



Covenant Connection

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

8-6

Covenant Nursing Steering
Committee
Congregational Care Team
Facilities Team
Worship Team

8-12

Outreach Team
Teacher Training
Wrestling Through Faith (Youth)

8-14

Preschool Team
Stewardship & Finance Team

8-16

Executive Team

8-17

Fired-Up Friday (2nd-8th graders)

8-19

CareGivers Group
Installation Service for
Sarah Wolf
Wrestling Through Faith (Youth)
STATE SESSION MEETING

Connect with the Pastor ...



***I** takes a village to raise a child.*

That oft-repeated mantra was in evidence this week as a host of teens and adults from five area churches joined together here at Covenant to welcome over 80 children for the Helping Hands program. There was a kitchen crew preparing and serving meals, musicians leading songs, mission crews serving in the community, artists helping to create imaginative crafts, energetic youth leading games, thoughtful leaders guiding discussions, and steady leaders making sure that all ran smoothly. The enthusiastic participation of the kids bore testimony to the success of all those good efforts. Perhaps as important was the loving spirit of the teens and adults who worked together through a wild and somewhat wet week. We were blessed to host this event! Our thanks to Cora Leigh Clark and her team for a wonderful week! It was suggested that the week would be a success if there was no damage to children or the building, but the week far exceeded that measure of success!

Almost twenty years ago when we discussed expanding our church facilities we talked about creating space, not just for ourselves, but for outreach to the community, a place that would be welcoming to our neighbors near and far. Throughout the year we have a lot of folks in and out of our doors for non-church

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A Bible Verse to Think About - Psalm 25:5

Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.



WHO: 2nd-8th Grade (w/ High School Leadership) ****bring friends****

WHAT: Games, Bible Lesson & Service Project

WHEN: Friday, August 17th, 6:00-8:00 PM
(check-in starts at 5:45)

WHERE: At the Church

COST: \$5 per family

Let us know you plan to come!

This ministry, occurring on the third Fridays of the month, is for our children to get a chance to bring some friends to church, have some fun, and serve together! The Middle School students will be separate from the Elementary School students, so it won't feel like the older kids are too old or the younger kids are too young. It's like youth group fun, for all ages (well, for 2nd-8th graders). We also need High School students to help lead the groups. Email Laura Lawson with questions or to RSVP at lauramayfieldlawson@gmail.com

Items for the next newsletter are due to Martha by **9:00 AM on Friday, August 17th.**

Please email her at: covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com



Just for Pun

- ◆ Every calendar's days are numbered.
- ◆ A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- ◆ If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- ◆ Acupuncture is a job well done.
- ◆ A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- ◆ Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- ◆ Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- ◆ When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- ◆ A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- ◆ The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- ◆ Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

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

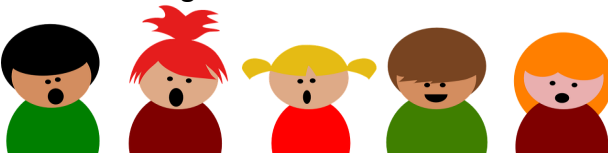
activities with meetings of the bird club and DAR, banquets for the NAACP, concerts by the Crawford Brothers, rehearsals for local theater groups, retreats for choral groups, housing for a Presbyterian Church mission team, and practices for children's soccer and basketball teams! It is our joy to share this space as faithful stewards of these facilities which we built to God's glory. We care for it, and we share it! This week it was well-shared in service to these kids, but also to the glory of God!



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

Children, Come & Sing

Youth choir rehearsals will begin on September 9th. Children in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to sing with the Alpha Choir. We will practice on Sunday, before Sunday School at 9:10 am in the Choir Room. The Omega Choir, for those in 4th grade and above, will practice in the Choir Room after the last worship service until 12:30 pm. Please mark your calendars, and come and sing with us.



Nursing Nook

with Kathy Henderson, RN



When working as a school nurse, I occasionally found myself seething with anger towards parents who didn't answer their phones or respond to messages to come pick up their (sick) children from my clinic – or whose response was "I'll be there when possible, please just let him (or her) rest with you for a while." And so feverish, miserable children sat in my closet-sized clinic, crowded in with other miserable children with different, often communicable sicknesses. Even as I silently berated the parents, I guiltily remembered dodging school nurse calls, and even (yes, more than once) sending my daughters off to school with mild fevers, assuring myself that:

- a) they weren't that sick or,
- b) they'd probably picked up whatever virus they had from classmates.

Not until years later, while in nursing school, did I even begin to fathom the potential danger of my actions. That cold could have been undiagnosed asthma, that shortness of breath an undetected heart valve problem. (I know this from personal experience.)

Covenant parents are a caring, savvy group, so I'm guessing that all of our school-agers have had their back-to-school checkups, with attendant hearing and vision checks and vaccinations. (If the checkup slipped by, most area high schools offer screenings during the early weeks of school. Call the school office for dates and to find out what ages are eligible.) You've probably begun "practicing" early bedtimes and discussing lunch plans (to buy or carry?), and have hand sanitizer, Kleenex and medication lists (PLEASE make sure you deliver these personally to your school nurse).

But have you checked your "emergency call" list to make sure your back-ups can be available at short notice to retrieve your sick child? Please make this a priority. Your children (and their school nurses) will be grateful.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS

Our Book of Order tells us this about the office of Elder:

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Ruling Elders are chosen by the people. Together with Teaching Elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament), they exercise leadership, governance, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibility for the life of a congregation, as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. They serve faithfully as members of the Session and should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. Additionally, the church makes provision for youth who may be called to serve as youth elders to serve a one-year term, if so called.

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The Nominating Committee is seeking names to be considered for Elder. If you know of someone you feel would be qualified to serve, please write his or her name below and turn in this form either by dropping it in the offering plate during Sunday worship or at the church office by August 26.

ELDER NOMINATIONS

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Peanut Butter Sunday Presbyterian Coffee Project Blessing of the Backpacks 8:30 AM Blended Worship 9:30 AM Happy Half Hour 10:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Team 11:30 AM Christian Education Team 1:00 PM YOUTH Activity	6 Covenant Connection Published 4:30 PM Covenant Community Nursing Steering Committee 5:30 PM Congregational Care Team 7:00 PM Facilities Team 7:15 PM Worship Team	7	8	9 9:00 AM Verona Food Pantry	10	11
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The church was a buzz of activity this past week, as 79 campers, grades K–5th grade, and 35 youth staff, grades 6th–12th grade, attended Helping Hands Camp. This camp, sponsored by five Staunton churches, spoke to campers about how emojis can help us remember who to pray for each day. Sponsoring church volunteers presented a daily scripture and message of the day. The campers had special outreach visitors during the week to include: Positive Paws, Heifetz Program Musicians, Wildlife Center, and Lee High School Football Team. Nineteen of the 6th and 7th grade youth staffers were on mission crews that held a car wash which collected \$457 to go to a charity, Staunton Senior Center where they painted and built stairs, AMI Garden at Augusta Health to weed and harvest vegetables, Trinity Episcopal Church to serve lunch, and work at Habitat for Humanity. To corral, feed and minister to these campers were 20 adult volunteers.



Update from Crystal Gosnell



This little guy is around 2 years old. He joined our family about 6 months ago. He couldn't sit up unassisted and was still only drinking from a feeding bottle. The changes since then have been amazing. He can now sit, crawl, turn over, go from sitting to lying down and vice versa, drink from a cup, feed himself (even trying to use a spoon!), play with other children, stand with assistance, and is even trying to pull up into a standing position on his own. It's so fun to watch him make up games to play on his own, figure out how to put blocks together, zoom his cars around, interact with the babies, and his smile is priceless. Please continue to pray for him and our many children who face one challenge or another in their growth and development due to their rough starts in life (little or no prenatal care, difficult birth, premature birth, low birth weight, early malnutrition, childhood illnesses like malaria, etc.).

Also please pray for our staff as we strive to meet these diverse needs and help each child achieve his or her own unique potential. **"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" - Psalm 139:14**

SACRED PUBLIC ART REFLECTING FAITH & COMMUNITY

A Presentation by
D. Lee Beard

with a Guided Tour
of the Stained Glass Windows
of Trinity Episcopal Church
by Sara James, Ph.D

When:
Sunday, August 26, 2018
4:00 - 5:00 PM

Where:
McCrackin Hall in the
Parish House of
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Staunton, VA

Free & Open to the Public



Gift of King to the Nation
In Loving Memory of
Allen Caperton Denton
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The Caregivers Group will meet
on **Sunday, August 19 at 11:30AM**
(after the 10:00AM service) in
Room 5. Anyone caring for a
loved one who would like to talk
with others in similar situations
is invited to come. Linda Owen is
the group facilitator. If you would
like additional information,
contact Joan Sayers.

The Facilities Team requests
that no one enter the Great
Hall gym or stage from Mon-
day, August 6th through Fri-
day, August 17th. The stage
is being refurbished and the
gym floor is being cleaned.

What's Happening In the Community

August 6, 13, 20 — Stonewall Brigade Band Concert — The 8:00 PM concert featuring British Band Classics 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.**

August 7 & 9 — Stars of Tomorrow Chamber Music — Enjoy the Heifetz Institute's signature series, a showcase for breathtaking performances by our extraordinary Heifetz Institute students, taking the Francis Auditorium stage to hone their artistry and communication skills, aided by our outstanding Piano faculty. **Francis Auditorium at Mary Baldwin University, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$8.00 per ticket.**

August 10 -19 — Staunton Music Festival — This year's program is sure to dazzle, delight and astound you. Highlights include a staged presentation of Handel's rarely-heard opera *Hercules*; world premieres by composers-in-residence; a day of Mozart, culminating with the *Requiem* on period instruments; music by everyone from Monteverdi to Gershwin and from Bach's Fifth Brandenburg to Bartok's Sonata for Pianos and Percussion. With 30 concerts over 10 days, there is something for every music lover to enjoy. We invite you to join us and RETHINK CLASSICAL! For more information, visit www.stauntonmusicfestival.org

August 11 — Rt. 11 Yard Crawl — The Route 11 Yard Crawl Flip is a fun, creative twist fashioned after the HGTV show *Flea Market Flip*. Forty-three (43)miles of antiques and yard sales. There is no official starting point for the crawl, however the official crawl is from New Market to Stephens City. You may start at any point. **Begins at 7:00 AM.**

August 12 — American Roots Music Concert — A dinner/concert event featuring traditional Appalachian, bluegrass, blues, gospel, and old-time music. Come listen to the sounds of Shenandoah Echoes. The event provides a casual environment, and features dinner theater seating with food and beverage vendors in the Lee S. Cochran Pavilion at the **Frontier Culture Museum. 5:00—7:00 PM. Ticket are \$12 per adult, \$7 per child, 5 & under are free.**

August 16 — 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 Dining in Style: The Obenschain Family's French China. For more information, contact Andrew Phillips - Curator, (540) 885-0897 ext. 111

August 17 — Sunset Concert at the Vineyard — The Bootsie Daniels Band to be the entertainment for the evening! Doors open at 6:30, and music will begin at 7pm. A food truck will be on site. Or you are welcome to pack your dinner or some light bites, and enjoy them while listening to some fantastic music! **Barren Ridge Vineyard, 984 Barren Ridge Rd, Fishersville, 6:30 PM, \$10 general admission.**

August 18 — Annual Natural Chimneys Jousting Tournament — Begins at **10:00 AM** at **Natural Chimneys Park in Mount Solon.** The tradition continues with a day of jousting and lots of fun for the entire family! Lots of vendors and activities! The event runs all day and into the evening with a night Joust! Following the last joust, enjoy the music of Relentless.

Read the Bible in a Year

Aug 6	Reflect on God as Father		
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	Isaiah 16	Ps. 95	1 Thess. 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 8	Isaiah 17	Job 39	1 Thess. 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 9	Isaiah 18	Ps. 96	1 Thess. 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Isaiah 19	Job 40	1 Thess. 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Isaiah 20	Ps. 97	2 Thess. 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Isaiah 21	Job 41	2 Thess. 2
Aug 13	Reflect on God as Light		
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Isaiah 22	Ps. 98	2 Thess. 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Isaiah 23	Job 42	1 Tim. 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Isaiah 24	Ps. 99	1 Tim. 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Isaiah 25	Song 1:1-17	1 Tim. 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Isaiah 26	Ps. 100	1 Tim. 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	Isaiah 27	Song 1:8-17	1 Tim. 5
Aug 20	Reflect on God as Truth		
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Isaiah 28	Ps. 101	1 Tim. 6
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<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Isaiah 30	Ps. 102	2 Tim. 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Isaiah 31	Song 2:8-17	2 Tim. 3
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<input type="checkbox"/> 26	Isaiah 33	Song 3:1-5	Titus 1

Diaper Drive Continues

The Outreach Team is holding a diaper drive for the YoungLives of Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro. Needed are wipes and diapers of all sizes. Please place your donations on the table in front of the church library. The collection will run from July 29 to August 19. YoungLives provides support for teen moms by pairing them with adult mentors, who give guidance on all aspects of being a mom and caring for children. Supply of diapers and wipes are very low at this time. Donations would be very much appreciated.



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*You are invited to come
and share in a
Service of Installation
for Sarah Wolf
Sunday, August 19 at 3:00pm
at
Covenant Presbyterian Church.*

*Come and celebrate with Sarah
and all of us as she officially becomes
our Associate Pastor!*