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The SPRING March, April, May Issue of Your Communicator

Information, events, news and reports for the Spring issue should be emailed by February 15 to JP: joanpogalies@ covenantpcusa.org. Include contact information and what, when, who, where, how and why.

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Your Communicator

WINTER December 2018, January, February 2019

Dear Covenant friends and family,

Our own stories have seasons of light and darkness - times when things are clear and times when they are uncertain. At its best, the liturgical calendar provides the sound track to the rhythms and patterns of our lives.

The Christian liturgical calendar was designed with the northern hemisphere in mind. Advent and its waiting coincides with the darkening of the days, and Christmas itself falls just a few days after the winter solstice, when it is obvious that the light is returning, that the descent into night is turning around. There's no indication that Jesus was born in the middle of winter, and certainly none that his birthday was December 25. The early Church was wise about encouraging their converts to meld their existing celebrations (winter solstice, evergreens, wreaths, candles, yule logs, gift giving, lots of celebratory eating and drinking) with a new story - the coming of the Light of the world. That seemingly brief stretch between the celebration of Jesus' birth and the remembrance of his death seems

short for a life, but long in the realm of the long, gray days of Ohio winters.

December is a chaotic mix of our yearning for sunshine and our anticipatory call to celebrate. January is when we pack away the tinsel and get our organizational ducks lined up: new officers are ordained and installed, and the work of the church gets some new life breathed into it. February, as the days begin to discernibly lengthen, but winter still has its grip on us, calls us to hold onto hope once again. Lent is late this year, and that makes winter feel longer. Our liturgical rhythms give us music that moves us along, a sound track to shape the meaning of our seasons.

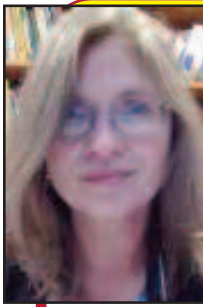
Be sure to read through this newsletter for all the things that offer support and opportunity during this winter!



Grace and peace,

Tracy

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Katie Kinnison, Assoc. Pastor for Spiritual Formation, katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org

Sometimes the answer is less. Sometimes less doing can mean more becoming. Herein lies my strategy for this season.

You will notice fewer evening classes, fewer spiritual development and adult learning events, in these pages. It is possible that we will add a couple as the days pass and events happen or interests arise, but this less is intentional. Night flows in with more haste these days, and the cold nips at us. Perhaps it is time to go out less, to snuggle in with a book or an idea or a journal or the rich and textured Silence that holds us, time to learn within. Having conversed and listened and engaged, perhaps it is time to contemplate, to integrate, to ponder. It is time to rest in God, to be nourished in subtler ways.

On Dec. 2nd we begin the season of Advent. You can pick up an Advent Devotional and a guide to Spiritual Formation for the Winter that Sunday – or you can begin to peruse those things on line, come Monday morning, Dec. 3. Rich experiences will still be here. We will still gather. But less often. The invitation is to move with more intention and from your deep places, to listen for what you need, and to simply be with the Living God.

May this season nourish us all.

Stephen Ministers Imagine this: someone sitting across from you and holding a sacred space. This space is judgment-free, shame-free. This space is full of the Love of Christ and a peace that surpasses understanding. This person listens to you, companions you in your questions, and prays for you. For an hour every week, you can say and question and be in the presence of another who bears God’s love and peace and power there just for you. We have men and women in this congregation who are well-trained in deep listening and spiritual companionship. If you would like to meet with one of them, please contact Katie Kinnison.

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

Led by Katie Kinnison. “We Want a Real King!” We will engage the story of a motley crew of Hebrew people becoming a nation. What do they gain? What do they lose? What does this story have to say to us?

Centering Prayer
Fridays, 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. Want to Learn More About Centering Prayer? Or simply show up some Friday for a quick lesson and some pointers. Questions? Contact Katie Kinnison, Sandy Tullett, Cora Kuyvenhoven or Jeff Roedel.



Honor and remember someone for years to come with the gift of a labyrinth brick this Christmas for the entrance to our neighborhood prayerful wandering space.

The labyrinth is a walking meditation where we can step out of the 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. 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. Checkout the display in the hallway for a list of some current inscriptions. These might offer praise to God, profess God’s love or celebrate ministry.

Mission & Other Opportunities

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

Join us in our work to support women who have been trafficked and to work to end this brutal and soul-killing industry. There are many ways in which to become involved, and we are creating more all the time. If you want to learn more, contact Katie Kinnison, Louise Davidson, Barbara Marshall, Susan Imel, Nancy Davidson, Andrea Eberhard, or Bonnie Mitchell.

• A Blue Christmas for CATCH – Thur., Dec. 20, 11am, Covenant

This version of our Longest Night service is about honoring the pain we have during this time of the year when “merry” is what we are all “supposed” to feel. This service is for the women of CATCH Court. Would you like to help us provide it? Contact Katie Kinnison.

• CATCH Christmas Lunch – Thur., Dec. 20, 12:30pm, Covenant

We need people to bake Christmas cookies, to cook baked spaghetti and to offer lavish and warm hospitality. Contact one of the people above and stayed tuned to the bulletin for more information.

• Lunches – Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7

Come with us to the Court House, serve lunch to amazing women, and experience C.A.T.C.H. (Changing Actions to Change Habits) Court for yourself.

• Toiletry Bags for Women Released from Jail

Would you like to help with the expense for these? Each one costs \$12.00. Would you like to help assemble these? Contact Katie.

• The Steering Committee

Would you like to help dream with us and to help steer the ship of this important work? Talk with one of the women listed above. And pray for this beautiful and important work.

Tom Billman and Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

Our own Tom Billman is finishing his seminary training to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder, and is doing his pastoral internship at Hoge. He preaches twice a month, does pastoral care, and co-moderates their session with Tracy each month. We are so proud of Tom for living into his new calling so enthusiastically, and Hoge is delighted with him!

Our sharing of a community meal in the Hilltop continues as we partner with Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church and the folks of the neighborhood each Saturday at 5pm. Tracy Keenan usually provides music and prayer, sometimes

Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Day
Thur., Feb. 28, 8:30am, OH Statehouse Atrium

State Representative Teresa Fedor, of the 45th House District, presents Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the Ohio Statehouse. Each year in Ohio, more than 1,000 children are trafficked in the sex trade and over 3,000 youth are at risk of becoming victims. This event brings together human trafficking awareness advocates, social workers, law enforcement, and survivors to discuss the current state of human trafficking in Ohio and how to combat this issue. For details, contact Michaela Burris, State Legislative Aide, 614-644-6017, rep45@ohio-house.gov.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Mon., Jan. 7, 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 or contact Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413, Tiffany Epling, 518-431-9280.

bringing in friends to help, and there is some lively give-and-take, some laughter, and some meaningful sharing of prayer concerns and celebrations. Covenant continues to provide 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. You can volunteer to prepare the monthly meal or simply show up any Saturday at 5pm to make some new friends. Contact Tracy for more information: tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org.



Children & Youth

Erin Wise, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries, erinwise@covenantpcusa.org

Confirmation Class: wondering our way into the next

Katie Kinnison will begin teaching Confirmation to our eighth grade youth in January. Our first class will Sun., Jan. 13, at 12:15 in the Chapel. Lunch will be provided. If you have not yet let Katie know that you will be participating in this, please contact her. Details will be sent to the students and their families by the first of the year.

Children Lead 5pm Christmas Eve Service:

While the practices for this service have already begun, it's never too late to be a part of this adventure. If your child would like to be a part of this service, we would LOVE to have them! Music rehearsals are happening now during Joyful Noise (10 am on Sundays). We will have a dress rehearsal on Sun., Dec. 23 at 12pm. Join us for lunch, passing out of costumes and a run-through of the worship service.

Sunday, December 2:

Advent Event - 10am, Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to come prepare for the Advent season. Crafts, snacks, fellowship...something for everyone!

Youth Dinner & Adopt-A-Family Shopping - 5-8pm

We'll eat then go shop for gifts for our COMPASS adopted family. RSVP Cathy Koeneman, kdmegali@gmail.com ASAP so we can plan food and transportation.

3rd annual Parent Party – Sat., Jan. 5, 7pm, Columbus Italian Club (1739 W 3rd Ave)

All grown-ups are invited to come enjoy each other's company after the holidays are over. Bring a snack to share and your own grown-up beverage. Don't forget to bring the ugliest gift you got for Christmas for our White Elephant gift exchange.

Hey Youth! Get ready to get CHOPPED! – Sun., Jan. 13, 2pm, Fellowship Hall

Back by popular demand is our culinary extravaganza based on the cooking show. Youth will be put into teams to prepare 2 rounds of food for our distinguished judges. Many volunteers are needed to make this event happen. Be on the lookout for emails with details of how you can help and join in the fun!

Family Service Opportunity – Sat., Feb. 2, 10am-12pm, Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Dr.

Join us at WARM to help serve this vital local mission. We'll take a tour to learn about the services they provide and sort food for their food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food to donate.

Help Needed with our Angst

Sun., Dec. 9, 12:15pm, Lounge - Lunch Provided, RSVP to Katie Kinnison This is a big deal, a big undertaking, important work. As people of God and the body of Christ who know much about the realm of the spiritual, we have important insights and practices within our theology and tradition that can help us manage the anxiety the plagues us and our children. It is time to reclaim this knowledge and to begin to share it. It is time to come to the defense of our children. Will you help? Join us, as we plan and strategize together. For information, contact Katie Kinnison or Erin Wise.



Parents' Night Out (PNO)

2nd Fri./month: Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, 6-9pm

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.

Save the Date and Cultivate Some Peace

Mon., Jan. 21 in the afternoon

A Martin Luther King Day devoted to soothing anxiety and returning us to ourselves. This event is still in the planning stages, but please put it down on your calendar and plan to join us. Designed specifically with youth in mind, this will be relevant to us all. For information, see Katie Kinnison or Erin Wise.

See the movie Angst

Sun., Jan. 20, 12:15pm, Lounge; 6:30pm, Sanctuary

We will offer two screenings of this important film about our youth and anxiety. The first showing will be during our After Party at 12:15pm, with lunch provided, and our second will be Sunday evening in the Sanctuary, and will be open to the public. One could make the case that anxiety is the most prevalent 21st century disease afflicting the United States – certainly it is doing its best to cripple our youth.



Covenant Children's Center

Caroline McGeoch, Director, childcenter@covenantpcusa.org



Enrollment for Preschool, Kindergarten Enrichment, and the After School Program for the 2019 – 20 school year will begin Feb. 1. Applications will be available on the website in January. Church members and currently enrolled families have priority enrollment until March 1st.

Covenant Children's Center serves children ages 18 months through 5th grade through a variety of part-time programs during the school year:

• **Children's Day Out (CDO)** 18 mos.-3 years of age. Sept.–May; 1 day a week M-F; 9:30am-12:30pm. Contact: Colleen Davis, 614-766-4871, colleenjd@aol.com.

• **Preschool** 3-5 years of age. Sept.– May; 2, 3, or 5 days a week; 9-11:30 am. A few spots are still available on Tues. and Thurs. for the 2018-19 school year!

• **Kindergarten Enrichment** 5–6 years of age. Sept.–May; M-F, 8:15–11:45 am. We're accepting applications for the waiting list for the 2019-20 school year.

• **After School Program** K–5th Grade. Sept.–May; M–F; 2:50–6pm. We're accepting applications for the waiting list for the 2019-20 school year.

More information is on our website under the *Get Involved*. Questions? Want to volunteer or schedule a visit? Contact Caroline McGeoch at childcenter@covenantpcusa.org or 614-451-6677 x23



Cherie Brooks, Director of Music - cheriebrooks@covenantpcusa.org

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS - Our chancel choir is growing. Would you like to come sing with us? Come to the choir room any Thursday night at 7pm. We would love to have you. Singers of all levels welcome. Come make a joyful noise!

CAMPANILE BELL CHOIR - Contact Nancy Davidson if you would like to ring: ndavidson7@gmail.com.

COVENANT MUSIC CALENDAR ONLINE - Push the calendar to your phone or bookmark. Direct link: <http://goo.gl/frWytI>. Or search "Covenant Music" on Google Calendars.

REMINDER: VARIETY SHOW is in the SPRING!

The 2018 Covenant Variety Show will be on Sat., April 6, 2019

DAVE POWERS at COVENANT

• Dec. 2, 8:30am and 11am

JASON KEEFER at COVENANT

• Dec. 23, Jan. 6 & 20, 8:30am and 11am

COVENANT PERFORMING ARTS

Our 2018 concert season was full of glorious music! We experienced a study in our human experience with Brian Gray a member of our Chancel Choir, professional actor/musician, and substitute soloist at Covenant. Katie Wynkoop accompanied Brian. An offering for \$610 was given to Operation Homefront.

On Oct. 28, Philip Everingham, Music Director of First Presby. Church, Granville, OH, presented "Cantos para Amigos," or "Songs with Friends." Professional musicians were featured singing and playing songs from Spain and Latin America. A free will offering of \$613 was given to The Innovation Law Lab, de-

played in immigrant detention centers and hostile judicial jurisdictions across the U.S.

A special thank you to our Worship and Arts Commission for sponsoring these wonderful concerts and providing lovely after-concert receptions.



2018-19 COVENANT CONCERT SERIES

Music for the Greater Good

A Barbershop Christmas - Sun., Dec. 9, 2pm

featuring *The Singing Buckeyes & the Choirs of Olentangy Orange High School*. A love offering will be taken for scholarships for the *Ohio Harmony Xperience*.

Thank you for supporting our concert series!

COVENANT CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATIONS

A CRAIG COURTNEY CHRISTMAS

Sun., Dec. 16 during the 8:30am & 11am Services

The Chancel Choir, guest musicians, and guest conductor, Mr. Craig Courtney himself will present original choral works he wrote. These are once-in-a-lifetime services, so bring all your friends and families for a morning of glorious music and message.

CHRISTMAS EVE: The Music & Message, 8pm Service

Join our Chancel Choir, special soloists, and guest musicians for an evening of story and song. Lush music, traditional carols, candle lighting, and the glorious message of the birth of Jesus are the mainstays of this beautiful service. It is one not to miss!

Sunday Worship Services, Gathering, Guest Musicians, Special Days

Date	8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services	10:00am Gathering Worship Service	Special
Dec. 2	Tracy Keenan preaching (Communion) Luke 1:46-55 - <i>The Earth Cries Out for Justice</i>	Advent Event - No Gathering	Advent Event Dave Powers on piano
Dec. 9	Tracy Keenan preaching Genesis 1:26-31; Revelation 11:15-19 - <i>The Earth Cries Out for Itself</i>	Katie Kinnison preaching Luke 2:39-55 - <i>Has Anybody Noticed This is Scary?</i>	
Dec. 16	Tracy Keenan Preaching Psalm 42; Isaiah 9:2-7 - <i>The Earth Cries Out: We Are Yearning</i>	Jim Mehler preaching Mark 4:35-39 - <i>Going Crazy Yet?</i>	Special Music Sunday featuring Craig Courtney
Wed., Dec. 19	7pm - *Longest Night Katie Kinnison preaching		
Dec. 23	Tracy Keenan Preaching John 1:1-14; John 14:15-21 - <i>The Earth Cries Out: We Are Waiting</i>	Katie Kinnison preaching Luke 1:56 - <i>Giving Birth to God Ain't for Sissies</i>	Jason Keefer on organ
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve: 5pm Children's Service; 8pm Stories & Music		
Dec. 30	Katie Kinnison Preaching Colossians 3: 12-17; Romans 8: 1-8 - <i>What If It Is Not About Should?</i>	Tracy Keenan preaching <i>Were We Hard on the Old Dude?</i>	
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Communion Come and go at any time between 5-7pm		
Jan. 6	Tracy Keenan Preaching (Communion) Isaiah 60:1-61 - <i>New Year, New Morning, New Day</i>	Jim Mehler preaching Ephesians 4:14-16 - <i>Truth Or Dare</i>	Jason Keefer on organ
Jan. 13	Jim Mehler Preaching Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - <i>Water Wings</i>	s Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - <i>Something Utterly New</i>	Ordination and installation of elders and deacons
Jan. 20	Tracy Keenan Preaching Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11 - <i>Party/Participate</i>	Katie Kinnison preaching John 2: 1-11 - <i>What If It Doesn't Have to Be So Hard?</i>	Jason Keefer on organ
Jan. 27	Katie Kinnison preaching Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4: 14-21 - <i>Understanding</i>	Jim Mehler preaching Ephesians 4:25-27 - <i>What's An Angry Quaker To Do?</i>	
Feb. 3	Tracy Keenan preaching (Communion) 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - <i>Yeah, Yeah, Yeah</i>	Katie Kinnison preaching Job 1: 6-12 - <i>So, Where Does the Bad Come From?</i>	
Feb. 10	Tracy Keenan preaching Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - <i>The Message and the Messenger</i>	Katie Kinnison preaching Job 9:16, 32-35 - <i>Does Anybody Care?</i>	
Feb. 17	Tracy Keenan preaching Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1 - <i>The Willow and the Cottonwood</i>	Katie Kinnison preaching Job 42:1-6 - <i>What Kind of Answer?</i>	
Feb. 24	Katie Kinnison preaching Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40; Luke 6:27-38 - <i>Really?!?</i> 5	Tracy Keenan preaching <i>That One Word</i> 6	

Traditional Services:

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

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).

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.

- **Dec. 9 Christmas Art from the National Gallery**
A visual presentation of art by Columbus Museum of Art docent, Louise Minor.
- **Dec. 23 David Connolly. "Jesus Under the Mistletoe":** a one-hour exploration of the history of "Christmas" as a Christian holiday. Don't be alarmed, but you will learn that, actually, some of our traditions are based in ancient pagan/Germanic practices or traditions!

*Longest Night - Wed., Dec. 19, 7pm, Soup Supper 6pm

Christmas is full of sparkling lights and light-hearted joy, but our hearts also have their heaviness. We miss people who have died – even those who have died decades before. We mourn circumstances of our lives. We are pained for people we love who are struggling. We ache for this world plagued by violence and greed. We need some time to honor our pain, our grief, our loneliness. The Longest Night service is such a place.

This year we are also hosting a simple supper before the service for anyone who would like some warm fellowship on a cold and dark night. If you would like a ride to this event, please contact Katie Kinnison or Charlotte Sharpe.

The After Party: a time of feasting and learning after Worship 12:15pm most Sundays thru April, Lounge

- **Jan. 6, 13 - Presbyterian 101.** Led by Tracy Keenan
- **January 20** - Screening of the movie *Angst*, an important work about anxiety. Facilitated by Katie Kinnison
- **Jan. 27 & Feb. 3 - Cathedrals 101: The Kingdom and the Power and the Glory.** David Connolly will lead a 2-week intro to the history of cathedrals as seats of Christian worship, service, and life in the Middle Ages. (PS—we might learn a little something about labyrinths, too!).
- **Feb. 10, 17, 24 - The Gospel of Mary: Learning from Outside the Tradition.** Led by Katie Kinnison.

More Church Life

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 It's easy. You can write a check, give stock, or add a bequest in your estate planning. Contact Ingrid Smith, ingridsmith@covenantpcusa.org, for more information.

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.

Family Christmas Party

Fri., Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

You're invited to get in the holiday spirit! We'll help children with cookie and ornament decorating and everyone can enjoy pizza and Christmas caroling led by Tracy and Katie Wynkoop. Bring your friends and just show up for this wonderful way to start the Christmas season!

Primetimes Holiday Party

Fri., Dec. 28, 12 pm, Lounge

Please bring an hor d'oeuvre to share and a wrapped white elephant. Questions? Call Jude McLean 614-457-9177.

Women's Theology

1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:30am, room 120

We are nearing the end of "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. The next book to be read and discussed will be "The Great Spiritual Migration" by Brian McLaren. Contact Louise Davidson or Susan Imel for information.

2018 Church Photo Directory

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the new Photo Directory a success, from having your picture taken, calling members, scheduling appointments, to serving as hosts for photo sessions. This Directory will put names and faces together, introduce church members to other members, and preserve this time in our church's history. Check your bulletin for when/how to pick up your copy in Dec. and how to access our free Mobile Directory for members.

Sign up for Sunday flower dedications and pay (Pay-Pal) 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.

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.

www.covenantpcusa.org - Find more details and updates at any time on our website.



Covenant Presbyterian Women (CPW) Lynn Hamilton, Moderator, lynnhamilton28@gmail.com

CPW Christmas Coffee -- Wed., Dec. 5, 9:30am, Lounge

Narrative artist, Kate Gorman, is an award winning local artist who has exhibited her work nationally and internationally. Because of her love for textiles and stories, she makes contemporary narrative art quilts. She will talk about her stories in cloth. This event is free and open to all members and friends of Covenant. Also, donations will be accepted for Franklin Co. Children's Services. Register in the hallway on Sunday mornings, or call the church office. You can also register by contacting Paula White, paulaw246@twc.com or Jan Schmidt, hartful44@yahoo.com.

Collecting White Sox - Rev. Susan Smith of Crazy Faith Ministry collects and distributes heavy, white sox to those in need on the streets of Columbus. There's a box in the hall for your donations.

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

Covenant member Nancy Hughes will share her ministry of teaching beginning guitar to inmates at the Ohio Reformatory For Women in Marysville.

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, susanimel1@gmail.com, 614-262-7444.

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
Contact is Bob Tannehill.

• Connecting With God Men's Breakfast

Sat., Dec, Jan, Feb (4th Sat./month) 8am, Lounge
Delicious breakfast. Engaging conversation. Watch the video series "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" with Dom Crossan and Marcus Borg. Questions? Contact Jim Mehler, jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org.

Spiritual Cinema

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

• **Dec. 17 - Miracle on 34th Street:** When a nice old man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing.

• **Jan. 21 - The Milagro Beanfield War:** In Milagro, New Mexico, where the local water is a premium resource, a developer has conceived a glitzy resort that will ultimately siphon off all the water from the neighboring crop-fields. This sets off a small-scale water-rights war between the farmers and the developers.

• **Feb. 18 - Maudie:** An arthritic Nova Scotia woman works as a housekeeper while she hones her skills as an artist and eventually becomes a beloved figure in the community.

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

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.

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• **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.

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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

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