

### Kick-Off Sunday

Mark your calendars for Kick-Off Sunday on August 20! At the end of the worship service on August 20, the Education Ministry Team invites everyone to stay in the sanctuary for a brief introduction to the new program year and Covenant Sunday School classes. You'll get to hear about what each class is doing this fall, meet the class leaders, and pray together before we'll head to our individual classes to share refreshments and jump into our fall studies! We'll also commission Christian Education leaders at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. It'll be a special day in the life of the church!

#### CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All Covenant Members Co-Pastors: The Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke and The Rev. Andy Cooke Director of Music and Organist: Lyn M. Patterson Parish Associate: The Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels Nursery Caregivers: Alex Krumme, Sherry Nash, and Sara van Plew Church Administrator: Rachel Gregory Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

## From Our Pastor

I have a vivid memory of the first time that Jesus told me to break the law. I was a teenager in Sunday school class. Our teacher, Craig, had volunteered to teach us and he spent the entire year reading through Mark's gospel with us. We came upon the story of Jesus picking grain on the Sabbath, which was against the law as the Pharisees were quick to point out (Mark 2:23-28). Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath."

That line blew me away. Up to that point, I thought that faith was about following rules. How could Jesus think that it was okay to break the rules? What did that mean for us? That moment changed the way that I viewed Christian faith. I might even say that it was a life-changing moment for me. Perhaps I had read that passage before, but this was the first time that I really heard it. I honestly don't remember anything else from that survey of Mark, but I didn't need to remember anything else. That moment was worth the other 30 weeks or so that I spent in Sunday school that year.

I don't think that I was aware of the importance of this moment until years later. I wish that I could be in touch with Craig and thank him for volunteering to spend a year of Sundays with high schoolers or tell him how much that moment meant to me, but I have no idea where he is now.

This month, we will start a new year in Sunday school. Our leaders have spent the summer moving rooms around and redecorating, getting curriculum ready, and recruiting volunteers. As we look ahead to Kick-off Sunday on August 20, it is my prayer that you and your family will find a place to land after the worship services this fall. I pray that you will find a space where you can have honest discussions while loving and supporting each other. I pray that you may have a moment sometime in the next year that blows you away or that you can be a part of a moment that changes the way another person views their faith.

This work that we do together at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays is important, and I hope that you and your family will show up and make good use of this time that God has given us.

Grace and Peace,

Andy

## Clerk's Corner

#### June 6, 2023 Session Meeting

- Facility Usage
  - Parlor: Mariposa Book Club Tuesday, May 23, 2023; 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall: Gehle Family Christmas - Saturday, December 16, 2023; 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- Membership: Laura and Milledge Austin joined on Sunday, May 21, 2023
- Report of Commissioners to Presbytery Meeting May 23, 2023;
   Susan Monk, Steve Bell and Judy Grieve expressed what a good meeting it was. Judy Grieve informed Session that Covenant would send four Commissioners to the Presbytery meetings for the next year.
- Communion Servers: July 2, 2023, William Davis, Jim Buckalew, with Susan Monk as "pit crew." (Elder to replenish the elements.)

Treasurer Aubrey Moore reported that May 2023 church budget figures show a surplus of \$31,243.15. He reported that May preschool budget figures show a surplus of \$10,830.68 with only 2 months left in the 2022-2023 budget. **Motions** 

- Education Ministry made a motion to approve spending up to \$4500 from memorials (080857) for furniture and updates to adult, young adult, and youth classrooms. Motion passed.
- Sustainability Ministry Team made a motion to session the approval of the proposed 2023-2024 Preschool budget. The motion passed.

...*The LORD treasures the people who honor him, the people who wait for his faithful love.* Psalm 147:11

There was no session meeting in July. Judy Grieve, Clerk of Session



## Presbyterian Women's Mission Pledge

Funds from the Presbyterian Women's Mission Pledge are used to meet costs involved with the PW functions churchwide, including the Presbytery and Synod. Every mission and ministry program of PW is supported in full or in part through gifts to the mission pledge. There are churchwide operating expenses such as rent, utilities, publications and information technology support. At the Presbytery level, the pledge supports workshops, the Gathering, travel costs, Zoom fees and missions. The synod has financial obligations for the costs of the Triennial Gathering, communications, etc. Please prayerfully consider your pledge. Anything you give above \$25.00 will stay with Covenant PW for local operating and mission contributions.

The 2022 Mission Pledge sent to the Presbytery, Synod and Churchwide was \$350. Thirty percent of that amount was designated to go to the Presbytery, 20% to the Synod and 50% to Churchwide. Our PW continue to support Fellowship of the Least Coin. That money is used for grants and special projects. In May, we sent \$100.00 to Independent Presbyterian Church to honor Grace Daniels in her new job, \$250.00 to Thornwell, and \$250.00 to GAP for food purchases. Through the generosity of our church members, we contributed \$1,154.00 to the Birthday Offering and \$1,026 to the Thank Offering, our two dedicated offerings of PW.

We will collect our mission pledge for this year during August – November. When you have determined your pledge amount please make out your check to Covenant Presbyterian, indicating "PW Pledge" on the memo line and give it to Joyce Bowers, PW treasurer, or leave it in the office for Jenn Harrison, Finance Sectetary.

Covenant Presbyterian Church						
Mid-Year Financial Report		J	anuary 1, 2	202	23 - June 30	, 2023
With 50% of the fiscal year comp perfor			chart below date.	ref	lects our rev	enue
Revenues		2	023 Actual	2	023 Budget	Goal ≥ 50%
Income Accouunts						
Pledges		\$	266,684.97	\$	480,000.00	55.6%
Loose Plate Offering		\$	2,063.00	\$	1,450.00	142.3%
Other Income		\$	18,980.62	\$	64,875.00	29.3%
Total Income Accounts		\$	287,728.59	\$	546,325.00	52.7%
Designated Funds Transfers		\$	15,705.36	\$	31,410.72	50.0%
Total Revenues		\$	303,433.95	\$	577,735.72	52.5%
With 50% of the fiscal year complete, the chart below reflects our expense performance to date.						ense
Expenses		2	023 Actual	2	023 Budget	Goal ≤ 50%
Ministry Teams						
Building & Grounds		\$	94,802.09	\$	177,249.00	53.5%
Congregational Life		\$	1,149.30	\$	2,000.00	57.5%
Eeducation		\$	6,831.56	\$	13,450.00	50.8%
Mission		\$	20,289.50	\$	41,200.00	49.2%
Mission Sustainability		\$ \$	20,289.50	\$ \$	41,200.00 332,036.72	
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Sustainability		\$	167,005.03	\$	332,036.72	50.3%

Portion of Building & Grounds expense attributable to mortgage (renovation) loan.Church Mortgage (principal and interest)\$ 35,608.92\$ 71,218.0050.0%

Pending this month is an additional payment of \$25,000 from our Home Improvement Plan fund toward the prinicpal on our pre-existing mortgage (renovation) loan. That will bring our total payments to date to \$75,000.



## Young Adult Cookout

As we anticipate the start of a new Sunday school year, the Young Adult Sunday School Class will have a cookout at Andy and Katelyn Cooke's home (3013 Stratford Dr.) on Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to call themselves a young adult is invited, and we will not check ID's (we tend to be early 20's to mid 40's). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Childcare will be available at the church. If you need childcare, please let Katelyn know by August 7.

## **Congregational Life**

### Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, August 8, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at The Boll Weevil Cafe, 10 James Brown Blvd. There is parking behind the restaurant. Contact Phoebe Crimmins at 706-738-7820 or by email at

phoebebeach30@hotmail.com to make your reservation for this gathering so that we may have space for you.

## Greenjackets Game

Covenant is going out to the ball-game!

On Saturday August 26th, Covenant has tickets to see the Augusta Greenjackets take on the Charleston Riverdogs at SRP Park, across the river in North Augusta. The game starts at 6:05 p.m. and will be followed by a fireworks show. Contact Charlotte Ealick at 706-267-6112 or

<u>charlotte.ealick@gmail.com</u> if you'd like to go. Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. See you there!



## **Education Ministry**

### **Disciples**

#### An Odd Couple, Jonah and Ruth is

the new Bible study for the DISCIPLES. This study begins September 13, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 104 and continues through this 9 lesson study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays each month. The book of Ruth is about as far from the style of the book of Jonah as possible, yet both stories are concerned with God's love for outsiders and our response to God's commands to love neighbors and enemies.

Members of the class take turns leading the lesson using the guide provided with graphics and videos. Contact Judy Grieve if you would like to join this study of two wellknown people in the Hebrew

Testament: judygrieve@mac.com or text 407-230-6853. Books (\$22+ shipping) will be ordered in August. DISCIPLES look forward to new members.



### Young Adult Class

Sunday mornings //

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Room 12 Covenant young adults are invited to join us for good conversation, Scripture study, and fellowship on Sunday mornings. Karla, Andy, and Katelyn take turns facilitating this group, and we'll spend some time at the start of the program year making plans for our class together. Bring your ideas and your friends; we can't wait to see you!

### <u>SALT</u>

#### Adult SALT

(Sharing and Learning Together)

11:15 a.m. in Room 7

All adults are invited to participate in our SALT Sunday

School class beginning August 20 in Room 7. **Please note the change of rooms.** Room 7 is across the hall from Room 12, the classroom we've

previously used.

Our topic is an interesting and informative book and video series by Adam Hamilton titled, *Christianity and World Religions*. The book

explores four major world religions-Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism-and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity.

Adam deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions, such as:

- How should Christians view other religions?
- How is God at work in other religions?
- What is the fate of those who pursue God through other religions?

You do not need to purchase a book. For questions about the class, please contact Steve Bell, Judy Grieve, or Kathy Ordelt.

### WINGS-Women in God's

### Service (PW)

The 2023-2024 monthly meetings of WINGS will resume on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 12. If you would like to order a copy of the study book, *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, give \$12.00 (check or cash) to Joyce Bowers, PW treasurer, or Rachel Gregory, church administrator, on or before August 27. Checks should be written to Covenant Presbyterian, indicating "PW Study Book" on the memo line.

NE GA PW Workshop will be held on August 19, 2023 from 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Commerce Presbyterian Church. If you are interested and have not received information about the workshop previously, please contact Cindy Wallerich.

A NE GA PW Symposium, Working Toward Justice for All, will be held on October 14, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church,

Athens, GA from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Details will be provided at a later time.

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## Wednesday Night Fellowship

Save the date for the start of a new Wednesday Night Fellowship season on Wednesday, September 7, 2023. More information about WNF will be available in future church publications.

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We've had a big time this summer with six weeks of Summer Fun in June and July! Children explored outer

space, played sports, met a local author, got to pet therapy dogs, and even got to hang out with Auggie from the Augusta GreenJackets! A big thank you to Kim Ball for serving as the Summer Fun Director this year.

Thank you too for your support of the Preschool Supply Drive that starts at the beginning of August. The teachers are always grateful for the donations you make, and it helps us to begin the new school year with

## **Preschool**

everything we need.

Preschool teachers and staff come back on Monday, August 7, and the first day of school is Monday, August 14. We're excited to welcome some familiar faces as well as some new families this year, and we hope you will keep the preschool families and staff in your prayers as we start a new year together. Grace and peace,

Katelyn Gordon Cooke, Preschool Director



We're doing something new this year to mark the start of the preschool year! On Sunday, August 13, we're inviting the families and staff of Covenant Preschool and

Children's Day Out to join us for worship. During the service, we'll offer a blessing of the backpacks during the Time with Children, and we'll also commission the preschool teachers and staff.

After worship, the Education and Congregational Life Ministry Teams are hosting a Preschool Sunday Sundaes social, and everyone's invited to come and enjoy ice cream sundaes!

Dear Covenant Family,

There are not adequate words to express my appreciation for the cards, letters, notes, children's drawings, social media communications, and verbal interactions about my retirement.

The engraved apple, nativity bracelet and butterfly bush each have a significant meaning, but the standing ovation will remain in my heart forever. I am also truly grateful for the amazing Sunday reception.

Thank you for your love, support and encouragement during my 20 years at Covent Preschool and Kindergarten.

God bless you, Lucyle Ferris

## Thank-yous

#### Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers for our great-niece Autumn Courtney. She was released from the hospital and reunited with her family much sooner than expected. All are back under one roof and getting reacquainted, and all are overjoyed. Thanks be to you all, and thanks be to God! *Clubrey Moore and Sabina Widner*  A big thank you to the Punch in the Parlor hosts and the First Sunday Focus session leaders this summer! As a congregation, we've enjoyed good fellowship time in the parlor after worship each Sunday, and we've benefitted from learning about prayers for creation with Andy, getting to know each other with members of the Congregational Life and Education Ministry Teams, and practicing a new way of praying with the Diaconate Prayer Team.

## Youth and Middle School Montreat Conferences, July 2023



**COVENANT CHIMES** 

## <u>Children's</u> <u>Ministry</u>

### Preschool Sunday School

Sunday mornings

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Room 2

The preschool Sunday School class welcomes children ages 2 through kindergarten in the worship nursery. During their time together, preschoolers hear a Bible story, sing a song or make a craft, and say a prayer together. The activities are geared to preschoolers' learning styles and attention spans, and we also have a lot of fun together!

#### Elementary Sunday School

Sunday mornings

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Room 103

Elementary Sunday School looks a little different this year. First through fifth graders have their own Sunday School lessons on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and they serve as assistant teachers in the preschool class on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. More information about the monthly activities will be available in upcoming church publications.

## Youth Ministry

## Sunday Morning Small Groups

Sunday mornings // 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Rooms 203 and 204

Middle and high school small groups are back! On Sunday mornings, we meet in the youth rooms upstairs, check in with each other, ask questions about our faith, study Scripture, pray together, and hang out. We'll spend some time at the start of the program year reconnecting with each other and making plans for the fall. We hope you'll be there!

## Beyond Sunday Mornings

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month: Service

Our faith is about more than what we believe or what we say; it's also about what we do. On the second weekends of the month, our Sunday afternoon gathering will focus on service to others.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: Fellowship

Part of what it means to be church is to enjoy being together. On the fourth Sundays of the month, we'll hang out and have fun together. Some of these events happen at the church, and others happen around town!

### August Fourth Saturday Sunday Fellowship

Saturday, August 26 // 6:05 p.m. SRP Park, North Augusta

Who doesn't love a summer baseball game? Come join us and the rest of the Covenant family and watch the GreenJackets take on the Charleston Riverdogs!

The church will cover the cost of your ticket; you just need to RSVP to Katelyn ahead of time. We'll meet at the ballpark and sit together as a group. Can't wait to see you there!

## **College Connection**

Hey Covenant college students (and their parents)!

Your church family loves you and wants to keep in touch with you this year. As you begin the fall semester, please take a few minutes to fill out this form (https://tinyurl.com/2324CovCollege) and share your contact info with us. Thanks so much, and know that we're praying for you as you start a new semester!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15am Covenant Summer Choir* 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Punch in the Parlor*	31 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	1 3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	2 600pm Matthew 25 Task Force, Rm 7	3	4	5 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
6 9:15am Covenant Summer Choir* 10:00am Communion Worship Service* 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Home Communion 11:15am Summer Sunday Gathering, Fellowship Hall*	7 845am Preschool Teachers Preplanning, Rm 7 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	8 8:45am Preschool Teachers Preplanning, Rm 7 11:30am Ladies for Lunch, Boll Weevil Cafe 4:00pm Education Ministry Team, Room 104	9 8:45am Preschool Teachers Preplanning, Rm 7 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room	10 8:45am Preschool Teachers Preplanning, Rm 7 6:00pm Young Adult Class Cookout, Katelyn & Andy's home	11 845am Preschool Teachers Preplanning, Rm 7 9:30am Meet Your Teacher	12 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
13 Preschool Sunday & Ice Cream Sundaes 9:15am Covenant Summer Choir* 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale*	14 First Day of Preschool 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom	15 6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Parlor	16	17	18	19 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
20 Kick-Off Sunday 9:15am Covenant Summer Choir* 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	21 COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE Preschool Carline Begins 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	22 12:00am Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	23 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 1:15pm Preschool Staff Meeting	24 1:15pm Preschool Staff Meeting	25	26 10:00am Meals on Wheels 10:00am Presbytery Meeting, Zoom 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104 6:05pm GreenJackets Game
27 9:15am Covenant Summer Choir* 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor	28 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	29	30 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	31		2 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104 104

## <u>Mission</u>

### GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

The GAP items of the month August is toilet paper. We always need food that goes into the "walking bags" that we give to the homeless and to the working poor who come by to get something for lunch. We provide two sandwiches, chips or crackers, water with flavoring, fruit and a sweet. Some of these items are seldom available from Golden Harvest at their special pricing, so we really appreciate donations of packs of crackers, small packs of cookies, flavor packets for water bottles, chips, and small containers of fruit.

#### List of Items by Month

January: Hot chocolate February: Canned pork and beans March: Canned chicken or ham April: Boxes of cereal May: Toothbrushes & toothpaste June: Deodorant July: Canned fruit August: Toilet paper September: Canned soup October: Instant grits or oatmeal (Individual packets) November: Stuffing mix (type which only needs water added) December: Beef stew or chili

#### FAMILY PROMISE

Beginning Sunday, August 13, Covenant will do the second and final support work for this year's Family Promise. This is to undergird a program that consistently gets a family temporarily without proper housing into a more permanent situation.

We're asking Covenant families to deliver a dinner for four people on one of the seven nights beginning on Sunday, August 13. Chuck Baldwin will fill you in about dietary restrictions and requests.



Sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on Sunday, August 13. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship

service.

Charlotte Ealick and Sabina Widner



Here's some fun trivia! Covenant members Phoebe and Jim Crimmins, Carol and Dave Lapp, and Ruth and Johnny Lowe all share the same wedding anniversary! This year, the couples celebrated their combined 174 years of marriage by going out to lunch together at Oliviana.





Prayers of praise celebrate the grandeur of who God is, what God has done, and what God is doing. Sometimes we feel like we don't have enough time to pray, so below are examples of a few short prayers of thanksgiving to utter anytime, anywhere.

- I love you Lord.
- Holy God, I thank you for your presence in my life.
- Thank you for your forgiveness and redeeming love through your son, Jesus Christ.

Faithful Father, I am grateful for your blessings of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and

"If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you', that would suffice." - Meister Eckhart

Your Diaconate Prayer Action Team

Joyce Bowers, LJ Jay, and Kathy Ordelt



#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Our Flower Calendar is a meaningful way to show love and to glorify God. If you would like to donate flowers, check with Rachel Gregory in the church office to make sure your date is available. Forms to order flowers and to include a special message for the bulletin are available in the church office. You are welcome to use your own florist or Rachel can place the order with the florist that Covenant uses. The cost of each arrangement is usually \$125.



## Prayer Concerns

#### New Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

Lori Rogers - Stage 1 breast cancer diagnosis (0719)

**Reed Woodward** (Nancy Carr's grandson) - At home, post surgery (0720)

James Golden (Friend of Angela & Bobby Vernoy) - Morgan, GA (0725)

Charles Teffeteller (Friend of Angela & Bobby Vernoy) -Birmingham, AL (0725)

Beau William Byrne (Lyn Patterson's great-nephew) -California (0727)

#### Continued Prayer Concerns

Continued prayer concerns will be removed after three months. Please contact the church office to have them renewed or moved to enduring concerns.

All of Covenant's Missionaries All who serve in the U.S. Military Martha Bertrand - At home (0627) Courtney and Ella Davis (0601) Fred Gehle – At home (0629) Betty Johnston - Brandon Wilde (0613) Sam and Maddie McCarter, who

- are expecting a baby (0419) Gloria Miller (friend of Sarah
- Colborn) (0601)
- Everett Henry Nimitz (Chris & Anne Ealick Henry's greatnephew) – Born at 35 weeks gestational age, Charlottesville, VA (0722)

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Kathy Ordelt, Joyce Bowers, and Linda-Jean Jay. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at rgregory@covenantaugusta.org The prayer team will pray for these and other confidential/unlisted prayer concerns on a weekly basis. To add a confidential/unlisted prayer concern, please contact a pastor or a deacon.

Jennifer Shook (Elaine Lea's sister) – Bandon, OR (0601) Sue Walsh (friend of Diane Griffin) – Cancer treatment (0601)

#### ENDURING CONCERNS

Dorris Andrews (Elaine Lea's mother) – Brandon Wilde
Joe and Eunice Cook – Brandon Wilde
Bill Cornes – At home
Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde
Dan Freeman (Kaye Petkas' brother) – Winter Park, FL
Priscilla Gilman – Brandon Wilde
Erroll Hatcher –Adairsville, GA
Leah Mannel – Brandon Wilde
Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell Moses' mother) – At home
Anita Parker (Joslyn Fields' cousin)

– Beaufort, SC

Elizabeth Swink – At home

Jane Terry (Chris Terry's mother) – Lake Wales, FL

And for all those whose names we hold in our hearts.

## August Worship Schedule

#### PREACHER

- 8/6: Karla Conditt Daniels
- 8/13: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
- 8/20: Andy Cooke
- 8/27: Andy Cooke

#### GREETERS

8/6:	Lindsay Kircher
8/13:	Gail Baker
8/20:	Mary Beachum &
	Martha Bertrand
8/27:	Lola Bell

#### A/V TEAM

Steve Bell, Terry Bowers, Miller Cooke, John Ealick, Charles Jay, and Ralph Gillies

#### USHERS

- 8/6: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry, Ruth Mayhall, Philip Monk Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
- 8/13: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper, John Ealick, Angela Hobby, Rueben Rivera
- 8/20: Jim Buckalew, Jim Crimmins, William Davis, Jimmy Lea, Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry
- 8/27: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp, Lucyle Ferris, Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson

#### LITURGIST/READER AT 10:00 AM SERVICE

8/6:	Chuck Baldwin
8/13:	Lori Rogers
8/20:	Jim Crimmins
8/27:	Blake Rogers

### COORDINATORS

Lindsay Kircher, Greeter Coordinator Steve Bell, A/V Team Coordinator Chris Henry, Usher Coordinator Kaye Petkas, Liturgist/Reader Coordinator Cindy Wallerich, Flower Coordinator

### HVAC Update



After some manufacturing delays, the second part of our HVAC system that cools the narthex, hallway, and parlor was installed last month. We also had some pre-existing electrical issues that became apparent after the installa-

tion of our sanctuary HVAC system, which we have since corrected. Thank you for your patience with us through this installation. We are glad to say that the installation will be complete as we kick off the fall program year!



#### Diaconate

#### **Home Communion**

After worship on Sunday, August 6, Covenant deacons will be serving home communion to church members who aren't able to join us for worship in the sanctuary. If you or someone you know would like to be added to the list of recipients for home communion, please contact Katelyn Gordon Cooke.

## <u>Covenant Choir,</u> <u>Day of Singing,</u> <u>and Seasonal Singers</u>

On Wednesday, August 30, the Covenant Choir begins weekly rehearsals from 7:15 p.m.–8:30 p.m. in the balcony.

The Covenant Choir's annual Day of Singing is scheduled for Saturday, September 9; we will meet from 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the balcony. Snacks for the break will be provided, water will be available, and a light lunch will also be served. Advent and Christmas music will be rehearsed first for any *Seasonal Singers* who may join us. After the break they will be excused (with no guilt!) and the remaining time will be spent working on the anthems selected for Sundays in September, October, and November.

If your schedule does not allow you to sing with the Covenant Choir on a regular basis, please consider joining us as a *Seasonal Singer* for this year's Advent and Christmas seasons. This involves attending the first hour + of the Day of Singing (September 9) and beginning on Wednesday, October 4, rehearsing from 7:15 p.m.–7:50 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Lyn Patterson for more information.

Soli Deo Gloria!



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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

# Covenant Young Adults - GreenJackets Game

## June 17, 2023

