

New Covenant Connection

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

“A Church Family – A Church Home”



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New Covenant Church

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“He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness harvests love.” – St. Basil



Our Vacation Bible School theme this year will be “Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus”.

Children from the ages of 3 years through the 5th grade are invited to attend this event at New Covenant Church, 1125 Jamison Corner Road, Middletown, Delaware. Yes, we are open during the ongoing road construction in the area!

There will be games, songs, skits, Bible-learning activities, treats and lots of fun. The church sanctuary will be renovated into a shipwreck just for this week. Everyone is invited on Sunday, July 22nd when attendees will share their VBS experiences with the congregation and their own families.

VBS is held rain or shine at New Covenant Presbyterian Church. To register online at: www:newcov-church.org.

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Special Dates

- * July 1, 2018 Canada Day
- * July 4, 2018 Independence Day
- * July 16, 2018 VBS starts



Our 20th annual Pignic was a wonderful time to honor Rev. Burkley. He was given a crystal award, a lovely card with a cash gift, and named Pastor Emeritus. We also have a frame that will have his picture with a plaque stating the dates he served our congregation. We hope to have that hanging in the narthex along with one of our current temporary pastor Rev. Jeff Howard. Food was amazing and even though it was raining, 50 people enjoyed the evening. Leftovers were donated to the veterans at the Victory Village (thanks to Al Grimminger for delivery).

Our next planned event will be our Steak Fry. Mark your calendar now to save **September 9th** and plan on coming to kick off our Fall season!

Submitted by Pam Leeson, Congregation Life Team



The Pastor Nominating Committee has created a draft MIF (Ministry Information Form) which will eventually be posted on several ministry sites. This form specifies the requirements for our Pastor position including Theological/Spiritual, Communication, Organizational Leadership and Interpersonal Engagement competencies.

The Committee will meet again in July to finalize the MIF form and develop the review process of submitted responses.

More information will be shared as it is known.



Worship Ministry Team

- The calendar: July 1, communion
 July 4, Independence Day
 July 8, Pulpit swap with Elkton PC
 July 22, VBS program

The liturgical color for July is green indicating Ordinary Time (the time in the Christian year not marked by a specific festival or season).

On July 8, we welcome visiting Pastor John Patterson of Elkton Presbyterian Church to the pulpit. He will be telling us of his years of mission work in the Philippines.

July 29, is the 5th Sunday of the month so we will have a second collection for the Deacons Special Fund. Also, Pastors Jeff and Grace will be hosting Korean students during that week so one of our congregation members will be preaching the sermon.

Thanks to all who help out each Sunday and for anyone who would like to take a turn reading the Scripture Lesson or being Liturgist please call or speak to me.

Submitted by Barbara Montazella, Worship Elder



BIBLE QUIZ

How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- A. Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- B. Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- C. Touched his eyes but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- D. Told him to go to the priests; as the man went he was healed.

(Answer from June: **B** Holy. See Peter 1:15- 16.)

"To fly the American flag, then to cheat another citizen – or anyone else – is to make a mockery of patriotism. A true patriot will be a person of integrity and honesty, a quite trustworthy American."

- Charles Ferrell



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, July 6th is the first Friday. Please contact Cheryl Shields if you would like to volunteer for this very needed service to our community.

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| 7/4 | Scott Burkley | 7/7 | Jeff Howard |
| 7/9 | Cory Taser | 7/10 | Gordon Brenton |
| 7/12 | Matthew Urban | 7/18 | Nelda Pemberton |
| 7/21 | Ben Urban | 7/25 | Judy Cooke |
| 7/26 | Tom Kimble | 7/28 | Ron Sabbato |

Submitted by Paul Willbanks, Missions Elder



NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

The July and August donation schedules are for men's and women's toiletries that will be assembled into kits. Please drop off your donations in the big container marked "Neighborhood House" by the sanctuary coat rack.

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| 7/10 | Ellen and Ron Hughes |
| 7/14 | Pam and Skip Leeson |

Thank you to everyone that donated baby items last month!

Submitted by Jane Adams, Neighborhood House coordinator

Thought for Today: Temper is a strange thing. It spoils children, ruins adults, and strengthens steel.



A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Deacon's News



Deacons did not meet in June but will meet again on July 15th.

Don Bauer is still the main contact for transportation and Landa Lindgren will update the Meals Ministry volunteer list and

solicit meals when needed. Melissa will make/update any Deacon slides for our Sunday services.

A new gift memorial book was purchased and any previous memorial donations and gifts will be updated. "Missing You" postcards were purchased and the first mailing sent to members we haven't seen for awhile.

The Laura Pedersen is investigating a possible memorial item that will be used for the 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 second foot surgery. The Deacons and church members have provided meals. Janet Grimminger will be recuperating from her hip surgery in July and will probably also need meals.

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

God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand has made and preserved our nation, grant that our people may understand what it is they celebrate today.

May they remember how bitterly our freedom was won, the down payment that was made for it, the installments that have been made since the Republic was born, and the price that must yet be paid for our liberty.

May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to please to do what is right.

May it ever be understood that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else.

May our faith be something that is not merely stamped upon our coins but expressed in our lives.

To the extent that America honors thee, wilt thou bless America. Keep her true as thou hast kept her free and make her good as thou hast made her rich.

-Peter Marshall

(Source: "church bulletin bits" #2, Baker Book House)

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

Mrs. Whyte advises her class that each school day starts with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and instructs them to put their right hand over their heart and repeat after her. As Mrs. Whyte starts the recitation she looks around the room, 'I pledge allegiance to the flag.....', when her eyes are drawn to Andy who has his hand over the right cheek of his bottom. "Andy, I cannot continue till you put your hand over your heart," she demands. Andy looks up and replies, "It is over my heart." After several more attempts to get Andy to put his hand over his heart, Mrs. Whyte enquires, "Why do you think that is your heart, Andy?" "Well Miss," answers Andy, "because every time my Grandma comes to visit she pats me there and says, "Bless your little heart," and my Grandma never lies."

I threw a boomerang a few years ago. Now I live in constant fear.

Bald Eagle Trivia:

*Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson served on the committee that picked the eagle for the national seal. (Franklin wanted the turkey.)

*Bald eagles have few natural enemies and live only in North America.

*They can lift roughly half their body weight.

*Bald eagles mate for life, but if one dies, the survivor will accept a new mate.

*Bald eagles are not, and never were bald. The term comes from when "bald" meant "white-headed."

Teacher: Tommy, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed?

Tommy: Yes. At the bottom.

Life doesn't hand me lemons. It fires them rapidly at me from a lemon cannon.

Why Indeed...?

1. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
2. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
3. Why do we put suits garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
4. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?

Atheist: A person with no invisible means of support.

Sue: Are you even listening to me?

Lou: That's a strange way to start a conversation.

Q: Why do people hate elevator music?

A: At first, it's uplifting. But in the end, it always brings you down.

Renting a car in England was a big mistake, God. I opened the front door on the left and panicked because I thought the steering wheel had been stolen. Oops! The Brits drive from the right-hand side!

Alvin: My great-grandfather fought with Napoleon, my grandfather fought with the French, and my father fought with the Americans.

Alex: Your relatives couldn't get along with anyone, could they?

Pete: What was the patriots favorite food in the Revolutionary War?

Sam: I don't know. What?

Pete: Chicken Catch-a-Tory.

A woman caught her husband on the scale, sucking in his stomach. "That won't help you, Joe," she said. "Oh, it helps a lot," he replied. "It's the only way I can see the numbers!"

I wish my mouth had a backspace key.

A family was staying overnight at a friend's home in another town. At bedtime, a little girl told her mother that she was afraid to sleep alone in a different bedroom. The mother assured the girl that God and her guardian angel would watch over her while she was asleep. The girl replied, "Yeah, but I want someone with skin on them to sleep with me."

"Of all the habits that lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would men claim the tributes of patriotism who would work to destroy these great pillars of human happiness...It is impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible." – George Washington

The little daughter of a colonel living on an Army post was taken to church for the first time. The minister was one of the old-fashioned types who believed in illustrating his sermons with vigor. She stared in awe at the old minister, shut up in a box pulpit, thumbing the Bible and waving his arms wildly. Finally, unable to stand it any longer, she whispered to her father in a frightened voice: "What'll we do if he gets out?"



From the Pastor's Desk, July 2018

Dear New Covenant Church,

Summer is here. We have already had our “pignic”. Some of us are traveling to distant lands or just driving to see family. The kids have some time off from school, and parents have to figure out what to do with them. So, what do you do with kids in the middle of Summer? Well if you live here in Middletown you bring them to New Covenant Church for Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School begins at New Covenant Church on Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20. It ends with VBS worship on Sunday, July 22 at 10 am. This year's theme is “Shipwreck”. Participants will enjoy *Castaway Sing and Play*, *Bible Discovery*, *Imagination Station*, *Ship Rec Games*, *Tropical Treats*, *Kidvid Cinema*, and the *Sail Away* sendoff. Here is what the children will learn:

When you are shipwrecked on a deserted island you feel very lonely. So, remember Jesus rescues. And you begin to worry. So, remember Jesus rescues. And you start to struggle. So, remember Jesus rescues. And when you do wrong. Jesus rescues. And when you are powerless. Jesus rescues.

Preschoolers through 5th graders can signup at www.newcov-church.org/vbs.html. Older kids can sign up as volunteers. And of course, we need adult volunteers to make all this happen. Just see Nancy Hetterly or Pam Kidd if you would like to help. And come to watch kids learn about Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff



NEW COVENANT CHURCH NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Chuck Swindoll in his book *Strengthening Your Grip*, gives a delightful illustration of the truth. He tells about a friend of his who was in need of a dark suit to wear to a funeral. He very little money, so he went to the local thrift shop in search of a bargain. Much to his amazement, they had a solid black suit that fit him exactly ... at a very reasonable price. As he paid for the suit, he inquired how they could possibly sell such nice suits so cheaply. The thrift shop manager smiled and said that the suits had once been owned by the local mortuary. They had used them on deceased people for funerals, then removed them before the burial.

The man felt a little uncomfortable wearing a suit that had been on a corpse, but since no one else would know, and he really did need a suit badly, why not? Everything went fine until he casually started to put his hands in the pockets of his new suit. It was then that he discovered that his pants had no pockets! And the truth came home to him. Why would a dead man need pockets? We leave it all behind.

To what or to whom is your life committed?
We have been called to be committed to something that is eternal, that is ennobling, that is earth-shaking. How about a commitment to the stewardship way of life? The person who takes this step will find other commitments flowing naturally into his or her life. That person will want to give generously of his or her time in Christian service. He or she will look upon the giving of material substance as a privilege.

The question of how much time should be given to Christian service must be thought through. Guidance must be offered concerning the amount or percentage of one's money that should be given for the Lord's work. But the basic step is taken when commitment to the stewardship way of life is made. This means receptivity open-mindedness, earnestness, and a desire to serve. With such an attitude, the Christian can grow in grace as the means of grace are offered.

Something tragic goes on in the lives of most of us. It is failure to fulfill life's greatest possibilities. And something grand and glorious could be happening day by day. It would be joining of life to high Christian purposes, which enrich both those who serve and those who are blessed with the service rendered.

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Norma and Clint Dunn had several graduations to attend. Their granddaughter, Samantha, graduated in May from NYU with a Master's Degree. Their grandson, Erik, graduated from Warwick H.S. and will be attending Rowan University.

The **Kirk** family will be traveling to Mexico for a vacation and then visiting family in Colorado before returning back home. Habla espanol?

Ruth Keiderling had another foot surgery. Please pray for her recovery.

Janet Grimminger will have her second hip surgery in late June. She will be walking back into church soon!

Pat and Jim Deverell celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in June. They are both living at the Country House in Greenville and are experiencing some health issues.

Donna Casey and her family enjoyed their trip to Amsterdam.

Chuck Boyce, is recovering from a bout of rheumatoid arthritis. Please keep him in your prayers.

Alan Pedersen still has his wrist cast but hopes to have it removed in July and have back to normal use of his thumb.

Pam and Skip Leeson are taking a trip to the Mid-West this summer and hope to see the Devil's Tower along with many other well known sites. Pam says "traveling is what retirement is all about".

Rev. Doctor Scott Burkley was awarded the honorary designation of "Pastor Emeritus" by New Covenant Presbyterian Church to honor his distinguished service to the church and his retirement. He was presented with a crystal award and other gifts at the annual "Pignic".

"A Christian is someone to whom God entrusts all his fellow men."

- *Dwight L. Moody*



Craft Sunday:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL would like to thank all the "Crafters" who volunteered their time and talents after church on June 24 to help make decorations for VBS. Also, our local Sears Store for the heavy cardboard they donated for our VBS crafts.



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. Still in need are adult leaders.

PLEASE REGISTER ON LINE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FOR VBS.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ON SATURDAY, JULY 7th: Volunteers needed for mass cleaning of Sunday School Building and Church Building plus final decorating for VBS.



All Sundays:

NURSERY
Volunteers

Volunteers for the Youth/Nursery care are needed. Please contact John Hetterly by phone at 302-383-9263 or Caroline Recla by e-mail @ carolynrecla@verizon.net.

Youth Club:



Open to third graders through high school age.

On July 20th the Youth Club will be jumping and bouncing at LAUNCH TRAMPOLINE PARK, 200 INTERCHANGE BLVD., NEWARK, DE 19711 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Cost: \$25.00 includes Pizza and the Jump SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!!!!

PARENTAL PERMISSION AND WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED FOR KIDS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE Waiver can be found online or at time of sign in.

*****NO ONE UNDER 18 CAN JUMP WITHOUT WAIVER*****

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The new church directory will be published shortly and any individual photo purchases should have been picked up on the sanctuary table.

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. Keep watching for road updates on the electronic road signs. Delays can be expected due to inclement weather.



***HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY
INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION***

Only two people actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th: John Hancock and Charles Thomson, secretary of Congress. Most of the others signed on August 2.

One U.S. President, Calvin Coolidge, was born on July 4th.

Three U.S. Presidents have died on July 4th – John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the country they helped found.

July 4th wasn't deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.