

JANUARY 22, 2012

COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

WORSHIP ~ DISCIPLE ~ REACH ~ SERVE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

The Wonderful Cross

Be Thou My Vision

Receiving New Members

Greeting One Another

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

In My Heart

Message

Pastor Joe Slater

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Mighty to Save

Doxology

Benediction

**Children ages 3 through Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church at the beginning of "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken."*

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

Please take some time this week to pray for the preaching of the Word as we continue our three-week series exploring Covenant's vision. We invite you to prepare your heart for next week's sermon, on the topic of reaching and serving.

COVENANT FAMILY NEWS

*We mourn with **Bob and Lisa Dunlap** and family at the death of Bob's mother Juanita Dunlap on Thurs., Jan. 12.*

*We mourn with **Kathleen Mania-Casey** at the death of her mother on Mon., Jan. 16.*

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.

We're excited for our **INTERIM PASTOR, David O'Dowd and his wife, Mary Nell**, to begin their ministry at Covenant! David's first Sunday in the pulpit will be Feb. 5. There will be a **reception** following 2nd service that day to welcome them and give you an opportunity to visit with them. Please bring a crock pot of soup to share; Covenant will provide everything else. Look for signs around the kitchen and multi-purpose room for directions about where to plug in your crock pot. Let's give David and Mary Nell a "souper" warm welcome!

SHORT TERM MISSIONS for Summer 2012—Our plan is to send several teams (must be high school age and above) again to Oaxaca, Mexico, July 6-17, to partner with local churches in community outreach, Vacation Bible

School, and church development. We will also have middle and high school students (we will need adult chaperones) participate in the local "Renew" mission project from June 10-15. Application deadline is Tues., Jan. 31 for Mexico and Mar. 13 for "Renew." For more information or to print an application, visit www.cov-pres.org.

If you'd like to **bleed Barb Peters with a meal** following her surgery, go to www.takethemameal.com and use Barb's last name "Peters" and "share" as the password to sign up. Please call Maretta Heatwole if you have any questions.

DON'T BE INVISIBLE! Get to know others in a more intimate setting by joining a small group. For more information, contact Director of Small Groups and Adult Discipleship, Greg Becker, at greg@cov-pres.org or 433-3051, ext. 351, or pick up a Small Groups brochure at the welcome table in the lobby.

20- and 30-somethings, join us for **CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP**. Crossroads will meet Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m., at the church. Crossroads exists

COVENANT FAMILY LIFE (CONTINUED)

to provide fun and fellowship for young adult Christians who are out of college but not yet married.

Extending the love of Christ through a warm smile... if you'd like to do that, the Children's Ministries need you! **GREETERS** are needed each Sunday morning to welcome folks into the children's wing and point visitors in the right direction, either during Children's Church dismissal times (either service) or at the beginning of Sunday School. Contact Tonya today to sign up for once a month (433-3051 or tonya@cov-pres.org).

WIC (WOMEN IN THE CHURCH)

Join the **Single Sisters** at our annual **Valentine's** get-together on Sat., Feb. 11. Our own 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 and be ready to enjoy this time of fellowship! Single ladies of all ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Bunnie Poyser or Marliese Poskitt as soon as possible. See you there!

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." Is this your heart's cry, ladies? Join other women in study and fellowship at the **WIC CONFERENCE** here at Covenant on Sat., Mar. 24. Registration is Feb. 19-Mar. 19 and costs \$12. Questions, suggestions, or offers to help? Contact Sue Draper or Karen Miller. Look for details in the February Clarion or on posters around the church.

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. Reserve your spot before it's full!

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. Video presentation followed by small group discussion. Questions? Contact Doug Fischer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Is your baby bottle full yet? Your participation in the **Baby Bottle Campaign** for the **Harrisonburg Pregnancy Center** helps the center reach clients facing unplanned pregnancies. You can pick up an empty one or leave your filled bottle in the basket in the lobby.

COVENANT CALENDAR

- Prayer time in the Library from 8:00-8:20 a.m. on Sundays*
- Jan. 22**—Clarion submission deadline (clarion@cov-pres.org)
 - Jan. 24**—Men's Fraternity, 6:00 a.m.
 - Jan. 24**—Covenant Children's Choir practice, 4:00 p.m. (K-2nd), 4:30 p.m. 3rd-5th)
 - Jan. 26**—Cub Scouts Den meeting, 4:00 p.m.
 - Jan. 26**—Backyard Bible Club, 4:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 31**—STM: Mexico application deadline, 4:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 3**—Crossroads Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 3**—Kids' Connection, 6:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 5**—Welcome Reception for Interim Pastor, 1:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 11**—Single Sisters Valentine's Brunch, 10:00 a.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

TUES., JAN. 24: 6:00-9:00 p.m.—MIDS & HIGHS SNOW-TUBING—Meet at Massanutten Snow Tube Park at 6:00 p.m., get picked up at the Scheels' home at 9:00 p.m. **PARENTS:** *You are welcome to wait at the Scheels' after dropping your students off at the snow tube park. Leaders can provide transportation for students from the park to the Scheels.'* **REGISTRATION is CLOSED.**

FRI.-SUN., JAN. 27-29: SMALL GROUP WEEKEND—Contact your small group leader for weekend activity. Not in a small group? This is a great opportunity to get connected! Contact Nancy at nancy@cov-pres.org for more information.



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SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:30 AM AND 11:15 AM;
ALIANZA WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:15 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 AM