

Covenant Connection

October 14, 2019 | Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Covenant Presbyterian

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Monday Morning Bible Study

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Stewardship & Finance Team

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TOW - Together on Wednesday
Bible Study on Creation

10-17

Executive Team
Bell Choir Practice
Covenant Choir Practice

10-20

Blended Worship
Alpha Choir Practice (K-3rd grade)
Sunday School
Traditional Worship
Omega Choir (4th-7th grade)
Caregivers Group
Youth Open Table
STATED SESSION

10-21

Monday Morning Bible Study

10-23

TOW - Together on Wednesday
Bible Study on Creation

10-24

Bell Choir Practice
Covenant Choir Practice

10-20

4 Cents a Meal
Blended Worship
Alpha Choir Practice (K-3rd grade)
Sunday School
Traditional Worship
Omega Choir (4th-7th grade)
YOUTH Group

Connect with the Pastor ...

In the course of my sabbatical travels this Summer, I had the opportunity to visit a variety of churches – some old and some new, some stone and some brick, some with stained glass and some with clear glass windows. I was struck by how often the condition of the buildings reflected the vibrancy of the church. Where there was a commitment to care for the facilities, there also seemed to be inspiring worship and engagement in mission beyond the walls. In congregations that were struggling, there was little mention of mission, and the buildings seemed to be crying for help. Care of our facilities is not an alternative to extending outreach to our neighbors; it is not either. . . or; it is both. . . and! Facilities can be an integral part of outreach to the community!



That integration of facilities and mission has been a hallmark of Covenant's life across the years. We use our building for worship, fellowship, and Christian Education to nurture faith, but we also provide a preschool to extend love and care to children in our community. We host non-profits for meetings, rehearsals, and banquets. We house mission groups traveling through the Shenandoah Valley and the University Singers for their semi-annual retreats. Our fields are used for youth soccer and T-ball, and our Great Hall for basketball practices. We host Helping Hands for a week in the summer, and this year also hosted the YMCA camp for two weeks. Our facilities are a vital part of our mission and ministry!

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OPEN GYM

Sunday, October 27
3:00 - 5:00 PM
COVENANT'S GREAT HALL
CONTACT BILL TERRY WITH
ANY QUESTIONS.

Monday Morning Bible Study



Join us for Bible study each Monday at 10:30AM in the Conference Room (near the church offices). We will look at the text for the next Sunday's sermon. Dive a little deeper into God's word, share your insights, and get a head start on the next sermon. All are welcome!

Items for the next newsletter are due to Martha by **9:00 AM on Friday, October 25th.**

Please email her at:
covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com



Nursing Nook with Kathy Henderson, RN



Falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for Americans over the age of 65, with almost 800,000 hospital admissions — and *nearly 30,000 fall-related deaths* — recorded by the CDC in 2016.

Luckily for us, anyone 55 or older can receive a free, in-depth **"FALL RISK SCREENING,"** which will include personalized risk assessments, risk review, screening tests and more. This is a joint effort by Augusta Health and Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences.

DETAILS:

WHEN: 10:30 AM TO 2:30 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25; No appointment needed, but allow 30-40 minutes to complete the screening.

WHERE: Augusta Health Wellness Center

BEST TIME TO GO: Late morning through early afternoon.

More information: contact Stephanie Mims, director of AMC Therapy Services: 540-332-5897, or smims@augustahealth.com.

LOOKING FOR NEW HEALTH CARE OPTIONS?

No-cost and low-cost health insurance is available through the Medicaid Expansion Program. If you are between the ages of 19-64, come to learn all about your options and eligibility for this new health insurance coverage.

The event is free.
Join us on Thursday,
October 24 at 5:45 PM.
Loch Willow Presbyterian Church,
37 Buffalo Gap Hwy, Churchville



Connect with the Pastor (cont'd)

We have been blessed across the years with folks who not only understood that integral connection between building and mission but also were committed to maintaining that connection for future generations. In the pages of this newsletter, you will see an article about the work of the Facilities Management Team and an invitation to join in their work. With an annual budget in excess of \$120,000, it takes a lot of resources and volunteers to care for this wonderful space!

Key to that maintenance is also our Building Fund, which provides resources for major repairs and costly cyclical expenses like painting the church, repair of the steeple, and replacement of heating and a/c units. Generations before us have given to that fund to make possible the major maintenance we need today; our gifts to that fund provide resources for meeting those needs in the future. As you consider your pledge for 2020, consider giving to the Building Fund in addition to your gifts to the General Fund, for through these gifts we maintain not only this building but a continuing legacy of mission and ministry for future generations!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of more knitted or crocheted prayer shawls. All colors, styles, and sizes are welcome. We have yarn, needles, hooks, and patterns if you need them. Contact Joan Sayers with any questions.

Presbyterian Women

PW Circle Meeting on Tuesday, November 12th, at 10:00 AM in the Breezeway

We will begin with a time of fellowship followed by Bible study at 10:30 AM. The study is *Loved Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. The focus in November is *keeping Sabbath* based on verses from Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, and Matthew 7. *Mary Ann Stripling* is facilitating the Bible study. *Dee Norris and Jean Rexrode* are hostesses. All women of the church are welcome. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in this special time of fellowship, study, and prayer.

I
Thou shalt have no
other gods before me
II
Thou shalt not make unto
thee any graven image
III
Thou shalt not take the
name of the Lord in vain
IV
Remember the sabbath
day to keep it holy
V
Honor thy father
and thy mother

VI
Thou shalt no kill
VII
Thou shalt not
commit adultery
VIII
Thou shalt not steal
IX
Thou shalt not bear
false witness against
thy neighbor
X
Thou shalt not covet



The Makings of a Facilities Management Team (FMT)

During the steeple project, a fellow member here at Covenant said, “Wow! Isn’t it great about the steeple?” Great that we still have a steeple, or great that we are finally getting it fixed? My look of bewilderment was clarified by her next statement. “Yeah! Isn’t it great that we have the resources to take care of it!” That is a blessing! The FMT utilizes those resources to care for all our facilities, encompassing everything from roof repair to utilities to postage stamps!

In over 33,000 square feet of space under 10 different roof lines, we have 14 mechanical systems to monitor and service; they are not always cooperative! We have an elevator, fire safety equipment, and kitchens to keep current. Our plumbing, steam pipes, and wiring vary in age from 60 years old to 6 weeks old. Enabling old and new systems to work together is often a juggling act. We have all our interior spaces from floor to ceiling to keep clean and in good repair. Outside we attend parking lots, sidewalks, lawns, fields, landscaping, trees, playground, fountains, and lighting. We keep the grass mowed in summer, and the snow cleared in winter. Upcoming projects include improved signage, courtyard repairs, and lighted hand-

rails to the choir loft. We use some annual contract services, specific job contractors, and a lot of dedicated congregational volunteers to keep everything in good shape.

How can you help? We invite you to join us for our meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You may have a gift to share that we are missing on our team! We will be calling for volunteers of all ages for the fall mulching and leaf removal in October and November. You can contribute to the Building Fund, which helps to finance our major repairs and improvements. And you can join us in giving thanks to God for all the resources we have – time, talent, and finances – to care for this holy space, so that we can share faith, fellowship, and service to others within these walls and beyond. Help us to continue that faithful tradition!

Facilities Management Team: Rebecca Allison, Dan Drumheller, Melissa Druff, Ron Ramsey, Stu Allen, Dick Beard, Mike Norris, Charlie Huppuch, David Stahl, Don Splaun, Adam Campbell, Harry Hibbitts, Lee Clark, Tom Watson, Adam Campbell, Randy Smith, Whit Menefee, Bob Kane, Mixon Darracott
— submitted by Rebecca Allison, Team Leader

COVENANT FAMILY EVENT Fall Clean-up Day *Saturday, November 16th* *9:00AM to Noon*

Grab a rake, blower, or tarp and enjoy a cool, fall morning with your Covenant family.
All ages welcome!

Sponsored by the Facilities Management Team



*On Sunday, October 27th,
we will observe All Saints' Day in our
worship services as we remember in prayer
those in our church family and those related to
our church family who have died this past year.
Below are the names of those we know. If you know
of others to be remembered, please contact the church office by
October 21st. We hope this will be a meaningful service for all.*

Linda Heatwole
Virginia Wetzel
Clarice Allen
Helen Homiak

Herminia Lopes Santos — mother of Victor Santos
Sue Menefee — mother of Whit Menefee
Mary E. Mellinger — mother of Janie Ballurio
David Henderson — brother of Steve Henderson
Virginia Whitesell — sister-in-law of Marjorie Chittum
Evelyn Reeves Byerly — sister of Earl Reeves
Grace Mills — mother of Jane Testerman
Marion Moody — mother of Christy Davis
Heather Bright — step-daughter of Kay King and daughter of Steve Karicofe
Annette Schwartz — mother of Karen Hanna
Janet Martin — aunt of Janie Ballurio
Shelby (Skip) Harrington — father of Diane Harrington
Sue Thompson — mother of Joan Sayers
Malika Heatwole — daughter of Stan Heatwole
Betty Bernhardt — mother of Wendy Gray and grandmother of Maddie Ogden
Julia Kyle "Doots" (Hitt) Singer — mother of Judy Sorrell

TICKET DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 7TH

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

© Disney

MUSIC BY

Alan Menken

LYRICS BY

Howard Ashman
AND Tim Rice

BOOK BY

Linda Woolverton

Sunday, November 24th @ 3:00 PM

The Historic Wayne Theatre in Waynesboro

Ticket Cost is \$20 per person

The Fellowship Team has reserved 20 seats.

*Due to the expected popularity of the show,
you must purchase your ticket by November 7th.*

*Please contact Melissa Druff at 540-448-1948
or druffm@comcast.net to reserve your seats.*

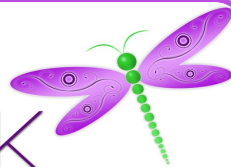
Covenant Women's Monthly Luncheon

Join with women of Covenant for lunch and fellowship at 11:45 AM every third Tuesday of the month beginning on October 15, 2019. We will meet at

the Hometown Grill off Sanger's Lane across from Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sherry Woodland at 703-403-0965 or Sue Morley at 540-887-0085.



thank
YOU ...



Thank you to Bob Cox, Frances Craig, Sue Morley, and Louise Slovensky who all so graciously gave up their free time to handle the church office while I was on vacation in Virginia Beach with my husband, grown girls, and five grandchildren. We had a wonderful time that was made even better by the confidence I had knowing these individuals were doing excellent work in my absence. I am so thankful for volunteers that will step in when they are needed.

— Martha Pierce

The Outreach Team needs your help by providing items to the Valley Mission. The collection will be conducted for the next two weeks.

Items needed are:

- Toilet paper • Paper towels
- Paper napkins • 55 gallon trash bags
- 13 gallon trash bags • Liquid laundry detergent • Lysol • Pinesol • Cleaning supplies

You may leave your items outside the church office.

Supply Drive





Open Table

Youth, plan on joining us on
Sunday, October 20th, from 4:30-6:30PM.
We will gather together in the Great Hall Kitchen to make dinner.
Then, we will eat and talk about faith and life together.

Please RSVP Laura Lawson at lauramayfieldlawson@gmail.com
so she will know how many to plan for
and how much food to purchase.

Martha's Meals on Wheels ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner
complete with salad and dessert!



Sunday, October 20, 2019

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Verona Moose Lodge
1510 Commerce Road (Rt. 11)
Verona/Staunton
On the hill behind Eye One

Tickets at the Door:

\$10 for ages 12 and up | \$5 for ages 5 to 12 |
Free for those under age 5



Memory Café

The Memory Café is a fun-filled place for anyone with dementia or memory changes and their caregivers to help them remain socially engaged with others traveling the same journey. The Café provides conversation, enjoyable projects, and entertainment in an informal and comfortable setting. It is a safe environment for both the individual with dementia and the caregiver to find support and acceptance as they engage in activities and make friends. Caring volunteers from the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County area provide activities and resources for the guests. Located in the Parish House at Trinity Episcopal Church, the Café is open every 3rd Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. If you have questions, contact Carter Hannah, 241-8735.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church's

TRUNK OR TREAT



WEDNESDAY, | 5:30 - 7:00 PM
OCTOBER 30 | OFFICE PARKING LOT

WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME

TRUNK DECORATION CONTEST

*If you plan to stay for dinner, please RSVP to the church office
 at 885-2138 by noon on Monday, October 28th.*

Covenant Presbyterian Church's

TRUNK OR TREAT

**CAN'T DECORATE A CAR?
 HELP BY DONATING CANDY!**

Bring your new, individually
 wrapped candy to the
 church office by
 Monday, October 28th.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*The Mission of Covenant Presbyterian
 Church is Striving to be Faithful Disciples
 of Christ: Worshiping with Joy, Growing
 in Faith, Serving in Love.*

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We're on the web!
covenantpresstaunton.org

Please let us know you are coming!



In order to prepare the correct quantity of food, we ask that you **RSVP by noon on the Monday** before the TOW you will be attending.

Two options to RSVP:

sign the Friendship Register
in the pew on Sunday

OR

call the church office
at 885-2138

*Join us at 7:00 pm on
October 23rd for Bible Study:
The Stories of Creation*

TOGETHER ON
TOW
WEDNESDAY

October 23 @ 6:00 PM
LITTLE MARIA'S
ITALIAN NIGHT

OCTOBER 30 @ 6:00 PM
TO BE DETERMINED

*Vegetarian options are
available at all meals.*