



Covenant Connection

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Connect with the Pastor ...



The biennial General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met June 16-23 in St. Louis around a theme of “Renewing the Vision: Kindom building for the 21st century.” The misspelling was intentional. As Presbyterians we are “kin”, brothers and sisters called to live together under the reign of God and work together to upbuild the Kingdom of God. As one writer has described it:

God’s kin-dom looks like my grandmother’s house – a house where there is always room around the kitchen table for another neighbor, another stranger, another guest, as God expands our vision for who are our kin, for who belongs in the household, for who can be served a bowl of arroz con pollo...To fellowship together is a glimpse of the kin-dom of God. (Isaac Villegas)

Kindom is living out koinonia, sharing our lives and life together as God’s people. At the urging of the Holy Spirit, we reach out in love to welcome friends and strangers alike into God’s family. We don’t always agree with one another and sometimes we don’t play well together, but we are still kin in Christ with ties that “bind our hearts in Christian love.”

At this year’s General Assembly, commissioners wrestled with some difficult issues; among them:

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*... but those who wait for
the Lord shall renew their
strength, they shall mount up
with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)

English Tutoring Help Needed

"Because of living in days of yore, you're your own worst enemy." Can you explain the difference between the three homonyms (yore, you're & your) in that statement?

English is one of the hardest languages to learn because of the variety of tenses and the size of the vocabulary. One study in 2007 recommended 10,000 hours of intensive training in order to become fluent in a foreign language.

As our community continues to welcome new faces from all over the world, it is important that these community members have opportunities to learn English as quickly and as efficiently as possible. When adults in a family or a community are more fluent in their ability to communicate basic needs for banking, medical support, educational pursuits, employment opportunities, and everyday tasks such as shopping, the children around them will benefit as well.

LEARN is an adult based English Language tutoring program that serves Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Volunteers will partner with a United Way and Community Foundation of the Blue Ridge-funded program.

The commitment requires 2 hours a week (sequential or split) at your choice of public locations (libraries, coffee shops, restaurants, etc.). You will also need to fill out a background check which will be completed and paid for by LEARN. This exciting opportunity begins with one seven-hour training at the Fishersville office on July 21st. If July 21st doesn't work for your summer schedule, Covenant can host a training, if we have enough participants!

We have 3 members committed to joining already, but our goal is to have a dozen! There is no limit to the number of tutors they need -- we're sure they will take all that we can bring!

For more information, please contact Rebecca Allison (beccaletsplay@gmail.com; 540-294-0979) or any member of our E&M Task Force (Kristin Seigel, Laura Stahl, Ellen Lucuis-Millman).

Check out LEARN's website, www.learnva.org, for more information.

Items for the next newsletter are due to Martha by **9:00 AM on Friday, July 20th.**

Please email her at:
covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com



Medical Loan Items

Covenant has members who will graciously share their medical items such as walkers, crutches, etc. These items are available to reserve for use by contacting the church office. If you are presently using a borrowed item, please let Martha at the church office know so that we can better keep track of what has been loaned out. The office number is 540-885-2138 or you can email her at covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com

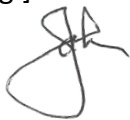


Connect with the Pastor... *Cont'd*

- ◆ Climate change: continued corporate engagement with oil and natural gas companies to work for changes to protect the earth
- ◆ Family Separation: called for an end to the separation of children from their parents at the border and urged prompt reunification of those parents and children already separated
- ◆ The Way Forward: approved a more equitable governance structure for the national PCUSA
- ◆ Race and Inequality: urged confronting structural racism and systemic inequality in word and action, and began the long process of adding Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" to our Book of Confessions
- ◆ Central America: established a partnership with a Salvadoran church working to reduce gang-related violence in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador; that violence has caused many refugees to flee

Presbyterians from all over the country worshiped together, prayed together, ate together, debated together, and served together for one week in St. Louis. They are our kin, and the work and worship and service they offered there continues – within our church and presbytery and denomination and world – brothers and sisters in the family of God called to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ together!

[For more information on the actions of the General Assembly, check out the PCUSA website www.pcusa.org and the Presbyterian Outlook at <https://pres-outlook.org>.]



Covenant Hosts Habitat Volunteers



We were thankful that we could host 25 members of the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church from McLean Va. who worked on three Habitat for Humanity houses during the last week of June. The group of young adults, teens, and older members worked to renovate a 100 year old house and two new ones in town. They built decks, entry porches, wall boarded interior walls and installed a stone veneer front on one house. Habitat's Construction Manager was extremely pleased with the church's skilled work and their Christian attitude.

The group used our Great Hall and kitchen facilities for the week and graciously thanked us for the best accommodations they ever had on these work trips. They were awarded a Covenant Cookbook to remember us and their time in Staunton.

Jeff Ryman is starring in the lead role of Potts.
Emma Houseknecht is a member of the Ensemble.
Zoe Stahl is doing Tech/Follow Spot.

The Wayne Theatre presents

IAN FLEMING'S

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG



Sunday, August 12 at 3:00PM

\$20 for main floor seating

20 seats have been reserved by the Fellowship Team. Tickets may be purchased through Melissa Druff (540-448-1948 or druffm@comcast.net) no later than 4:00PM on Tuesday, August 7th. Pick up tickets at the Will Call the day of the performance.

Congratulations

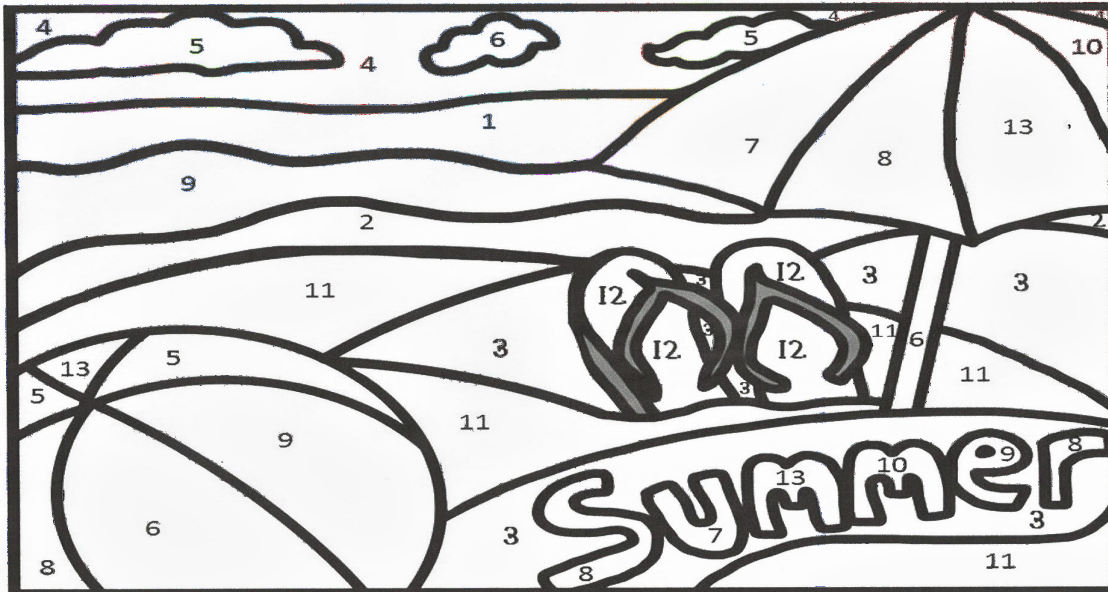
to Sarah Wolf, who was ordained
at her home church in Durham,
NC on Sunday, July 8th! Sarah
will be officially installed as our
Associate Pastor at Covenant
on August 19, 2018!

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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Summer Fun for the Kids



Color Key

White:
5, 6
Red:
8
Blue:
9
Dark Blue:
1
Brown:
11
Light Brown:
3
Green:
10
Sky Blue:
4
Light Blue:
2
Orange:
7
Pink:
12
Yellow:
13

Have a great Summer!

Fifth Sunday - Kickball & Picnic July 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm Field next to the Church

Gather on the field for a fun-spirited game of kickball! Prepare to play or bring your lawn chairs to relax and watch the game. Hot dogs, chips, water, and a sweet treat will be provided by the Fellowship Team. Join us for a great evening together!



SUNDAY JULY 29, 2018, 9AM

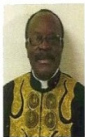
Frontier Culture Museum
Staunton, Virginia

Join the Igbo Nation as we
come together at the Frontier
Culture Museum in a unique
church service that flows
across all denominations.

igbo nation non-denominal church service



Reverend Dr. Madauwuchi S. Ogbonna, CSSP
will deliver the authentic church service accom-
panied by authentic West African Music.



This is an outdoor event so dress code is casual.
Also, you might want to bring your own lawn
chair. Food vendors from local churches will be
on sight selling dinner after the service.

Words of Thanks

So many, many thanks owed for the
love shown during David's recent ill-
ness and current recovery. The cards,
calls, and meals — and the bad jokes
that made me laugh aloud when I
thought I was losing perspective —
were wonderful. We are blessed to
be part of this community.

— Kathy Henderson

Dear Friends at Covenant:

What a WONDERFUL church you are!
Thank you so much for the warm wel-
come, and the love, support, and
encouragement that you gave me
during my time as Interim Director of
Children's Ministries. It has been a joy
and an honor to serve together with
you. God bless your continued work
and witness in Staunton and the
world!

— Betty Richmond

July & August Happy Half Hour

Every Sunday in
July and August at
9:15AM in the Breezeway



Join us between the 8:30AM and 10:00AM services for
an opportunity for BOTH services to come together for
fellowship and conversation! Beverages, bagels, and Danish
will be provided. Gather with old friends or make new ones!



8:30AM—Blended Service
10:00AM—Traditional Service

CRUISE-IN

old's cool

9:15 am

Sunday, July 22

Front Parking Lot



During the Happy Half Hour, between services, we will celebrate once again a Covenant Cruise-In. Folks in our congregation with classic/antique/old cars will be bringing them for you to see, ask questions about, and perhaps share a memory or two. Some of the cars date back to the 1930's and perhaps beyond, while others are classic cars from later years. Plan to come early or stay after the late worship. Remember that the late service begins at 10:00 AM, so please allow enough time to see what you want to see and get to the worship before the closing hymn!

What's Happening In the Community

July 10 — Praise in the Park— free gospel concerts! **Tuesday night, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Gypsy Hill Park Band Stand.** Bring a lawn chair or blanket and the family and sit under the big shade trees. The concerts are typically held rain or shine. There are activities for children. The concession stand offers hotdogs, pizza, funnel cakes, ice cream, popcorn, chips and drinks. Performing will be Blue Mountain Sunrise (Gospel Bluegrass) and Heaven's Mountain Band (Southern Gospel). **Free admission.**

July 15 — Rock N Ridgeview — Grab a blanket & meet up with family and friends on Thursday evenings from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at the **amphitheater at Ridgeview Park, 700 S. Magnolia Avenue, Waynesboro**, where good music comes naturally. This **FREE** music series is sure to have you tapping your toes. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Performers on July 15 are Chamomile and Whiskey (roots/Irish/americana/mountain-funk).

July 15 — Old Time Concert Series at Humpback Rocks Visitor Center. 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Blue Ridge Parkway concerts highlight mountain music. Since there was no radio or television in mountain living, music was the means of entertainment. People told stories of hardships and comforts through the instruments they played, the movements of their dances and the lyrics of their songs. Mountain music was more than just tunes. It was life stories backed up with beautiful instruments like the autoharp, guitar, bass, banjo and fiddle. Sponsored by the Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Bill Bolling Foundation. 540-943-4716. **Milepost 5.8 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Free admission.**

July 15 — Polo at King Family Vineyards — Matches begin at **1:00 PM each Sunday**, weather and field conditions permitting. Please visit the King Family Vineyard Facebook page on Sunday mornings to see updates. Vehicles are welcome to park "tailgate style" around the field. You may also park in the winery parking lot and watch the match from our patio. Bring chairs, blankets and shade; popup tents and umbrellas are welcome. Be sure to set up a safe distance from the field (at least 30 feet). For your convenience, portable restrooms are located behind the scoreboard. Event is free.

July 16 — Stonewall Brigade Band Kids' Concert — The July 16th concert will feature "Instrument Petting Zoo" at 7:15 PM by the concession stand, providing an opportunity for kids to see instruments close up. The 8:00 PM concert is held at the Stonewall Brigade Bandstand in beautiful Gypsy Hill Park. Concessions open at 7:30 PM. Lawn chairs or blankets are highly suggested as permanent seating is very limited. For the best sound, try to sit on or near the permanent seats. **Free admission.**

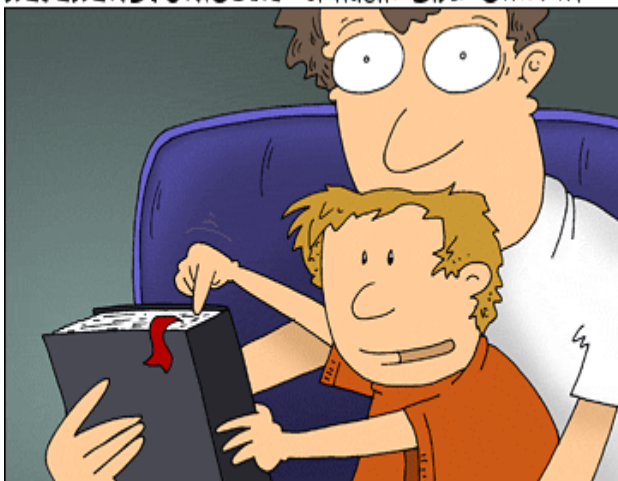
July 19 — Coffee with the Curator — Join our Curator Andrew Phillips for coffee and stimulating discussion at 10:30 AM in the Library and Research Center of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum. The discussion will be Hitting the Links: Woodrow Wilson's Golf Clubs. For more information, contact Andrew Phillips - Curator, (540) 885-0897 ext. 111.

July 20— Shenandoah Valley Music Festival presents Home Free - Timeless World Tour — Concert held at **The Pavilion at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs. Concert begins at 8:00 PM; gates open at 6:00 PM.** Cost: Preferred Pavilion \$49; Regular Pavilion: \$45; Adult Lawn: \$42; Children's Lawn: \$10. Tickets can be purchased at <https://musicfest.secure.force.com/ticket>

Read the Bible in a Year

July 9	Reflect on God as Refuge		
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Neh. 4-5	Ps. 84	2 Cor. 11
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<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Neh. 8-10	Ps. 85	2 Cor. 13
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Neh. 11-13	Job 28	Gal. 1
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July 16	Reflect on God as Victor		
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Esther 5-6	Ps. 87	Gal. 4
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<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Isaiah 1	Job 31	Eph. 1
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July 23	Reflect on God as High Priest		
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Isaiah 4	Ps. 89:27-52	Eph. 4
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<input type="checkbox"/> 29	Isaiah 9	Job 35	Phil. 3

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every month!
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Fill the  bucket

FOR THOSE IN NEED