

# Covenant Connection

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**6-29**

Stand-In Saturday for Fifth Sunday

**6-30**

**4 CENTS A MEAL**

Blended Worship  
Fellowship in the Breezeway  
Parenting Forward  
Summer Health Talk  
Traditional Worship

**7-7**

**PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY**

**PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT**

Blended Worship  
Happy Half Hour  
Traditional Worship  
YOUth Zipline & Challenge

**7-8**

60th Anniversary Committee

**7-14**

Blended Worship  
Happy Half Hour  
Traditional Worship

**7-21**

Blended Worship  
Happy Half Hour & Cruise-In  
Traditional Worship

## Connect with the Youth Director . .

This Sunday, the youth loaded up two large SUVs to head out for our mission/church camp trip with *Passportmissions* at Averett University in Danville, VA. This week will be full of crazy-silly fun, Bible reading and studying, new friendships, mission work, and just a little bit of growing up. Passport offers an opportunity for youth to get their feet wet in the world of mission work, combining fun evenings of games, dancing, and a talent show with afternoons of mission in the community of Danville. The theme for the camp this year is "Fearless." The camp website shares:



In a world that seems to be telling us to fear more and love others less, Jesus calls us to an alternative way of living. Our lives can be radically changed as we notice God at work around us, continue to grow our faith, gather our strength from God, and let love permeate all that we do. Using 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 as a theme verse and the outline for the week, campers will be challenged as they dig into this passage to explore what Paul meant when he called us all to live a faith that is based in love, not in fear. When we are FEARLESS, we can LOVE MORE and FEAR LESS.

These ideas are not limited to our youth to ponder. These ideas permeate our culture. The fear of differences has bred separation in our communities, our politics, our day to day lives, and even the church. Do we teach our daughters not to walk alone at

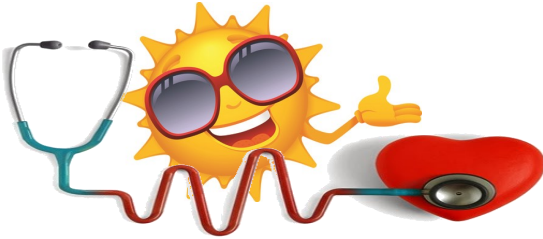
## SUMMER HEALTH SERIES

Bring on your questions about summer (and other seasonal) health! Help is as near as the Church Breezeway! Between services in June, stop by and ask away!

**WHERE:** The Breezeway

**WHEN AND WHO:**

**June 30:** Family physician & faculty member at the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences - Kent Diduch



Congratulations on the birth of **Ella Carolyn Owen**, born June 18th in Huntersville, NC. Evan and Melanie Owen are the proud parents, and Linda and Rod Owen are grandparents for the first time!

## T-SHIRT SALES TO COMMENCE



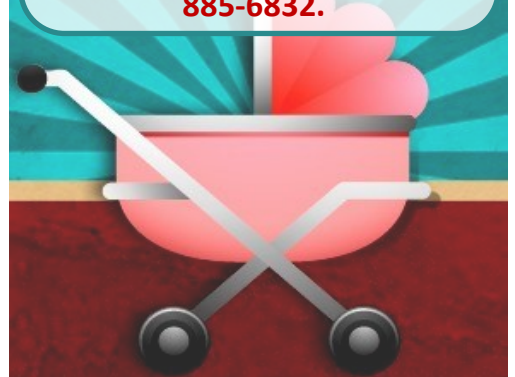
**PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

Short sleeve t-shirts available in black, white, grey, blue, purple, or red. Design on the shirt is similar to the logo above. Youth small to adult XL is available in all of the colors and shirts are \$10 each. XXL are \$12 and XXXL are \$13. Deadline to order is July 29th. Please contact Robyn Sommerfield to place your order or get an order form at the church office.

## NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

The Nursery Team is looking for adults and families who would enjoy playing with our youngest members during the 10:00 AM church service (10:00 AM in July & August).

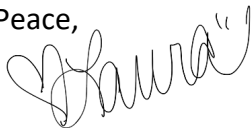
Our new plan is to have volunteers come the first Sunday of the month, every month. If you would like to come join the fun, please contact Susie Oberg, 885-6832.



night? Do we cross the street to avoid walking directly in front of the homeless person laying on the sidewalk? Do we talk about "those conservatives using their theology as a political agenda" or "those liberals using their political agenda to change theology?" Do we look away from the woman wearing a hijab? Where do our fears make us love others less? Some of these questions do not have easy answers. We cannot deny the way the world is, but it is also not going to change if we don't change it. A commonly truncated quote from Gandhi goes somewhat like this: "If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him . . . We need not wait to see what others do." While being the change we want to see in the world is a good thing, this quote acknowledges that one person does not change the entire world alone. Rather, collectively we can change the tendencies in the world. So let's begin the collective!

Please pray for our youth as we spend a week pondering what it looks like to love more together. And when we come home, let's unite this conversation – finding ways that we can all work together to move (and motivate!) our world in the direction of love.

Peace,



# WORDS OF THANKS!

These are words of thanksgiving for all the kind and generous people that brought supper out to our father, Dr. John Todd. Your visits were a highlight of his day, and the food you lovingly prepared was very appreciated. Thank you to Becky Earhart for helping coordinate this meaningful ministry.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Todd Hedberg  
John Wesley Todd  
Sarah Todd Nave

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I would like to thank you for your cards, notes, visits, car rides, gifts of food, time and yourselves. Having another surgery was very unexpected, but I'm fully recovered. Our whole family has been given so much love and comfort from you all. Thank you, Covenant family, and thanks be to God.


Sincerely,  
Becky Wszalek

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Dear Covenant Family:  
Thank you so much for joining in the joyful celebration of our wedding. We received your generous gift. We are so grateful! It has really helped us in getting set-up in our new together-home!

Love & gratitude,  
Raphael & Crystal  
(missionaries in Nigeria)

*Please keep in your prayers:*  
Stan Heatwole and family  
on the death of Stan's daughter,  
Malika Heatwole,  
on June 6th.



*Condolences*



## ALL ABOUT EQUAL EXCHANGE

In 1983, three managers at a New England food co-op — Jonathan Rosenthal, Michael Rozyne, and Rink Dickinson — had a shared vision of fairness to farmers and finding ways to develop a closer connection between people and the farmers we all rely on. The three began meeting each week to discuss the best ways to change the way food is grown, bought, and sold around the world. At the end of this time, three years later, in 1986, they had a plan for a new organization called Equal Exchange.

Today Equal Exchange has over 120 worker-owners, each with an equal stake and an equal vote in their business. They believe that they should expect no less from themselves and one another than they demand from their farmer partners. And today, Equal Exchange has farmer partners throughout North and South America, Africa, and Asia.

In the next ALL ABOUT EQUAL EXCHANGE, we will learn more about some of those individual connections and relationships.



Antonio Betanco picker, PRODECOOP, La Union co-op in Nicaragua



Eusebio Laron Torres, Socio de CACVRA, Peru

*Photos Courtesy of Equal Exchange*

**Summer**  
**WORSHIP TIMES**  
 JULY AND AUGUST

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

**Zipline & Challenge Course**

**WHO:** Youth Group  
**WHEN:** Sunday, July 7, after 10:00 AM service until 5:00 PM  
**WHAT:** Massanetta Springs' Zipline, Challenge Course, and Prayer Labyrinth  
**COST:** \$10 per youth  
**WEAR:** Sneakers, a t-shirt (not tank top), shorts that are long enough to accommodate a harness  
**RSVP to Laura Lawson by Sunday, June 30th.**



# Popsicles & Play

During June through August, we invite families to come hang out on the playground following the late worship service for **Popsicles & Play**.

We will provide the popsicles.

You provide the play!

Our hope is that this will be a great way for families to fellowship with one another and for the children of our church to continue to develop their friendships with each other during the summer months. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent.

## Camp Covenant 2019

**JULY 8 - 11 (MONDAY - THURSDAY)**  
**BLAST INTO SPACE!**

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

\$88 per week

Please pack a peanut-free lunch & a water bottle.

Children who have been thru our program are welcome to attend.

Ages 2-5 yrs old and/or finished Kindergarten.

Registration forms are available in the office.



# BRIGHT STAR

Sunday, July 21st, 3:00 pm

*Music, Book & Story by*

*Steve Martin*

*Music, Lyrics & Story by*

*Edie Brickell*

*Julia Bussey plays the role of Margo*

*Set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in 1945-46 with flashbacks to 1923.*

*The musical combines a winsome country and bluegrass score.*

Twenty (20) tickets have been reserved by the Fellowship Team.

Cost:

Adults - \$17

Senior/Students - \$14

Children - \$10

For tickets, contact Melissa Druff at 540-448-1948 or [druffm@comcast.net](mailto:druffm@comcast.net)

Deadline is 3:00 PM, Monday, July 8.

SHENANARTS THEATER

300 CHURCHVILLE AVENUE, STAUNTON, VA

Trivia Answer: April 26, 1959

## THE GREAT FACILITIES GIVEAWAY

- ⇒ 2 soccer nets
- ⇒ 1 portable air tank
- ⇒ 9 8-foot folding tables (solid, sturdy, and heavy) Would make great work benches or arts & crafts tables. Stacked in fellowship hallway. Take one—take all.

Please contact Rebecca Allison at 540-294-0979 if you or any non-profit organization might benefit from these items.

# CRUISE-IN

*old's cool*

9:15 am

Sunday, July 21

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!



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# JUNE - JULY 2019

Items for the next newsletter are due to Martha by **9:00 AM on Friday, July 19th.**

Please email her at:  
Covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com



## REMINDER

There will be **NO** newsletter on July 8th. The next newsletter will be published on July 22nd.

When was the first Covenant Service (the one that was officially recognized by the then Lexington Presbytery)?

(look through the newsletter to find the answer.)

Remember Covenant's 60th Anniversary on August 25th

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Friday 8:15AM-12:15PM



### MINISTERIAL & PROGRAM STAFF

**John C. Peterson**

*Pastor*

**Sarah Wolf**

*Associate Pastor*

**Laura Lawson**

*Director of Youth Ministries*

**Jeffrey Ryman**

*Minister of Music*

**Christopher Wszalek**

*Organist*

**Lou Dolive**

*Handbell Director*

**Joan Swift**

*Director of Children's Music*

**Mitzi White**

*Developmental Preschool Director*

**Martha Pierce**

*Administrative Assistant*

**Paul Sorrell**

*Treasurer*

**Kathy Henderson**

*Covenant Nurse*

**Cleo Holly**

*Custodian*

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We're on the web!  
[covenantpresstaunton.org](http://covenantpresstaunton.org)

# 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!