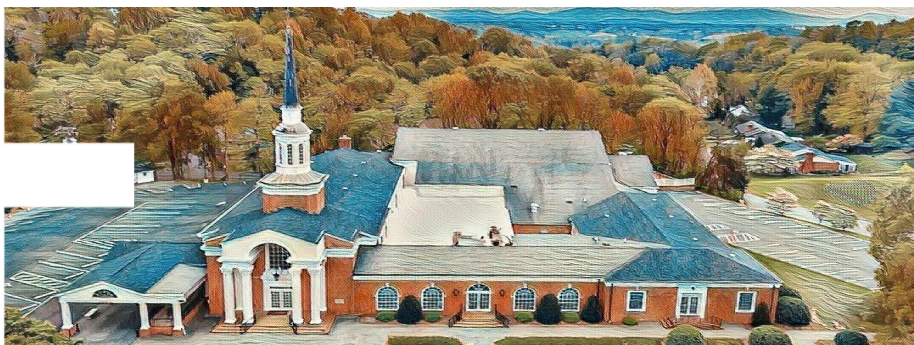


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From the Pastor's Desk

As Sarah heads to Durham to begin her call as pastor of Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church, our prayers travel with her. Across her four years here, Sarah served as pastor to y'all (as she would say) and as friend to many of you. From this point forward, her role now changes to that simply of friend. In its wisdom our presbytery has established a policy that requires a covenant between departing pastors and their churches (a copy of that covenant can be found on page 4 in this newsletter). In essence, the covenant says that Sarah can be our friend, but is no longer our pastor. John Vernon, who retired from First Presbyterian Church in Staunton some years ago, stated it well at the time of his retirement, saying: "I will be your friend, but I cannot be your pastor. I will not visit you in the hospital. I will not perform your weddings or funerals. I will not offer you counsel or come to preach for you. You will have a new pastor for those purposes."

Sarah is now pastor of a new congregation in NC, and we rejoice for her in that call. We still call her friend, but no longer pastor! We can pray for her, send her birthday cards and Christmas cards and cartoons about Balaam's donkey, but we now release her from all pastoral roles and responsibilities with regard to us. She will have more than enough to do there in Durham among the Blue Devils!

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Serving
GOD
Together



GREETERS

OCTOBER 2 -

8:30 AM....Kristen Lambert

10:30 AM....Hayden & Tucker Terry

OCTOBER 9 -

8:30 AM....Jack & Cindy Bowman

10:30 AM....Hayden & Tucker Terry

COVENANT KIDS:

OCTOBER 2 - Joan Sayers,
Dori Walk

OCTOBER 9 - Joan Sayers,
Mandy Drumheller

FLOWER COORDINATORS

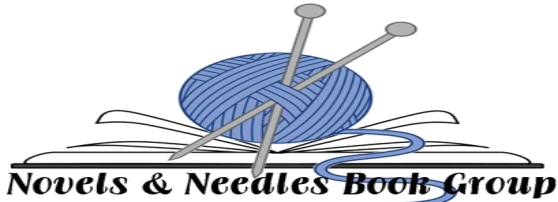
Susan Polly and Christy Davis

CHURCH OPENING and CLOSING

October - Troy Kurtz

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 2**, immediately following 10:30 service for the purpose of electing seven (7) elders to the Class of 2025, one (1) elder to the Class of 2024, and one (1) youth elder.

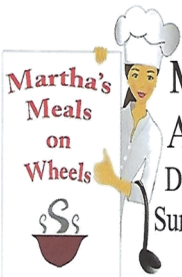


Novels & Needles Book Group

Novels & Needles Book Club
will meet at 10:00 AM on
Friday, October 14
in the church Breezeway.
The book being discussed is
The Guest Book
by Sarah Blake.

Members are encouraged to bring
their knitting or crocheting
which could benefit the
Covenant Prayer Shawl Ministry.

***We also welcome those who
do not knit or crochet.***



Martha's Meals on Wheels ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Drive-Thru Spaghetti & Salad Dinner
Sunday, October 23, 2022, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Verona Moose Lodge

1510 Commerce Road (Rt. 11), Verona/Staunton

On the Hill Behind Eye One

Reserved meals available by mail with ticket below.

(Cash or Check made out to MMOW)

\$12 adults/12 and up; \$6 children; under five – free

Meals will be brought to your car.

(a limited number of meals will be available for purchase the day of the event)

For Details, call 540-886-1219 or visit <http://mowstaunton.org>

MMOW ANNUAL FUND RAISER

Number of Adult Meals _____

Number of Child Meals _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME: _____

Please make checks payable to MMOW and mail to:

MMOW, PO Box 2354, Staunton, VA 24402

Ticket Orders must be received by October 16th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MARTHA'S MEALS ON WHEELS

Helping those who are unable to feed themselves



Monday Morning Bible Study

Join us each Monday at 10:30 AM.

We look at the text for the next Sunday's sermon. Come dive a little deeper into God's word, share your insights, and get a head start on the next sermon. We offer this meeting virtually through Zoom.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK *(cont'd)*

With her departure, we will now begin the process of reviewing and rewriting the position description and Ministry Information form for a new Associate Pastor. At some point in the not-too-distant future, we will form an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the search for the next person called to serve here. We will not stand idle while we are searching. Together we will continue to grow in faith and in love and in ministry as we respond to God's continuing call to be God's Covenant family in this place and time. I look forward to that journey with you and with y'all and with yinz (as they say in western PA). May God continue to bless us one and all with great joy, hope, vision, and peace!



WHAT'S UP WITH THAT STORAGE CONTAINER?

Some of you may have noticed the storage container that has landed in the parking lot next to the playground. Contrary to popular opinion, this is not a new Covenant chapel! In the coming months we will be replacing the tile in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen, and in order to do that work we have to remove all the kitchen appliances, tables, chairs, bookcases, etc. from that area. The storage container will hold those items pending completion of that work. There will be more details forthcoming as we nail down dates for the work to be done. In the meantime, please don't request any weddings or services for the new Container Chapel! :)

Items for the next newsletter are due by **9:00 AM on Friday, October 7th.**

Please email Martha at: covenantpcusastaunton@gmail.com

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its stated meeting on September 18, the Session took the following actions:

- Approved a proposal for moving ahead with comprehensive signage for the church facilities
- Approved a proposal for picture day for the preschool
- Received team requests for a challenge budget for the fall stewardship campaign
- Approved two (2) facility use requests
- Approved compensation for Laura Lawson for her work with youth in the interim



Please keep in you prayers Janice Rockwell and her family on the recent death of Janice's only brother, Frank Wood, who has been on our prayer list for some time. May God grant him eternal rest and grant to Janice and her family comfort and peace.



A COVENANT FOR OUR FUTURE

An Agreement between the Church and the Departing Pastor

- 1. With a posture of grace, understanding, and trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit we all covenant to**
 - a. hold one another in prayer, and
 - b. refrain from all intentional pastoral interaction in person or online.
- 2. The Congregation covenants to**
 - a. pray for the well-being of the departing pastor into retirement or a new call;
 - b. read this Covenant during a worship service when a ministerial vacancy occurs and also communicate it through the newsletter (if there is one) and through email;
 - c. no longer approach the departing pastor or the departing pastor's family regarding issues of pastoral care, congregational life, or future pastoral leadership;
 - d. welcome and embrace new pastoral leadership and joyfully engage in a process of discerning God's calling for their future; and
 - e. allow those who are feeling a sense of loss to have adequate time to grieve the end of the departing pastor's relationship with the congregation.
- 3. The Departing Pastor covenants to**
 - a. pray for the well-being of the congregation as individuals and as the gathered community;
 - b. allow time to grieve the end of a pastoral and congregational relationship;
 - c. participate in the life of the larger church;
 - d. bear the primary responsibility for maintaining healthy boundaries, refraining from and discouraging any interactions regarding issues of pastoral care, congregational life, or future pastoral leadership, and encourage his/her family to do the same;
 - e. communicate to the entire congregation, friends of the church, and staff so it is clear that although the departing pastor has valued their friendships, the pastor desires and has covenanted to not be in communication regarding the congregation, its life, any pastoral care, or discussion of future leadership, congregational issues or events. After departing the congregation, no conversations with former members should involve discussion/evaluation of the church, its status, or the new pastor;
 - f. refrain from attending worship services or other events of his/her former church until one year after installation of the new pastor, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as the funeral or wedding of a family member; and
 - g. decline pastoral participation in any funerals, baptisms, counseling, weddings, etc., of his/her former church for one year after installation of the new pastor. It is permissible to accept an invitation from the new installed pastor in his/her first year to participate in and/or assist in special events or programs.

SEPTEMBER **OCTOBER**

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NOMINEES FOR SESSION CLASS OF 2025

Cindy Bowman

Cindy married Jack in 1973 and joined Covenant that year. Jack's parents were charter members. She taught children's Sunday School through the 70s and 80s. Jack and Cindy raised their sons John and Joe in Covenant. John and Joe attended Covenant Preschool under Charlotte Downing. They continue to be members of Covenant. Cindy was employed as a Social Worker by Western State Hospital from 1985 until retirement in 2015. She is happy to have two wonderful daughters-in-law who attend Covenant and two precious, sweet gifts from God, granddaughters born a week apart, now 3 months old. Cindy is currently in a Trinity Lunch group, serving once a month.

Brandon Cline-Taskey

Music brought my family to Covenant. After a couple years of coming occasionally as an extra voice for the choir or an extra set of hands to ring bells, we officially transferred to Covenant and it has been our church home since November of 2014. I still sing in the choir and ring in the handbell choir. You can also find me helping with Fellowship events and knitting in the Breezeway (sometimes, I do both at the same time). The rest of my family are my husband Matt and our children Zoey and Zane.

Linda Foster

Staunton was my home from age 2 when my parents moved here from Plattsburg, NY. After graduating from college, I served in the Peace Corps and discovered that I wanted to make my career in public health. I'm a registered dietitian who worked for 34 years at Virginia Department of Health in maternal-child health nutrition and early childhood health. After retirement in 2017, I moved back to Staunton to be close to my extended family and longtime friends. I've served as an elder at Green Acres Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, VA and as a deacon at Third Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. At Covenant, I am serving as moderator of Presbyterian Women, a member of the Congregational Care Team, and have participated in Outreach Team activities. I also serve on the Board of Directors for Edgewood Condominiums, my home in Staunton.

Sue Morley (serving a two year term on Class of 2024)

I am a native of Staunton who joined Covenant in 1968. I retired from teaching in 1995. I am active in Presbyterian Women and was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in 2019. I previously served on Session, the Long Range Planning Committee, and am on the Personnel Team. I have been a substitute deliverer for Martha's Meals on Wheels for about 20 years and have served on that Board for six years, five years as treasurer. I've also been on a newsletter folding team for about 18 years. In my spare time I enjoy playing bridge and traveling. I have a brother in San Francisco, a sister who lives across the street from me, and a step-daughter in Raleigh, NC.

Joan Sayers

My husband John and I have been members of Covenant for 45 years. I have taught Sunday School at different levels, (currently teaching Preschool) and helped with Youth Mission trips. I am on the Congregational Care Team (helping with our Prayer Shawl Ministry) and the Outreach Team (working with Blessing Bags and helping folks know about opportunities to serve our community through Moment for Mission speakers). Johnny and I raised our two sons (Andy and Charlie) in the Covenant family. We are retired teachers and enjoy walking all around Staunton, hiking anywhere, and traveling with some camping along the way. I look forward to continued learning and service together with our Covenant Family.

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Randy Smith

My wife, Deborah, and I joined Covenant in 2014 when we moved from Stafford, Virginia. Our previous church was Summit Presbyterian, where I served as a member of the facilities team. In addition I served on session for six years as the head of the Facilities Team. After joining Covenant I started volunteering on the Facilities Team. I also volunteer at the Covenant Trinity Lunch Program as the substitute dish washer. I volunteer with Virginia Fish and Game stocking fish and the Isaac Walton conversation league. I enjoy history, family genealogy, and the outdoors. We have three children, Daniel, Katie, and Haley. Katie and her family (husband – Adam, and two children – Logan and Aaron) live in Staunton and are members of Covenant. Katie has served on Session.

B.C. Sommerfield (Youth Elder – serving a one year term)

My name is Brandan C. Sommerfield, but most people call me B.C. I was born near Baltimore, Maryland and have been living in Virginia for the past 14 years. I initially started attending Covenant when I was enrolled in the preschool. I currently attend Fort DeFiance High School and Shenandoah Valley Governor's School. Personal hobbies include soccer, track, traveling, and participating in community service. I am related to Brandan W. (dad), Robyn (mom), and Danni (sister) Sommerfield. At Covenant, I am a member of the Outreach Team. I found my calling in service work, assisting those who need help. Locally, I volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club and Martha's Meals on Wheels. Globally, I support the Shenandoah Presbytery's Baja Mission trip. I am looking forward to serving on Session this term and look forward to working with other called individuals within the church.

Seth Ward

I was born and raised here in the Shenandoah Valley, growing up in Weyers Cave. I started attending Covenant while getting my bachelor's degree in Art History with a minor in Historic Preservation at Mary Baldwin. I officially joined the church and was baptized in 2013. I am an active member of the choir and the handbell choir, and am part of the team that helps film Covenant's live streams on Facebook. Outside of the church, I am an avid lover of antiques; I sing with Schola Cantorum in Waynesboro; and I love to travel whenever I get the chance. I have served on session once before and am excited to serve again. I am more than blessed to call Covenant my home and its people my family for almost 10 years!

Kathleen Wilkers

I was born and raised in Chicago. After visiting Staunton I fell in love with the Valley and moved here in 1988. My husband, Jack, retired as pastor of Third Presbyterian Church in 2014. This started the search for a new church home which was difficult after 26 years at Third. After a couple of years of visiting several different churches, I started attending Covenant on a regular basis. I felt very welcomed and at peace. I decided that Covenant would be my new church home and joined in 2018. I retired from DuPont Community Credit Union in April of 2018 and quickly found opportunities to follow my passion for serving others. I joined the Choir, Presbyterian Women, Novels and Needles Book Club, attended Sunday school and Bible studies and assist with Communion prep. When I joined the Outreach Team, I was delighted to learn of the many different avenues of service. It has been a joy to help with the Boys and Girls Club, the Trinity Lunch Program and the Hispanic Food Project. I enjoy playing golf, gardening, dancing, singing, volunteering in the community, and reading. My greatest joy is spending time with our family of choice and our grandchildren. Having served on Session at Third, I am honored and humbled to be asked to serve at Covenant.

EQUAL EXCHANGE SALE



The next Equal Exchange Sale will be **Sunday, October 2**. We have available coffee for \$8.00, tea for \$4.00, and dark chocolate for \$3.00. Items can be purchased between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM worship services and after the 10:30 AM worship service. If you would like to place a pre-order, call 540-290-1089 or email bettyandcliff@comcast.net.

Are you ready to Trunk and Treat your Ride? Come to Covenant's TRUNK or TREAT!!!!

WHAT: Covenant's Trunk or Treat Event! Car trunks are outfitted and transformed into spooky or fun scenes to excite the imagination or "trick" the masses thus creating a TON OF FUN! Covenant kiddos and friends will then trick or treat at each vehicle and check out your handiwork. You provide the vehicle, the décor, and the candy, and we will provide the kids! Prizes will be given to the best decorated vehicles.

WHO: Anyone with a car, golf cart, bicycle, or imagination can reserve a parking spot to decorate. We will be sending out an opt-in for you to sign up your vehicle!

WHERE: Covenant Upper/North Parking Lot

WHEN: Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
(RAIN DATE — OCT. 30 @ 7:00 PM)

WHAT ABOUT TOW? Yes, there will be TOW that evening! Dinner is at 6:00 PM and will feature family-friendly food. Be sure to RSVP for the TOW dinner.

BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DECORATE!

Check out some ideas below!

- ◆ Christmas in October
- ◆ Hawaiian luau
- ◆ Under the sea
- ◆ On a farm
- ◆ Western
- ◆ Pumpkin patch
- ◆ Camping
- ◆ Pirates
- ◆ Circus
- ◆ Mummy car
- ◆ Spiderweb car
- ◆ Emoji
- ◆ Superheroes
- ◆ Football (or other sports)
- ◆ Specific professional or college sports teams
- ◆ Dr. Seuss
- ◆ Children's books, like Harry Potter
- ◆ Cartoon characters, like Minions or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- ◆ Video games, like Pac-Man or Minecraft
- ◆ Popular movies, like Cars, Frozen, or Star Wars



KIDS, SAVE THE DATE!

QUESTIONS? Contact Anne Bell at annebell4253@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women kicked off their new study year earlier in September and raised over \$500 for the Thank Offering which benefits national and world-wide charities through PW at PCUSA. **NOW** it's time to look ahead to October 11 when Lynn Grimm presents Lesson 2, "Sabbath and Creation". Our study book this year is "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol Bechtel. After Sarah Wolf's interactive, enjoyable presentation of Lesson 1 in September, October's meeting on the 11th is a "must do." If you need a study book, contact Frances Craig at 540-414-8170 or craig.francesc@gmail.com. **ALL** women of the church are invited to attend PW meetings, held the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. This year we will meet in the breezeway. Questions?? Call Jane Wimmer at 540-255-4549 or email at celticlass@mac.com.



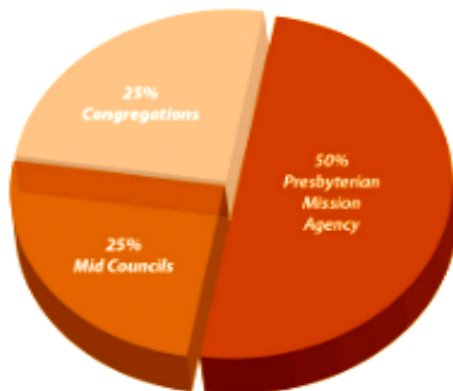
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



Sunday, October 2, 2022

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Write a check to Covenant & designate Peace Offering on the memo line
- Donate online at pcusa.org/give/peace-global
- Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444



As we go out into the world in joy and are led forth in peace, we are called to take decisive and bold action for peace. Through our participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and world.

A portion of this Offering stays here at Covenant Presbyterian Church to help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere.



Kathy Henderson, RN • (540) 290-6396
covenantnurse@gmail.com
Contact Kathy with medical questions or
for a blood pressure check.

WITH KATHY HENDERSON, RN

Roll Up Your Sleeves: Weekly blood pressure clinics will return with TOW! Beginning Oct. 12, I'll be in the Senior High classroom (off the Great Hall) from 5:30 pm until supper is served. If you prefer an office appointment—anytime—please call or text 540-290-6396.

About Those COVID Boosters: Yes, even if you've been fully vaccinated and received two boosters, you should go ahead and "re-boost" with one of the vaccines released earlier this month. These—from Pfizer and Moderna—are the ones that target sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5. This newest formula will replace the two earlier boosters, so can be received by anyone 12 or older who has already received a primary shot (or shots), a local Health Dept. spokesman said. And yes, it's OKAY to receive both Covid and flu boosters at the same time. If you have further questions, the Central Shenandoah Health Dept. hotline at 855-949-8278 (where a real person answers the phone!) is helpful.

And...if you want to track Covid for yourself, the most user-friendly tracker I've found is:

<https://covidactnow.org/?s=40162764>

VISIT FROM OUR MISSIONARY



In two weeks, on October 9, Crystal will be with us to share some of her experiences and work in mission in Africa. She will preach and during the Sunday School hour share some stories and answer questions about the work they are

doing, especially with regard to the Decapolis Project. We pray for her each week and hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to hear her in person.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PICKLE SQUASH/POWER TOOL PUMPKIN CARVING

On Sept. 12, thanks to Project Grows, Vicky, Kathleen, James, Nancy, BC (plus and friend Dillon), and Marney, 21 students pickled squash and tasted smoothies. Project Grows provided the squash, James talked about frozen fruits and veggies, and how to make smoothies. The kids picked their own ingredients for fruit smoothies. James made a delicious avocado and spinach smoothie for sampling. More than half the kids preferred the green smoothie and came back for seconds. Surprising!!



October 10, we will share the Dahl family tradition of Power Tool Pumpkin Carving and sample some pumpkin based foods. Sounds scary but cordless drills take the place of knives. We need a handful of power-tool aficionados, volunteers to help "gut" the pumpkins, cooks/bakers to make the tastings menu, and 25 pumpkins. The fun runs from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club. You can leave the baked goodies Sunday, October 9 in the Great Hall Kitchen (marked Boys & Girls Club) and the pumpkins just outside the Kitchen back door. Please contact Cary Dahl at dahlcary@gmail.com to let her know how you would like to help.



OUTREACH

Peanut Butter Sunday

First Sunday of Each Month

You can drop off your jar of peanut butter in the vestibule area just outside the church office.

Fun Fact: On average you donate over 80 lbs. of food per week. That's a lot of peanut butter!

FILL THE BUCKET - HELP RESTOCK THE VERONA FOOD BANK



Help feed our neighbors in need! Donations can be dropped off in the **RED BUCKET** located in the vestibule area just outside the church office.



500 lbs. = a bench

BAGS TO BENCHES

Turn your plastic bags into benches for the Boys & Girls Club. (500 lbs. = 1 bench) Bring your plastic bags to the church and drop in a designated receptacle located in the office vestibule. You've donated 1897 lbs. of plastic.

WANT TO HELP? Volunteers are needed to help take the bags collected at the church to Food Lion. Contact Robyn Sommerfield or sign up at <https://bit.ly/3CzoJTW>

SHELBURNE PANTRY



The Shelburne families can still use some additional canned fruit or fruit packs, veggies, grab & go breakfast bars.

Your donations give the students many of the basic foods that they love (especially those squeeze fruit snacks so 'in' with middle schoolers) that are hard to afford after you pay for backpacks, new clothes, and all the back-to-school trappings. We (and they) can't thank you enough.

— Ron Ramsey, Project Manager

SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER



Crystal, our missionary in Nigeria, is coming for a visit in October. She is collecting gently worn, used and new shoes to raise money for the perimeter security fence for Decapolis Community Development Center in Nigeria. All you have to do is clean out your closet of shoes you no longer wear, that are still in good condition and bring them to COVENANT! No shoeboxes please, just rubber-band or tie the shoes together. A donation box will be located in the vestibule area by the church office. Deadline for donating is October 2nd. Questions? Contact Becky Wszalek at 540-421-4338 or bwszalek@gmail.com

THANKS *from the* HEART

From the bottom of my heart — thank you, Covenant.
From the offers to help pack boxes, to the gorgeous artwork and stole, to the delicious potluck (or jackpots, as I've recently learned one young Covenanter calls them), to bearing with me as I cried through my benediction, twice.
And speaking of benedictions, what a treasured memory I now have of you all (all y'all) saying it back to me on Sunday! I don't think I'll ever be able to say that benediction again without picturing you.
Even as I am excited for this new venture, I know that I will miss this wonderful church so much!
My new address is 212 Mount Evans Drive, Durham, NC 27705. Please don't be strangers!
If you're ever in Durham, stop by Mt. Bethel and say hey! Love always,

Sarah

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Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs, 8:15AM - 3:15PM

FRI, 8:15AM - 12:15PM



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**The Mission of
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"Striving to be Faithful Disciples
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