

New Covenant Connection

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

“A Church Family – A Church Home”



June 2018 Volume 30

New Covenant Church

Ministers

The Congregation

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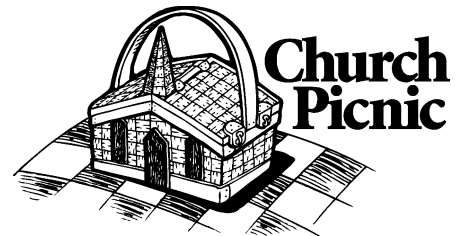
Church Information

Church Phone 378-4446
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 Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
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Parables of the Kingdom

“Children’s children are the crown of old men: and the glory of children are their fathers”. Proverbs 17:6



On Sunday, June 10th, we will have our 20th annual New Covenant Presbyterian Church picnic.

In June of 1998, a rather diverse group of 62 Christians gathered to formally charter as New Covenant Presbyterian Church. Since then the church has increased in size, expanded its facilities, and focused on its mission and purpose through its “Defining Vision” statement which we use weekly in worship.

Our menu will include pulled pork and beef brisket provided by the church. Hot dogs and hamburgers will also be provided in lesser numbers. Lemonade, iced tea, water and table service will also be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or a dessert to share with everyone. These will be the “potluck” portion of the meal.

Bring a lawn chair, a hat and your appetite – plus invite a friend or neighbor who may not have a church family yet.

Our meal begins at 4:00 p.m. and if you want to help with setup please arrive at 3:30 p.m. We go inside during inclement weather otherwise we’ll dine on the lawn outside the church.

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Special Dates

- * June 10, 2018 Church Picnic
- * June 14, 2018 Flag Day
- * June 17, 2018 Father's Day
- * June 21, 2018 First Day of Summer
- * June 24, 2018 Craft Day for VBS



The 20th annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday June 10th. Add this to your calendar and bring a friend or neighbor too! More details are coming later in the church bulletins.

Submitted by Pam Leeson, Congregation Life Team



Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship during the month of May. Our paraments were changed to red for the celebration of the Pentecost on May 20th and then changed to white for Trinity Sunday. All of June will return to green for the Sundays after Pentecost.

All of our choirs are meeting to determine if there will be a Sunday during the summer where members are available to sing or play bells.

July 29, is the 5th Sunday of the month so we will have a second collection for the Deacons special fund.

Submitted by Barbara Montazella, Worship Elder



PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The latest Pastor Compensation Report from the Committee on Ministers and Compensation was received from the New Castle Presbytery. It was reviewed by the Trustees and will also be reviewed by the Session at their May meeting. The Session will vote on the final offer to a future pastor.

Once the compensation has been determined, a call can be created and then posted on the various pastor search websites. The completed Mission Study will be included as background information.

More information will be shared as it is known.

Submitted by Brian Lindgren, Co-Lead Pastor Search Committee

FATHER'S DAY QUOTES

"It's only when you grow up and step back from him — or leave him for your own home — it's only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it."

-Margaret Truman

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

-Unknown

"Being a daddy's girl is like having permanent armor for the rest of your life."

-Marinela Reka

"Lately all my friends are worried they're turning into their fathers. I'm worried I'm not."

-Dan Zevin

"I love my father as the stars—he's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart."

-Terri Guillemets

"Some people don't believe in heroes, but they haven't met my dad."

- Unknown

BIBLE QUIZ



What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage? "But just as he called you is ----, so be in all you do ----: for it is written: 'Be ----, because I am ----.'"

- A. righteous
- B. holy
- C. loving
- D. merciful
- E.

(Answer from May: **E** All of the above. See Acts 2:9-11.)



The first Friday of the month is when New Covenant Presbyterian Church provides the food, cooking and service to Our Daily Bread in Middletown. So, June 1st is both the first Friday and the first day of June! Please contact Cheryl Shields if you would like to volunteer for this very needed service to our community.

Submitted by Paul Willbanks, Missions Elder



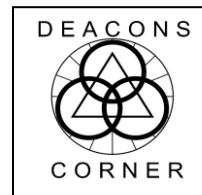
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Thank you for your generous support of Neighborhood House. We continue to be a generous supporter to this very important community mission. Your donations will make people's lives easier! We are blessed to be a blessing!

The June donation schedule is baby items: bibs, booties, diaper crème, fresh wipes, pacifiers, diapers, feeding spoons, bottles, etc. Place your donations in the Neighborhood House box by the sanctuary coat rack.

Submitted by Jane Adams, Neighborhood House coordinator

Deacon's News



Deacons purchased 200 (minimum) jar openers to be used for our visitor bags and also at the Peach Festival. The saying "A gift from God to help you with your struggles" was approved. The

church name, address and phone number and website are included as well.

Don Bauer is still the main contact for transportation and Landa will update the Meals Ministry volunteer list. Melissa will make/update slides for Sunday service.

A new gift memorial book was purchased and now the previous memorial donations and gifts will be updated. "Missing You" postcards were purchased and will be used to mail to congregation members that have missed several services.

The Deacons received a check as a memorial donation for our past member Barry Baldwin. The donation will be noted in our new memorial book.

Reminder: the next Fifth Sunday second offering is on Sunday, July 29th.

Note: Ruth Keiderling is recuperating at home from her foot surgery. The Deacons and church members have provided meals.

Submitted by Landa Lindgren, Deacon Secretary and Alice Megonigal, Deacon Moderator



6/1	Christine Rawding	6/3	Thomas Fuerst
6/5	Debbie Hudson	6/5	Ariel Asong
6/6	Susan Pedersen	6/8	Mark Hetterly
6/14	Christy Mack	6/16	Cyndi Daniels
6/18	Joyce Artysiewicz	6/30	Craig Schafer



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

"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty."

- Ziad Abdelnour

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

After getting his driving license, David visited home during vacation and asked his dad for the family car. His dad agreed but put forward three conditions - good grades in school, a neat room and a decent haircut. After several months, David came home again. He had followed the three things that he had promised his dad, except getting his hair cut. When the father saw that his son had disobeyed him, he asked for an explanation. David smartly said, "Hey dad, even Jesus had long hair." His Father was not someone to be taken for a ride and smilingly replied, "Yes, son, you're absolutely right. And Jesus also walked everywhere he went."

Q: What did the bottle of ranch say when somebody opened the refrigerator?

A: "Shut that door, I'm dressing!"

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose but, mosquitoes come close.

After putting their three-year-old child Brian in bed, his parents heard muffled sobs coming from his room one night. Rushing back in, they found that the child was crying hysterically when he saw them. He told his parents that he had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure that he would die now. The father, in an attempt to sober him down, took out a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it out from Brian's ear. The child was really thrilled and stopped crying at once. In a flash, he snatched the penny from his dad's hand, swallowed it, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"

Q: What do you call a guy who likes to ring door bells?

A: Buzz.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Why I Like Retirement:

1. Retirement – never ending coffee break.
2. A week is 6 Saturdays and 1 Sunday.
3. Formal attire is tied shoes.
4. It only takes one retiree to change a light bulb but it might take all day.

Forger: A man who is always ready to write a wrong.

Teacher: When is the boiling point reached?

Student: When my father sees my report card.

Q: Why did the man put his car in the oven?

A: Because he wanted a hot rod.

Dear God, who is to blame when my spouse and I both have hearing challenges? I heard myself say we'd meet for lunch at Friday's, but my wife said she heard me say Freddy's. We finally connected by cell phone and decided to eat at home

Pete: What does your father do for a living?

Harry: He's a magician. He performs tricks like sawing people in half.

Pete: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Harry: Yep, four half-sisters and a half-brother.

"A guy knows he's in love when he loses interest in his car for a couple of days."

-Tim Allen

Son: For \$20, I'll be good.

Dad: Oh yeah? When I was your age I was good for nothing.

A father was enjoying with his five-year-old son at the beach. Suddenly, the boy pointed to a dead bird and asked his father "Dad, what happened to this chap?" The dad coolly replied "Oh this? He just died and went to Heaven," The little boy thought for a moment and then said, "Oh My, Did God throw him back down?"

Even though I'm proud my father invented the rear-view mirror, we're not as close as we appear.

Dear Grandson,

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I get up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place for very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. Oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer. Love Grandma.

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. At my age he said I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I told him I do it all the time." No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, I ask myself. "Now, what am I here after?"



From the Pastor's Desk, June 2018

Dear New Covenant Church,

Did you know there is an estimated 36,000 museums located in the US? Or that there are more museums in the US than Starbuck's and McDonald's—combined? Consider our nation's capital alone—the home of the massive Smithsonian complex, including the National Air and Space Museum and the new National Museum of African American History and Culture.

It's also the home of the Museum of the Bible, opened in November 2017, with its forty-foot high entrance flanked by massive bronze panels engraved with the words of Genesis 1 from the Gutenberg Bible. It's engaging people with the significant history and narrative of the Bible—and in its impact on every aspect of life.

Last month I had the great privilege of visiting the Museum of the Bible. I walked in at 10:00 AM and didn't leave until 2:00 that afternoon. It is a most amazing place. One whole floor is dedicated to exhibits on how the Bible has impacted the world. Another floor holds a dramatic presentation of what is in the Bible. And another floor shows the history of the Bible itself. Additionally, there are theaters, art galleries and restaurants.

I will be leading a group to the Museum of the Bible on Friday, June 15. We will gather at New Covenant Church at 6:00 AM and will return later that afternoon. Delaware Express will provide the transportation. The cost is \$12 for tickets plus \$90 for transportation.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff



NEW COVENANT CHURCH NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Would you like to walk through a garden admiring the sights, sounds and smells that comes from someone else's labors, or would you rather experience these same rewards, having contributed to the beauty that you are experiencing? Walking through a public garden can be a wonderful experience. But, there is no real ownership for the results that you are enjoying. Even if it is just one tomato plant that you tend, when you grow it, care for and enjoy the taste...nothing can be more rewarding!

How does this then apply to your spiritual life today? Are you walking into church and experiencing the sights and sounds of worship, admiring the fruits of the Spirit brought forth by others...and then leaving, feeling refreshed and uplifted? Or, are you contributing to the church? Do you think that you've done "your turn" at service in the church and to God?

Can you imagine God saying, "I don't have time? I quit. I've done healing and protecting. It is time for others to step forward and take over!" If you are age 14 or 84, God expects all of use to "find a need and fill it."

Yes, while walking into church and experiencing the gifts of others can be good, it can't compare to the earthly and eternal rewards we can experience when we are personally engaged in God's work. God's voice, hands and feet are yours.

Time and talents are gifts from God that the Lord has sown in our community. God enriches our individual lives and our community life with these gifts. Consider what you may be able to offer in the way of time and talent. Share your unique gifts.

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MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE TRIP

Join Revs. Jeff and Grace Howard on a trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Museum of the Bible on June 15th. A remarkable experience is waiting for you inside the 430,000 square foot museum using cutting edge technology to bring the Bible to life. Cost is \$12.00 admission plus transportation costs. Departing First Presbyterian Church, Delaware City at 6:00 a.m. Sign-up sheet on back table in the sanctuary.

Laura Pedersen has moved into her new home in Middletown and is enjoying being the head of her new household – including her dog!

Earlene Kelter has moved into her new home in Westminster in Dover. She intends to attend our services as much as possible since New Covenant is her church home. She also recently lost a family member and will travel as long as her health allows it.

Ruth Keiderling is recovering at home from her foot surgery. We pray for a quick recovery.

Don Bauer shared his sister-in-law was recently diagnosed with liver failure. Our sympathy is with him and his family during this difficult time.

Lois Houston and family had a memorial service for her husband, Sam Houston on May 15th. She spent time with Landa and Brian Landgren while she was in Delaware. Keep Lois and her family are in your prayers.

Debbie Hudson's Aunt Judy recently passed away. We extend our sympathy to her and her family.

Kay's Kamp, a medically supervised overnight camp for children with cancer, will celebrate their 10th anniversary this year. Member Laura Pedersen continues to volunteer her time at the camp and asks for our prayers for the children fighting for remission.

Congratulations to **Rev. Dr. Grace Howard** who has accepted a pastoral position at the Delaware City Presbyterian Church. We will miss her presence here at New Covenant Church.

Alan Pedersen had to reschedule his wrist surgery and is waiting for the new schedule.

Paul Willbanks and Nancy Carol Willis took a once in a lifetime vacation that included a trip to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. They'll have lots of adventures to share with us and photos too.

Cody **Varnes** and his wife are expecting a new addition to their family soon. Congratulations to them and their grandparents, Steve and Valorie.



Craft Sunday:

Please join us after church on June 24th for a Craft Sunday. We need to make palms trees and foliage for the July 16 to 22nd Vacation Bible School. Just bring sharp scissors to enjoy the fun!



Bethel Bible:

Bethel Bible has finished the Old Testament study. They will restart in September with the New Testament.



Vacation Bible School (VBS):

This year's Vacation Bible School is based upon the program Shipwrecked and Rescued by Jesus! VBS will run from July 16th to the 20th, with the wrap up being at the Sunday worship on July 22nd.

Who can participate:

Preschoolers (Potty Trained) will be presented with fun filled activities, all supervised in one room.

First Graders to Fifth Graders will enjoy fun filled activities both indoor and outside.

Middle and High School students can be crew leaders where they will learn leadership skills.

Nursery will be provided for VBS volunteers ONLY. A Nursery Leader is still needed.

Adult Leaders are also still needed.

See VBS poster on last page of the newsletter.



All Sundays:

NURSERY
Volunteers

Volunteers for the Youth/Nursery care are needed. We have a few small children attending church with their parents and it would be appreciated if volunteers could help keep the children busy so the parents can attend church services. Please contact Carol A. McBride for more details to volunteer. 302-378-5359.

Youth Club:



Open to third graders through high school age.

The first outing, on June 15th, will be at Putter's Paradise, 130 Commerce Drive, Middletown, DE 19709. In case of rain we will most likely move the event to West Town Movie Theater, adjacent to Putter's Paradise. Please RSVP to Laura Pederson.



Bible Study:

The study of Timothy will begin on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. led by Rev. Jeffrey Howard and also on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study Group will continue through the summer on Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

Summer Youth Sunday School classes:

We would like to continue with our summer Sunday School program but need volunteers. It can be one Sunday a month or more! Please contact John Hetterly by phone at 302-383-9263 or Caroline Recla by e-mail @ carolynrecla@verizon.net



Evangelism Team

Website: www.newcov-church.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/New-Covenant-Presbyterian-Church-USA-Middletown-Delaware

The new church directory will be published shortly and any individual photo purchases should be available in early June.

Submitted by Susan Pedersen, Evangelism Elder.



CAUTION! Our church parking lot is changing as the road construction continues. There are large pipes and parked equipment near the roadway. Please be careful as you enter and exit our church road to Jamison's Corner Road.



Vacation Bible School



New Covenant Presbyterian Church

(Across Boyd's Corner Rd. from Cedar Lane Elementary School)

July 16 – July 20, 2018

9AM to 12 Noon

Ages 3yr thru 5th Grade

No Fee!



Visit: www.newcov-church.org/vbs.html Call (302) 378-4446

Text Co-Director Nancy Hetterly at (302) 383-6543

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