

# Covenant Connection

June 10, 2019 | Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Covenant Presbyterian Church

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**6-11**

PW Executive Board  
PW Circle Meeting  
Stewardship & Finance Team

**6-13**

Executive Board

**6-15**

Youth Subcommittee

**6-16**

**FATHER'S DAY**

Blended Worship  
Parenting Forward  
Traditional Worship  
STATED SESSION MEETING

**6-21**

Newsletter Items Due

**6-23**

Blended Worship  
Parenting Forward  
Summer Health Talk  
Traditional Worship  
CareGivers Group  
Joint Task Force on  
Children in Poverty

**6-29**

Stand-In Saturday for  
Fifth Sunday

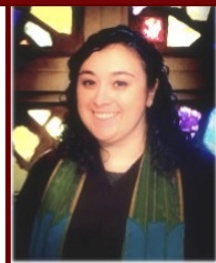
## Connect with the Associate Pastor . .

Dear Friends:

Summer is among us! School is out. Sunday school is out. Godly Play is out. So, what's a kid to do during worship without Godly Play?

A few things:

- Sit where your children can see! We have *several* spots up towards the front that are open each week for young eyes to get the best view of worship. Or, a few families like to sit toward the middle/back of the Sanctuary where the pews are cut out a little bit for some floor seating.
- Grab a Children's Worship Notebook in the Narthex before worship. In these notebooks, you'll find coloring sheets, worship worksheets, pipe cleaners, and more. These notebooks are a great way to keep little hands busy and minds engaged!
- Check out our children's Bibles in each pew. We try to make sure to include the page number for the Bible story in the bulletin. We also have a list of our favorite Bible stories on the pew inserts in the racks to read. And, did you know that there is a lizard to find on each page?
- Finally, join us on the playground for Popsicles and Play! This summer, we will gather on the playground following the 10:30 service (or 10:00 beginning in July!) for a tasty



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## A Bible Verse to Think About 2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

Trivia Answer: To the right of the front Narthex door and 1962.

## Fill the bucket

FOR THOSE IN NEED

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



### SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

This summer we are planning a "Game Day" for the kids at Farrier Court! The city provides them with a free lunch on Monday, Thursday, and Friday from June 3 to July 26. Last year we helped serve the food to the kids and found there was a very low attendance. This year in hopes of drawing more kids to the free meal, Covenant has volunteered to offer a "Game Day" every Thursday. Take books and read to them, play our favorite board games, or go outside and play kickball! Volunteers should be there by noon and will be finished around 1:30. It should be lots of fun! If you are interested in signing up for one or more Thursdays, please contact Janie Ballurio at 540-849-9286 or [homepro-1@comcast.net](mailto:homepro-1@comcast.net).

You are welcome to bring your own children or grandchildren to eat and play! City staff emphasized the need for men and boys to participate, so bring the whole family. By the way - The location is Farrier Court, named for Mayor Richard Farrier, member of our church and husband of Kitty Farrier! Thank you in advance for giving of your time for our children!

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

treat and some play. After working hard at worship for an hour, it's a great treat for our youngest members to stretch their legs and have a snack!

One of the things that I love most about Covenant is that when we say we welcome all, we mean it. I love the way that we encourage everyone—from our youngest friends to our oldest ones—to be a part of worship, to truly experience this family of faith. So, if we see our friends getting a little wiggly, let's try to remember what it was like at their age! Let us show them that they are welcome and that we are truly a Covenant people.

Peace,



### SUMMER HEALTH SERIES

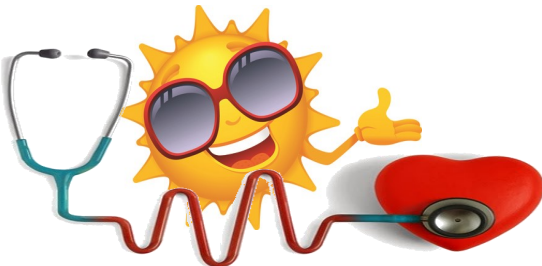
Bring on your questions about summer (and other seasonal) health! Help is as near as the Church Breezeway! Between services in June, stop by and ask away!

**WHERE:** The Breezeway

**WHEN AND WHO:**

**June 23:** Expert in all things outdoors - Charlie Huppuch

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



## Presbyterian Women

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 11 @ 10:00AM COVENANT BREEZEWAY

"GOD WITH US" will be led by Frances Craig. Primary scripture is from Matthew 18 and 28. "Jesus' presence will be with us, and in us, through the HOLY SPIRIT, but someone has to take this promise to the world. Jesus makes a great assignment, the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and will be with us as we complete it."

Following our study we'll have lunch together at the Depot Grille. This will end our 2018 - 2019 term and wonderful Bible study "God's Promise, I Am With You." We'll look forward to our 2019-2020 term and in-depth study of the Ten Commandments, "Love Carved In Stone" by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

Plan to join us on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in the Fall. Our Thank Offering Luncheon will be September 10 at 11:30AM.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ALWAYS BE SAFE IN GOD'S CARE!

### Wi-Fi Project Completed



In January, the Session approved expanding Wi-Fi service throughout the entire church facility. The expansion project is now complete and operational. Church members and visitors can access the Wi-Fi service with cell phones, computers, or other Wi-Fi devices. Connect to **Covenant Guest** to access the service. No password is required.



# What's Happening In the Community

**June 29 - August 9** — Doing a “staycation” this summer? The **Heifetz Institute** has a **Midweek Matinee at First Presbyterian Church for FREE on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM**. Do you love music, but can't attend in the afternoon? They have concerts every day of the week at different times. The **concert series runs from June 29 through August 9**. Here's a quick glance:

**Sundays at 2:00 PM**—Sunday Matinee featuring students, faculty, and guests at MBU's Francis Auditorium, \$15.00 per person.

**Mondays at 7:30 PM**—Stars of Tomorrow (student concerts) at MBU's Francis Auditorium, \$10.00 per person.

**Tuesdays at 7:30 PM**—Stars of Tomorrow (student chamber concerts) at Blackfriars Playhouse, \$10.00 per person.

**Wednesdays at 2:00 PM**—Midweek Matinee at First Presbyterian, FREE.

**Thursdays at 7:30 PM**—Stars of Tomorrow (student concerts) at MBU's Francis Auditorium, \$10.00 per person.

**Fridays at 5:00 PM**—Happy Hour with food and drink, followed by faculty concert at MBU's Francis Auditorium, \$30.00 per person.

**Saturdays at 7:30 PM**—Heifetz Hootenannies (multi-genre concert featuring students, faculty, and local guests), \$15.00 per person.

You can see the entire schedule at: [www.heifetzinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Festival-of-Concerts-Calendar-Calendar-for-customers-with-fixed-links.pdf](http://www.heifetzinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Festival-of-Concerts-Calendar-Calendar-for-customers-with-fixed-links.pdf)

**July 13 - September 29** — **Midsummer 90** by William Shakespeare and directed by Nathan Winkelstein, **at the American Shakespeare Center**. The course of true love never did run smooth. This is a 90-minute adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Check out [www.americanshakespearecenter.com/events/midsummer-90/](http://www.americanshakespearecenter.com/events/midsummer-90/) for specifics on showtimes and ticket prices.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are looking for patient care volunteers and volunteers to work in our hospice house. If you are a good listener, have compassion for others, and a small amount of time on your hands, we can use you!

If interested or for more information, please contact Carrie Gibbons, Volunteer Coordinator at Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah, 540-332-4977.

Registration Deadline: June 17th

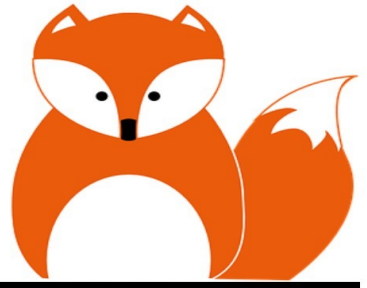
Online registration at: [www.augustahealth.com/hospice/volunteers](http://www.augustahealth.com/hospice/volunteers)

Volunteer Training Classes will be held  
**June 24th - 25th**

**Mon - 9 am to 5 pm/Tues - 8:30 am to 2:00 pm**  
Augusta Health Hospice Office  
64 Sports Medicine Drive, Fishersville



Hospice Volunteer



## ***Stand-in Saturday for Fifth Sunday***

Adults and children are invited to join  
Ashley Kane and Charlie Huppuch  
for a tour of

# The Wildlife Center

in Waynesboro  
and a hike of the surrounding woods.

## Saturday, June 29th

### at 1:00 PM

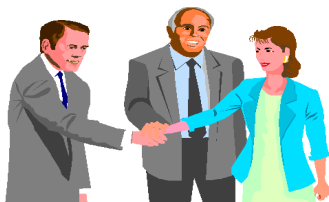
Group size is limited,  
so reserve your spot!

Contact Martha at the church office  
no later than noon on Monday, June 24th.

Cost is \$5.00 person due in cash on the day  
of the event to Ashley or Charlie.

## Ushers Needed for Summer Months

Yes, it is that time of the year - summer vacation! And your help is needed! To make this easy, included below is the 2018 list from last summer. Check the list, determine if you



are available or not. If you are not listed but are available for any of these three months and would like to usher - no experience needed - please respond as soon as possible to Bill Lobb at wlobb01@comcast.net. Ushers in training begin at age 9 and are trained with a parent as they usher together. Don't miss this opportunity to be on the usher team.

**June** — Tom Compton

**July** — Roller & Jerry Lynn Shipplett  
Bob & Mary Ann Stripling

**August** — Eileen Cooper, Cathy Ryan,  
Jack Dean, Brian Dean

## 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**

**Contact Melissa Druff for tickets.  
Deadline is 3:00 PM, Monday, July 8.**

**SHENANARTS THEATER  
300 CHURCHVILLE AVENUE, STAUNTON, VA**

Traveling this summer? If you are away from us on a Sunday, help our Worship Team do a little research. Bring us bulletins from your travels. We'd like to see what exciting things other churches are doing! You can drop them off in the office and Sarah will collect them. Safe Travels!





# 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.



## *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.**

# Registration Due?

Friday, June 28, 2019

Please email:

helpinghandsstaunton@gmail.com



## Who?

Children: Completed grades K - 5

Youth: Completed grades 6 - 12

## Where?

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
2001 N. Coalter Street, Staunton

## When?

Monday, July 29 - Thursday, August 1 from 9:00am - 3:00pm

Friday, August 2 from 9:00am - 12:00pm

## Cost?



\$15 per child; includes lunch, snacks, t-shirt, and more!

Scholarships available

Please consider sponsoring a camper in need of financial assistance.





<i><b>Sunday</b></i>	<i><b>Monday</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday</b></i>	<i><b>Friday</b></i>	<i><b>Saturday</b></i>
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**JUNE - JULY 2019**

Items for the next newsletter are due to Martha by **9:00 AM on Friday, June 21st.**

Please email her at:  
[Covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com](mailto:Covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com)



## ATTENTION

There will be no newsletter on July 8th. If you have anything that needs to be shared to the readers for the first couple weeks in July, the 8th - 22nd, please get that information to Martha by Friday, June 21st, to go out in the June 24th newsletter. Thank you!

Where is the  
Covenant  
Cornerstone and  
what date is  
inscribed on it?

(look through the newsletter  
to find the answer.)

Remember  
Covenant's  
60th Anniversary  
on August 25th

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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