

**Pastor on call for pastoral care this week:**

Jim 614-886-3681

**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 McCamny	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	Rev. Amy House & son, Phillip	Greta
Chris Primm	Kathy & Frank		

**HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY**

Margaret Robertson	Stan Eriksen	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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# Belly Up to the Psalms!

## Celebration of Worship

July 29, 2018 - 8:30am and 11:00am  
Sundae 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 Dave Smathers, Carol Smathers, Betty Johnston, Lind Pratt

11:00 Karen Hjelm, Dick Lewis, Jay McLean, Peggy Hicks

**Greeters:** 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Terri Hayes

11:00 Bill Balderaz, Rusty Miller, Steve Zilles

**Musicians:** Whitney Dodds, soprano

### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Tracy Keenan, Pastor/Head-of-Staff - [tracykeenancovenantpcusa.org](mailto:tracykeenancovenantpcusa.org)

Rev. Katie Kinnison, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation - [katherinekinnisoncovenantpcusa.org](mailto:katherinekinnisoncovenantpcusa.org)

Rev. Jim Mehler, Parish Associate - [jimmehlercovenantpcusa.org](mailto:jimmehlercovenantpcusa.org)

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Katie Wynkoop, Organist/Pianist - [katie.wynkoop@att.net](mailto:katie.wynkoop@att.net)

Caroline McGeoch, Director, Covenant Children's Center - [childcentercovenantpcusa.org](mailto:childcentercovenantpcusa.org)

Erin Wise, Director of Children's Ministry - [erinwisecovenantpcusa.org](mailto:erinwisecovenantpcusa.org)

Shea Watts, Director of Youth Ministry - [sheawattscovenantpcusa.org](mailto:sheawattscovenantpcusa.org)

Shane Spicer, Assistant for Children's Ministry - [jagsniche@gmail.com](mailto:jagsniche@gmail.com)

*The flowers by the chancel are from Jude McLean  
in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jude and Jay McLean*

**PRELUDE** "How Great Thou Art" arr. Forrest

**GREETINGS & PASSING OF THE PEACE** 8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Katie Kinnison  
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. 662** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" *RATISBON*

**\*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!**

### FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

Tracy Keenan

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

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

### TALK WITH CHILDREN

Puppet & Jim

*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.*

### 11:00 VBS CHILDREN SINGING

**8:30 BAPTISM** Nora Margaret Lynott, daughter of Shaun and Meri Ellen Lynott

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

**FIRST READING** Lamentations 3:19-24 OT pg. 766  
Lay Readers: 8:30 Dick Sharpe; 11:00 Rusty Miller

**GOSPEL READING** Psalm 14 OT pg. 495  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Belly Up to the Psalms: Sipping Some Honesty* Tracy Keenan preaching

### 11:00 COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TRIP

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory "Softly and Tenderly"

*Dale Wood*

\*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. 435** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" *IN BABILONE*

### \*BENEDICTION AND SENDING

...Know this and go

**In Christ's love and peace and power.**

**POSTLUDE** Reprise of *IN BABILONE*

## Today

Youth Mission Trip  
Sun., July 29 - Aug. 5

- 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
- 12:00p - **Sundae Sunday**  
6:30p - **Bible Study**, 120

## Week at a Glance

Mon., July 30

Tues., July 31

1:00p Mission Sewing, 121

Wed., Aug. 1

10:30a Staff Meeting, Tracy's office

Thurs., Aug. 2

5:30p CATCH Book, Lounge

6:00p Worship & Arts, Lounge

Fri., Aug. 3

8:15a Centering Prayer, Lounge

9:30a Women's Theology, 120

2-9p **Photo Directory, Lounge, 120**

Sat., Aug. 4

10a-5p **Photo Directory, Lounge, 120**

## July 30-Aug. 4

**Support Survivors of Human Trafficking Aug. 2 (1st Thur./Month), 11am, meet at church**  
Serve lunch at CATCH Court to women rebuilding their lives. Sign up at Mission & Social Concerns in the hall. Contact Katie Kinnison. **We also make toiletry kits.** 5-8 bags/month. \$15 each. Make checks out to *Covenant*, with *HT BAGS* on the memo line.

### **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.

**For more info on Covenant events & news, visit [www.covenantpcusa.org](http://www.covenantpcusa.org)**

## Aug. 5-11

**Farewell Lunch Party for Shea Watts, Youth Director**  
**Sun., Aug. 5, 12:15pm**

Bid Shea and Kat farewell and do a little friendly roasting, too! You can bring cards, notes, and gifts, or just kind words and a hug.

**Hold Your Own Mini Block Party** (See insert.)  
**Sun., Aug. 5**

Host a mini block party for your neighbors: an ice cream social, potluck picnic, happy hour. This is being done across UA and beyond as part of *Art of Neighboring*. Contact Terri Hayes for info. And see [www.artofneighboring.com](http://www.artofneighboring.com).

**Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis** By J. D. Vance

**Wed., Aug. 8, 7pm, Lounge**

This is a true and personal story within a poor white culture in crisis. This exploration into trauma and families enriches our ongoing exploration of how to be with others. And it is another tool in understanding ourselves. Copies of the book are on the welcome table and the book cart.

### **Parents' Night Out**

**Fri., Aug. 10, 6-8:30pm (2nd Fri./month)**

We host and feed children so that their parents can go be grown-ups and play. Please register by Tues., Aug. 7 at <http://tinyurl.com/covenantpno>. Contact Erin Wise, [erinwise3@yahoo.com](mailto:erinwise3@yahoo.com).

**Men's Breakfast at First Watch, Kingsdale**  
**Sat., Aug. 11, (2nd Sat./month), 8am**

Contact Allan Kennedy, 614-451-9318.

## **Electronic Giving is Good for You...and the Church**

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**Electronic giving can keep you on track with your giving and guarantees uninterrupted support for our church.**

- Give anytime, anywhere
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### **Covenant's E-giving options:**

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

**Details and instructions on the welcome table and on our website [www.covenantpcusa.org](http://www.covenantpcusa.org)**

## August 12+

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sun., Aug. 12, all services**

Bring backpacks, briefcases, diaper bags, etc. and begin the school year with a blessing, remembering that God's love constantly flows into the world with you.

### **Save the Date!**

### **Parent Pool Party**

**Sat., Aug. 18, the Speas' house**

It's time to get the babysitter reserved for Covenant's Parent Pool Party. Details coming.

### **Special Choir Pickup Sunday**

**Sun., Aug. 19, 10:15am**

If you've been 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 Thurs., Aug. 23 at 7pm. At that time, there will also be an **OPEN HOUSE** Choir Night, another perfect time to check out what we do.

### **Annual Church Block Party**

**Sun., Aug. 26, 12-2**

Neighbors, friends, members, family, come for a neighboring fun time!



**Save the Dates!**

**June 24-28, 2019**

**VBS 2019**

**will be Out Of This World!**

**To Mars...and Beyond!**

## Ongoing & Other News

**Flower Garden Maintenance.** Help weed, deadhead, water flowers along the SOH garden fence. Come at 9am for about an hour: Aug. 8, 22, Sept. 5, 12.

### **Covenant & Hoge Presbyterian Church**

We partner with Hoge on the Hilltop. (Check our website under *Mission* for details.) Covenant groups are needed to host dinner for 30-50 people. Contact Judy Oeder, jgoeder@hotmail.com.

### **Becoming A Member of Covenant**

**At Covenant, you belong when you walk in the door!** Official membership is "going all in" and making a commitment to the extraordinary things God is doing through Covenant. On the second Sunday of each month, people may become new members at any of our three services. Brochures with details are on the welcome table and our website. Contact: Katie Kinnison katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org.

### **The 223rd General Assembly News of PCUSA**

met in St. Louis in June. To see all that was discussed/accomplished, go to <https://ga-pcusa.org/general-assembly-news/>. There are also a few copies of the daily newspapers on the welcome table.

**It's not too late** to complete your FY'18 pledge, if you haven't done so. Please mark "June" on the memo line of your check so that it can be credited to your FY'18 pledge.

### **How's the Stewardship Campaign Going?**

Encouraging news in each age group:

- \* Ages 49 and under - they TRIPLED the number of pledging units!
- \* Ages 50-64 - HALF of last year's givers have pledged DOUBLE what the whole age group gave last year!
- \* Ages 65-79 - They have INCREASED their giving by 35%!
- \* Ages 80 and over - they are still our ROCK STARS, sustaining us through solid and gen-

erous giving!

We're expecting to end this fiscal year slightly under budget. This is from 154 out of our 383 households.

We're still counting on the OUTSTANDING PLEDGES to make our budget for the coming year. We have carefully created a budget that would allow us to continue all our ministries, mission, and programming. God is doing great things through *you!* Contact Ingrid Smith, Finance Office, 614-451-6677.

## **2018 Church Photo Directory**

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you? Help us to build a directory to put names with faces. We will be taking pictures on Aug. 3-4, Sept. 5-8, 19-22 and we need YOU to make it complete. For participating, each family receives a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free directory. Plus, we will have a mobile app for our directory. Schedule a photo appointment at church on Sundays until Sept. 16 or from our website: click "Get Involved" then click "Adult" then "Pictorial Directory." If possible, **please sign up for the Aug. 3-4 slots and especially if there is a college student in your family.** Questions, problems? Call Nancy Davidson, 614-893-8824.



The labyrinth is a walking meditation where we can step out of the busyness of life, the 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. We have reached out to our neighbors in many ways, building connections and serving

them with the love of Christ. No strings, just love. Our outdoor labyrinth 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 and sample bricks are in the hall or you may also submit a form and pay with PayPal on our web site.