



THE COVENANT CONNECTION

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Pastor's Note

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing (Psalm 100:1).

Praise God for the blessing of October as the leaves change to the color of cheerios, the harvest continues to be brought in, and the cooler temperatures herald the beginning of a new season! The Bible says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1) and it is my prayer that in this season we will proclaim with gladness God's good news of peace, hope, joy, and love.

There is much in our days that can lead us to feel angry, hopeless, frustrated, and powerless, and the LORD encourages us to offer our laments to him. Did you know that one book of the Bible is called Lamentations and it is filled with poems of lament by the prophet Jeremiah? The key is to name our laments, share them with God, and then to name all of the ways God has been faithful to you and the core truth that God's light will conquer this temporary darkness for the eternal victory is God's. And, until that day comes, we will guard our hearts and minds, and double down on worshiping our LORD with gladness!

Congregational MEETING

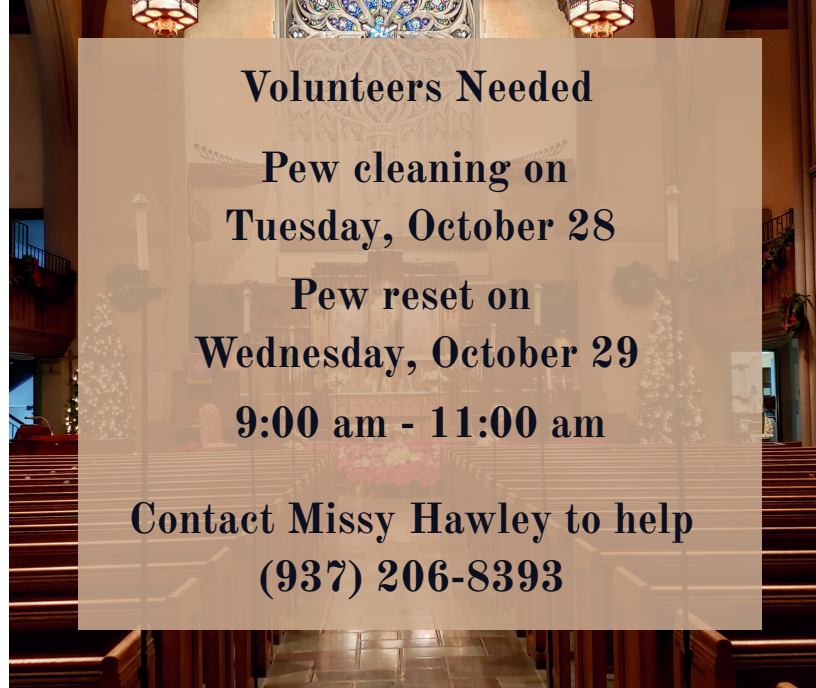
Sunday, October 12

Order of business:
Vote on the

2026 Slate of Officers and
Nominating Committee nominees

Recommendation to move
Rev. Jody Noble
from Designated to Installed Pastor





Volunteers Needed

**Pew cleaning on
Tuesday, October 28**

**Pew reset on
Wednesday, October 29**

9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Contact Missy Hawley to help
(937) 206-8393**

Windy Knoll Young Adult Gathering

Sunday, October 12

4:30 pm

**Young adults ages 25-40
are invited to gather for heavy
appetizers and beverages.**

Topics include:

Advent

Reformed Theology

Questions about Covenant

Future Events

Per Capita Recap as of 9/21/25

**Covenant's fair share for 2025 is 13,939.68
(54.24 x 257 confirmed members).**

As of 9/21/25 we have received 4,768.27

**Leaving a balance of: 9,171.41
(which comes out of our operating income).**

**88 members have contributed
169 members have yet to contribute**



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your prayers and support throughout my cancer journey. Your prayers and encouragement have meant more to me than words can express. God's presence was truly felt in every card, prayer and moments of kindness you shared with me and my family. I am deeply thankful to be on the other side of this journey and I give God all the glory for His healing and grace and I am thankful for all of you for walking this path with me. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

With love and gratitude,
Rosalie

SAVE THE *date*



Saturday, Nov. 1
5:00 - 8:00 pm

Dancing with
Professional Caller

Fall Fest
Hoedown

Dinner
Cake Walk
Face Painting
Photo Booth
Costume Contest

NEW MEMBER

SUNDAY
NOV 9
12:00 PM

Class

Join us for lunch and
conversation time with
Pastor Jody and the Session.
Learn about the
Presbyterian faith and your
path to membership.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONCERT SERIES

SEPT 28 Music of Dr. Alyssa Morris
6:30 PM

OCT 26 Bill Purk & the Muleskinner Band
3:00 PM

NOV 16 Christina Condon-Numerick, flute
3:00 PM

DEC 14 Carols & Lights
5:00 PM

JAN 25 Bob Gray Jazz Orchestra
3:00 PM

FEB 22 Dayton Celtic Harp Ensemble
3:00 PM

MAR 29 Wright State Univ. Trombones
3:00 PM

APR 26 Lia Ferrell, Organist
3:00 PM

MAY 31 Covenant Singers & Ringers
3:00 PM

September Session Highlights

The Stated Meeting of Session was held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Session room. Present were Session members Jay Abbey, Cindy Baird, Phil Calland, Casey Craven, Lisa Miller, Candy Rinehart, Barb Yontz; Moderator Pastor Jody Noble; Clerk of Session, Carol Miracle; guests John Shanley, Treasurer, and Marty Fagans, Chair of Trustees; Rev. Bob Wade, Rev. Lynn Bova, Jim Griffin, representatives of the Miami Valley Presbytery. Elders Brent Dunlap and Margaret Roark were excused. Devotions were provided by Lisa Miller.

Session unanimously asked the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to approve that Pastor Jody be moved from Designated to Installed Pastor and that it occur before the conclusion of the current Designated Pastor contract. The called Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, October 12 will expand its business item of voting on the slate of officers for the Class of 2028 to include approving Pastor Jody's move from Designated Pastor to Installed Pastor with an installation service date to be determined by COM and Session.

The Statistical Report showed that as of August 31, 2025, Covenant had 247 Active, 262 Inactive, and 2 Associate members. Average attendance for Sunday morning services (including online) was 193.16. The Treasurer's Report showed as of 7/31/25, 48.70% of the budgeted income has been received and 52.28% of the budgeted expenses have been incurred, leaving a deficit of \$28,044.73. \$315,531.84 remain available in the Building Improvement Fund for future projects. The 2026 Church Operating Budget was approved unanimously. Session approved the bid to replace the Session room AC/Heat unit. The Stewardship Campaign will be held October 12 – November 16, 2025. There was discussion about replacing the leathers on the organ. Several companies will be contacted for estimates. Because of the age of the instrument, this work has been deemed necessary.

The baptism of Elijah Kalinowski, Carter Richwine, and Cyrus Richwine will be held on October 19. They are the children of Jackie Zinkhon and Jessie Zinkhon.

Deacons met in late summer to plan the Worship on the Farm for September 21. Their responsibilities included moving tables and 100 chairs from Fellowship Hall to the farm, transporting and setting up the clavinova and sound equipment, providing signage and parking assistance, bringing bottled water and chicken, taking care of trash and recycling, and returning items to the church. The Deacons will host a Hoe Down/Fall Fest on Saturday, October 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a professional caller, and the event is for families. Hanging of the Greens will occur on Monday, November 24 at 5:30 p.m. The Deacons have a new refrigerator for use in flower delivery and other parts of their mission. Donations are welcome to help with the cost.

Final plans for hosting the Presbytery on Tuesday, September 9 were gone over. Session thanks those who have volunteered to help with this large undertaking.

The Session Committees gave their reports. The Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study will be launched on September 17 for Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00. This is a 10 week series. The study is open for both men and women. There are 24 signed up for this opportunity.

The children's space at the back of the sanctuary will be changing from a play space to a guided worship space with adults manning children's tables and sharing kids' bulletins following Sunday School topics. Reformation Sunday/Kirkin' o' the Tartans is scheduled for October 26. Marketing Committee will continue to manage the church website, social media presence, and other communications (newsletters email, Sunday bulletin, and ads). Mission Committee is sponsoring the meal packing for Lesotho on Saturday, September 13. The goal is to pack 15,000 meals. The Gifts of Hope and Promise Neighborhood sub-committees are meeting and planning for the upcoming holiday season. Mission was updated on Haitian support including help with rent and Walmart Cards issued. Membership Committee reported that a new member class and lunch was held on August 17, and Brad Soles and Ken White were received into membership. The next new member class is scheduled for November 9. United Senior Services will be providing help in establishing use of the pickleball courts. More to come on this soon. Personnel Committee recommended approval of an Amended Youth Ministry Specialist Job Description. Session approved. Missy Hawley is retiring from her position as Chair of Personnel after serving in that capacity for 10 years. Session expressed its gratitude to Missy for her many years of work on this committee.

The next Stated Session meeting is Monday, October 13 at 6:30 in the Session room.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

October Birthdays

John Larason	1724 Marinette Springfield, OH 45503	2-Oct
Louise Samosky	2912 Burrwood Drive Springfield, OH 45503	2-Oct
Mitchell Dunlap	140 Brighton Rd Springfield, OH 45504	3-Oct
Brian Bader	25 E Home Road Springfield, OH 45504	4-Oct
Rosalie Smith	4843 Limrick Rd. Springfield, OH 45502	4-Oct
Betty Baird	2611 Old Mill Road Springfield, OH 45502	5-Oct
Bettylou Hart	4625 Knightsbridge Blvd. Apt. 2027 Columbus, OH 43214	7-Oct
Shauna Hause-Johnson	6025 Knollwood Rd. Springfield, OH 45502	11-Oct
Mark Williams	4054 Mallard Avenue Springfield, OH 45503	14-Oct
Harold Goodrich	264 S Bird Rd Springfield, OH 45505	16-Oct
Gary Linn	828 Tanglewood Drive Springfield, OH 45504	16-Oct
Michael Collier	212 Hawthorne Rd. Springfield, OH 45504	17-Oct
Cheryl Lamborn	4140 E National Road Springfield, OH 45505	18-Oct
Richard Rogers	1631 Lagonda Ave. Springfield, OH 45503	18-Oct
Katrine Lancaster	6400 Manete St. Springfield, OH 45502	21-Oct
Amy Luther	1821 N. Fountain Blvd. Springfield, OH 45504	21-Oct
Joan Primm	11-D Fellowcraft Ave. Springfield, OH 45504	22-Oct
Melinda Stan	6919 Deer Bluff Drive Huber Heights, OH 45424	23-Oct
P. J. Miller	2660 Prestwick Drive Springfield, OH 45503	24-Oct
Michael Henry	538 Aberfelda Drive Springfield, OH 45504	25-Oct
Marilyn Toy	3333 Parkside Rd. Columbus, OH 43204	28-Oct
Richard Yontz	2643 Prestwick Village Circle Springfield, OH 45503	2-Nov
Cathy Bell	717 Edenwood Dr. Springfield, OH 45504	3-Nov
Cynthia Nowka	12 Derby Court Springfield, OH 45503	5-Nov
Deanna Soldner	2127 Montego Dr. Forest Glenn Springfield, OH 45503	7-Nov



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Hunt Baptism 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col-lection 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Middle/HS Youth Group 2:00PM C.E. Meeting 6:30PM Covenant Concert	29 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 7:00PM Personnel Meeting	30 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	1 8:30AM Christ Episcopal Food Pantry Delivery 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Worship Committee	2 Yom Kippur 1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry 6:00PM Choir Practice	3 8:00AM Men's Meditation 12:00PM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	4
5 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Marmon Valley Farms 2:00PM Oakwood Commu-nion Service 4:00PM B.A.T.S. Meeting	6 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 5:30PM Communications Meeting	7 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 4:00PM Trustees 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	8 10:00AM Bible Study 10:00AM CCA Board 4:00PM Mission Committee	9 1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Bell Practice	10 8:00AM Men's Meditation 12:00PM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	11 11:00AM Jim Synder
12 Congregational Meeting Stewardship Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Middle/HS Youth Group 4:30PM Windy Knoll	13 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 6:30PM Session	14 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	15 Newsletter Deadline 10:00AM Bible Study	16 1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry 5:00PM Church Member-ship 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Bell Practice	17 8:00AM Men's Meditation 12:00PM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	18
19 ZINKHON Baptisms 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Deacons 12:00PM Middle/HS Youth Group	20 1:00PM Colony V 5:00PM Wine & Jesus	21 Diwali 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	22 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Safety Committe	23 1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Bell Practice	24 8:00AM Men's Meditation 12:00PM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	25
26 Kirkin O' The Tartan 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 9:30AM Troop 1 Can Col-lection 10:30AM Worship Service 12:00PM Middle/HS Youth Group 3:00PM Covenant Concert Series	27 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Wine & Jesus 7:00PM Personnel Meeting	28 10:00AM Open Hands Free Pantry 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	29 10:00AM Bible Study	30 1:30PM Open Hands Free Pantry 4:00PM Books & More 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Bell Practice	31 Halloween 8:00AM Men's Meditation 12:00PM Rainbow Table 8:00PM Alcoholics Anony-mous	1 5:00PM Hoedown Fall Fest