

Dear Friends,

Here are some exciting things coming up Sundays in June!

We'll start with Sunday, June 26 and work our way backwards. We will be celebrating our Vacation Bible School Heroes and Heroines as they help lead us in worship and share with us some of the amazing things they learned during VBS 2022. Dr. Jennifer Powell will be preaching, followed by a special luncheon celebrating her ministry with us. Chef Jim Eaton will be preparing the meal (YUM!), and all sorts of other wonderful things have been set in place to genuinely thank Jennifer for her loving, faithful ministry as our Associate Pastor and to wish Bob and her well as they embark on a year's worth of amazing adventures!

On June 19, Father's Day will be the rage as we Worship Outdoors at 9:30 AM (note the special time) and honor our dads with a service praising God and giving thanks for what our fathers and other father-like figures have meant to us. Worship Team Members Ginny Fedison and Jennifer Mundorff, working with Richard Rudolph, are planning this service, and it should be a wonderful time to be outdoors!!! We hope you will join us and invite a friend or too! Oh, I almost forget...the music...it will be special...here's a clue for you to unscramble...cautisoc girasut and grisnes.

June 12 is all about Trinity Sunday where our worship theme will be centered on God, the Great One in Three, Three in One (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Parent, Sibling, and Comforter; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – what words might you add???) If you want to do some research before you arrive, check out one of the Church's most cherished hymns and see what it says about the Trinity: [youtube.com/watch?v=tQUTvMtUhw4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQUTvMtUhw4)

I hope you will join us for all these wonderful celebrations and the many other things planned for June! I leave you with this closing thought shared with me recently . . .

*Someone once told me to always live for the little things in life.
Live for the 5 AM sunrises and 5 PM sunsets
where you'll see colors in the sky that don't usually belong.
Live for the road trips and bike rides
with music in your ears and wind in your hair.
Live for days when you're surrounded by your favorite people
who make you realize that the world is not a cold, harsh place.
Live for the little things because they will make you realize
that this is what life is about, this is what it means to be alive.
It's never a small thing when we gather as a church family for
worship, fellowship, mission, or any other reason. Rather, it is those
precious moments that help make us who we are when we share
them together, celebrate the people who fill them, and rediscover
what it means to be alive.*

With every good blessing from God for a wonderful June in worship and other places where we rejoice in what it truly means to be alive,
Kyle

**SPECIAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES
COMING THIS SUMMER!**

WHEN-JUNE 19, JULY 31 AND AUGUST 21 AT 9:30 AM

JUNE 19TH -A TRIBUTE TO FATHERS FEATURING
ACOUSTIC MUSIC

JULY 31ST-A CELTIC SERVICE

AUGUST 21ST-WORSHIP TO THE SOUNDS OF A STEEL
DRUM BAND

DRESS CASUALLY AND BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

Don't forget- Worship Service on These
Sundays will begin at 9:30 AM



Upcoming Outside Worship Services – Three outside Sunday worship services are being planned for June 19, July 31, and August 21. These services will take the place of the traditional 10:30 service and will begin at 9:30 AM in the lower parking lot. Our first outdoor service on June 19 will be a tribute to fathers and will feature acoustic music. A Celtic service, complete with bagpipes, is being planned for July 31, and a Steel Drum band will lead the worship service on August 21! Bring a lawn chair and dress cool & casual for these special worship experiences! (The outdoor services will be livestreamed. In the event of rain, we will move indoors to the Sanctuary.)

**Join us on June 26 as we wish Dr. Jennifer Powell
"Bon Voyage" on her last Sunday at Covenant.**



Jennifer is preaching and our worship service will be a joyful celebration with special music – and a few surprises! After worship, all are invited to a reception in Jennifer's honor.



Let Us Pray . . .

Church Members: Christine Beck, Mary Jane Fisher, Susan Foard, Lynnmarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, Walter Jones, Ray Martin, Lindsey Nanz, Debbie Ogle,

Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Lois Stein, Collette Strother, Roger Tims, Jo and Wayne Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families.

Family and Friends: Lowell Bashlor, Jr. (Audrey Bashlor's son), Kenneth Benner (Lynnmarie Hancock's brother), Doug Board and Family (Gloria Christen's friend), Martha Brumfield (Melissa Cranwell's aunt), Rosanna Crist (Wally Lynn's cousin), Patrick Dooley (Lynnmarie Hancock's friend), Larry Ford (Sherry Moran's brother), Dickie Hinchee (Leigh Singh's grandmother), Tyler and Rochelle Holm (PCUSA Mission Workers), Jay Johnson (Cheryl Floyd's friend), Rob Kidder's brother, Bill Miller (Mike's brother), Rich Moreau (Kathy Slack's friend), Mike Overacker (Mark's brother), Cordell Parvin (Annalee Finch's brother), Phil Peters (Pranav Singh's friend), Mair Rubin (Pranav Singh's friend), Carl Utley (General Presbyter, Presbytery of the Peaks), Daniel Woodbury (Lynnmarie Hancock's cousin).

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6-7)

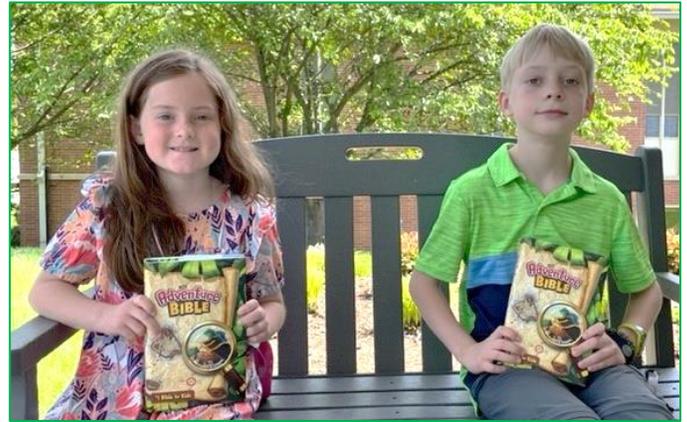
Please take a moment to review the list above and let the church office know of any names that may be removed. Thank you.



Richard Cary Cheatham was baptized at Covenant on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2022.



Dr. Kyle Allen with Caitlin, Elle, Cary, and Justin Cheatham



**Samantha Monk and Joshua Ridenour
On May 15 Bibles were presented to our 2nd & 3rd graders**

Thank you . . .

*Covenant Congregational Care Family,
Thank everyone for all the food you brought us for "Bob's" funeral. The whole family enjoyed everything!!*

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
The Garrett Family*

Dear Covenant Family,

I want to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the beautiful sympathy cards, caring phone calls, and precious words that I received when my dear son, Steven, passed away.

Also, my gratitude and thanks to all the loving hands that prepared and served the delicious food for the reception after his memorial service on May 21.

It was uplifting and meant the world to me to know so many wonderful people really cared.

*Sincerely,
Jo Colston*

Dear Covenant Family,

Thank you for all the delicious food after my mom's visitation. It was greatly appreciated.

*Thank you for all the love and support you have given us! Love our church family!!
The Garrett Family*

June Happenings from the Fellowship Team:

1) **It's Cookout & Concert Time again! On Friday, June 10 beginning at 6 PM** our own "360 Band" will be kicking off the summer with all of our favorites! Bring your neighbors and family! This is the perfect way to introduce them to Covenant!

2) **Take Me Out to the Ball Game – Join us for a Salem Red Sox baseball game!** Nothing says summer like baseball! Thursday, June 16 at the Haley Toyota Field in Salem. Game starts at 7:05 PM. Watch your email and bulletin announcements for more details!

Looking Ahead:



Summer Events You Don't Want to Miss!

- Friday, June 10 – Concert & Cookout
- Sunday, June 12 – Youth Connection Car Wash!
- Thur. June 16 – Red Sox Baseball @ 7:05 PM
- Sunday, June 19 - Outdoor Worship @ 9:30 AM with Acoustic Music
- Monday-Friday, June 20-24 – VBS "Heroes for God!"
- Wednesday, July 13 – All Day Youth Connection
- Wednesday, July 13 – Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 PM ~ Yum!
- Thursday, July 21 – Red Cross Blood Drive
- Saturday, July 23 – Lexington, VA with Covenant Tours (Visit the church from which our organ came!)
- Sunday, July 24 – Youth-led Christmas/Chrismon Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, July 30 – Youth Hike to the Cascades
- Sunday, July 31 – Outdoor Worship Service @ 9:30 AM led by Laura Jane Ramsburg, with Celtic Music!
- Sunday, August 14 – Youth Connection
- Saturday, August 20 – Youth Tubing on the James
- Sunday, August 21 – Outdoor Worship Service @ 9:30 AM with Steel Drums; wear Caribbean shirts & flip flops
- Sun. Aug 28 – Youth Connection

YOUTH CONNECTION!

Youth Connection is in full swing for the summer! Some events are planned for our home base here at Covenant and some "Saturday Outdoor Adventure Days" are on the calendar. Watch for updates and pictures in the upcoming bulletins and newsletters.



On Sunday, May 29 the "Potluck at the Parson's Table" was filled with wonderful food, great fellowship, & lively conversation!

Covenant's Oven Quits Working!!!

We all know Chef Jim Eaton is a miracle worker preparing wonderful food at our Fellowship Dinners and other events; however, when Covenant's kitchen oven quit working – no miracle repair could be made. The Covenant kitchen needs a new oven at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

Session approved a motion at its April stated meeting permitting Finance to approach the congregation with a special request for collecting funds toward the purchase of a new oven. To date, \$2,900 has been received towards the purchase. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Covenant with "Church Oven" in the memo line.

~ Finance Team



Chef Jim Eaton, Linda Eaton, Nety Reeker, and Gene Collier
Thank you for the wonderful meals and fellowship!



Church Library News

The Library Team wishes to thank everyone who participated in May's "Book Giveaway." Not only was it a fun event, but by picking out books to take home, you gave new life to treasured books that the library had been storing but could not use. Your donated books and puzzles are also now being enjoyed by other church members and by the Salem Regional Jail, Children's Library at the Rescue Mission, and Total Action Against Poverty (TAP). Well done, Covenant Disciples! **Be sure to read your Weekly Sunday/Monday News Bulletins for our Summer Reading Challenge!**

*Congratulations to the 2022 graduates
in Covenant's extended family*



Walker Brand: Master of Mechanical Engineering,
University of Michigan, Dearborn

Mary Dickenson: Bachelor of Science in
Biomedical Engineering,
University of Virginia

Jacqui Farthing: Faith Christian School

Sara Jolee Farthing: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine,
Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine,
Virginia Tech

Haley Joelle Fedison: Bachelor of Science in
Criminal Justice,
Liberty University

Yvonne Hurt: Master of Studies in Law
(Business Law and Compliance),
Wake Forest\University Law School

Sara Moore: Faith Christian School

Matthew Muller: Army Ranger School, Airborne,
Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course

Mich Toro: Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing,
Marshall University



**Congratulations to our Pre-K Class of 2022
Graduates! We are so proud of you!**



**"So Long Pre-K, It's Been Fun!
Look Out Kindergarten, Here We Come!"**



Spring Butterfly Release



Thank you, Roanoke City Fire-EMS for visiting!



Thank you, Faith Formation Volunteers!
We are grateful for all you do to help us learn and grow in our faith!

Rally Day Committee
Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers
Sunday School Superintendents
Covenant Kids Connection
CovYoGro / Youth Support Network
Confirmation Mentors
Men's Bible Study/Fellowship
Women's Bible Study
Holy Hunch
Covenant Conversations: The Book Club
Centering Prayer
Circle of Friends
Woman to Woman
Preschool and Preschool Chapel
Covenant Library Team



**Child & Youth Protection Policy Training for
VBS and Summer Youth Volunteers**



If you have not been trained in Covenant's Child & Youth Protection Policy since August 2021 and you are volunteering with our VBS or Youth this summer, please plan to receive your training in early June. There are two options for the training:

1) In-Person Training at Covenant:

Sunday, June 12 from 9:15 AM – 10 AM in the Blue Room

2) Online Training Module:

You may complete an online training module on your own time and sign the necessary paperwork following the training. Email Jennifer Powell (jpowell@covroanoke.org) to receive the training link.



Covenant Kids Connection is on vacation for the summer months!
We'll see you again after Rally Day!

VBS Sunday: June 26, 2022

Join us as we celebrate our week at VBS
focused on *Heroes for God*
and recognize our wonderful VBS Volunteers!





Volunteer @ Feeding SW Virginia! On Thursday, June, from 9 AM – 12 PM Covenant volunteers are invited to join in packing USDA Food Boxes at Feeding SW Virginia in Salem.

Please sign up at <http://covenantpresbyterianchurch.feedingswva.volunteerhub.com/>

Contact Charlie Simmons with any questions.



Family Promise

The Reopening Task Force Sub-Group has approved for Covenant to resume serving as a congregational host for homeless families with children who are participating in the Family Promise program with the understanding that the guidelines provided by Family Promise regarding Covid will be followed. Covenant's first time for hosting overnight will be the week of August 28 to September 4.

Covenant served as the host congregation for Family Promise the week of May 15 – 22. Many thanks to Mary Glenn Aydlett, Melissa Cranwell, Tricia Cronise, Carol Dibling, Jim and Linda Eaton, Ruth Johnson, Kitty Mortara, Meg Munton, and Linda Thomas for providing meals for three families. Covenant will host again the week of June 26 – July 3 by providing meals to families housed in apartments. We will return to housing families in the church starting the week of August 28 – September 4. Again, thanks to all who so generously support this important work!

~ Maggie, Lee, and Jeff

Introducing C.P.A. Todd Creasy

Earlier this year, T. Creasy and Company, PLLC was contracted by Covenant to provide accounting services. Todd comes with an extensive knowledge of church finances having worked with other congregations. We are delighted he found his way to Covenant!

Todd's church office hours are Monday's from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. He can be reached by calling the church office (540-989-3314, ext. 103) and via email: accounting@covroanoke.org.

Welcome, Todd!

Session Highlights from the May 22, 2022, Stated Meeting

- Welcomed Teri Ponton as a member of Covenant by reaffirmation of faith.
- Approved installation of a cellular repeater to improve cellular coverage in the pre-school area at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.
- Approved 1) informing the congregation about the Presbyterian Community Center's (PCC) fundraising effort to construct a new building for the PCC and 2) enabling the congregation members to donate to this fundraising effort in such a manner as Session finds appropriate with guidance from Missions and Finance teams.
- Approved the youth holding up to three (3) fundraising events during a one-year period of time with the distribution of the proceeds to be decided by the youth and their advisors.
- Approved a request from the Finance Team to increase Covenant's credit card limit up to a \$10,000 limit.

Approved Session meeting minutes are available for viewing in a binder in the church library or at the following link:

https://covenantroanoke.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Session-Meeting-Minutes_04.24.2022.pdf

The next Stated Meeting of Session will be on Sunday, June 26, 2022. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Meg Munton, Clerk of Session at munton.clerk@gmail.com.

The deadline for the Summer Newsletter for July & August is Thursday, June 23 @ 10 AM

Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM, Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Thanks For Your Participation in the Successful Bunk Bed Build on April 30, 2022.

Update: The Covenant/Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP) joint venture event was remarkably successful. The Presbytery of the Peaks (POP) \$5000 grant amount was based around a 12-bunk bed build (24 kids in beds). Thanks to POP for the Grant and thanks to SHP and their core team volunteers that contributed significantly to this success.

Actual Result: This build resulted in parts for 16 bunk beds being completed (32 kids in beds). This includes all materials, bedding (Sheets, pillows, pillowcases, and comforter), Mattresses, wood, and fasteners for the stated number of twin size beds.

Participants Involved: There was a pre-cut lumber work session that involved 4 Covenant members and 5 SHP core team volunteers on Thursday April 28. The Saturday morning build involved 26 persons (from Covenant members, family, and friends) along with 7 SHP core team volunteers for a total of 33 build day volunteers. Total participants involved to make this a success was (9+33) 42 (includes overlap).

Prayer Solicitation Theme: Spiritual growth can be enhanced with all members and volunteers consistently praying for the success of this Mission. This will keep the indwelling of the Holy Spirit active in our members and volunteers. The Holy Spirit will move all who are praying about this mission to action. This Holy Spirit driven action will enhance the success of this Mission Project.

Scripture: John 14: 16-17 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”*

Quote from One Participant: “It was **not a coincidence** that we (Covenant/SHP) had the right volunteers in place to make this a successful event while remaining on schedule with the Saturday morning build. To me this exemplified the power of prayer in action. It felt like the love of Christ was living in the hearts of all those helping with the build, and it was great to be associated with that group of hard workers.”

A Special Thanks particularly to those that prayed for the success of the event. Your prayers were KEY to this success.



Quality Control Station
Who is that masked man?



Dowel Hole Station – Using a Template for Precision. Mark felt at home with plenty of spare batteries!



Branding Station
Wanted: please identify for branding violations



Covenant/Sleep In Heavenly Peace Volunteer Opportunity: Please consider becoming a part of the delivery teams that deliver and assemble these beds in local recipients' homes. Typically, the SHP bed delivery involves 2-4 persons. There are multiple teams involved on delivery day which is normally Wednesdays. Your team would likely do one or two deliveries on delivery day with each delivery taking about an hour. A couple would carry the parts into the recipient's home and assemble the bed; while a third and/or fourth person works to choose the bedding and make the bed ready for sleeping. SHP is in constant need of volunteers for helping with the deliveries. Please **volunteer** and then **share feedback**, hopefully to improve the experience for the future recipients.



Hunger Offering/Two-Cents-A-Meal

Our Covenant family has given \$ 2,744 this year to assist the Presbyterian Community Center Food Pantry and other hunger initiatives supported by The Presbytery of the Peaks. **Thank you for your generosity!**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1			1 7:00 Child/Youth Protection Policy Training 7:30 Choir Practice	2 7:00 Worship Team	3	4
5 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:15 Children's Sunday School Planning 10:30 Worship with Communion *Bring Bread 3:00 VBS Planning Meeting	6 4:00 Centering Prayer 7:00 Faith Formation Team	7 9:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Adult Sunday School Planning	8 7:30 Choir Practice	9 9:30 Presbytery Committee on Ministry 7:00 Earth Care Team 7:00 RTFSG	10 6:00 360 Band Concert & Cookout	11
12 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 9:15 Child/Youth Protection Policy Training 10:30 Worship *Hunger Offering 3:00 VBS Volunteer Meeting 3:00 Youth Car Wash	13 4:00 Centering Prayer	14 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Missions Team	15 7:30 Choir Practice	16 9:00 Covenant @ Feeding 12:00 SW Virginia 7:05 Covenant @ Salem Red Sox	17	18
19 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30 Outdoor Worship Service	20 9:00 VBS 12:00 4:00 Centering Prayer 7:00 Finance Team 7:00 Communications Team	21 <i>Election Day</i> 6:00 Voting at 7:00 Covenant 9:00 VBS 12:00	22 9:00 VBS 12:00 7:30 Choir Practice	23 9:00 VBS 12:00 7:00 Personnel & Policy Team Summer Newsletter Deadline	24 9:00 VBS 12:00	25
26 <i>VBS Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship with Reception following honoring Dr. Jennifer Powell 7:00 Session meets Family Promise Week	27 9:00 Preschool Summer 12:00 Camp	28 9:00 Preschool Summer 12:00 Camp 9:30 Staff Meeting	29 9:00 Preschool Summer 12:00 Camp 7:30 Choir Practice	30 9:00 Preschool Summer 12:00 Camp		