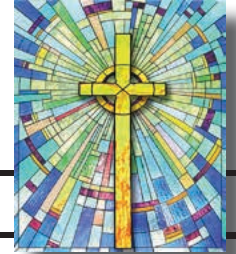




The Heartline

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"Where Hearts are Warmed"

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Website

Thanks to Paige for the many hours she has invested in a major revision of the Covenant Website. Please take a look at covenantpresbyterianchurch.org. Navigation around the site is much more friendly, and the content has been updated. With



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Window Replacement

We're making giant steps toward the integrity and economy of our building. Watch for the continued replacement of windows. Last year, we were able to repair damage to the north dormers and replaced those windows. Now the windows are delivered for the south dormers, and that work will proceed in June, as will the replacement of the ground floor windows in the Sanctuary. We have an acceptable proposal for the replacement of windows through the rest of the building, and hope to get that work underway soon. This should lower our utility costs and improve the structure's security and appearance.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Thirty years of Scouting at Covenant

It was a small line, in bold face type on the lower left hand side of this year's certificate, affirming the charter relationship between Covenant church and our Cub Scout troop: "30 years of service."

Thirty years of Scouting at Covenant.

That means the first of the graduates are old enough to have children who are Cub Scouts.

Thirty years of Scouting at Covenant. Thirty years of cultivating young people who (according to the Boy Scout Promise) will strive to do their best to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

That's a lot to ask of adults, let alone children.

It's not just Scouts that we nurture. As I write, this coming Sunday we will honor our high

school graduates as well. They are young people of promise and aspirations, who are moving towards independence as they take their next step in their life's journey.

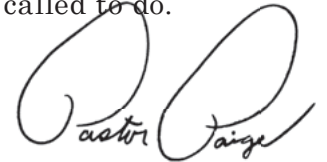
Thirty years of young people growing up at Covenant, kids whose lives would have been very different if we were not here, loving them, sheltering them, affirming them.

Thirty years of changing, sheltering and enriching young lives.

If you ever feel discouraged because we are a small church, don't be.

If you ever feel discouraged because there's so much out there that we can't do, don't be.

We make a difference in the lives of individuals, and that is what we are called to do.



Pastor Paige



Worship & Music

Home communion/visitation continues to be a blessing to those in need, with either Paige or Janis teamed with Garnet going out on the first Sunday of each month.

We are investigating the idea of purchasing the new Presbyterian hymnals that include more of our Praise Music. Cost and funding options must be addressed.

We have also been exploring some possible changes to our usual Order of Worship. If you were at the May 15th service, you noticed some elements of Celtic Liturgy were used in the Call to Worship and other sections. (If you want to know more about Celtic Spirituality, join the After-Worship Bible Study group as they read and discuss a book on the subject.)

In addition, we are beginning a rotation of versions of the Unison Prayer of Confession, and are considering moving the offering to after the Sermon.

Let Janis Bomar or other members of the Worship Committee know what ideas you might have to make Worship more meaningful.

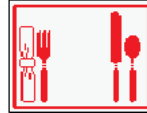


Fellowship

Still coming up in May is our Graduation Celebration on the 22nd (in conjunction with Christian Nurture and Education) and Celebration Sunday on the 29th.

We'll move into June with the CommUnity Dinner (Grilled Chicken Salad, Bread, Dessert) on the 5th, observe Fathers' Day with "Tailgate" Snacks on the 19th, and celebrate June birthdays on the 26th.

The Fellowship Committee will be continuing to support Family Promise as needed when families are staying at Covenant.



Debbi Alessi will be away from June 19th through July 31st. Bryan Paulin will be handling Fellowship in her absence. He will begin a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide light snacks on June 19th, July 10th, July 17th, and July 24th. He will also need help for the CommUnity dinner on July 3rd. Ice Cream will be in the freezer and Bryan will bring the cakes for Celebration Sundays in June and July.

Please be aware that any food in the refrigerator and freezer should be considered "plan-overs" for future Fellowship Hours and NOT available for individuals to snack on.

Meditation Trail

Growing (Going?) Bananas!

from Mike Hein, ASLC

The progression of blooming plants should continue this month. During the first part of the month, the bear's foot plant (*Smilax uveolius*), with yellow aster-like flowers, should be blooming near the cut-down trees at the ASLC end of the trail (between Sign Posts #1 & 2). This is an interesting plant! The root was used by the North American Indians as a stimulant and laxative remedy. The root is said to have a beneficial effect on the liver, stomach, and spleen and may be taken to relieve indigestion and counteract liver malfunction. It is said to be of great use when applied externally to stimulate hair growth and is an ingredient of many hair lotions and ointments. A poultice of the bruised root has been used as a dressing and salve on burns, inflammations, and cuts. *HOWEVER* - I would consult your doctor before trying any of these!

Another interesting plant growing this year is an ornamental banana tree in the sinkhole, of all places (Sign Post #7)! Eight years ago, one started growing in the stream behind Sign Post #1. The current one is blooming and small bananas (with bright pink skins) are forming on it. Check it out but don't stop too long - the mosquitos are back for the summer!

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all that Paige has learned about how the site is structured (no easy task), it will now be possible for her or Danny to keep the information current.

Paige has also started a blog on the site, with reflections on a variety of topics. Click on "Pastor's Blog" under the picture of the stained glass window on the right to see what's there and check back frequently for new installments.



Bear's Foot



Banana Tree



Crinum Lily

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The dwarf palmetto plants (*Sabal minor*), with minute white flowers on 6 - 8 foot flower spikes, should bloom during the month near Sign Post #6. The spiral ginger plants (*Costus sp.*) in the flowerbed at the CPC end of the trail (Sign Post #12) should start blooming mid-month. If you are lucky, you may see an agapanthus plant (*Agapanthus praecox*) blooming with light lavender flowers between Sign Posts #3 & 4, along with maroon crinum lilies and garden montbretia (*Crocosmia crocosmiliflora*) in the same area. *Bidens pilosa* (Spanish needles) will be blooming along the edge of the woods by the CPC end of the trail.



Dwarf Palmetto



Spiral Ginger



Spanish Needles



Agapanthus



Crocosmia

June 2016 Calendar

Th, 2 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30
Su, 5 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11
- Choir Practice
Th, 9 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30
Su, 12 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11
- Session meeting at 7
We, 15 - Heartline deadline

Th, 16 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30
Sa, 18 - Wedding
Su, 19 - Worship at 10 - Father's Day
- Fellowship at 11
- Harbor Chase Devotions at 2:30
Th, 23 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30
Su, 26 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11

June Birthdays

2 - Bea Farmer
3 - Monica Nimmo

12 - Jennifer Alessi

21 - Debbi Alessi
22 - Barbara Peters

June Anniversary

4 - Bea & Norm Farmer

2016 Session

Moderator Rev. Paige Porter-Buhl

Debbi Alessi

Janis Bomar

John Ebbs

Larry Herrington

Susan Nimmo

Dorothy Spangler

John Tucker

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