

Pastor on call for pastoral care this week:

Tues., Wed., Sat., Sun. - Tracy 614-946-2982 Mon., Fri. - Katie 614-625-1335 Thurs. - Jim 614-886-3681

IN SYMPATHY The sympathies of the Covenant congregation are extended to the family of Stan Eriksen who died Sat., Aug. 4. A memorial service was held at Covenant on Wed., Aug. 8.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rick Cosgray	Charlie Friske's sister	Orlene Shimberg	Ellen Greeger
Kay Hantak	Madison Hanosek	Heather	Jenny
Maureen	Paul Danielson	Nate	Jessie
Elizabeth Remnant	Sam McCamy's Family	Holden Keefer	Lanny Long
Kenneth G. Rogers Sr.	Kay Olson	4-year-old boy	Maria Felston
Kay Fuller	CPC Member & Brother	Disaster victims/responders	Chuck Winslow
Brenda Wheatcraft	Dave Scott	Bill Carr	Joan Sanford
Thereza's baby nephew	Karen Owen	Don & Joan	Ted Macosko
Stephanie McNally	Mary Doersam	Anne Rorapaugh	Clara O'Connell
Sandra	Sarah Eagleson	Amy Donohue	John
Dorothy & Warren	Marta Palmerton	Wayne Weiss & family	Susan Garmhausen
Scott Epling family	Brenda	Bob Crook	J.B.
Mary Summers	Janie McCoy	Cherie Brooks	Cathy Spicer
Anita	Jutta	Renate & Craig Curtis	Raegan
Thomas	Ryan	Pat	Mike
Andrea	Steve	Anonymous Friend	Sandy's friend
Bill	Phillip	Greta	Chris Primm
Kathy & Frank	Connie's brother	Rick Buntain	

HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

Margaret Robertson	Peggy Dinger	Judy Sechler	Harrison Gardner
Maggie Broekema	Joanne Borrer		

Call the office, 451-6677, or email JP when you want a name added or removed. New names will stay on the list for one month. If you'd like the name to remain on the list after that, please call the office.



OUR MISSION - Covenant Presbyterian Church is an open, accepting community awakening to God's life-giving love together.

OUR VISION - Covenant Presbyterian Church glorifies God and builds relationships with Christ and each other through: worship that inspires, nurture that embraces, education that challenges, fellowship that energizes, ministry that responds.

Sunday Worship Services:

Traditional: 8:30am and 11:00am, Sanctuary; Alternative *Gathering*: 10am, Fellowship Hall
Office Hours: Mon.-Thur. 8:30am-4:00pm; Fri. 8:30am-12:00pm



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Celebration of Worship

August 12, 2018 - 8:30am and 11:00am
Blessing of Backpacks / Sundaes Sunday

- **Covenant Church welcomes children in worship.** There is a nursery for infants through age 2 in Rm 101 in the educational wing. Worship bags with quiet activities for children to use during services are available inside the name tag cart.
- **Large print bibles and hymn books are on the credenza in the Narthex.**
- **Prayer request cards** are collected during Fellowship Moments.
- **Hearing devices** are available. Ask an usher. Also, the Sanctuary, Lounge and Fellowship Hall are wired with a system for digital hearing aids.
- **Please silence your cell phone**, but feel free to join the staff in Tweeting high points of the service: @CovenantGather, @tr_keenan, @katiekinnison, and Puppet (our friend from Sunday morning Talk with Children) @Puppet2070
- **The 2nd Sunday of every month, you may officially join Covenant at any of our three services.** For information, consult our New Member brochure (in pews and on The Welcome Table) or contact Rev. Tracy Keenan or Rev. Katie Kinnison.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Jeff Ridgway, Nancy Davidson, Lind Pratt, John Harder
11:00 Dana Rudmose, Tom Hoover, Robert Gross, Peggy Hicks

Greeters: 8:30 Jeanie Auseon, Andy Clark

11:00 Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm, Lynn Gay-Roedel, Jeff Roedel

Musicians: Jason Keefer, organ; Lynn Turney, piano; Brian Gray, baritone

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Tracy Keenan, Pastor/Head-of-Staff - tracykeenancovenantpcusa.org
Rev. Katie Kinnison, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation - katherinekinnisoncovenantpcusa.org
Rev. Jim Mehler, Parish Associate - jimmehlercovenantpcusa.org
Cherie Brooks, Director of Music - cheriebrooks.covenantpcusa.org
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Erin Wise, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries - erinwisecovenantpcusa.org
Shane Spicer, Assistant for Children's Ministry - jagsniche@gmail.com

The flowers by the chancel are from Bob and Nancy Davidson in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

PRELUDE 8:30 “Intermezzo Op. 118, No.2”
11:00 “Fantasia”

Johannes Brahms
J.S. Bach

GREETINGS & PASSING OF THE PEACE 8:30 Tracy Keenan; 11:00 Jim Mehler
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a room full of tentative souls, wanting to be faithful to the Risen Christ,
but not sure how,

**People: The Holy Spirit swept upon them like a mighty wind and rested on
each one like a fiery blessing,**

Leader: And they were filled to overflowing with heavenly life and love,

**People: So that they could not keep silent, but had to lift up their voices in
praise and thanksgiving in every language!**

ALL: Praise God! Laudate Dominum! Alleluia! God is good!

***HYMN NO. 23** “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

PLEADING SAVIOR

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy Spirit, Advocate, Sustainer, we so often ignore your presence
and think that we are left to our own inadequate striving.

Remind us again and again that your power is poured out upon us,
that your power can flow through us, renewing our faith,
refreshing our love, and revitalizing our lives. Let us speak truth,
extend forgiveness, and be filled with your life-changing love
so that we can partner with you in changing the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**All who can comfortably do so, please stand.*

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor. (Prayer request cards collected.)

Katie Kinnison

TALK WITH CHILDREN & BLESSING OF BACKPACKS Puppet & Jim & Erin Wise
*We encourage children to stay with us in worship. We try to keep the worship experience
engaging and participatory for all ages. Some little ones who are too restless to remain
in the Sanctuary for the full hour, with their grown-ups' permission, at this time may go
to Room 112 for Wiggle Worship.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER 8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Tracy Keenan
Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal pg. 35. We say “debts” & “debtors.”)

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:27-34 NT pg. 43
Lay Readers: 8:30 John Harder; 11:00 Mary Hoyt Hemmer

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 18 selected verses OT pg. 292
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Always Read the Book*

Katie Kinnison preaching

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology No. 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN NO. 192** “Lord, the Light of your Love Is Shining”

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING

...Know this and go

In Christ's love and peace and power.

POSTLUDE 8:30 Reprise of *SHINE, JESUS, SHINE*
11:00 “Fanfare and Processional”

Lynn Trapp

Today

Sundae Sunday

Blessing of Backpacks...briefcases, diaper bags, etc. Begin the school year with a blessing, remembering that God's love constantly flows into the world with you.

8:30a - Worship in the Courtyard

- Children: Wiggle Worship

10:00a - Gathering, Fellowship Hall.

- Treasure Finders

- Youth Worship, Chapel

11:00a - Worship in the Sanctuary

- Children: Wiggle Worship

6:30p - Bible Study Resumes Sept. 9

Week at a Glance

Mon., Aug. 13

6:00p Session Vision & Strategy, Lounge

Tues., Aug. 14

1:00p Mission Sewing, 121

6:30p Deacons, Lounge

Wed., Aug. 15

10:30a Staff Meeting, Tracy's office

Fri., Aug. 17

8:15a Centering Prayer, Lounge

9:30a Women's Theology, 120

12:00p Primetimers Potluck & Program, Lounge

Sat., Aug. 18

4:30p Hoge HM3 - Elizabeth Circle

7:00p Parent Party, Speas' house

Aug. 13-18

Mission Sewing

Tuesdays, 1pm, 121

Crochet, knit, sew and quilt to support mission endeavors. No skill required. Come, learn.

Centering Prayer

Fridays, 8:15am, Lounge

Stay awake to God's presence in your life. Contact Katie Kinnison for more information.

Women's Theology

1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:30-11:30am, Rm. 120

Unbelievable: Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today (parts 1 & 2) by John Shelby Spong.

Primetimers Potluck & Program

Fri., Aug. 17, 12pm, Lounge

Jeri Diehl Cusack will present "This Month in Presidential History." Please bring your tableware and a dish to share.

Parent Party

Sat., Aug. 18, 7pm, the Speas' house

Please bring a snack to share and your favorite adult beverage. Need not be a parent to attend. Come prepared to have a good time. Questions, ask Erin Wise.

Aug. 19-25

2017-18 Annual Meeting

Sun., Aug. 19, 12pm, Sanctuary

...to approve terms of call for Pastor/Head-of-staff Tracy Keenan and Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation Katie Kinnison, and to present the annual report to the congregation. Reports are on the welcome table in the hall. Please review and bring to the meeting. One copy per household.

Special Choir Pickup Sunday

Sun., Aug. 19, 10:15am, Music Room

Interested in singing with the choir? Try us out. Go to the choir room to practice a simple song. We'll present it at the 11am service. Chancel Choir will start regular Thursday evening rehearsals on Aug. 23, 7pm. At that time, there will also be an **OPEN HOUSE** Choir Night, another perfect time to check out what we do.

Spiritual Cinema

Mon., Aug. 20, 6:30-9pm, Lounge

Wonder: The incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters 5th grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. Contact Beth Askue, 614-284-1767, or Susan Imel, 614-262-7444.

Campanile Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Start Tues., Aug. 21, 6:15-7:30pm, Sanctuary
Nan Davidson, ndavidson7@gmail.com.

For more info on Covenant events & news, visit www.covenantpcusa.org

2018 Church Photo Directory

Sign up for your portrait session on line at the church's website. Click "Get Involved" then click "Adults" then "Pictorial Directory." You can view available appointment dates and times, schedule your portrait session, and make changes, if necessary. Please do not use the "reserved" times for appointments. A confirmation email will be sent right away and a reminder email with special offers will be sent a few days prior to your session. Dates are Sept. 5-8, 19-22. Questions, problems? Call Nancy Davidson, 614-893-8824.

August 26+

Annual Church Block Party

Sun., Aug. 26, 12-2pm

Neighbors, friends, members, family, come for a fun time. Kids' activities, live band, corn hole tournament, fire truck, food, food, food! See insert and flyers for details and to sign up to volunteer and bring food. Neighbors, friends, family are FREE. Covenant Members: Adults \$5, Children \$3, Families \$12.

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes

Wed., Sept. 5, 1pm, rm. 120

Led by Katie Kinnison. 1 Samuel. "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?

Men's Spirituality Group

Next mtg. Sun., Sept. 9, 9:30am, rm. 120

We'll be discussing "Delight in Creation: Scientists Share Their Work With The Church" by Scott Hoezee...14 papers by various authors. First we'll discuss "Environmentalism an Ecology" with the goals of discussing the paper and also deciding if we want to continue with this material or look for another source. Contact is Bob Tannehill.

Mark Your Calendar - CPW Fall Luncheon

Wed., Sept. 12, 11:30am

Following lunch, Rev. Ginny Teitt will give a firsthand account of the situation in Palestine based on her December 2017 trip with PCUSA staff. More info to come.

CPW Garage Sale is Coming

Fri., Sept. 28, 9am-4pm

& Sat., Sept. 29, 9am-12pm

All sorts of clean, working items are welcome from brooches to bikes to bookcases, from skates to Santas to sofas. Bring your items to Fellowship Hall no earlier than Mon., Sept. 24 until no later than Thurs., Sept. 27, noon. If you have time and would like to help with set up, there will be sign-up sheets in the hall beginning Sept. 4. Questions? Contact Nancy Cowman, bncowman@sbcglobal.net, 614-486-3525.

Ongoing & Other News

Flower Garden Maintenance. Help weed, deadhead, water. From 9am for about an hour: Aug. 22, Sept. 5, 12.

Coffee Cans Needed for Peanut Brittle

Please bring empty 1 lb. coffee cans to the kitchen for our peanut brittle this fall. We sell 400-450 cans each year. Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers are building a house at 1603 Myrtle Ave. in Linden on Thursdays 8:30am-noon, and Saturdays 8:30am-3pm. Contact Charlie Bergmann, 614-572-5059, ctbergmann@yahoo.com. To help provide lunches, contact Betsy Sebastian, 614-457-4383. **There will be a Women Only build day on Sat., Oct. 6, 8:30am-3pm. Contact Betsy.**

Electronic giving? Give it a try!

So far, 2 families are using Zelle, 1 is using Text Giving, 3 are using Credit Card giving, and 10 are using Automatic Debit. If you're interested in getting set up for electronic giving, check out our website or the brochures on our welcome table. Giving has never been easier! If you have questions, contact Ingrid Smith.

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



Covenant Community Labyrinth

**a quiet little haven of prayer
available to everyone.**

The labyrinth is a walking meditation. It is a tool that allows us to step out of the chaos and busyness of life, out of the incessant chatter of our inner world, 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.

What 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 important 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 web site. Check out the display in the hallway for a list of some current dedications.



Save the Dates!

June 24-28, 2019

VBS 2019...

will be Out Of This World!

To Mars...and Beyond!