

# THE COVENANT CONNECTION

The Official Newsletter of Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Please send in your graduate's info by May 15th to be included in the summer newsletter.

## Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

As we kick off our journey into the month of May, we are blessed to have Jesus walking and talking with us. There will be times of celebration and challenge, laughter and tears, opportunities taken and missed ... and through it all, Jesus will be right beside us (and, in some cases, carrying us). What a true friend we have in Jesus!

We will begin this month participating in our community's celebration of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2nd. A 7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast will be hosted at Grace Lutheran, an 11:30 a.m. luncheon at Mt. Zion Baptist, and we will conclude the day with a Worship & Prayer Gathering at the International Pentecostal United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. I will be praying as part of the pastor team at the Prayer Luncheon and have sponsored a table in Covenant's name ... would you like to join me at our table?

God tells us in Numbers 6:24-26 that he is turned towards us and listening to our prayers of thanksgiving, lament, and needs for healing. No fancy words are required, no particular "formula" has to be followed. Just talk to God as your best friend, tell him your joys and concerns for yourself and our world, and listen for the good things he will tell you as he walks and talks with you. And, on May 2nd, I invite you to take part in the National Day of Prayer in whatever ways you are able ... your prayers matter!

In God's Love,  
Pastor Jody



### CCA Sunday

Join Us on Sunday, May 5 as we honor our CCA Teachers, Director, and Board members for the amazing work they do.



*in loving memory*

**Charlot Wade**  
Gary & Lynne Linn

**Chuck Weymouth**  
Bill & Janet Heater  
Geoff & Kay Steele  
Susan Hawkins  
William Ayers

**Donna Lord**  
Gary & Lynne Lin

Chai & Angie Sribanditmongkol  
Gary & Lynne Linn  
Joyce Cave



### Rainbow Table

In May, Covenant Presbyterian Church will take its next turn assisting St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rainbow Table, a weekly free hot meal provided to the community every Friday (5 of which are in May this year). Volunteers are needed to augment & sub for the core group who may need to be absent due to illness/surgery, appointments or vacation.

There are two shifts:

**9 am - 11am** - The first shift prepares the meal; sort Sheehan vending & make To Go Bags and sets up

**12pm - 2 pm** - The second shift comes in to serve and clean up.

Between shifts Volunteers eat &/or socialize, getting to know each other better from a variety of churches.

You may help at just one session or both, one or more Fridays in May.

The Rainbow  Table is an AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program (aka RSVP) Site for Volunteers 55+

See Deb Southward 937-925-1977 (call/text) for a brochure on how to become one.



## Wine & Jesus

Mondays at 5:30 pm

For more information contact Diane at  
dvanauker@gmail.com

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

NEW PARTICIPANTS  
ARE WELCOME

## Men's Meditation

Friday Morning Men's Group  
7:00 am  
Library Lounge

We use "These Days",  
Daily Devotions for Living by Faith  
as our reference for discussion.

All male church members and  
congregants are welcome.

## Books & More

Last Thursday of every  
month at 4:00 pm.  
Contact Susan Hawkins  
at suhawki@aol.com  
for more information

May 30

Dear Edward  
by Ann Napolitano

## Colony V

May 20, 2024  
4:00 pm

Pot Luck Dinner  
Snyder Park Pavilion

Beverages and table service provided.  
Bring a dish to share.

Presentation: The new things  
happening at Snyder Park

Rain Location: Fellowship Hall

## CONTINUE to PULL for the Dayton Ronald McDonald House

We recently (2-6-24) recycled ♻️ 10 lbs of Pull-Tabs along with  
5 lbs from Christ Episcopal & St. John's Rainbow 🌈 Table  
each to net \$10.40 for the DRMDH!

More importantly IF each can they represent was recycled ♻️ we kept 31  
thousand cans out of landfills!

Keep saving PULL-Tabs from pop, beer & flavored water aluminum\*cans  
as you celebrate upcoming graduations, spring & summer holidays  
& family get-togethers this year

\*Note: ALUMINUM PULL-Tabs WILL NOT STICK to a MAGNET like  
Steel Pull-Tabs will.

We appreciate the Boy Scout Troop 1 donating pull tabs from the cans  
they will be collecting.

A Special Thank-Y♥️U goes to SUZIE GIBFRIED for collecting  
PULL-Tabs from her family, friends & co-workers at TAC  
on this side of heaven.



## APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Stated Meeting of Session was held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Present: Jay Abbey, Tim Bode, Phil Calland, Casey Craven, Lisa Miller, Candy Rinehart, Margaret Roark, Barb Yontz; Moderator, Rev. Jody Noble; Clerk of Session, Carol Miracle; Marty Fagans, Chairman of Trustees. Marty Billing was excused. Devotions and prayer were led by Pastor Jody.

Correspondence from the Presbytery acknowledged Covenant's gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering and Per Capita payments. The Presbytery reminded us that we need to adopt an Anti-Racism policy and conduct training every three years on Sexual Misconduct, Child Sexual Abuse, and Anti-Racism. We will be working on establishing a policy and setting up the required trainings. The Presbytery will be putting together a list of long-term (up to 3 months) pastor supply for sabbaticals and short-term disabilities.

Deacons will be meeting on April 21 at noon. The Covenant Children's Academy (CCA) Board met in March and reported that the Academy is doing well. They are taking applications for fall; enrollment is stable. There will be a one-week summer camp for 3-5 year olds at CCA in June.

The Treasurer's Report showed as of 2/29/24, 24.15% of the budgeted income has been received and 13.68% of the budgeted expenses have been incurred, leaving a surplus of \$53,936.20, a total inflated by carry over balance of approximately \$17,000 from 2023. \$354,277.30 remains available in the Building Improvement Fund for future projects. 85 pledge cards have been received totaling \$315,835.16. This is \$30,000 more than was pledged last year. The Investment Committee met with Park National Bank and will meet with Huntington Bank in April. At the May Session meeting, there will be a presentation on investments to the Elders. The Trustees reported that the pew cushions for the Chapel have been ordered and the \$7,600 cost was covered by Colony V. Trustees recommended and Session approved a bid from Advanced Business Communications to make the Fellowship Hall and main floor glass doors handicap accessible and operated by keypads for a cost of \$14,078.03. Volunteers are needed to help with the gardening, especially weeding. Quotes are being sought for re-glazing our leaded windows (not the stained glass). The windows have been neglected for decades and the project could be done over a 3-5 year time frame.

The Archive Room has been cleaned out. Pastor Jody will work with Kathleen Lauri-Lewis and Merydeth Tipton for 1.5 hours per week through June 6 on only paper items to determine what to keep, scan, shred, or recycle. The next steps will be presented to Session for approval. Session was asked to clarify the intent for the Registered Sex Offender Policy with regards to outside groups using the church property. Session determined that the policy was for everyone using the facilities; a representative of all outside groups will be given a copy of the policy. The church By-Laws (Code of Regulations) have not been updated since 2001. Margaret Roark and Jay Abbey volunteered to work with Pastor Jody to write a draft update. An Ad Hoc committee appointed by Session has been working to develop an instrument to be used for the Annual Pastoral Performance Appraisal. The performance appraisal will be completed by leaders of the congregation: Elders, Trustee Chair, Deacon Chair, Committee Chairs, and Staff. Questions will be based on the job description, objective ratings, and comments. All answers and comments will be confidential/anonymous. A committee will be appointed to review the results and share with the Pastor. Session voted to move its beginning meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Session committees gave their reports. Marketing/Communication thanked Diane Van Auker for her many years of service as the chair and Tim Bode was welcomed as the new chair. The Worship Committee stated that new paraments have been ordered using money remaining from the donations for new Chancel vases. Church Membership reported that there will be a new member class on Sunday, May 19 and they are connecting with visitors. A spring all-church fellowship night featuring Bingo and snacks was well attended and enjoyed. A pancake breakfast hosted by Tom and Julie Slaughter on Sunday, March 17 was very successful. The Mission and Outreach Committee reported that the Ukrainian family has arrived and was honored along with our Haitian families at Treat Time on April 7. \$1,500 checks be sent to Sheltered, Inc. and Autumn Trails. Session approved the committee's name change from Mission Outreach to Mission. The Safety Committee has transferred its chair position from Candy Rinehart to Lisa Miller and thanked Candy Rinehart for her dedicated service. The Personnel Committee is revising the HR manual and the final document will be sent to Session for approval at their May meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next Stated Session meeting is Monday, May 13 at 6:30 on Zoom

# May Birthdays

Margaret Roark	313 W Home Road Springfield, OH 45504	2-May
Dallas Root	4245 Penny Pike Springfield, OH 45502	2-May
John Bolen	2408 Bellevue Pl. Springfield, OH 45503	4-May
Joan Elder	912 S Fountain Ave. Springfield, OH 45506	4-May
Nancy Garrett	2011 Broadway Street Springfield, OH 45504	5-May
Mary Schofield	2829 Meadowgate Springfield, OH 45502	5-May
Jo Brown	2108 Conowoods Drive Springfield, OH 45503	8-May
Kathryn Aler	3332 Seneca Springfield, OH 45502	12-May
David Henry	1203 Greenoak Ct. Springfield, OH 45503	14-May
Peggy Agle	480 S. Urbana Lisbon Rd. South Vienna, OH 45369	15-May
Thomas Billing	4514 Dowden Street Springfield, OH 45503	16-May
Maureen Fagans	1350 N. Fountain Blvd. Springfield, OH 45504	16-May
Eric Barga	405 Willow Rd. Springfield, OH 45502	18-May
Anne Deam	2102 Olympic Street Springfield, OH 45503	18-May
Diane Gibfried	215 Brighton Road Springfield, OH 45504	19-May
Bradley Campbell	915 E High St Springfield, OH 45505	21-May
Philip Stephens	4673 McCord Street Springfield, OH 45503	21-May
James Gibfried	215 Brighton Road Springfield, OH 45504	22-May
Roger Duff Krohn	709 W. Second St. Springfield, OH 45504	22-May
Janet Filer	4800 Kings Ridge Circle Fairborn, OH 45324	27-May
Susan Bailey	675 W Home Road Springfield, OH 45504	31-May
Dennis Roark	313 W Home Road Springfield, OH 45504	1-Jun
Janet Jenks	2430 St. Paris Pike #8 Springfield, OH 45503	2-Jun
Braedan Schantz	710 S. Broadmoor Blvd. Springfield, OH 45504	2-Jun
Leanne Wierenga	2571 Crabill Road Springfield, OH 45502	7-Jun

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheryl Powers Preaching</li> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col-lection</li> <li>10:30AM Worship Service</li> <li>2:00PM CE Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30PM Wine &amp; Jesus</li> <li>7:00PM Personnel Meeting</li> <li>7:30PM Narcotics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>7:00PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery</li> <li>10:00AM Staff Meeting</li> <li>4:00PM Ukrainian Commit-tee</li> <li>7:00PM Worship Committee</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Day of Prayer</li> <li>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>6:00PM Bell Practice</li> <li>7:30PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00AM Men's Meditation</li> <li>12:00PM Rainbow Table</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCA Sunday</li> <li>Cinco de Mayo</li> <li>Orthodox Easter</li> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:30AM Worship Service</li> <li>2:00PM Oakwood Commu-nion Service</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30PM Wine &amp; Jesus</li> <li>7:30PM Narcotics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>5:30PM Trustees</li> <li>7:00PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery</li> <li>10:00AM CCA Board</li> <li>5:00PM Mission Committee</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>6:00PM Bell Practice</li> <li>7:30PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00AM Men's Meditation</li> <li>12:00PM Rainbow Table</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JAZZ SUNDAY</li> <li>Mother's Day</li> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:30AM Worship Service</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30PM Wine &amp; Jesus</li> <li>6:30PM Session</li> <li>7:30PM Narcotics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>3:00PM Presbytery Meeting @ Bath Presbyterian Church</li> <li>7:00PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsletter Deadline</li> <li>8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry</li> <li>10:00AM Staff Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>5:00PM Church Member-ship</li> <li>6:00PM Bell Practice</li> <li>7:30PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00AM Men's Meditation</li> <li>12:00PM Rainbow Table</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:30AM Worship Service</li> <li>12:00PM New Member Class</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00PM Colony V</li> <li>5:30PM Wine &amp; Jesus</li> <li>7:00PM Personnel Commit-tee</li> <li>7:30PM Narcotics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>5:30PM Communications Committee</li> <li>7:00PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM Safety Committee</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>6:00PM Bell Practice</li> <li>7:30PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00AM Men's Meditation</li> <li>12:00PM Rainbow Table</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col-lection</li> <li>10:30AM Worship Service</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Hours Start</li> <li>Memorial Day</li> <li>5:30PM Wine &amp; Jesus</li> <li>7:30PM Narcotics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>7:00PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00PM Officer Massie Safety Training</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry</li> <li>4:00PM Books &amp; More</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00AM Men's Meditation</li> <li>12:00PM Rainbow Table</li> <li>8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous</li> </ul>	<p>1</p>