

New Covenant Connection

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

“A Church Family – A Church Home”



June 2019 Volume 42

New Covenant Church

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“All belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.” 1Corinthians 3:22-23

Farewell to Rev. Jeffrey Howard And Rev. Grace Howard

On Sunday, June 2nd New Covenant Presbyterian Church said farewell to both Rev. Jeff Howard and Rev. Grace Howard. It was the last Sunday service that Rev. Jeff Howard led as our Interim Pastor which also was a communion Sunday.

His sermon was based on 2Kings 2: 1-18. As Elijah explained to Elisha that the Lord sent him to Bethel and then to Jericho and was going to take him away. Elisha said “*I shall not leave thee*”. Elijah said, “*Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken away from here. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.*”

Rev. Jeff explained that he would not be leaving in a whirlwind or a chariot of fire like Elijah, but he would like to give a us a double portion of the Holy Spirit to our church to aid in our continuing mission in the Middletown community.

The mantle of leadership for New Covenant Presbyterian Church has now been turned over to Rev. Dr. Carol Fisher just as Elijah gave his mantle to Elisha.





Worship Ministry Team

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Special Dates

- * June 9, 2019 Pentecost and Pignic
- * June 14, 2019 Flag Day
- * June 16, 2019 Trinity Sunday and Father’s Day
- * June 21, 2019 First day of summer



Our 21st annual church picnic will take place on June 9th. Bring a lawn chair, a hat and your appetite plus feel free to invite a friend or neighbor. The meal begins around 4:00 p.m. and if you want to help with setup please arrive at 3:30 p.m. The menu will include pulled pork and beef brisket, hot dogs and hamburgers, lemonade and iced tea. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or a dessert for the “potluck”.

Submitted by John Hetterly, Congregation Life Elder



NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Donations for Neighborhood House for June will be once again baby/infant items of all types: Pampers; formula/food; bibs; booties; pacifiers/ hats; rattles; toiletries etc.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Neighborhood House. This month’s donations can be placed in the Neighborhood House box by the sanctuary coat rack.

Submitted by Jane Adams, Neighborhood House coordinator

“There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel that way yourself.”

-Abraham Lincoln

June is going to be a very busy month. On June 2nd we will hear Rev. Jeff Howard preach his final sermon as our interim pastor. We will be wishing him and Grace Godspeed in their new endeavors.

The Day of Pentecost is on June 9th. The day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, descending in a mighty rush of wind and flames to inspire the church. The parament color will be red. We encourage everyone to wear something red. This will be Rev. Dr. Carol Fisher’s first Sunday as our new pastor. We look forward to a long and rewarding relationship.

June 16th is Trinity Sunday. The day we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One-in-three and Three-in-one. Unlike other celebrations in the church’s liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. This is also Father’s Day and we will honor all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, teachers and other male mentors of our church and in our lives. After Trinity Sunday and until November 1st the church color will be green-that of ordinary time.

June 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month and we will collect the Deacons special offering.

Submitted by Barbara Montazella, Worship Team Elder



Evangelism Team

Website: www.newcov-church.org/
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/New-Covenant-Presbyterian-Church-USA-Middletown-Delaware

The Youth Group will participate in the Middletown Peach Festival parade this year. The parade starts at 8:45 a.m. and the festival continues until 4:00 p.m. Be sure to come and cheer our participants!

The “Invite a Friend Sunday” will be held again in July. Look for more details later this month in the Sunday Bulletin.

Submitted by Susan Pedersen, Evangelism Elder



BIBLE QUIZ

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul

Answer from May: **A. Rahab and Ruth**
(See Matthew 1:5.)



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| 6/1 Christine Rawding | 6/3 Thomas Fuerst |
| 6/5 Debbie Hudson | 6/6 Susan Pedersen |
| 6/8 Mark Hetterly | 6/16 Cyndi Daniels |
| 6/18 Joyce Artysiewicz | 6/30 Craig Schafer |



- 6/12 Judy and Tom Kimble
6/17 Pat and Jim Deverell
6/23 Alice and Bob Megonigal
6/28 Dottie and Scott Burkley



The Deacons met on May 18th. They will help setup and cleanup for Jeff and Grace's farewell luncheon and also will provide the beverages. The

Deacons continue to pray for everyone on the prayer list. Please let a Deacon know anyone that needs special prayers, meals, transportation or a home visit.

Submitted by Landa Lindgren, Lead Deacon

10 Commandments for welcoming a new pastor

By Pastor Brian McLaren

- #1** Thou shalt not compare the old Pastor and the new Pastor, for the Lord thy God has made each person unique and wishes you to appreciate each original creation.
- #2** Thou shalt not expect everything to stay the same when the new Pastor arrives. Nor shalt thou resist change, nor assume that change is bad, but thou shalt trust that the Lord thy God isn't finished with your church yet and is bringing change for your good and the good of your mission.
- #3** Thou shalt not make graven images of thine old grudges, nor shalt thou keep stale disappointments in the temple of thine heart, but thou shalt forgive and move on in the grace of the Lord thy God, for how can you ask God for mercy unless thou give mercy from thine heart?
- #4** Thou shalt not commit gossip, nor shalt thou fearfully complain, nor shalt thou listen to those who do, but instead thou shalt entreat them to adjust their attitudes and lighten up, for everything shall be all right, and in fact, shall turn out very well indeed – better than you can even imagine.
- #5** Thou shalt not commit nostalgia or say that the old days were better, for in so doing thou shalt make the judgment come true. Be assured that the Lord thy God is not falling asleep at the wheel, but will be with thee and surprise thee with abundant blessings, more than thou canst contain or count.
- #6** Thou shalt not fractionalize nor create "us-them" divisions, but thou shalt unify with thy brothers and sisters even when they annoy or confuse you.
- #7** Thou shalt not come to the new pastor with your demands, pressure, complaints, bad reports, manipulations, threats, agendas, unsolicited advice, or snide comments. But thou shalt say, "Welcome! How can we help you?"
- #8** Thou shalt increase thy giving, and not withhold thy tithe, but invest thy money and thine heart in the future of thy community of faith and mission.
- #9** Thou shalt not come to thine old and former pastor with anything but praise for the new pastor, but thou mayest bring thy concerns to God in humble prayer, and if thou must, thou may also share concerns with the duly appointed leaders of the church.
- #10** Most important, thou shalt trust God, and stay connected to God, and draw strength from God, staying deeply rooted in the message of God's grace. For God is good, and God will never leave you nor forsake you.



A FATHER'S DAY STORY

One day, little Jim was taking a walk with his father in the rugged roads of the mountain near their house. Suddenly, he slipped and hurt himself; Jim screamed, "AAAhhhh!" Immediately he heard a voice from the mountains saying "AAAhhhh!" Jim forgot his hurt and shouted, "Who are you?" Once again, he heard that voice saying "Who are you?" Jim was amused and he shouted, saying, "I like you!" The voice immediately answered back, saying "I like you!"

Rev. Dr. Carol Fisher is now in town!

She and her husband Jay, have found a home to rent near Townsend, Delaware. They are busy with moving boxes and arranging their household goods plus getting used to their new surroundings.

Pastor Fisher will be in the pulpit beginning June 9th which also happens to be our annual Picnic dinner date. So please come and join our congregation at both the service and luncheon to welcome Pastor Carol, and her husband Jay, to the New Covenant Presbyterian congregation.

We welcome Pastor Fisher to New Covenant Presbyterian church which is a grounded Church Family dedicated to serving God; sharing Christian fellowship, love, and caring with the world.

To reach her for any pastoral emergencies, please leave a phone message at the church office: 302-378-4446 or her cell phone 303-888-0706.



Finding the voice repeating everything that he said, Jim got annoyed and said, "You're a coward! Come in front!" Once again like every other time that voice from the mountains repeated exactly what Jim had shouted its way.

Jim got flabbergasted. He looked at his father and asked, "Father, what is going on? Who is this?" His father smiled and said, "Son, this is called echo."

And then he said, "Now listen to this." Jim's father then shouted towards the mountains saying, "Hey you are a champion!" The voice answered back, "Hey you are a champion!" Jim got puzzled.

Jim's father then looked at him and said, "Son, although people call it echo, it is, in reality, Life. It gives you back everything that you give to it. Our life reflects our actions. If you give out love, then life rewards you back with it. If you want happiness from the world, spread happiness first and then you get your return."

Jim kept listening to his father as he continued, "Life is not a coincidence, son. It is your reflection – the reflection of your deeds, acts and beliefs."



**A Merry Heart Doeth Good
Like a Medicine
Proverbs 17:22**

A man was driving when he noticed the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for speeding, even though he knew he wasn't. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. Again, the camera flashed. Thinking this was funny, he drove past even slower three more times, laughing as the camera flashed each time he drove by at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, he received five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

Someday my ship will come in. And with my luck, it's probably smash right into my dock.

Q. What should you do if you're attacked by a group of clowns?

A. Go straight for the juggler.



Sycamore tree: the sickest tree in the forest.

John: My wife thinks I'm too nosy.

Ron: How do you know?

John: She wrote it in her diary.

My father gave me the greatest give anyone could give another person, he believed in me.

I made a hole-in-one today, dear God, by tossing an orange peel from the kitchen table to the garbage disposal. Not bad for an old guy, right?

Remember that an oak tree is nothing but an acorn that held its own ground.

Sarah: When one door closes another one opens!

Annie: That's nice, but until you fix it, I'm not buying this car.

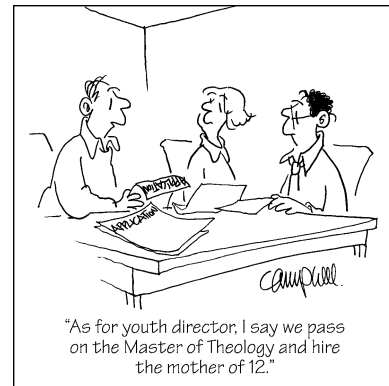
Leftover lasagna tastes great warmed in the oven – but I'll never know now because after leaving the restaurant I put the carryout box on top of my car while inserting my key in the door lock...and then got in and drove off. By the time I remembered it and stopped, it was long gone. Lord, I need your watchful eye on me during these senior years.

Q: What's the saddest dog?

A: The melancollie.

Q. Why did the baby strawberry car?

A. Because his dad was in a jam.



You have committed the grave tactical blunder of acquiring enough college credits to graduate. So now you're leaving college and embarking on the greatest adventure -and the biggest challenge – of your young lives; moving back in with your parents.

-Dave Barry

Patient: I keep having a dream that I'm a tailpipe. What does it mean?

Doctor: You're exhausted.

Q: Why did the spy spray his room with insect repellent?

A: Because he thought it was bugged.

Most fathers want their sons to have things they never had, like straight A's on their report cards.

Graduation days are tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After twenty-two years of child raising, they are unemployed.

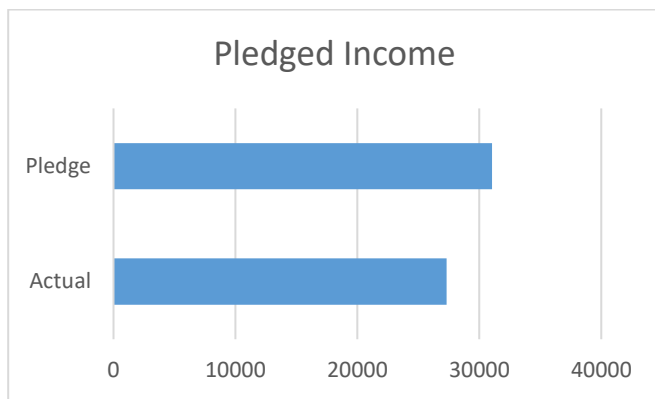
-Erma Bombeck

Watchdog: A dog that can tell time.



Stewardship is Time, Talents and Treasures/Gifts. We are working on a Time, Talents and Gifts survey. Perhaps you are interested in helping the church and/or our congregation with gardening, singing, cooking or painting. Maybe you are a closet sculptor, writer or plumber and would like to share your talents and gifts with us. So, the survey will canvas the church congregation and collect lots of useful information.

On the financial side of the house, here is where we are with our tithing



Member Quarterly Statements are available in the back of church. Please pickup your envelope with the statement inside. If your statement shows you are at 25% of goal, you are on track with your financial commitment! As a whole, members have donated 88% of what was pledged for the first quarter. If you need to adjust your annual pledge amount, please let Ben Urban or Cyndi Daniels know so that we can adjust the church's anticipated yearly funds. Our Per Capita bill from the presbytery was \$4,142.20. 34 of our congregational members have donated almost 25% towards this, the remaining has come out of our regular expenditure budget. So, if you have not yet done so and wish to help offset this line item, our Per Capita bill per member (not per family) is \$30 – please write down Per Capita in the memo section of your check.

Yours in Christ,
Ben Urban, Stewardship Elder

NEW COVENANT CHURCH NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Blue Rocks Game – June 21st. If you are interested in attending please contact Carol McBride. A minimum of 20 people is required to reserve space and the special price. This is a fun event for people of all ages - fireworks included!

Lillie Volckmann is healing from her shoulder surgery. Her son **Eugene** is also healing from his recent back surgery.

VBS program “Roar! - Life is Wild and God is Good” is available now for registration on the New Covenant Presbyterian Church website. The program runs July 15th through July 19th, from 9:00 a.m. through noon. Children, ages 3 through 5th grade, are eligible to attend. Participants can sign up on the website as well as volunteers. Check out the photos from previous years at www.newcov-church.org

Earlene Kelter is helping her step-son who is gravely ill.

Donna Casey's son-in-law, **Ivan**, has been deployed overseas. Please keep him in your prayers.

Matthew Leeson, the **Leeson's** son, is recovering from his pituitary gland surgery. He needs rest and quiet during his recovery.

Rob Lindgren, the **Lindgrens'** son, is healing from his surgery and is now working from home.

Kathy Henry is taking another tour of Israel and Palestine in June. Keep her in your prayers for traveling mercies.

Kathy Snyder was seen walking in the Middletown “Relay of Life” track. Thank you Kathy for helping cancer research and cancer victims.

Harry Kidd had cyber knife surgery and is slowly healing. Please keep him and Pam in your prayers.

Jae Hyeon Lee, **Grace Howard's** nephew, graduated from Harvard with a PHD in Physics.

Jocelle, **Kathy Henry's** niece, graduated from Harvard with a Doctor of Leadership Education degree.

Don and Judy Cooke's granddaughter, Virginia, graduated from Kent Island, MD high school and was accepted at Clemson University.

Tom Bennett's sister-in-law is in poor health and his brother is trying to cope with their life issues. **Barbara Bennett** is out of town caring for them all and everyone needs our prayers.

Susan Pedersen is traveling to Punta Cana and needs our prayers for an uneventful trip.

Carol A. McBride is finished with her wrist therapy and is now waiting for timing of her knee surgery.



Thanks to: Everyone who help to support our Christian Education activities throughout the year – both young and not so young!

Youth Club: We have reservations for the Blue Rocks baseball game on June 21st. (Note: Alice invites you to come and watch her catch a baseball!) Gate opens at 6:05 p.m. and game starts at 7:05 p.m. Please confirm your attendance by May 22. RSVP To: Carol A. McBride Home Phone: 302-378-5359 Cell Phone: 267-994-1623 E-Mail: carolamcbride19709@icloud.com

Bible Study Activities: Look for the Schedules in the coming months once Pastor Fisher and the session meet later in June to finalize the programs.

Bethel Bible Classes: Both the Adult Sunday and Tuesday Study Groups are on hiatus for the summer. They will resume in September.

Church Service: Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Children’s Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Summer programs as a one room schoolhouse.

Praise Band Rehearsals will resume every Monday at 7 p.m. Bring your musical instrument and join us in this newly formed band. Singers are also welcome.

Drama Club: Summer schedule in place.

Nursery: Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - We still need volunteers for Babysitting on an as need basis. Special thanks to all those who have signed up in the past.

VBS: Start Date, July 15, 2019 TO July 19, 2019. Registration is available on church website and the slots are filling up quickly! It appears to be another outstanding program for kids.

Submitted by: Carol A. McBride, Christian Education Elder

Our Daily Bread Lunch

New Covenant Presbyterian Church will provide lunch on Friday, June 7th at Our Daily Bread. If you would like to volunteer please contact Nancy Carol Willis. There are also flyers in the sanctuary with more details.

847th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery the meeting will be held at the Easton Presbyterian Church in Easton, MD. See the Midweek Musings to see other mission activities in the Presbytery.
www.ncpresbytery.org/midweekindex/

Submitted by Nancy Carol Willis, Missions Elder

FOLLOWING GOD TO VBS

*My dishes went unwashed today,
 I didn't make the bed;
 I took God's hand and followed him
 To VBS instead.*

*Oh, yes, we went adventuring –
 The children and I –
 Exploring the whole Bible
 For truths we can't deny.*

*My house was sure neglected,
 I didn't sweep the stair –
 In twenty years, no one on earth
 Will know, or even care.*

*But that I've helped a boy or girl
 To noble adulthood grow,
 In twenty years, the whole wide world
 May look, and see, and know.*

-Author Unknown

(Source: "church bulletin bits #2"





From Pastor Jeff,

Dear New Covenant Presbyterian Church,

Two years ago, I was called by God and the Session of the New Covenant Church to serve as interim pastor until a new pastor arrives. That day has come, and my ministry with you is coming to a close.

Thank you to the Session for your support. The Session has done extraordinary work over this interim period maintaining, expanding and initiating ministries in the church. We have started Bible studies and Youth events. Plans are underway for new stewardship and evangelism efforts. Worship has expanded with the addition of youth in the Bell Choir and the formation of a new praise team. We have had fellowship opportunities and retreats. This list can go on and on as I sure it will under your new pastor.

Thank you to the Deacons. You have really stepped up by providing rides and meals. The cards you send are appreciated. And your continued prayers will benefit this church in many ways.

Thank you to the Trustees. Under your leadership, the church is on a sound financial footing. The new sound system for worship is great. Thank you for those who clean, cut grass and count money. The facilities and grounds look good. You need to resurface the parking lot, improve lighting and video projection system in the sanctuary, and purchase a new sign.

Thank you to the Pastor Search Committee. You worked very hard, developed a wonderful Mission Study and found a great pastor.

Thank you to all who attended Bible studies. Teaching Bible study is my favorite thing to do in ministry. And I really appreciate your regular attendance. We studied biblical books, participated in an *Advent Conspiracy*, controlled our eating with the *Daniel Plan*, and finished a year of *Believe, Living the Story of the Bible to become like Jesus*.

Thank you to the music ministry. Kenny and Jen are gifted musicians with a heart for the Lord. They work so hard getting us ready for worship. And the results are outstanding. The choir and bells are beautiful. And the new praise team has much potential.

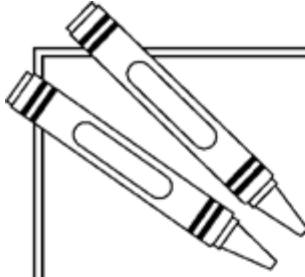
Thank you to the congregation. You attended worship, paid my salary, became my friends, published newsletters, and so much more. I will always cherish my ministry with you.

I leave you with these words from the Prophet Haggai:

Haggai 1:7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord.

When will New Covenant Church build a new sanctuary for the Lord?

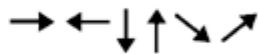
Blessings,
Pastor Jeff



Just for **KIDS**

Fathers and Sons of the Bible

Proverbs 13:1 says,
"A wise son heeds his father's instruction."

In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of these fathers and their sons from the Old Testament. Names may be forward, backward, diagonal,  up or down. Circle them.

ADAM	JAPHETH	ISHMAEL	JUDAH	JOSEPH
CAIN	ELKANAH	ISAAC	LEVI	MANASSEH
ABEL	SAMUEL	ESAU	GAD	EPHRAIM
SETH	AARON	JACOB	NAPHTALI	SAUL
NOAH	NADAB	REUBEN	SIMEON	JONATHAN
HAM	HUR	DAN	ISSACHAR	DAVID
SHEM	CALEB	ASHER	ZEBULUN	SOLOMON
	ABRAHAM		BENJAMIN	

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