to challenge ourselves and surpass our goal. To sign up, you may contact Jay McLean, 209-7314, jmclean001@columbus.rr.com or email Becky Miller, ramdvm4511@yahoo.com.

**The church office will be closed
Mon., Sept. 5, Labor Day**

CROP Walk **Sun., Oct. 9**

CROP Hunger Walk is not only one of Covenant's most popular ways of helping others but is also the oldest charity walk in Columbus. This year, we mark the 33rd anniversary. The walk route will incorporate new parks and bridges in Columbus, including the Scioto Mile, Main Street Bridge, and Audubon Park, Bicentennial Park, home of the Columbus CROP Hunger Walk for 18 years, will be included. Walk 1 or 4 miles or donate money to support Covenant's walkers. Covenant has been a leader among the 85 churches and organizations who participated in recent years. Families, friends, neighbors and pets are welcome. Rides downtown provided. Deacons will be posted in the hallway after each service Sept. 18 and 25, Oct. 2 and 9. Contact Judy Hardy, 442-9291 or judyhardy@columbus.rr.com.

Music and Worship Notes



Concert: “From Baroque to Flautango: A musical journey through the different periods of classical music.”

Nov. 6, 3pm, Hilliard Presbyterian Church, 3600 Leap Rd

Featuring Rodolfo Vázquez, flute, and Sean Ferguson, guitar

www.rodolfovazquez.com

Free admission. Donations accepted.

QUBE, the string quartet at Otterbein University (cellist, Cora Kuyvenhoven)

- Sun., Sept. 25, 8:30 and 11am services
- Wed., Sept. 28, 8pm, Riley Auditorium, Battelle Music Bldg., Otterbein University (free)
- Fri., Sept. 30, 8pm, Kenyan College (free)
- Sun., Oct. 16, 7:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church (Westerville) (free)

ProMusica Chamber Orchestra

Email Cora the week before a concert you would like to attend, and she will get you

\$5 tickets. (ckuyvenhoven@ameritech.net)

- Sun., Oct. 9, 7pm, Southern Theatre - *Opening Night* - Featuring Stefan Jackiw, violin
- Sat., Nov. 12, 5:30pm, Southern Theatre - *Voices from the Gallery* - Featuring Othalie Graham, Narrator
- Sun., Nov. 13, 7pm, Southern Theatre - *Voices from the Gallery* - Featuring Othalie Graham, Narrator
- Sat., Dec. 10, 5:30pm, Josephinum at the Pontifical College - *Seasonal Surprises* - Featuring Teddy Abrams,
Guest Conductor
- Sun., Dec. 11, 7pm, Southern Theatre - *Seasonal Surprises* - Featuring Teddy Abrams, Guest Conductor

Second Sunday Recitals

- **No Second Sunday Recital on September 11.** Everyone is encouraged to attend the Interfaith Prayer Service at the Ohio State House at 4pm.
- **Oct. 9, 5 pm** - *Covenant Organist Emeritus* Weldon Adams returns for an evening of organ favorites.
- **Nov. 13, 5 pm** - To Be Determined...but it will be fabulous!

Clerk of Session Report - Tom Billman, Clerk of Session

Your Clerk of Session would like to share some statistical data from the second quarter of 2011. During the second quarter, Covenant had four new members join our ranks, which brings our current active membership to 614. Covenant Presbyterian Church had two weddings during the second quarter. Average worship attendance during the second quarter of 2011 was 73 at our 8:30am worship, and 160 at 11am worship. CPC's Wednesday's worship service "The Gathering" is averaging 40 people per week. Your Clerk of Session participated in The Presbytery of Scioto Valley's annual permanent record review on behalf of Covenant Presbyterian Church on Sun., July 17 at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, and I'm happy to report there were no exceptions.

Worship Services Sundays 8:30am & 11:00am

***Gathering, Every Wednesday, 6pm, Fellowship Hall.
Casual, interactive, family-friendly message and music.***

Sept. 4	Last Courtyard service at 8:30 / Communion “Love What You Do” Eccl. 3:1-13	Tracy preaching
Sept. 7	Gathering - “Juicy Bible Stories: Ordinary People”	Jim preaching
Sept. 11	“September Eleventh” Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 5:44	Tracy preaching
Sept. 14	Gathering - “Juicy Bible Stories: David and Bathsheba”	Karen preaching
Sept. 18	“Anything But That” Psalm 139; Philippians 1:21-30	Tracy preaching
Sept. 21	Gathering - “Juicy Bible Stories: Rachel and the Household Gods”	Katie preaching
Sept. 25	“Hard to be Humble” Proverbs 11:2; Philippians 2:1-13	Tracy preaching
Sept. 28	Gathering - “Juicy Bible Stories: Accountant Hell”	Jim preaching
Oct. 2	World Communion Sunday. “The Big Ten and the One Thing” Exodus 20:1-4,7-9.12-20; Philippians 3:4b-14	Tracy preaching
Oct. 5	Gathering - “Juicy Bible Stories: Mary and Martha”	Karen preaching
Oct. 9	“God’s Stiff-necked People” Exodus 32:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9	Karen preaching
Oct. 12	Gathering - “Juicy Bible Stories: The Parable of the Dishonest Manager”	Katie preaching
Oct. 16	Children’s Sabbath – Worship led by the children of Covenant	
Oct. 19	Gathering - “Speaking Bible: What is the Kingdom of God?”	Karen preaching
Oct. 23	“The Two-Pronged Commandment” Psalm 1; Matthew 22:34-46	Tracy preaching
Oct. 26	Gathering - “Speaking Bible: Why Am I Here?”	Jim preaching
Oct. 30	Reformation Sunday “What’s Wrong With This Picture?” Ps. 43; Matt. 23:1-12	Tracy Preaching
Nov. 2	Gathering - “Speaking Bible: What is the image of God?”	Katie preaching
Nov. 6	Communion/ All Saints – Daylight Savings Ends “What happens when we die?” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Karen preaching
Nov. 9	Gathering - “Speaking Bible: A Christian View of Work”	Jim preaching
Nov. 13	“Pay Attention” Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Tracy preaching
Nov. 16	Gathering - “Speaking Bible: What does it mean to lose your life?”	Karen preaching
Nov. 20	“I Got Mine!” Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Matthew 25:31-46	Tracy preaching
Nov. 23	Gathering - “Speaking Bible: What is eternal life?”	Katie preaching
Nov. 27	First Sunday of Advent “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” Isa. 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37	Tracy preaching
Nov. 30	Gathering - “Speaking Bible: “@Immanuel”	Jim preaching

Events and Announcements

Important Dates:

- Christian Education Week - Sept. 11-17
- Theological Education Week - Sept. 18-24
- World Communion Sunday & Peacemaking Offering to be received- Oct. 2
- World Food Day & Children's Sabbath - Oct. 16
- Reformation Sunday - Oct. 30
- All Saints' Day - Nov. 1
- Covenant Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 13

Storyteller at All Church Family

Thanksgiving Potluck Sun., Nov. 13, 5:30pm

Sally Crandall, a local story teller, will provide the program. Each family is asked to bring a dish that will serve eight. Turkey will be furnished by event sponsors Covenant Presbyterian Women. Cost is \$3 per person or \$12 per family (four or more).

Following the meal, the Thanksgiving Offering will be received, and the winner of the quilt will be drawn. Sally will then tell stories. Find out more about Sally on her website at <http://www.sallycrandall.com/index.html>

Watch the weekly bulletins for further details so that you won't miss out on the food, fun, and fellowship that are part of this annual event.

CPW Luncheon Features Gracehaven House

Wed., Sept. 14, 11:45am

Following the luncheon, Cathy Treyens will present a program about Gracehaven House, which is a safe home for girls who are victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. Cathy is a volunteer speaker for Gracehaven and serves as the coordinator of Gracehaven's Speaker's Bureau. The cost of the luncheon is \$8. Reservations may be made by signing up at September Circle meetings, calling the church office, 451-6677, or contacting Rayma Ridgway, 451-9809 or Clara O'Connell, 459-2276. Deadline for reservations is Sun., Sept. 11.

Email Addresses Wanted - There are members who haven't provided email addresses to the church. To help reduce the cost of postage and to give you more timely information, send your email address to Ingrid Brooker, ingridbrooker@covenantpcusa.org.

Advent Event

Sun., Nov. 20, 9:30-11am, Fellowship Hall

It's a foretaste of the Christmas joy to come. We get ready for the Church's season of waiting and preparing for the marvelous birth of Jesus with a time of crafts and celebration. We'll eat good food, make ornaments and other wonders, and write cards for people who need our remembrance and a taste of Christmas care. Bring your friends. And if you have an idea for a craft or another way to make this event even more wonderful, please contact Tori Vazquez, Jennifer Ludowise Smith or Katie Kinnison.

CPW Annual Garage Sale

Sept. 23-24



Garage Sale is early this

year. Do you have treasures in your closets and cupboard you no longer need? Save them for the Garage Sale. Drop things off in Fellowship Hall beginning Mon., Sept.

19. If you need help getting large or numerous items to the church, call Louise (below) by Sept. 15 to arrange pick-up. Of course your assistance is needed with set up and sales all week (good fellowship guaranteed!). We need strong arms to help with larger items, and help pricing toys and clothing, so let us know if you are available. We will be in the Hallway with sign-up sheets in Sept. A bake sale is planned for Friday. What's your specialty? If any of your items are of special value, let us know when you drop them off. All proceeds go to support mission. Call Louise Davidson, 792-1289.

Creative Hearts and Hands



Once again Creative Hearts and Hands will be making afghans for people in need at Christmas. We are able to make these beautiful gifts with the help of volunteers who knit 7"x9" squares. We are so grateful for this help and

look forward to working with new and experienced knitters. For information on this project, please contact Rayma Ridgway, 451-9809.

Events and Announcements

All Covenant Women are Invited:

Be part of Covenant Presbyterian Women's Circles. We begin meeting in September. Each circle decides their time and place.

These circles work on special mission projects:

- Mission Sewing - 1pm Every Tues., Rm 121- Everyone welcome!
- Prayer Shawl Circle - 9:30 am 2nd & 4th Fri., Lounge – Knitting prayer shawls. Yarn and instructions furnished. Stop in.

These Circles have a Bible Study as part of their fellowship:

- Elizabeth Circle - 1st Wed., 7pm, rm. 120
- Eunice- Lydia Circle -1st Wed., 9:15am, Lounge
- Miriam Circle--1st Thurs., 9:30am, Lounge
- Naomi Circle--1st Wed., 7:30pm, in a member's home, Contact Judy Oeder, 459-2231

Feel free to visit any circle that will fit your schedule. This is an open invitation to all women of Covenant. Questions? Jane Morton, 459-3922

Peanut Brittle

It will soon be time to start making peanut brittle. Beforehand, we need to wash and cover cans, buy ingredients and recruit help. What can you do? We need helpers to wash, do the prep and the cooking. We also need sugar and margarine donated. (Be sure the margarine is 80% vegetable oil). Put in the kitchen. Call Ruth Adams, 336-0194, to volunteer. We always have a good time doing this, so please join us.

PiYo

Mondays, 1:30-2:30, Lounge

PiYo is a simple blend of Pilates and Yoga movements.



The exercises will especially improve flexibility, balance, and core strength. All participants are encouraged to work at their own pace and exercise modifications are shown for those with certain restrictions. The movements are slow and flow from sitting to standing positions. Quiet music and relaxing stretches help to calm the body and the spirit. Participants should dress comfortably and bring a mat. Donations will be applied toward a mission selected by the group.

Good News and Congratulations to Judy Oeder

Our own Judy Oeder, who is finishing a three year term as Moderator of Presbyterian Women in Scioto Valley Presbytery, was elected and installed as Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant. Judy was elected and installed as Moderator at the Synod Gathering in June and Louise Davidson was installed as Communicator of PW in the Synod. Hats off and applause to our Covenant women who are serving and involved in the larger church. Please congratulate when you see them.

Covenant Men's Breakfast 2nd Sat. each month

Join Covenant men every second Sat. for breakfast at First Watch at Kingsdale. Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318.

Sunday Night Bible Study 6:30pm, Lounge, 120

We meet every Sunday night through the summer. We are currently studying Mark. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis 766-4871.

Tutoring: Something Special This Summer



Five Asian high school students and young adults were tutored by five Covenant women. The laughter, fun, student's Mandarin and Cantonese chatter with each other delighted us all.

Their knowledge of English ranged from knowing the alphabet to having studied English as a Second Language for two years. It will take a lot longer than a brief period of the summer for the students to master English. Hopefully we have encouraged them to continue learning our language. As summer ends and students return to school we tutors know that we have been blessed by knowing our young students. Contact Carol Petro 485-0994, jpetroball@aol.com.

Events and Announcements

August Forum - Yasir Makki presented a spirit-filled and humorous Forum session in August. Yasir has been a productive missionary in Sudan for eight years. His church has grown from a small gathering to 120 souls in two locations. Primarily, these new Christians have transitioned from Islam. This puts Yasir in direct confrontation with the Muslim state. Through God's grace and care, and Yasir's amazing "luck," he has avoided terrible wrath, but has been imprisoned. Yasir's current visit home is primarily to make our politicians aware of the current round of Sudan's government-backed bombardment of Western Sudan. Contact yasir_makki@yahoo.com and receive his monthly letters. His mission is largely financed by International Friendships Inc., and pledges of financial support may be directed to IFI in Columbus. - Martin L. Spencer

Musikgarten Classes

Experience the joy of musicmaking with your little one. Music and movement are important in the early years; They pave the way for all learning and set the stage for a lifetime of musical enjoyment. If you are thinking piano lessons for your child, then think Musikgarten now! Contact Amy Rucker for times, dates, class descriptions, costs: amysmusikgartenofua@gmail.com or find a brochure on the welcome table.



Spiritual Cinema 3rd Mon., 6:30 pm, Lounge



Come watch a movie together, share reactions and nourish our souls.

Dogma (Sept. 19) - The film follows two renegade angels on a quest to return to heaven/destroy humanity. (Be aware that this film is rated R for profanity, violence and sexual content.)

As It Is In Heaven (Oct. 17) - A successful international conductor suddenly interrupts his career and returns

alone to his childhood village in the far north of Sweden. It doesn't take long before he is asked to come listen to the tiny church choir...and from that moment on, nothing in the village is the same again.

Of Gods and Men (Nov. 21) - Under threat of fundamentalist terrorists, a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community must decide whether to leave or stay.

Waking Ned Devine (Dec. 19) - When a lottery winner dies of shock, his fellow townsfolk attempt to claim the money.

Capital Campaign

OPEN WIDE THE DOOR TO THE FUTURE - The facility of Covenant Presbyterian Church is aging. Thanks to wise management by several committees, donations from church members of time and materials, and frugal investment from our reserves, we have a comfortable, safe place for worship, education, nurture, fellowship, and ministry. However, the church facility has continued to age. We have needs for major repairs to the roof and parking lot in the next couple of years. And for several years we have had dreams to update and further improve our facility to support our excellent programming to do still more to the Glory of God. For example, adding an ADA compliant bathroom, remodeling existing bathrooms, and updating the kitchen are a few priorities. So the time has come to make a substantial investment in our facilities – it's been 25 years since our last capital campaign. Watch for more information in the coming weeks as we launch a capital campaign: *Open Wide the Door to the Future*. The goal of the campaign is to raise the funds needed to complete several capital projects without having to borrow funds and to also add to our building fund reserves. Supporting the campaign *Opens Wide the Door* of Covenant Presbyterian Church in so many more ways!

Salt & Light

Seeds of Hope (SOH) Community Garden 2011

"Kitchen Garden" for all. Did you know that the circular garden outside of the fence is a Kitchen Garden for anyone who is interested in selecting some of the herbs that are there for their personal use? There is basil, rosemary, lavender, parsley, oregano and chives. If you enjoy cooking with fresh herbs please take the herbs you can use. If you would like a particular herb please let Karen Hjelm or Bob Tannehill know. We may not be able to have them this year but we will add them to the garden next year.

Meet me at the Seeds of Hope Community Garden at 4pm on Sundays.

Every Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm we meet at the garden to socialize, weed, harvest and plant. Everyone is welcome to join us. The only requirement is an interest in what we are doing. Bring your child or grandchild and learn with us. We would love the company.

Bob Tannehill, Garden Manager, 488-7587, robert_tannehill@hotmail.com, or Karen Hjelm, Garden Committee Chair, 326-1433, khjelm@gmail.com.

Mission Sewing meets Tuesdays, 1-3pm in Room 121. Call Diana Sanders, 847-4431.

Know anyone who might like to receive Covenant's weekly Thurs. e-newsletter of events, adventures and opportunities...or the Tues. e-newsletter for youth and young adults? Send their email address to joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org.

2011 Peacemaking Offering

The theme is "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18). As in the past, three quarters of the offering support the Peacemaking Programs at the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery level. Each year Justice & Peace chooses a local organization to receive our portion of the offering. This year Big Brothers Big Sisters is the recipient of our portion of the offering. Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is 'to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported relationships that change their lives for the better.' The organization provides mentoring relationships and camp experiences for those children. Join us in the Forum on Sept. 25 to learn more.

Please remember our SOS Food Pantry on your

next trip to the grocery store. The following items are always needed: canned fruit, cereal, pork & beans, canned green beans, canned baked beans, jam, peanut butter, tuna, etc., and soap. (Please, no expired food.) See Gerlinde Lott for more info. Thanks for all your contributions.



Open Shelter Help Needed to Prepare Lunches

Mon., Nov. 28, is the last date this year for Covenant members to prepare and serve an Open Shelter dinner. If you would like to work on the dinner or make cookies or brownies for dessert contact Carol Petro, 485-0994, jpetroball@aol.com.

Think Globally. Act Locally. is the focus of Justice and Peace. It means to develop an awareness of the issues facing our planet politically, environmentally and humanely. Each of us can make a difference starting at home:

- Be aware of the implications of governmental policies and speak up to elected officials.
- Eat local foods – this helps the local economy and saves time, money and fuel, and the food is fresher.
- Conserve on energy sources – turn up the thermostat in summer and down in winter, drive more conservatively.
- Save water – short showers, shut off faucet when not immediately in use, low-flow faucets, shower heads and toilets.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle – reduce the amount and toxicity of trash you throw away, reuse containers and bags, recycle everything you can, compost yard waste and food scraps.
- Grow a row of vegetables in your garden for food pantries.

We can all make a small difference and together we can make a large difference. For more information contact Karen Hjelm, khjelm43@gmail.com.



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Your information should be emailed by Mon., Nov. 7, to JP: joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org. Include contact information and what, when, who, where, how and why. The printed/mailed copies will be assembled on Tuesday, Nov. at 22 at 9 am in Fellowship Hall and we would love your help. Call 451-6677 to volunteer.

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