



# *Your Communicator*

**SPRING March, April, May 2019**

Well, you beautiful people, here we go.

It is adventure time. We are moving into new territory that may be reminiscent of places we traveled long ago, but this is new. The Living God is calling us into the next....

There is no need to rush to our destination. The way will unfold before us just as it should. We will have time to tell stories and to ask questions and to explore possibilities. We will not be bored, for all the while, there is still the work to be done: the work of being Covenant Presbyterian Church. We will serve meals and plan worship, study the scriptures and take care of two-year-olds, play bridge and help build houses. We will wrap our arms around someone who is weeping. We will receive exactly what we need from a brother or sister in Christ. We will welcome guests into our building and leave the building in order to be Christ's body in the world. We will center ourselves in the Spirit of the Living God, and we will plant a garden to feed the hungry, and we will laugh together in pure delight ....

We will be, we are, Covenant.

For a few weeks, I will be acting head of staff and in the pulpit more than usual. Then Reverend Don Hilkerbaumer will be here through Easter, working half-time to share the load of pastoral responsibilities. Shortly after Easter, our Interim Pastor will arrive to guide us for a year or a year and a half, as we study ourselves, listen deeply to God, listen lovingly to God speaking in and through one another. We will grow in wisdom and in love, and all this will lead us into yet another adventure with the Holy One: we will call a new pastor to lead us into the next part of our becoming.

Come, join the dance into the new. Be kind. Be creative. Be true.

Listen. God is calling.



Yours on the journey,

*Katie*

Katie

**Stephen Ministers** Would you benefit from having someone listen to you with his or her full attention and help you find clarity among your thoughts and feelings? Perhaps you should consider asking for a Stephen Minister. These men and women have received more than fifty hours of training in deep and reflective listening, how to ask useful questions, and how to hold a sacred space. Contact Katie Kinnison for more information.

**Wednesday Bible Studies: 2 Samuel**  
**Wednesday, 1pm, Room 120**

Led by Katie Kinnison. Yes, we read the Bible stories together. And a lot of them are amazing. But the real gift here is the wisdom and the laughter and the questions and the possibilities that unfold. Come enjoy community as we figure out together how to live all the way alive.

**Lenten Booklets**

Our Spiritual Development and Adult Learning Commission has a Lenten gift for you: a booklet full of Covenant offerings and opportunities, as well as all sorts of ideas for you to live into this Lenten season. Get your copy Sun., March 3. We'll also have a copy available on line.

**Parenting Together - Thursdays, 5:30-7pm**

Dinner and childcare provided. Led by Katie Kinnison and Erin Wise. Join us for important conversations and shared laughter.

**•March 21**

***Already Worthy of Love & In the Process of Our Becoming***

How do we help our kids know that in this moment, without changing one thing about them, they are completely worthy of love and correct and guide them into becoming whole, responsible and loving grown ups.

**Centering Prayer**

**Wednesday, 8:15am, Lounge**

You cannot fail at this. Come learn this way of being present with God and praying without words. Learn this practice that bears profound fruit in our every day lives, bringing us deep peace and molding us into people who laugh easily and love well. Questions? Contact Katie Kinnison, Sandy Tullett, Cora Kuyvenhoven or Jeff Roedel. Or simply show up some Wednesday for a quick lesson.

**Book Discussion**

***The Unwinding of the Mystery: A Memoir of Life, Death, and Everything that Comes After***

**Stay tuned for the date and time**

Julie Yip-Williams died in March 2018 at the age of 42 leaving behind a husband and two young daughters. She also left us this book: "the story of a vigorous life refracted through the prism of imminent death." Copies are on the Book Cart in the hall.

**•March 28 *Talking with Children about Sickness & Death***

We want our children to feel safe in the world, and really hard things happen sometimes. When they do, how do we help our children understand what they can, name their feelings, and move through the experience?

**• April 4 *Helping Our Kids Understand Holy Week***

How do we help our children hear stories about betrayal, death, grief, and love that will never stop and resurrection? What is age appropriate? What do we really believe?

**Adult Spiritual Formation**

**Men's Fellowship Ministries**

**• Men's Breakfast**

2nd Sat./month, 8am, First Watch, Kingsdale - Alan Kennedy 614-451-9318.

**• Men's Spirituality Group**

Every other Sunday, 9:30-10:30am, Room 120 We'll discuss our new book *Naked Spirituality* by Brian McLaren. Downloaded from Amazon. Bob Tannehill.

**• Connecting with God Men's Breakfast**

March 23, April 27, May 25 (4th Sat./month), 8am, Lounge Breakfast. Conversation. Continuing with the video series "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" with Dom Crossen and Marcus Borg. Contact Steve St. Martin, [skstmartin@hotmail.com](mailto:skstmartin@hotmail.com).

**Spiritual Cinema**

**3rd Mon./month, 6:30-9pm, Lounge**

• **March 18 - *Glory Road*** is based on a true story surrounding the events leading up to the 1966 NCAA University Division Basketball Championship (the historic name for what is now known as the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament) with an all-black starting lineup, a first in NCAA history.

• **April 15 - *Dead Poet's Society*** centers on the struggle of an unorthodox, energetic English teacher to inspire students at a posh New England prep school to appreciate poetry and understand how it can be used as an inspiration in their own lives.

• **May 20 - *Zero Weeks*** is a documentary that lays out a compelling argument for a guaranteed paid family leave for every American, legislation that exists in some form in almost every developed country.

Subtitled so no dialogue is missed. Contact Beth Askue, 614-284-1767, or Susan Imel, 614-262-7444.

## Mission & Other Opportunities

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** **Heal Victims and Help End Sex Trafficking**

**CATCH Court (Changing Actions to Change Habits)** is the work of this special docket court led by Judge Paul Herbert. This court intervenes in the sexual slavery of women arrested for prostitution in Franklin County. These women agree to demanding expectations for two years of probation and are given health care, trauma counseling, addiction recovery services, employment coaching, spiritual support, and unending commitment and care. We have the honor of taking lunch to them and staying for court on the first Thursday of every month. If you would like to experience this remarkable outreach, please contact Katie Kinnison.

**Seeds of Hope Community Garden was nominated for the Community Enrichment Award.** While the Garden was not the winner, being nominated was most gratifying. Covenant is to be congratulated for its support by providing land, mission funds, and hands-on help by members. We've grown nearly 7 tons of food for needy families over the last 10 years! We'll start up again soon in the spring.

### **Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church**

Our sharing of a community meal in the Hilltop continues as we partner with Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church. Covenant provides the meal on the third Saturday of each month, and some Covenant folks come by as often as possible to get to know people and break bread together. Covenant is being more intentional about approaching this shared time with a sense of mutuality and respect. Help is particularly needed for April, May and June. Sign up to prepare a monthly meal or simply show up any Saturday at 5pm to make some new friends. Contact Judy Oeder for more information: [jgoeder@hotmail.com](mailto:jgoeder@hotmail.com).

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive** **Mon., March 18, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall**

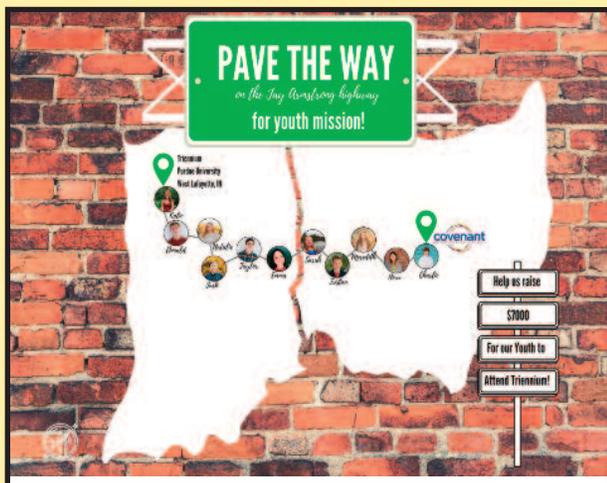
There is a continuing emergency need for blood. Tiff Epling and Mona Connolly would love to make an appointment for anyone who would like to donate blood. Look for one of them before or after services in the front hallway, register online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or contact Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413, Tiffany Epling, 518-431-9280.

### **Learn about Scams & Frauds** **Sat., March 9, 6pm, Fellowship Hall, Lounge**

Covenant's Schooners invite you to a free dinner and program presented/sponsored by AARP about how to recognize and deal with scams and frauds. RSVP to the church office, 614-451-6677.

### **Women's Theology** **1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:30am, room 120**

We are reading "The Great Spiritual Migration" by Brian McLaren. The next book has not been selected but will be noted in a future Sunday bulletin. Please call Susan Imel or Louise Davidson for information anytime.



## **Pave The Way Update**

The youth would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the Pave the Way fundraiser. We are thrilled to announce we have reached our fundraising goal due to your generosity. We are looking forward to our trip this summer and the opportunity to learn and grow together. We will continue to gladly accept donations as we will be saving for future trips. Thank you so much for believing in our youth, for supporting them financially and through prayer. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for your love, support, and encouragement. We can't wait to come back and share our stories and experiences with our church family.



## Children

Erin Wise, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries, [erinwise@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:erinwise@covenantpcusa.org)

### **Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast** **Sun., March 3, 9-11am, Fellowship Hall**

We mark this Pre-Lenten event with flipping flapjacks. All the pancakes and sausage you can eat only \$5 per person, 4 years and younger are free. Prizes and fun for all.



### **Parents' Night Out (PNO)**

**2nd Fri./month: March 8, April 12, May 10, 6-8:30pm**

Parents need some time away, too. We host children so their parents can be free to be grown-ups and play. We feed the children dinner, play games, watch a fun movie, and be good to one another. These are wonderful nights. This is a gift from our Covenant Family, so there is no charge, but we need you to register by Tuesday the week of PNO. Donations are accepted and volunteers are needed to keep this wonderful ministry to our community a safe and nurturing one. Email Erin: [erinwise@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:erinwise@covenantpcusa.org).

### **Palm Sunday** **Sun., April 14**

Kids sing at 8:30 and 11am. Rehearsals are going on now during Joyful Noise at 10am. Please attend as many as possible to learn the music to share with our congregation.

### **TGIGF (Thank God It's Good Friday)** **Fri., April 19, 9:30-11:30am**

Children are not the only ones who wonder why this sad day is called good. We'll talk about that, about how amazing and wonderful it is that nothing ever can stop God's love. We'll learn about this Holy Week and the story of Jesus loving and loving. We'll make things, play games, eat hot cross buns and some other snacks and have a wonderful time. The cost is \$5.

Register Today: <http://tinyurl.com/tgigf2019>

### **Egg Hunt** **Sun., April 28, 10am**

Good news: Easter is a season, not just one day! Children will start at the Gathering service at 10am and then head outside (or to the education wing if the weather is bad) for our Easter egg hunt. Bring empty baskets and join in the fun as we keep celebrating God's unstoppable love!

### **Breakfast On the Beach with Jesus** **Sun., May 5, 10am**

Treasure Finders special event! Children will have a special gathering together during Treasure Finders time when we'll explore one of our favorite stories. It's fish sticks and donuts for breakfast. You won't want to miss this annual event!



## **Register Now!** **Vacation Bible** **School 2019** **June 24-28**

(NOTE: This is a different week than past years)

One small step for your kids...one giant leap for God's Kingdom! Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars...and beyond! Your children will discover the wonders of God's universe and become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. They'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and Bible stories that inspire children to give glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask...or imagine!

Register today:

**[tinyurl.com/covenantvbs2019](http://tinyurl.com/covenantvbs2019)**

*We're making BIG plans so that VBS 2019 will be OUT OF THIS WORLD!*

*Please make BIG plan to blast off with us!*



## Covenant Children's Center

For questions, more information, or to schedule a visit please contact  
**Caroline McGeoch, Director, [childcenter@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:childcenter@covenantpcusa.org)**



Covenant Children's Center serves children and families in our community by providing part-time childcare and education programs for children ages 18 months through 5 th grade. Our programs have smaller class sizes and lower student to teacher ratios than other programs. The lower ratios and smaller class sizes allow children to feel less stressed and have more opportunities to interact with their teachers.

Program Name	Ages	Months	Days	Hours
<b>Children's Day Out</b> 8 children/2 teachers	18-36months old	Sept. - May	M-F (pick 1 day/week)	9:30am-12:30pm
<b>Preschool</b> 12 children/2 teachers	3-5 years old	Sept.-May	M-F (pick 2, 3, or 5 day/week)	9-11:30am
<b>Summer Preschool</b> 12 children/2 teachers	3-5 years old	June 3-June 21	M, W, F	9:30am-12:30pm
<b>Kindergarten Enrichment</b> 8-12 children/1-2 teachers	5-6 years old	School Year Aug.-May	M-F (some part-time spots available)	8:15-11:45am
<b>After School Care</b> 10 children/1 teacher	5-11 years old	School Year Aug.-May	M-F (some part-time spots available)	2:50-6pm



**Cherie Brooks, Director of Music - [cheriebrooks@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:cheriebrooks@covenantpcusa.org)**

***This is going to be a night to remember!  
Spread the Word!***

Go to our website under *Get Involved, Adults, Variety Show*, to enter your act. Limited to 3 minutes. Consider having each person be in a maximum of 2 acts. Rehearsal will be that morning from 10am-12pm. Performances will begin around 6:30pm after the CPW Spaghetti Dinner. **Buy tickets:** \$8 (10 & under only \$4) on Sun., March 17, 24, 31 between services or call Betsy Sebastian 614-457-4383

**Come One!  
Come All!**

**The 2019 COVENANT VARIETY SHOW!  
The Greatest Church on Earth:  
Cirque du Covenant!  
Sat., April 6**

### Covenant Easter Season Music

Jason Keefer, Organist, will be playing for Palm Sunday Services on April 14, Good Friday Services on April 19, and Easter Sunday, April 21. We will also welcome two top rate Brass Ensembles on Palm Sunday and Easter. Maunday Thursday will feature music of Taizé presented by Cora Kuyvenhoven, our Chancel Choir, and the congregation. Our Campanile Bell Ensemble, Chancel Choir, Youth Choir and Joyful Noise Children's Choir will be featured throughout the season. Easter Sunday will be filled with special music. Come worship with us!

**A Craig Courtney Christmas** - Covenant hosted a truly special Sunday of music in Dec. with composer Craig Courtney conducting our Chancel Choir. It was a moving day of music and message, and will not soon be forgotten by those in attendance.

**A Barbershop Christmas** - Covenant hosted "A Barbershop Christmas" in Dec. for the fifth year in a row. There was a capacity crowd, and the Singing Buckeyes and Olentangy Orange Choirs both presented wonderful barbershop songs of Christmas. Over \$900 was raised for the barbershop camp, Ohio Harmony Xperience.

**Chancel Choir** - Our chancel choir is growing by leaps and bounds. Would you like to come sing with us? Come any Thursday at 7pm and join us in the choir room. We would love to have you. Singers of all levels are welcome. Come make a joyful noise!

# Sunday Worship Services, Gathering, Guest Musicians, Special Days

## Worship Services:

- 8:30am; 11:00am, Sanctuary, Traditional
- 10:00am - *Gathering, Fellowship Hall*, with upbeat music from our Indie-Gospel band.

**A Child's Sunday Morning** - We love having children in worship with us, but some children aren't ready to stay through the whole service. We take seriously our call to help them grow in faith and love, so each of our worship services begins with the children among us. At 8:30 and 11am, children leave after Talk with Children and go to Wiggle Worship. At *Gathering*, children leave for Treasure Finders (Sunday School).

### March Worship Services 8:30am & 11:00am, Sanctuary

#### March 3

*So Beautiful*

2 Corinthians 3:18-4:2

Katie Kinnison, preaching

Dave Powers, piano

#### March 10

*Exactly What's Needed*

Luke 5:1-11

Katie Kinnison, preaching

#### March 17

*If We Are to Make a Mistake, Let It Be from Love*

1 Peter 4:8-11

Katie Kinnison, preaching

#### March 24 & 31

**Covenant welcomes**

**Rev. Don Hilkerbaumer to the pulpit**

### Gathering

10:00am, Fellowship Hall

#### March 3

**No Gathering.**

**Enjoy the Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast**

#### March 10

*Listening for Life*

Luke 4:1-13

Katie Kinnison preaching

#### March 17

*Choosing to Ignore Sound Advice*

Luke 13:31-35

Jacqui Buschor preaching

#### March 24

*Listening for God*

1 Kings 19:1-18

Katie Kinnison preaching

#### March 31

*Listening in the Doing*

Luke 10:38-42

Katie Kinnison preaching

### Preacher from the Pew - Supper is back!

**Wednesdays, March 13 thru April 10**

**Supper 6-6:50pm, Lounge; PFTP Service 7pm sharp**

Join us for this wonderful opportunity to be together before we hear some fine life-stories from our preachers from the pews. Meals will be soup, salad and bread. If you're able to bring soup or bread, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the hall or email Katie Kinnison.

### Our 2019 Preachers from the Pew are:

March 13	Alan Yaretts
March 20	Linda Billman
March 27	Jeff DuBois
April 3	Stephanie Pierce
April 1	Emma Vazquez

### The After Party

**Structures for Life: St Benedict's Wisdom for How to Live**

**March 10, 17, 24, 12:15 lunch; 12:30 Class, Lounge**

Katie Kinnison, teaching. Some thirteen hundred years ago, Benedict of Nursia crafted a little book to help a group of men live with each other in community and deepen their lives in the Holy One. We call it a rule, but the original Latin title comes from the word for *trellis*. The question here is what structures, what ways of being do we need to follow in order to grow lavish and beautiful and nourishing lives. Come explore his answers and the ideas they inspire today.

## Sunday Worship Services, Gathering, Guest Musicians, Special Days cont.

### LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS

#### April 14 - Palm Sunday Worship Services

8:30 & 11am Jason Keefer, organist; Brass & Timpani; Campanile Handbell Choir; 10am Gathering: Passion Sunday

#### April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7pm Taizé Worship Service: Tenebrae, Communion, Campanile Handbell Choir; Cora Kuyvenhoven, cello; Chancel Choir, congregation

#### April 19 - Good Friday

9:30-11:30am TGIGF, children; 7pm Worship Service. Jason Keefer, organist; Handbell Ensemble

#### April 20 - Easter Vigil, 8pm, begins in the courtyard.

#### April 21 - Easter Worship Services

8:30 & 11am Jason Keefer, organist; Brass Ensemble; 10am Gathering

#### April 28, 10am - More Easter Celebration & Children's Egg Hunt

### Listening for Life

#### *Workshopping Our Lives for Love's Sake*

**Tuesday Nights during Lent: March 19, 26, April 2, 9. 7-8:30pm, Lounge**

You want to hear the voice of God.

You wonder what someone means when they say, "God called me."

Or you at least want to know what to do with your life.

How do you know if you doing the work that is really yours to do?

How do you decide to divide up your time and your resources among all your obligations and desires?

Don't we all find ourselves asking some version of the same question:

#### *How are we to live?*

Join us as we learn ways to access the wisdom in our deep places, in the shape of our lives, and in our community. Come deepen and expand your ability to listen and the hear the Word of God through all the myriad of words around us, through the events that shape us, and through the images and impulses around us.

#### **Agora - where the community gathers!**

##### **Occasional Sunday mornings, 9:45am, Lounge**

Join us on these Sundays for a time of learning together, and stay tuned for announcements of more in the future.

##### **•Sun., April 14**

##### ***The Easter Story in Art***

Louise Menor, docent from the Columbus Museum of Art, will be presenting seem powerful images from art through the ages.

#### **Bread for the World Offering of Letters**

##### **Sun., April 7**

Be part of a national effort to persuade our lawmakers to support global nutrition programs for children. Nutrition for the first 1,000 days, from the beginning of pregnancy to the 2nd birthday, is critical to a child's health and future well-being. We'll have letters urging legislators to support these programs for you to sign in the hallway after all three services.

**Youth Sunday & Confirmation  
April 28**

## More Church Life

### INTERIM SEARCH

Covenant's Interim Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work looking at candidates. The committee members are Beth Askue, Kim Halsey, Linda Billman, Charlie Bergmann and Rusty Miller. It is hoped the fulltime Interim, with a likely tenure of 12-18 months, can be on the job this spring. He or she will be charged with leading worship services, guiding the Covenant staff and Session and helping Katie with weddings, funerals and hospital visits. The Interim will oversee the transitional period until a new, permanent Pastor is in place. Please pray for those working on the Interim Nominating Committee and, in time, the Pastor Nominating Committee. In the meantime, Katie Kinnison will be acting head of staff until our gap pastor, Don Hilkerbaumer, arrives March 21.

### Permanent Funds Ministry - *Beautiful, life-giving things happen!*

Do you find yourself wishing that there were a way to fund special ministries or projects? Covenant's Permanent Funds Ministry (PFM) is actually a funding mechanism for those worthwhile things that are not already included in our church's operating budget. Grant requests are considered by the committee and approved by session.

**How To Give** You can write a check, give stock, or add a bequest in your estate planning. Contact Ingrid Smith, [ingridsmith@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:ingridsmith@covenantpcusa.org).

**Make a grant request** On Covenant's website, click on "News, events, and forms," and then on "Applications, etc." and then "Permanent Funds Ministry Grant Form" or go to <https://tinyurl.com/y7wzt82r>. You can also contact the church office for a hard copy of the form. Return the form to the church office or email it to Ingrid Smith, who will give it to the PFM committee.

### Neighborhood Shred Day

**Sat., April 27, 9am-12pm**

Personal and/or sensitive documents are shredded on site, so you can be sure your information is secure. Folders, direct mail, paper clips and staples are ok, but be sure to remove all binder clips and plastic covers prior to shredding. A donation of \$3/box is requested to defray the cost. Net proceeds benefit Covenant Youth.

### Primetimers Lunch & Program

**Every 3rd Fri./month, 12 pm, Lounge**

Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to share and your table service. Check the weekly bulletin and our website for each month's presentation topic. Questions? Call Jude McLean 614-457-9177.

### Access the 2018 Picture Directory Online!

Church members and those pictured in the new Covenant directory should have received an email with a *new* access code that connects to the e-directory. Enter the code once and open the directory from your PC or phone any time, anywhere. If you need the access code, please call the office for the code. Also, if you ever need to revise your info, email Mary Pat, [marypathelvey@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:marypathelvey@covenantpcusa.org).

### Since December 2017, Hearts and Hands Craft Group donated 246 handmade red hats to the Little Hats Big Hearts American Heart Association charity.

Thanks go to many members who shared awareness by purchasing yarn, knitting or crocheting, and delivering the hats so a preemie/newborn baby with a heart disease will stay warm. Contact Nancy Cowman or Terri Hayes.



Dear Covenant friends and family,

By the time this Communicator comes out, I'll be in Louisville getting oriented for my new position and you all will be launched into your new adventure. We'll have had our good-byes and our blessings for one another.

You'll have Associate Pastor Katie Kinnison holding things together on her own for a few weeks, and then a "gap" pastor, Rev. Don Hilkerbaumer, coming to take on many of the senior pastor responsibilities for about six or seven weeks until your new interim/transitional pastor (a.k.a. your wilderness guide!) comes to guide you through the new territory and get you ready for your next pastor. And of course, God is holding all of this, providing your deepest wisdom, most gracious compassion, and your most confident faith.

You have truly been "home" for Jim and me, and we are grateful beyond words for your love and grace. You are what I wish all

churches could be. Your flexibility, your willingness to take risks (and to forgive those risks that fall flat!), your openness and outward-looking interest in our community and the greater Columbus area – all these things are direct fruits of a faith you nurture in one another, and the loving and powerful Spirit who dwells within you.

I won't see you for quite a while. That's part of how we learn to be open to the new adventures God has planned for us. But you will be in my prayers daily, and always with deep thanksgiving.

There is great comfort in knowing that we are all in good hands. God's hands look amazingly like the human ones we encounter each day. I am leaving you in good hands. Jim and I are in good hands, too, and they are the same hands. God holds it all.

Grace, peace, and much love,

*Tracy*

Tracy



**Covenant Presbyterian Women (CPW)**  
Lynn Hamilton, Moderator, [lynnhamilton28@gmail.com](mailto:lynnhamilton28@gmail.com)

**CPW Lenten Breakfast -- Sat. March 9, 9:30am, Lounge**

Speaker Covenant member Nancy Hughes will talk about her music ministry at the Marysville Women's Prison. She's a vocalist/guitarist with the 70s band, *Agent 99*. All members and guests are welcome. Sign up at circle meetings or between services Sundays, Feb. 24, and March 3. \$8 paid at the door.

**CPW Women's Birthday Luncheon -- Wed., May 19, 11:30am, Lounge**

The program will be provided by Lisa Dickson who will discuss what happens to youth when they age out of foster care. A former foster child, Ms. Dickson advocates for and with youth who are in foster care as well as those who have aged out of the program. Watch the weekly bulletins for registration information on this program.

**Look for further information about these programs in the weekly e-mails and Sunday bulletins. Contact Susan Imel, [susanime1@gmail.com](mailto:susanime1@gmail.com), 614-262-7444.**

**"In a maze we lose ourselves, in a labyrinth we find ourselves."**



**Covenant  
Community**  
**Labyrinth**  
a quiet little haven of  
prayer for everyone.

Have you tried walking a labyrinth?

The labyrinth is a walking meditation. It is a tool that allows us to step out of the chaos and busyness of life to be still and focus on what we find within. This can be a profound experience of Divine Presence and is always a walk with the Holy One.

Wouldn't it be a wondrous gift to offer this sort of experience not only to one another but also to our Covenant neighbors? We have reached out to our neighbors in many ways, building im-

portant connections and serving them with the love of Christ. No strings, just love. Here is another way we can offer our community support and nurturing.

Please consider purchasing a paver brick with your etched message for \$100 or a plain brick for \$80. Order forms are on the welcome table in the hall or you may also submit a form and pay with PayPal on our website. Check out the display in the hallway for a list of some current dedications.

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**Sign up for Sunday flower dedications and pay (PayPal) on our website** (under *News, Events, Forms*) to commemorate a special day or honor a loved one with Sunday flowers. Or call the church office, 614-451-6677, with date, name and dedication, and then send a check for \$38, made out to *Covenant*, to Ingrid Smith, Financial Administrator, with *Sunday flowers* in the memo line.

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**Weekly E-Newsletters**

If you'd like to receive our Tuesday *Gathering* and/or the Thursday general e-newsletter filled with what's happening at Covenant, send your email address to [joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org).

**[www.covenantpcusa.org](http://www.covenantpcusa.org)** - Find more details and updates at any time on our website.

**Financial Updates - Thank you for your support!**  
**Ingrid Smith, Financial Administrator, [ingridsmith@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:ingridsmith@covenantpcusa.org)**

**2019 Per Capita is \$35.75 Per Member**

Each member of Covenant is also a member of the larger church, the Presbyterian Church USA. As such, it is part of our responsibility to support the work of the administrative bodies of the national church – the General Assembly, the Synod, and the Presbytery. We do this by making a per capita payment each January. The per capita for 2019 is \$35.75 per member, for a total payment due of \$21,093. This figure is based upon our church membership roll as of Dec. 31, 2017. We invite you to pay your share of the per capita so that this money does not need to come from this year's budget. Your contribution will free up funds for other vital church programs that meet the spiritual needs of our congregation. Envelopes are on the welcome table.

**The Jean A. Mortland Memorial Scholarship**

...was established in 2007 in memory of Jean A. Mortland because of her appreciation for excellent music and advocacy for higher education. Jean was a member of Covenant for 40+ years and taught at Capital U. Law School. Her faith was service oriented and socially active, and her leadership at Covenant was a gift of intellect, passion, and strength. She left a substantial bequest to us supplemented by donations made in her memory. Her family wanted the fund to reflect her love of music, higher education and the Christian faith. The recipient is selected by the Worship and Arts Commission. Applicant should be pursuing a college or graduate degree in music or theology, a member of Covenant or associated closely in some manner, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their vocation. Also considered are overall GPA, financial need, and written recommendations. The candidate must be enrolled in the institution of higher learning to which the gift will be directed. **Deadline is March 30.** For information and an application form, contact Ingrid Smith, 614-451-6677.

**Is Covenant in Your Estate Plan?**

Consider naming Covenant as a beneficiary of your IRA and/or life insurance policy. Naming Covenant as a beneficiary provides you tax savings, along with the ability to make a meaningful gift without the outlay of cash. Life insurance policies may be an existing or a new policy and be partially or fully paid. For both options, the proposed gift can be accomplished by naming Covenant as a complete (or partial) beneficiary. Contact your plan administrator to obtain the correct forms and your tax advisor for information specific to your individual situation.

**Check out our electronic giving options on our website under the *Giving and Payments* tab.** There are also brochures on the Welcome Table.

**Other Options for donating to Covenant**

- **IRA Distributions.** If you are 70-1/2 years or older, think about taking advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover provision and making a pledge or donation from your IRA. This provision allows you to make an outright gift of up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to a qualified charity (Covenant) without paying tax on the distribution. This is an excellent way to use your IRA dollars. One hundred percent of your gift goes to Covenant, and you pay zero percent tax on your distribution from your IRA.
- **Stock donations** can be arranged through your investment broker. Your broker will transfer stock to our broker account at Vanguard. Please contact Ingrid for stock transfer instructions.
- **Shopping Rewards from Kroger Plus Card and Amazon Smile** (visit our website for details under the *Giving and Payments* tab) Please consider enrolling in either of our two shopping rewards programs. Once enrolled, you'll earn rewards for Covenant every time you shop! Register online your Kroger Plus card at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) or go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to enroll in the Amazon Smile program.

## Commissions and Elder Assignments for 2019

### Clerk of Session:

Jim Hamilton

### Elders by class

#### 2019

Charlie Bergmann  
Milissa Campbell  
Carol Craven  
Mike Davis  
John Griffin  
Kim Halsey  
Bob Tullett  
Jenny Watson

#### 2020

Lisa Coakley  
Ruth Ann Geiger  
Judy Oeder  
Andrew Patterson  
Lind Pratt  
Lynn Turney  
Tori Vazquez

#### 2021

Beth Askue  
Linda Billman  
Linda Gabel  
Cathy Levy  
Rusty Miller  
Ken Hickey

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Lisa Coakley, CHAIR**

Lynn Turney

### MISSION AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Judy Oeder, CHAIR**

Milissa Campbell

Rusty Miller

### NURTURE AND OUTREACH

**Jenny Watson, CHAIR**

Andrew Patterson

### WORSHIP AND ARTS

**Linda Gabel, CHAIR**

Kim Halsey

Ruth Ann Geiger

### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

**Carol Craven, CHAIR**

Cathy Levy

### PERSONNEL

**Linda Billman, CHAIR**

Mike Davis

### PROPERTIES

**Bob Tullett, CHAIR**

Charlie Bergmann

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

### AND ADULT LEARNING

**Tori Vazquez, CHAIR**

Beth Askue

### STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET

**Ken Hickey, CHAIR**

John Griffin

Lind Pratt

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Ruth Ann Geiger, CHAIR**

Lind Pratt

## Deacons and Deacon Ministry for 2019

**Moderator:** Alan Yarletts

**Vice Moderator:** Andy Clark

**Secretary:** Sharon Steingass

**Treasurer:** Michael Pierce

**Youth Deacon:** Sarah Kinnison

BEREAVEMENT

Gerlinde Lott

CARES

Bonnie Beth Mitchell

CARDS

Lynn Mizer

CARE NOTES

Mona Connolly

FLOWERS

Roger Miller

MEALS

Janice Schaefer

PRAYER CHAIN

Terry Kennedy Mancini

HOLIDAY GIVING

Amy Kendall

Megan Koeneman

BLOODMOBILE

Mona Connolly

Tiffany Epling

COMPASS

Megan Koeneman

CROP WALK

Austin Force

Michael Pierce

RONALD MCDONALD

Alan Yarletts

COMMUNION

Jeff Ridgway

Sharon Steingass

OLDER ADULTS

Lynn Mizer

### Deacons by class

#### 2019

Leroy Bundy

Tiffany Epling

Roger Miller

Lynn Mizer

Michael Pierce

Sharon Steingass

Alan Yarletts

#### 2020

Mona Connolly

Austin Force

Gerlinde Lott

Bonnie Beth Mitchell

Scott Mizer

Jeff Ridgway

Steve Zilles

#### 2021

Andy Clark

Karl Craven

Amy Kendall

Terry Kennedy Mancini

Megan Koeneman

Janice Schaefer

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Don't have cash or a checkbook? With Covenant's secure e-Giving options, you can quickly and easily give using your debit-credit card or through an automatic debit transfer from your bank account.

- Anytime, anywhere
- Manage recurring donations

### Check out these electronic options for making donations:

1. Zelle - Through your bank using: [giving@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:giving@covenantpcusa.org)
2. Text to a dedicated Covenant number: 614-907-8226
3. PayPal on our website
4. Auto Debit from your bank account. Use the Authorization Form on our website or welcome table
5. Credit and debit card payments on our website

See information/instruction sheets on the welcome table, visit our website, or contact Ingrid Smith, Financial Administrator, 614-451-6677.



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