



Covenant Connection

June 11, 2018 | Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Covenant Presbyterian Church

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

6-11

Christian Education Team

6-12

PW Circle Meeting
Preschool Team
Stewardship & Finance Team

6-14

Executive Team

6-15

Family Fired-Up Friday

6-17

Covenant Choir Practice
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6-24

Covenant Choir Practice
Wrestling Through Faith (Youth)

Connect with the Pastor ...



KOINONIA – some of you hopefully recognized that word when it was spelled correctly by 14-year-old Texan Karthik Nemmani to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee last week. *Koinonia* is a word that I repeat in my benediction each week to the puzzlement of visitors and perhaps some of you, a word that graces the pages of Scripture again and again, a word that is difficult to translate into a single English word. The adoption of *koinonia* by English from the original Greek seems appropriate since we can't find a better way to say it. At its heart, *koinonia* is communion, fellowship, and participation together. Wikipedia doesn't always get it right, but its description of *koinonia* is well stated: "*Koinonia* identifies the ideal state of fellowship and unity that should exist within the Christian church, the Body of Christ." It is that glue that binds us together in community with one another and with the saints across the ages. It is the active work of the Holy Spirit in our midst, calling us to be in relationship with one another and with God.

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koinonia is
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*Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9 (NIV)*



Can you smile? Can you say "Welcome?" Can you shake hands? Can you get to church 20 minutes early? If your answer is yes, yes, yes, and yes, then you can be a Covenant Greeter! This summer Thom and Peggy Jennings are helping Bobbye D'Orsi with the planning for greeters at the 10:30 AM worship services. They would love to hear from you if you are willing to be one of those first smiling faces at either the Library or Narthex doors prior to the service. You don't even have to be a church member to volunteer. So, put on your smiley face and send Thom and Peggy an email at jenningsthom@gmail.com or text them at 540-290-3791 to let them know you're ready to be a Covenant Greeter.

Items for the next newsletter are due to Martha by **9:00 AM on Friday, June 22nd.**



Please email her at: covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com

BIBLE CROSSWORD I - SOLUTION

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Across: 1 Shekel, 4 Appeared, 10 Ephesians, 11 Cubit, 12 Rare, 13 Meditation, 15 Raisins, 16 Nathan, 19 Agreed, 21 Torches, 23 Atonements, 25 Baal, 27 Glean, 28 Millstone, 29 Teachers, 30 Rashly.

Down: 1 Shearers, 2 Exhorting, 3 East, 5 Passion, 6 Enchanters, 7 Rabbi, 8 Doting, 9 Bakers, 14 Nineteenth, 17 Ashtaroth, 18 Psalter, 20 Dreamer, 21 Tittle, 22 Taught, 24 Omega, 26 Asia.

Connect with the Pastor... *Cont'd*

This week we will welcome Sarah Wolf into our Covenant family as our Associate Pastor, and how we welcome her will say something of the strength of *koinonia* in our midst. Welcome her with open arms. Share your name with her again and again for she has 460+ new faces to try to connect with a name. Listen to her story and share your own story with her. Extend to her God's grace and love, so that through you she may experience what is offered in my benediction each week: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the *koinonia* of the Holy Spirit!



Our new Associate Pastor, Sarah Wolf, will be ordained at her home church in Durham, NC on Sunday, July 8, 2018, at 3:00 PM. Several folks have expressed an interest in attending her ordination; if you are interested in joining them, please contact Mike Riddell at cpcapnc17@gmail.com



Helping Hands Day Camp 2018,

is for children who have completed grades K through 5 and youth who completed grades 6 to 12 during the 2017 - 2018 school year.

Camp Dates are:

Monday, **July 30** to Friday, **August 3**

Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church

The **cost** is **\$15.00** which pays for lunch, snacks & all other costs as well as a T-shirt. Scholarships are available and contributions to sponsor a camper in need of financial assistance are welcome.

Registration deadline is Friday, June 29, 2018

For more information,
email helpinghandsstaunton@gmail.com



*Arise, shine,
your light has come!*

**2018 Churchwide Gathering of
Presbyterian Women
August 2 - 5, 2018
Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky**

Enjoy a banquet dinner and plenary celebrating 30 years of Presbyterian Women.

Visit the Exhibit Hall to shop, learn, and visit!

Participate in the Silent Auction.

Registration Fee is \$425.


Register online:

www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Questions?

Call 540-520-2610 or

email pwcwg2018@aol.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 8:30 AM Blended Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship in the Breezeway 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Outreach Team	11 Covenant Connection Published 5:30 PM Christian Education Team	12 10:00 AM PW Circle Mtg 5:30 PM Preschool Team 7:15 PM Stewardship & Finance Team	13	14 8:30 AM Executive Team 9:00 AM Verona Food Pantry	15 5:30 PM Family Fired Up Friday	16
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JUNE 2018



WHO: Families of Covenant and
Families of Covenant friends (ALL ages!)

WHAT: FIRED UP FRIDAY FOR ALL!

WHEN: Friday, June 15, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Covenant Presbyterian Church (meet on the front lawn)

WHY: Family Fun, Faith, and Fellowship

COST: \$10 per family and bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs

STATISTIC:

Modern families enjoy less than 40 minutes of quality time together on the average weekday. Studies show spending time as a family builds confidence, encourages healthy choices, lowers risk of drug use, and provides guidance for how to think and act.

SCHEDULE:

5:30PM to 6:00PM - Kline's BBQ Dinner on front lawn

6:00PM to 8:00PM - Rotate with families through stations

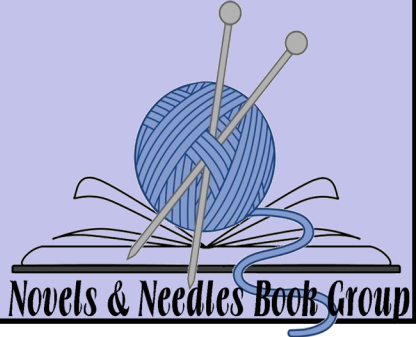
Games: Inflatable Obstacle Course, Soccer Darts, Bounce House (for the younger kids)

Service: Make Birthday Boxes for the children at the Valley Mission

Lesson: Family faith matters!

"...but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15b

Get an early start on our book selection for the first meeting in the Fall on Friday, September 14. We will be discussing *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce, who also wrote *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*.



Please RSVP to
lauramayfieldlawson@gmail.com
by TUESDAY, JUNE 12th.

Be sure to let Laura know the number of family members attending.

Drinks in Sanctuary

Recognizing that many folks are now taking beverages with them into the sanctuary during worship, Session is asking for your help in saving the carpet from stains and keeping our sanctuary clean. ***We recently had a hymnal damaged from a coffee spill.*** The Facilities Team prefers that only water be taken in to the sanctuary and coffee, tea or hot chocolate be consumed in the breezeway. Any beverage container should have a lid to protect against spills (lids for paper coffee cups are now available in the breezeway) and remember to take your container with you after worship (along with any tissues, candy wrappers, or other items that may have been stuffed in a pew rack). The Facilities Team and church mice who so generously give of their time to tidy up the sanctuary each week will be most grateful!



Know Your Neighbor Picnic!



Sunday, June 24
4:00-7:00 pm

Oakdale Park
134 Mt. Crawford Ave.
Bridgewater, Virginia

Games! Door Prizes!
Fun, Food, & Fellowship!

Please bring a potluck dish to share (no pork please)

Know Your Neighbor (KYN)

is a gathering of congregants from Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church,
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Temple House of Israel,
Islamic Center of the Shenandoah Valley, and Trinity Episcopal Church



Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Men's Conference
July 13 - 15, 2018

"Made in God's Image"
Genesis 1:26-28

Join us at Massanetta Springs Camp and
Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA
for a weekend of inspiring worship, challenging
keynotes, and refreshing recreation.
Register online at www.midatlanticmen.org

What's Happening In the Community

June 16 — The 24th Harrisonburg-Rockingham African-American Festival celebrates the rich heritage and diversity of our community. It is our wish to create unity, promote family and celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans through our events and programs. Join us on **Saturday from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM** at **Harrisonburg's Ralph Sampson Park**. Enjoy a day of entertainment, fellowship, family fun, crafts, art, music, food, exhibitors and more!

June 23 & 24 — JMU Children's Theatre presents Roanoke Children's Theatre performing, **Charlotte's Web**. The best-selling children's paperback of all time tells the story of Wilbur, the irresistible young pig that desperately wants to avoid the butcher, and Charlotte, the extraordinary spider on a campaign to save him. Watch this timeless tale of friendship and loyalty come to life in a thrilling theatrical presentation! Features 2015 JMU musical theatre alum and Harrisonburg native Caitlin McAvoy as Charlotte. **Shows at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM at Forbes Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets: Adults—\$14, Children—\$11.**

Women's Connection

→ THROUGH THE VALLEY ←

AUGUST 10-12, 2018
Montreat Conference Center
Montreat, North Carolina

During the 2018 Women' Connection,
we will journey through the valleys together,
reflecting on the times we have sensed
God's presence in our lives.

We will discover ways to cultivate God's presence
in our daily lives as we walk through the valleys
(and on the mountaintops!).

As a community, we will faithfully
proclaim that God is with us.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
KATE BUTLER



PREACHER
REV. DR. DIANE MOFFETT



MUSIC LEADER
REV. EUSTACIA
MOFFETT-MARSHALL

REGISTER NOW: www.montreat.org/women

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me." — Psalm 23:4

Words of Thanks

A message to
"my other church family":
Thank you so much for your
many cards, notes, and
messages of condolence in
response to Ervin's passing.
They've been a great source
of comfort to me and my
family and we sincerely
appreciated all of your thoughts
and prayers. We
left a part of our hearts at
Covenant when we moved
to North Carolina.

Thanks again and love to all,
Eleanor Hamme

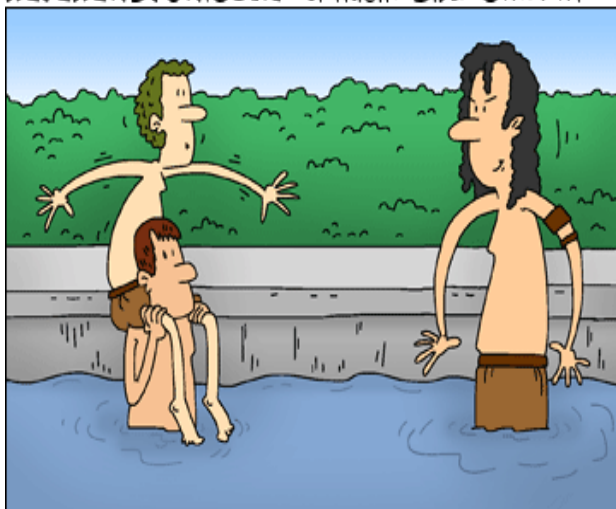
Thank you for all the cards and
words of sympathy for the recent
death of Ruth's mother. The
warmth and concern of the
Covenant family was very
important to us at this time.

Ruth Arnold & Lou Dolive

Read the Bible in a Year

June 11	Reflect on God as Center		
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June 18	Reflect on God as Living Water		
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June 25	Reflect on God as Perfector		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1	2 Chron. 22-24	Job 23	2 Cor. 4

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reminds you
"PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY"
is the first Sunday of
every month!
Please bring a jar of
peanut butter.

Fill the  bucket

FOR THOSE IN NEED