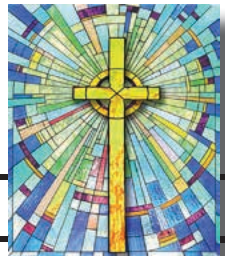




The Heartline

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"Where Hearts are Warmed"

October 2016

Covenant's Thirtieth Anniversary Observance and More

On October 16th, we will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Covenant Presbyterian Church. As part of the event, the portraits of all the Covenant Pastors taken by John (and Barbara) Peters will be formally dedicated.

We will be observing All Saints' Day on October 30th, along with Communion, which we will move up from the first Sunday in November because of our Veterans' Day service.

The new purple hymnals entitled "Glory to God" will be appearing in the pews very soon. We will be doing a number of things to help us appreciate the traditional hymns that are still a part of this recent publication and get acquainted with new songs. One is the "Hymn of the Month" article that we'll distribute separately later this month. The initial purchase

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Pray Without Ceasing

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Praying without ceasing as Paul requests may sound impossible. Does God want non-stop talking? Does God want us to keep our heads bowed and our eyes closed 24/7? Paul is not telling us to live our lives hunched over mumbling a constant monologue, but instead is challenging us to strive to be open to God's presence at all times.

Prayer can be like breathing, something that is automatically and naturally a part of you. Did a friend express worry over finances? Don't wait until you're home that evening, but immediately lift your friend up in prayer silently while he's talking to you. See the aftermath of an automobile accident on the way to work? Immediately pray for the people involved as you drive.

You may discover that prayer calms the chatter in your brain, rather than adds to it. You can simply be in the presence of God, listening to

what God might say to you, or just enjoying God's presence and companionship as you go through your day.

At Covenant, we're in the middle of rethinking our prayer chain. Prayer is important to us and we have some 'mighty fine prayer warriors' among our midst! If you're in need of prayer, write or speak to me; I can pass your request along.

A PC(USA) ruling elder in Seattle has left his work at Amazon.com to start his own company, 'TheoTech.org.' One of the first software products that he has created is called 'Ceaseless.' It will pick three people from your phone contacts for you to pray for each day. I've been appreciating this augmentation to my prayer life. Sometimes it picks people I haven't thought of in a long time, so not only do I remember them and pray for them, but it makes me more aware of the web of community around me every day.

Looking for ideas to strengthen your prayer life? Pray through our prayer list, join the prayer chain, or download the 'Ceaseless' app. God is good all the time, and it is wonderful to enter God's presence with prayer.

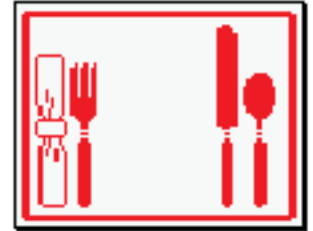
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will allow for one book per pew rack. We plan to add more very soon.

As we try out new creeds and prayers in the service, we will have large print copies available. They will be at the back of the sanctuary to assist those who can't read them in the bulletins or projected on the wall. Large print versions of the new hymnals will also be available.

Our new Music Director is getting an early start on planning for our Christmas Eve Service so that we can integrate traditions and new ideas.



Fellowship

Our October CommUnity Dinner, following Worship on the 2nd, will feature Baked Spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread, along with desserts. That will be one of two complete meals in October, with the other coming on the 16th in conjunction with Covenant's 30th Anniversary Celebration. Add on the Celebration Sundays (the 25th in September and the 30th in October) and there will be very busy Fellowship Committee members and very well-fed Covenant folks.

The next two CommUnity Dinners in November and December will be tied to other special events – Veterans' Day and the Hanging of the Greens. The Fellowship Committee is continuing with planning and coordinating with other committees as we approach all the fall and holiday events.

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Meditation Trail - Cooler Days Ahead!

from Mike Hein, ASLC

I hope everything was OK at your homes after the passage of Hurricane Hermine at the beginning of last month. As for the trail, small branches were scattered along it, but they were easily cleared off with a kick of the foot or by running the lawn mower over them that weekend. However, the top of a large tree snapped off near the ASLC start of the trail and totally blocked the entrance. That took a little more work to clear, but the trail was soon passable again. With more than five inches of rainfall, the wetland ponds are filled with water.

Soon we will be experiencing cooler temperatures, shorter days, and the last bursts of flowers of this year. Continuing to bloom from last month are the bromeliads (*Aechmea* 'Lyman Smith').



Aechmea 'Lyman Smith'



Hurricane Hermine damage

Seed pods will be forming on the strawberry bush plants (*Euonymus americanus*) and beautyberry bushes (*Callicarpa americana*). The firespike plant (*Odontonema strictum*) near the big live oak tree (*Quercus virginiana*) may start blooming toward the middle of the month, with spikes of red flowers on it.

Near the CPC end of the trail, many of the yellow flowers of the rattlebox plants (*Crotalaria pallida*) will have fallen off and the seed capsules will now be present. If you find one starting to turn brown, pick it off and shake it to hear the rattle. Some of the Spanish needles (*Bidens pilosa*) will still be blooming also.



Beautyberry



Strawberry Bush



Rattlebox



Spanish Needles



Firespike

October 2016 Calendar

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|--------|---|---|--------|---|----------------------------------|
| Su, 2 | - | Worship at 10 | Tu, 18 | - | Flute Ensemble reh at 7 |
| | - | Fellowship at 11 | Th, 20 | - | Koinonia Small Group at 7:30 |
| Tu, 9 | - | Flute Ensemble reh at 7 | Su, 23 | - | Worship at 10 |
| Th, 6 | - | Koinonia Small Group at 7:30 | | - | Fellowship at 11 |
| Su, 9 | - | Worship at 10 | Tu, 25 | - | Flute Ensemble reh at 7 |
| | - | Fellowship at 11 | Th, 27 | - | Koinonia Small Group at 7:30 |
| | - | Session meeting at 7 | Su, 30 | - | Worship at 10 |
| Tu, 11 | - | Flute Ensemble reh at 7 | | - | Fellowship at 11, Celebration |
| We, 12 | - | Heartline deadline | | - | Hymn Sing at Grace PC (time TBA) |
| Th, 13 | - | Koinonia Small Group at 7:30 | | | |
| Su, 16 | - | Worship at 10 | | | |
| | - | 30 th Anniversary Observance | | | |
| | - | Fellowship Dinner at 11 | | | |
| | - | Harbor Chase Devotions at 2:30 | | | |

October Birthdays

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|----|---|-----------------|----|---|--------------|----|---|------------------|
| 10 | - | Beth Herrington | 16 | - | Danny Alessi | 23 | - | Larry Herrington |
| 12 | - | Alice Nimmo | | - | John Ebbs | | | |

(No October Anniversaries)

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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If you have a question about submitting an article for *The Heartline*, please call John Tucker.