

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Welcome and Announcements

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Because We Believe**

The Apostles' Creed

The Church's One Foundation

Message: Ephesians 4:1-6

Pastor David O'Dowd

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Guide Me (Indelible Grace)

In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock

Benediction

**Children ages 3 through Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church at the beginning of "Because We Believe."*

WELCOME VISITORS

We are so glad you're here this morning! Please be sure to fill out the Attendance Register when it is passed so that we can get to know you. Also please stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby to pick up some information about our church and our many ministries.

Covenant Presbyterian is a large church and it might seem overwhelming at first, but it's a church filled with wonderful folks who are anxious to meet you, minister to you, and help you get connected. If you have any questions about anything at all, feel free to contact the church office at 433-3051 or office@cov-pres.org.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

We invite you to join us in preparing our hearts for next week's sermon. Please take some time this week to pray for the preaching of the Word and to study next Sunday's sermon text, Ephesians 4:7-13.

COVENANT FAMILY LIFE

Pick up a yellow handout from the bulletin table for nursery information and Sunday School information for all ages. **Pick up a peach handout** for Covenant leadership information and Stephen Ministry information. **Lyric sheets** are located at the sound booth for those who have a hard time reading the overhead.

Welcome to David and Mary Nell O'Dowd as David begins his ministry here as Interim Pastor! Please join us today for a lunch reception after 2nd service. Don't worry if you didn't bring soup today; there will be plenty! (Some instructions: If you bring your crock pot of soup early in the day, take it to the kitchen and plug it into one of the power strips. We've had an electrician check out our circuits so don't worry about overload. Finally, don't forget your name tag!)

Embrace the cross-cultural heart of this church. As a church we want to extend the grace and hope of the gospel to all people of all nations. Amazingly, God is bringing the nations into our community. We invite you to join with us in reaching out to those who now call Harrisonburg home by inviting our immigrant friends into our homes for a meal. If you are interested, fill out the card inserted in the bulletin and place it in the offering basket.

SERVICE SATURDAY— FEB. 18, 8:00 a.m.-NOON (optional lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)! This is an opportunity for the Covenant body to serve together - the young with the old, the skilled with the unskilled, English as a primary language speaker with English as a secondary language speaker - working on different pro-

jects to bless our community and church body, and to build relationships as we work together. A list of projects is posted on the church's website (www.cov-pres.org; click on Service Saturday) along with a sign-up form. Paper sign-ups are available at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby. Sign-up deadline is Weds., Feb. 15. Please pray for this work and please consider how you and your family would like to participate. Questions? Contact Tim Frost (tim@cov-pres.org).

Understanding the Biblical call for the Church to Engage in ORPHAN CARE AND MINISTRY— Abandoned, vulnerable and alone...how do we respond biblically to the worldwide orphan crisis? How can the Church respond to the vast needs of fatherless communities? What does mercy ministry to the fatherless look like? How can *you* be engaged in orphan ministry domestically and abroad? You are invited **Sun. Feb. 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** in the church kitchen, to discuss these topics and learn more. Led by Skip Ritchie, Covenant Theological Seminary (CTS) student and Relief and Development intern in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Also hear more about what the God is doing at CTS, MTW and with the Ritchie family.

MEALS for the CRABTREES—Greg and Carol Crabtree have had ongoing severe health problems for years; they are in the midst of a very difficult season and could use some love and encouragement! Please consider serv-

COVENANT FAMILY LIFE (CONTINUED)

ing them by bringing a meal for their family. Sign up at www.takethemameal.com; the password is "meals." Questions? Contact Maretta Heatwole.

Join us for a **HYMN SING** Sun., Feb. 19, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Come ready to request a favorite hymn!

We invite you to our next **WELCOME TO COVENANT CLASS** beginning **Sun., Mar. 4**. This class meets for ten weeks in Annex 6 during the Sunday morning Study Fellowship hour (10:00-11:00am). This class is designed to introduce you to other people who attend Covenant, communicate what we believe, and show you areas of ministry you can be involved in. Taking the Welcome to Covenant Class is a practical way to help discern whether Covenant is the church where God would have you worship Him, grow in discipleship, and use your gifts to reach the world for Christ. Taking the class does not commit you to becoming a member, but it is a pre-requisite to membership. For planning purposes, please register for the class by contacting the church office (433-3051 or office@cov-pres.org). **Please register by Mon., Feb. 27**. Materials cost \$10.00 (payable at the first class).

Visit the book table in the lobby for a copy of Covenant's **2012 Lent Devotional**. Lent begins Tues., Feb. 22.

WIC (WOMEN IN THE CHURCH)

Join the **Single Sisters** at our annual **Valentine's** get-together on Sat., Feb. 11. Judy Baer will be sharing something from her heart. We will meet for brunch at the church at 10:00 a.m. No need to bring any food, just come enjoy this time of fellowship! Single ladies of all ages are welcome. RSVP to Bunnie Poyser or Marliese Poskitt as soon as possible. See you there!

Two events, one day—Come to one or come to both! **RUTH GRAHAM** is speaking at our church on April 28. Event #1, *Fear Not Tomorrow, God is Already There*, is open to the public and will be from 4:00-6:30 p.m. This event costs \$10. Event #2, Covenant's Mother Daughter Banquet, is for Covenant attenders and their guests and is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner is \$13 per adult or \$9 for ages 7-12. At the banquet, Ruth will be speaking on *A Legacy of Love: Things I Learned from my Mother*. Sign up in the lobby. Gluten-free meal available upon request.

BIC (BROTHERS IN CHRIST)

Calling all Men—**MEN'S FRATERNITY: The Quest for Authentic Manhood** meets on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. Now is a great time to join dozens of other men in the Quest for Authentic Manhood. This semester we'll deepen our understanding of the biblical definition of manhood and learn how an authentic man relates to his world, his wife, his children, his friends, and his God. Questions? Contact Doug Fischer.

HUNGRY? Join other men for prayer and bagels on Sat., Feb. 11 and the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harrisonburg Pregnancy Center needs of RN/LPN volunteers to care for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Responsibilities include administering pregnancy tests, providing nurse consultation regarding fetal development and healthy pregnancy, and educating women on the risks of abortion. Day and evening shifts are available Mon. - Fri. Contact Nancy Martin at 434-0685.

COVENANT CALENDAR

Prayer time in the Library from 8:00-8:20 a.m. on Sundays

Feb. 5—Welcome Reception for Interim Pastor, 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 7—Men's Fraternity, 6:00 a.m.

Feb. 7—Covenant Children's Choir practice, 4:00 p.m. (K-2nd), 4:30 p.m. 3rd-5th)

Feb. 9—Backyard Bible Club, 4:30 p.m.

Feb 9—Session Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 9—Cub Scouts Den meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 11—Men's Prayer and Bagels, 7:30 a.m.

Feb. 11—Single Sisters Valentine's Brunch, 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 11—Through the Roof, 4:00 p.m.

Feb. 17—Crossroads Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 18—Service Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Feb. 19—Hymn Sing, 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 24—Square Dance, 6:30 p.m.

Full Calendar at www.cov-pres.org

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, 6:00-9:00 p.m.: **SUPERBOWL PARTIES** - MIDS at the home of Mike & Jane Marsh, HIGHS at the home of Greg & Karen Montgomery. Last names A-L - please bring a dessert, M-Z - please bring a bag of chips. (Directions to homes on February youth event calendar - available in all youth Sunday School classrooms & Welcome Desk in lobby.)

SUN., FEB. 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: **SIGNS NIGHT** - Both Youth Groups meet at the church. Come gather for a rousing tournament of the game "Signs!"

SAT., FEB. 18, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: **SERVICE SATURDAY**

FRI., FEB. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Church-wide **SQUARE DANCE** in the Activity Room. *Please bring a snack to share.*



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ALIANZA WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:15 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 AM