

Pastors on call for pastoral care this week:

Sat., Sun., Mon., Wed. - Tracy 614-946-2982

Tues., Thurs., Fri. - Jim 614-886-3681

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sandy Schupp	Dan Rasche	Manette Friske	Mike Van Aman
Rick Cosgray	Betty Raup	Charlie Friske's sister	Mary Doersam
Orlene Shimberg	Ellen Gregor	Kay Hantak	Don Rorapaugh
Madison Hanosek	Larry Limes	Heather	Becky
Jenny	Maureen	Jared	Lydia
David White	DeRoberts family	Linda Patterson	Neva
Betty	Allison	Al Odenath	Paul Danielson
Nate	Jessie	Joanne Borrer	Fallon, Gavin, Maddox, Nora
John	Phil Hall	Jeff	Jenny Flynn
Rachel Timmons	Frank Fredricka	Sarah Starr	Margaret
Sarah Eagleson	Jan Morris	John Griffin	Jan Ulry
Sheila	Jill Cameron	Elizabeth Remnant	Sam McCamy
Holden Keefer	Betty Lou Epling	John Harder	Marty Armstrong
Scott Braswell's father			

HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

Margaret Robertson Stan Eriksen Peggy Dinger Judy Sechler Harrison Gardner Maggie Broekema

Keep us updated on those who should be on the prayer list. 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, 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

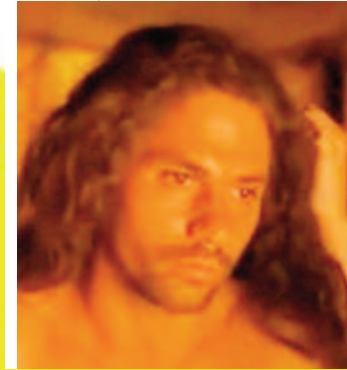
Office Hours: Mon.-Thur. 8:30am-4:00pm; Fri. 8:30am-12:00pm



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Sam-Son: Celebrity He-Man with an Achilles Heel



Celebration of Worship

June 25, 2017 - 8:30am & 11:00am

- **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 cart that holds our name tags.
- **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 for assistance. 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

Ushers: 8:30 Connie Kennedy, Scott Mizer, Andy Clark, Doug Teske
11:00 Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett

Greeters: 8:30 Jeanie Auseon, Andy Clark
11:00 Esther Curtis, Barry Fonarow, Jan Fonarow

Musicians: Jason Keefer, organist; Whitney Dodds, soprano

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

Tracy Keenan, Pastor/Head-of-Staff - tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org
Katie Kinnison, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation - katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org
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Flowers by the pulpit are from Eileen Lazear in loving memory of Dr. Ed Lazear.
Flowers by the lectern are from Justice & Peace Ministry in recognition of *Orange Day*.

1 **PRELUDE** 8:30 “You Are My Hiding Place”
11:00 “Allegro Moderato Maestoso”
“Adagio” from Symphony No. V

Arr. Tim Keene
Felix Mendelssohn
Charles Marie Widor

GREETINGS & PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Tracy Keenan

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,
We are called to be people of courage.

We tend to think that means performing astounding feats of heroism.

But throughout history, God’s people have been empowered
with surprising strength both inside and out.

And they have made a difference in their worlds.

**We gather here to be reminded that, with God’s help,
we are capable of simple acts of courage.**

Loving others

Even when they are being difficult.

Forgiving

Yet again.

Accepting ourselves as God does: just as we are in this moment,

and yet yearning to grow into even greater love and grace.

We gather in worship to remind one another of this empowering grace

And to be equipped for the living of this grace in our every days.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 612** “We Praise You, O God”

KREMSER

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What do you require of us, O God, but to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you? It sounds simple, but we confess that there are times when we prefer vengeance over justice, victory over kindness, and admiration over humility. Grant us the grace to grow ever more grace-filled and to love without reservation. Amen.

(Silent reflection)

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.)

Tracy Keenan

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, may go to Room 112 for Wiggle Worship.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jim Mehler

Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal pg. 35. We say “debts” & “debtors.”)

FIRST READING Psalm 27:1, 13-14

OT pg. 503

Lay Readers: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini; 11:00 Jim Hamilton

SPECIAL SUPER-HERO INTRO

SECOND READING Judges 16:18-21a

OT pg. 234

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Sam-Son: *Celebrity He-Man with an Achilles Heel*

SPECIAL MUSIC “It’s Not Easy”

John Ondrasik

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory “Amazing Grace”

Arr. Craig Courtney

*Doxology No. 607

OLD HUNDRETH

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. 470** “There is a Longing in Our Hearts”

LONGING

***BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

...Know this and go

In Christ’s love and peace and power.

POSTLUDE “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Arr. Chris Rice

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

After worship services Stephen Ministers will be up in front on the bells side to pray with anyone who desires it.

Today

Justice & Peace Orange Day

The United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign UNITE to End Violence against Women proclaimed the 25th of each month as "Orange Day" to raise awareness to end violence against women and girls. We have orange ribbons for you. Orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls.

8:30a - Worship in the Courtyard

- **Children:** Wiggle Worship

9:30a - Men's Spirituality, rm. 120

10:00a - Gathering, Fellowship Hall

- **Children:** Treasure Finders

11:00a - Worship in the Sanctuary

- **Children:** Wiggle Worship

2:00p - Verge @ Columbus Clippers

2:00p - CCR: *Suspicion*, Ohio Theatre

2:00p - Dave Ulry Memorial Service

6:30p - NO Bible Study today

Week at a Glance

Tues., June 27

8:15a NO Centering Prayer this week

1:00p Mission Sewing, 121

1:30p Staff Meeting, Tracy's office

6:15p Handbell Lesson, Sanctuary

Wed., June 28

1:00p Bible Study, 120

7:00p Bible Study, Lounge

Thur., June 29

5:00p UCelli Cello Recital, Sanctuary

11am Worship Services Streamed Live at YOUTUBE.COM. covenantpresbyterianoh.com.

Previous worship services, music and special events are also available there. Also, listen to previous sermons on our web site.

June 26-July 1

No Centering Prayer Tues., June 27

Learn How to Ring Handbells

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, Sanctuary

Want to see what ringing handbells is all about and have fun? Learn how to take two handbells and make music together. Contact Nan Davidson, ndavidson7@gmail.com.

Wednesday Bible Study

Through July 19, 1pm, rm. 120 & 7pm, Lounge

The *Gospel of Mark*. An 8-week crash course (16 chapters, 8 weeks, 2 chapters a week) facilitated by Jim Mehler at 1pm and Tracy Keenan at 7pm.

Free UCelli Quartet & Student Recital

Thur., June 29, 5pm, Sanctuary

UCelli is a quartet of virtuoso cellists: CPC members Pei-an Chao and Cora Kuyvenhoven, along with Mary Shelton Davis and Wendy Morton, members of the Columbus Symphony and ProMusica Chamber Orchestra. They will be joined by more than 20 young cellist for an exciting and vibrant concert experience.

July 2-8

Verge & High Schoolers: Summer Lock-In

Thur., July 6, 5pm meet at the church

Food, games, movies, and all the shenanigans that are expected with such an event!

Support Survivors of Human Trafficking

-July 6, 1st. Thur./Month, 11am, meet at church
Serve lunch to women rebuilding their lives. Sign up: Mission & Social Concerns board in the hall. Contact Susan Imel or Nan Davidson.
- We make toiletry kits for women released from jail. 5-8 bags/month. \$15 ea. Our middle school youth assemble them and write notes of encouragement. Make checks out to *Covenant*, with *HT BAGS* on the memo line.

Men's Breakfast

Sat., July 8, 8am, First Watch, Kingsdale

Contact Alan Kennedy 614-451-9318.

July 9+

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Mon., July 10, 1-6pm, Fellowship Hall

Volunteer to register donors or staff the snack table and schedule your donor appointment between church services in the front hall or go to redcrossblood.org to schedule online. Call Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413, to volunteer.

Parents' Night Out

Fri., July 14, 6-8:30pm (2nd Fri./month)

We host and feed children so that their parents can be free to be grown-ups and play. Please register by Tues., July 11: <http://tinyurl.com/covenantpno>. Contact Erin Wise, erinwise3@yahoo.com.



It's your church. Give more. Get more out of it.

Pledge Drive Update: Many thanks to those of you who have turned in your pledge cards. So far, we've received \$667,000. in pledges from 168 households. However, we have 428 households at Covenant which means many of you have not responded yet to the pledge drive. Please prayerfully consider your participation in supporting your church family by turning in a pledge card. It's not too late! Every pledge, no matter how modest, makes a big difference. Pledge cards are on the Welcome Table in the hall and in the pews or you can contact the Finance Office, 614-451-6677, ingridbrooker@covenantpcusa.org.

Spiritual Cinema

Mon., July 17, 6:30pm, Lounge

Landfill Harmonic: The world generates a billion tons of garbage a year. Those who live with it and from it are the poor – like the people of Cateura, Paraguay. There they are transforming it into beauty. This documentary follows the orchestra as it takes its inspiring spectacle of trash-into-music around the world.

Covenant CrossRoads (CCR)

Sat., July 22, 8 pm

Want to have fun? Attend Picnic with the Pops (*Three Dog Night*), and other upcoming activities. Contact: Cathy Koeneman, kdmegali@gmail.com; David Koeneman, davidkoeneman@yahoo.com; Carol Lowery, lloewy_at_home@yahoo.com; Joanne Pratt, jaker83pratt@columbus.rr.com; Janet Gross, jhrg81@hotmail.com.

Presbytery-wide Mission Work Trip

Oct. 22-28, Gatlinburg, TN

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and Presbyterian Disaster Relief are organizing recovery and restoration workers (for demolition, clean-up, building repair) needed because of recent wild fire destruction. Up to 32 adults age 18 and over, \$300 per person, can participate. For applications and more info: www.psvonline.org. Or contact Jeannie Harsh, 614-847-0565 office, cell 614-562-1775, or jeannie@psvonline.org.

Ongoing & Other News

SOS Food Pantry - We need canned fruit, condensed and chunky style soups, peanut butter, baked beans. Monetary donations help purchase additional fresh foods. Note on your donation "SOS Food Pantry." Contact Mark or Betsy Owen, markowensales@gmail.com or Connie Bohn, conbohn@aol.com.

Children's Center is Growing and Needs

Part-Time Help: After School Teacher, K-5th grade, 2:30-5:30 or 2:30-6pm, M-F plus monthly staff meetings. 15-19 hrs/wk. A great part-time job for someone who wants to make a difference in the lives of children and families. Summers, weekends, holidays off. Contact Caroline McGeoch, childcenter@covenantpcusa.org.

Put aside goodies now for the Garage Sale, Fri., Sept. 29 and Sat., Sept. 30.

Rev. Katie Kinnison is on Sabbatical until

Sat., July 22. Should you need a Stephen Minister during that time, contact Stephen Minister Charlotte Sharpe or Tracy Keenan. If you have questions about Tuesday morning Centering Prayer, contact Sandy Tullett.

Summer Special Music - Contact Cherie Brooks if you'd like to present special music at a worship service this summer. With the Chancel Choir on summer sabbatical, it's a perfect time to share your talent with us!

Super Heroes are Coming!



Vacation Bible School 2017
July 24-28, 9am-noon

Ages 3 years–5th grade

Kids go on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. Epic music, crafty crafts, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids discover their strength in God!

Picnic, Thurs., July 27, 6pm. Bring food to share. All are invited.
1 child \$25. Family \$50.

Register & pay with Paypal on our web site: www.covenantpcusa.org

ALSO we need LOTS of volunteers (entering grade 6 – adult) all week and especially to help with check-in on Mon., July 24, 8:30am.

Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/lvrb6uy>

And VBS Set up: Saturdays July 15 & 22, 9am-12pm. Help us transform our church into Hero Central. No crafting or decorating skills needed, just show up to hang out with fun people and help make our church look fun and inviting.

Register Today!

Verge & HS Youth are active volunteers in all parts of VBS and on several afternoons there will be programming just for them: Mon., Wed., and Fri. at noon. Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/lvrb6uy>

