

THE COVENANT CONNECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful to share with you all that the single June/July/August newsletter issue tradition at Covenant is shifting to a June/July combined issue. Why is that good news? Because our congregation and ministries are growing so much that we need to give August it's own issue. Praise God for this good news and the amazing new things he is doing in and through us all!

As we enter this summer season, we will celebrate our new Graduates on June 7 and Fathers on June 21. You will have the opportunity to listen to guest Preachers of the Day who will bless you with sermons and worship leadership. We have the 5-Day VBS from June 14-18 that provides our children and youth with faith and friendship formation time that would usually be achieved in 20 Sundays. And, we will bless Eric Tyler Barga with a good goodbye on Sunday, July 26 during worship and a special Pot Luck Lunch in Fellowship Hall before he heads to the University of Michigan to pursue his educational and career goals.

Our middle and high school youth will have the opportunity to grow in their faith as they attend the ALIVE Music Festival from July 16-18 in Mineral City, Ohio. Both Megan Soles and Tyra Jackson will be co-leading the trip, which promises to be an incredible time. And it includes camping, which is always an adventure.

The next two months will provide us with the blessing of choices in how we want to use God's gift of time and I hope that you will make the commitment now to choose spending intentional time worshipping, praying, and playing at Covenant with God!

In God's Love,
Pastor Jody

Wine & Jesus

Mondays at 5:00 pm

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**NEW PARTICIPANTS
ARE WELCOME**

Lauren Simpkins, granddaughter of Carol Miracle, will be graduating from Marysville High School. This fall, Lauren plans to attend Wright State University, where she will pursue a dual major in Dance and Sociology. She has also been accepted into the Dayton Ballet Ensemble.



Finn Barker, grandson of Bill & Kay Vasileff, will be graduating from Worthington Kilbourne High School (Columbus). He will be attending Ohio University in the fall majoring in Business Finance.

Dino R. Iasella, grandson of Jennie Zimmer, will be graduating from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He will graduate with a major in Music Technology and a minor in Computer Science and Jazz Guitar.

Emma Shaffer, our Youth Ministry Summer Intern, graduated from Bowling Green State University in April. Emma will attend The University of Dayton School of Law as a first year student this August.

Kylee Cowman, our Noah's Corner Specialist, graduated from Wittenberg University in May. She will be leading our CCA summer program and then begin at Tolles Career & Technical Center as their Intervention Specialist.

Men's Meditation

Friday Morning Men's Group
8:00 am Library Lounge

"These Days"
Daily Devotions for Living by Faith
is our reference for discussion.

All male church members and
congregants are welcome.

Old Testament Heroes of the Bible

June 14-18
6 - 8 pm

Contact Tyra
tlynjackson@gmail.com



Books & More

Connect with fellow book
lovers and share your
insights on novels and
award-winning non-fiction

For more information,
please contact
Susan Hawkins
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June 25
Daughter of Egypt
by Marie Benedict

July No Meeting

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

JUNE 7 GRADUATION SUNDAY

JUNE 14-18 VBS

JUNE 21 SUNDAES FOR DADS

JULY 16-18 ALIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL



July 16-18, 2026

ALIVE

Mineral City, OH

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday, July 16

SKILLET

We Are Messengers ♦ Colton Dixon ♦ Miles Minnick
Nine Lashes ♦ Jonathan Traylor ♦ Zauntree ♦ Claire Leslie ♦ Band Reeves
aftrthght ♦ Rachel Purcell ♦ Baruch ♦ Pomegranate

Friday, July 17

JOSIAH QUEEN

Hulvey ♦ LO Worship ♦ Strings & Heart

Luke Bower ♦ Miles Minnick ♦ Bleach ♦ lydi lynn ♦ Scout and the Saints
One Common ♦ Alex Jude ♦ DEON ♦ Embleton ♦ Keep Warm

Saturday, July 18

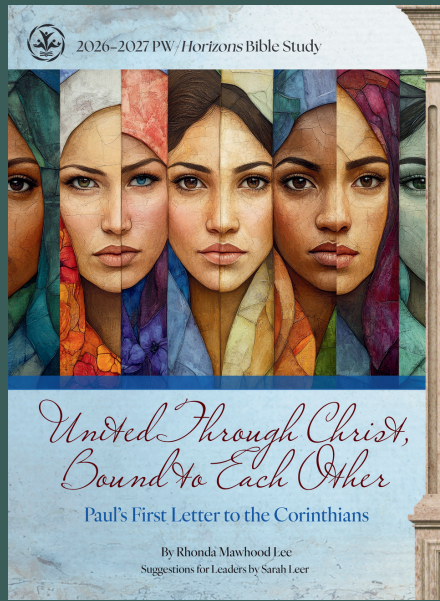
LAUREN DAIGLE

Passion ♦ Ben Fuller ♦ Leanna Crawford

Disciple ♦ WHATUPRG ♦ Thunderstorm Artis ♦ Grace Graber ♦ Ke'Erron
Eli Gable ♦ Madison Watkins ♦ Rob Nor ♦ Chris McQuiston
Living Again ♦ LO Worship

Next Gen Nights Afterparty with Rave Jesus

ALIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL



Fall Bible Study

Beginning September 16

Join us this fall as we dive into Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. This Bible study examines the historical context of the letter, the divisions within the congregation, and the gifts made available to all through Christ's work. As we journey through Corinth, we'll discover how Paul's enduring message of unity in love continues to speak to followers of Christ today.

The study will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., and the book cost is \$14.00.

Father's Day Sundaes

Sunday, June 21

Join us as we celebrate the dads on
Father's Day!

The CE Committee and the youth will
be making sundaes in the library
lounge following worship.



Musician Appreciation

A big **THANK YOU** to our Ringers and Singers for using your gifts to elevate our worship services throughout the year.

Covenant Ringers who participated this program year include:

Angie Babian, Beth Dixon, Andy Elder, Joan Elder, Lia Ferrell, Donna Gainer, Beth Helwagen, Pastor Jody Noble, Mike Noble, Margaret Roark, Lori Ross, Brad Steiner, Mary Ann Steiner, Kelly Williams, Chris Wolgast, and Eric Tyler Barga (Music Director).

Covenant Singers who participated in Choir this program year include:

Bob Agle, Sue Bates, Amie Beals, Val Buckley, Jane Craven, Joan Elder, Sue Bates, Lia Ferrell, Basil Fett, Claudia Fett, Marcia Flax, Emmarie Frazier, Mylo Frazier, Beth Helwagen, Ashley Hill, Cherie Lamborn, Amy Lord-Hearlihy, Pastor Jody Noble, Becky Pester, Lori Ross, Alex Ryan, Brad Steiner, Mary Ann Steiner, Rob Storm, Leanne Wierenga, Kelly Williams, Jennie Zimmer, and Eric Tyler Barga (Music Director).



Covenant Presbyterian Church invites everyone to join residents of Oakwood for worship and Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Services are held in the Chapel at the assisted living apartments.

Scriptures for June

June 7
Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14
Mathew 9:35 - 10:15

June 21
Mathew 10:26-39

June 28
Mathew 10:40 - 11:15

Scriptures for July

July 5
Matthew 11:16-30

July 12
Matthew 13:1-23

July 19
Matthew 13:24-43

July 26
Matthew 13:31-52



Pulpit Supply

June 28
Tyra Jackson

July 12
Rev. Tracy Paschke-Johannes

July 19
Eric Tyler Barga

Bob Gray Orchestra

Patriotic music, Broadway classics from the Big Band era, and a special tribute to the Armed Forces.

Sunday, July 5
3:00 pm



MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Session Room with Pastor Jody Noble moderating. Members present included Jay Abbey, Ginny Angus-Hall, Cindy Baird, Brent Dunlap, Katrine Lancaster, Lisa Miller, Margaret Roark, and Jack Spencer; Barb Yontz was excused. Guests included Treasurer John Shanley and Trustees Chair Marty Fagans. Katrine Lancaster gave devotions, Rev. Dr. Bob Wade attended to say farewell, and Session completed Part 3 of Boundary Training.

Membership statistics as of April 30 showed 244 active, 273 inactive, and 3 associate members, with average Sunday attendance of 187 including online worship.

Session approved Springfield Civic Theater's request to use two Habitat rooms as office space and waived building fees, while asking them to select a different night for board meetings to avoid conflicts with Boy Scouts and AA.

Financial reports showed 26.88% of budgeted income and 18.31% of expenses received/incurred by March 31, resulting in a \$29,834.98 surplus. The Building Improvement Fund balance stands at \$294,822.04. Session approved Trustees' recommendation to hire LNS Concrete to repair the north parking lot retaining wall for \$84,500 from the Building Improvement Fund. Trustees also approved sinkhole diagnostic excavation work, reviewed organ restoration proposals, addressed vandalized entrance signs, and reported savings from a new elevator maintenance contract.

Andy Elder was elected Trustee to complete Rick Yontz's unexpired term. The Children's Academy Board finalized plans for the director search process. Carol Miracle and Jay Abbey were appointed as Covenant representatives to Presbytery on May 12.

Committee reports included plans for Vacation Bible School (June 14–18), youth trips and activities, a fall adult Bible study, and Colony V's \$1,000 donation to Rocking Horse. Communication and Marketing introduced a congregational logo shirt and announced Covenant's participation in the Kiwanis Jazz Festival promotion. Membership Committee hosted a dessert for longtime members and planned a May 17 luncheon honoring longtime and new members.

Worship Committee highlighted successful music events, upcoming recognitions for Covenant Singers and Ringers, Eric Tyler Barga's farewell celebration on July 26, and a possible July 5 Bob Gray Orchestra concert and ice cream social. Safety Committee continued discussion on chancel railings and sanctuary bag policies. Personnel Committee began planning for Financial Administrator Rosalie Hupman's retirement and continued the Music Director search.

The next stated Session meeting will be Monday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Session Room. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>Bell & Choir Rehearsal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col-lection 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Youth Ministry Outing 3:00PM Covenant Concert Series 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 2:00PM Dave McLaughlin Funeral 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery 4:00PM Trustees Zoom 7:00PM Worship Commit-tee 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Personnel Meeting 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Graduate Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 2:00PM Oakwood Commu-nion Service 4:00PM B.A.T.S. Meeting 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 6:30PM Session 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00PM Mission Committee 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>VBS SUNDAY</p> <p>Flag Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 5:00PM Church Member-ship 	<p>19</p> <p>Juneteenth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>VBS SUNDAY</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Father's Day Sun-daes 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM PEO 4:00PM Springfield Region-al Memorial Service 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 4:00PM Books & More 	<p>26</p> <p>Ashura</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous 	<p>27</p>
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