

THE COVENANT CONNECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

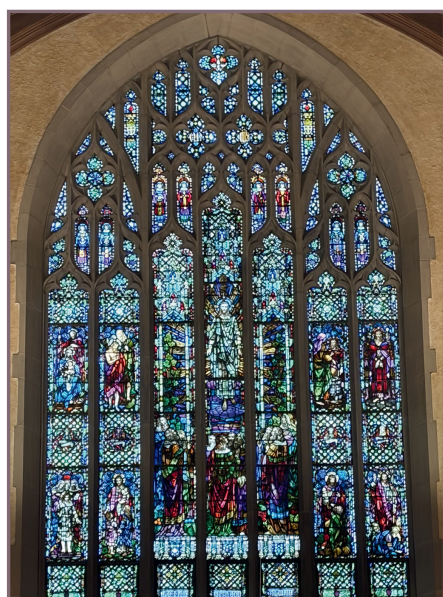
As we begin the second half of summer together, it is a joy to celebrate the blessings of our Lord with you ... a saving faith, protection and provision, wisdom, grace and mercy, strength, and so much more. Each of us have joys and sorrows which are ours uniquely to bear, and the Lord is with us in all of them as our Savior and best friend who will never leave nor forsake us in all of our days.

In August, we will welcome Kelly Williams as our new Music Director and Kim Dunn as our new Covenant Children's Academy Director. Both searches have been done by teams of congregants and staff members who have completed their work with deep care, prayer, and discernment. The newly formed Financial Administrator Search Team will also begin advertising the open search/request for resumes for the Financial Administrator position. Our hope is that the person God has been preparing for the position will be available to begin by mid to late October so they have a solid 2+ months of working with Rosalie Hupman before her retirement on December 31.

In September, we will celebrate Welcome Back Sunday on September 13 in the Sanctuary and then head out to Bob & Peggy Agle's for Worship and Lunch on the Farm on Sunday, September 20. The Choir and Bells will return to participation in Sunday worship services, as well as opportunities for our church youth to serve as the Crucifer and Acolytes for second Sunday services. On September 27 we will recognize our CCA staff and board members during worship and then head downstairs after worship for a special Treat Time and opportunity to celebrate CCA's 75th anniversary. And, we will cap off the day with a 3:00 p.m. Covenant Concert Series event featuring the Dayton Are Harp Ensemble in the Sanctuary.

In all seasons, our Lord is blessing us and I am incredibly grateful that we get to journey together with him. Thank you, God, for these very good days!

In God's Love,
Pastor Jody



*in
loving
memory*

David McLaughlin

Kathy Reeves

Lynn Mickey

Andy & Cathy Bell

David Waugh

John & Becky Shanley



**Northminster
Presbyterian**

**400 Villa Road
August 22
August 29**

9 am - 2 pm

**Donate your gently
used shoes by
dropping them off
at Northminster on
the date and time
indicated above.**

Wine & Jesus

Mondays at 5:00 pm

**For more information contact:
Diane dvanauker@gmail.com**

**For a Zoom link contact:
Anne aed@woh.rr.com**

**NEW PARTICIPANTS
ARE WELCOME**

Colony V

Celebration Lunch

September 21, 2026

1:00 pm

Location: Library Lounge

Books & More

**Join fellow readers to
discuss novels and award-
winning nonfiction.**

**For more information,
contact Susan Hawkins
at suhawki@aol.com**

**August 27
Bumble Bee Season
by Eileen Garvin**

**September 24
The Eights
by Joanna Miller**

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.**

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

August 9, 2026

November 8, 2026

Welcome to the Team!

Welcome to Our New Staff Members!

Please join us in welcoming Kim Dunn, our new CCA Director, and Kelly Williams, our new Music Director, to the Covenant Presbyterian Church staff.

We are excited to have Kim and Kelly join our ministry team and look forward to the gifts, leadership, and enthusiasm they will bring to our church family. Please introduce yourself when you see them and keep them in your prayers as they begin their new roles.

Welcome to Covenant, Kim and Kelly!



Kim Dunn

I am a wife, mother of four amazing boys, and Nana to two beautiful granddaughters. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, crafting, caring for my animals, and coaching Special Olympics in Champaign County.

After 33 years as a preschool teacher and intervention specialist with Springfield City Schools, I recently retired. Throughout my career, I was blessed to work with children with disabilities and witness their growth while building meaningful relationships with students and their families.

I am excited to begin this new chapter at CCA, where I look forward to continuing to support young learners and the important work being done here.

I came to Covenant two years ago looking for respite and found myself a home. The warmth of the congregation and the music drew me in immediately.

I am a proud Wittenberg graduate with a degree in Church Music and Organ Performance. Throughout my career, I have served churches both large and small, from Michigan to Texas, Florida, and Ohio.

One of my favorite mottos is, "We make music for an audience of One." I am a huge baseball fan, root for "that state up north," and proudly claim to have the six most awesome grandbabies in the world!

I am so excited to begin this journey of faith and music with everyone at Covenant.



Kelly Williams



Pres- ees

The Literacy Sting in Springfield, Ohio, in 2025 is the 24th annual adult spelling bee, which aims to raise money for literacy programs in Clark County. On Tuesday, September 22 at 11:00 Pastor Jody Noble, Leanne Wierenga, and Margaret Roarke will be competing on behalf of Covenant Presbyterian Church. If you would like to cheer on the Pres-Bees the cost for a ticket is **\$25.00** and includes lunch.

Join Our Church Choir!

Do you enjoy singing? We would love to have you join our church choir! Whether you have years of musical experience or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise, there is a place for you.

Our choir is a wonderful opportunity to worship through music, grow in fellowship, and help lead our congregation in celebrating God's love. Rehearsals are welcoming, encouraging, and open to all who have a heart for serving through song.

If you're interested or would like to learn more, please speak with our choir director after the service. Come and share your gifts—we look forward to making joyful music together!



2026-2027 PW/Episcopal Bible Study



*United Through Christ,
Bound to Each Other*

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

By Rebecca Alexander
Suggestion for Leadership: Sarah Leece

Fall Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday, September 16 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**.

August Scriptures

Sunday, August 2 Sunday, August 9
Matthew 14:13-21 Matthew 14:22-36

Sunday, August 16 Sunday, August 23
Matthew 15:21-39 Matthew 16:1-20

Sunday, August 30
Matthew 16:21-28

Pick up Choir

Sunday, August 30

Join us in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. for a one-time rehearsal with our new Music Director. Singers of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate—everyone is welcome!

Following the rehearsal, we will sing as the special music during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We hope you'll join us for this special opportunity to make music together and welcome our new Music Director.

2026 Pulpit Supply

Sunday, August 2
Rev. Joe Hinds
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21
Picking up the Pieces

Sunday, October 18
Seminarian Bethany Stewart

Sunday, December 27
Seminarian Bethany Stewart

Worship at the Agle's Farm

SEPTEMBER 20

10:30 AM

with a picnic to follow

480 S. Urbana Lisbon Rd. South Vienna

Covenant Concert Series

Sunday, September 27
3:00 pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church invites you to an afternoon of beautiful harp music featuring the Dayton Area Harp Ensemble (DAHE), the region's oldest and largest harp ensemble. Join us at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, in the Sanctuary for an inspiring performance showcasing the rich, enchanting sound of the harp.

September Scriptures

Sunday, September 6
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13
Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27
Matthew 21:23-32

CCA Sunday & Open House

Sunday, September 27

Join us as we celebrate CCA's 75th anniversary of serving Springfield area families through its preschool program and welcome our new Director!

Following worship, enjoy homemade treats, fellowship, and the opportunity to see the exciting things planned for CCA in the coming year.



LESOTHO



Join US!



Saturday, September 26

9:00 - 11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Lesotho has a very high rate of orphaned children, with approximately one-third of its child population losing one or both parents, primarily due to HIV/AIDS. This crisis is compounded by high levels of poverty and food insecurity, which force many children to work instead of attending school. While extended families historically provided care, the sheer number of orphans and economic pressures have strained this system, leaving many children vulnerable to abuse, child labor, and human trafficking.

Covenant Cares Grants

Q. What are Covenant Cares Grants?

A. The Covenant Cares Grants program was created in 2023 by the Covenant Presbyterian Church Mission Committee as a way of partnering financially with local Clark County non-profits to fund their services to residents. We also make it known to the recipient organizations that we will partner with them through volunteer opportunities as they arise.

Q. What are the reporting requirements?

A. Each recipient organization must provide a report consisting of two paragraphs and a minimum of two pictures describing how they spent the grant money. It is asked that this report be submitted by December 15th of the grant year.

Q. How can I get involved in volunteering with the recipient organizations?

A. Please contact the organization(s) that you would like to volunteer with from the list below:

Organization	Year Grant Established	Director Name	Director E-mail	Phone Number
Sheltered, Inc	2024	Neal	nbrowning@thesheltered.org	(937) 325-8154
Autumn Trails	2024	Angela	astan@autumntrailsstable.org	(937) 536-9912
BATS	2025	Beth	bethdixon43@gmail.com	(937) 325-5564
Rainbow Table	2025	Grover	grovsuk68@gmail.com	(937) 323-7508
Christ Episcopal Food Pantry	2026	Kelly	zellerk0611@gmail.com	(937) 323-8651
The Abilities Connection	2026	Traci	tbohn@tacind.com	(937) 525-7400 x 7482

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col-lection 10:30AM Worship Service 11:45AM Eric Party	27 5:00PM Wine & Jesus	28 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	29 8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery	30 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry	31 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	1
2 - Rev. Joe Hinds Preaching 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 2:00PM Oakwood Commu-nion Service	3 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 6:00PM All Staff Planning	4 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 4:00PM Trustees 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	5 8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery	6 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry	7 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	8 Kiwanis Jazz Festival
9 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM New Member Class	10 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 6:30PM Session	11 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	12 4:00PM Mission Committee	13 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry	14 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Deacons	17 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus	18 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	19 6:30PM Parent Meeting CCA	20 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 5:00PM Church Member-ship	21 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	22
23 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 11:45AM Music Dir Meet & Greet	24 5:00PM Wine & Jesus	25 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	26 7:00PM Safety Committee	27 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 4:00PM Books & More 6:00PM Choir 7:30PM Bells	28 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	29
30 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col-lection 10:30AM Worship Service	31 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 7:00PM Personnel Meeting	1 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 4:00PM Trustees 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	2 8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery 7:00PM Worship Commit-tee	3 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 6:00PM Choir 7:30PM Bells	4 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	5

September 2026

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6 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 2:00PM Oakwood Communion Service	7 - Labor Day 5:00PM Wine & Jesus	8 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	9 4:00PM Mission Committee	10 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 6:00PM Choir 7:30PM Bells	11 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	12 - Spfld Food Truck - Rosh Hashanah 8:00AM Rotary Car Show
13 - Rosh Hashanah (day 2) 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Deacons	14 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 6:30PM Session	15 - Newsletter Deadline 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	16 10:00AM Rev. Jody Bible Study	17 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 5:00PM Church Membership 6:00PM Choir 7:30PM Bells	18 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	19
20 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship @ Agles	21 - Yom Kippur 1:00PM Colony V 5:00PM Wine & Jesus	22 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 11:30AM Altrusa Literacy 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	23 10:00AM Rev. Jody Bible Study 7:00PM Safety Committee	24 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 4:00PM Books & More 6:00PM Choir 7:30PM Bells	25 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	26 8:00AM Lesotho Food packing
27 - CCA Sunday 9:00AM Adult Bible Study 9:30AM Troop 1 Can Collaboration 10:30AM Worship Service 11:45AM CCA Open House 3:00PM Covenant Concert Series	28 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 7:00PM Personnel Meeting	29 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	30 10:00AM Rev. Jody Bible Study	1 2:00PM Open Hands Free Pantry 6:00PM Choir 7:30PM Bells	2 8:00AM Men's Meditation 11:30AM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous	3