



Our Newsletter

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What an emotional rollercoaster! The Holy Week celebrations and remembrances, Palm Sunday to Easter, are a series of emotional highs and lows, but each of the days and their events are vital to our understanding of the Christian faith and life. This year the events of Holy Week take on special significance for the people of C.C. Hancock as they prepare for Hancock's final worship service on April 28th.

It is unfortunate that many people choose only to recognize the ecstatic highs of the bookending Sundays – the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday morning – without experiencing all the events taking place in between. Yes, these two Sundays are important, but their power is rooted in the mid-week events. The full meaning of the Palm Sunday crowd's welcoming cries of "Hosanna to the son of David" must be understood in context of the Friday crowd shouting, "CRUCIFY HIM." The resurrection could not take place without Jesus' agonizing death on the cross. The death of Jesus would not have taken place without the betrayal of one of the 12 disciples.

Each of the events of Holy Week have significance and color our understanding of the Christian faith, and for me, Good Friday looms large. I think of the words Samuel Wesley wrote in the poem, "Behold the Savior of Mankind" (page 293 of our hymnal). Sure, Good Friday, taken in isolation, can be depressing, but think of the final verse of the poem:

*But soon he'll break death's envious chain
And in full glory rise
O Lamb of God, was ever pain,
Was ever love like thine?*

There can be no resurrection without death and so death is not something to be feared, but is simply a transition. As we consider the death of C.C. Hancock United Methodist Church think of the new life that will spring forth from the pool of money established through the sale of the Hancock property: the Trinity Campus of St. Daniel's UMC in Chester will bring new hope to a hurting city; a new church start, yet to be birthed, will find financial support; and the Conference Trustees will be able to more effectively aid in the making of disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world because of these resources.

The Easter story is simple: "In our death, a resurrection, at last the victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." ("Hymn of Promise," by Natalie Sleeth, #707 UM Hymnal)

For a full understanding of Easter we simply cannot skip over or ignore Good Friday's pain. Join us for the mid-week Holy Week services.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jim

HANCOCK UMC Memorial Easter Flowers Order Form



COVENANT UMC Easter Plants and Mission Gifts Order Form

NOTE: **Deadline for flower orders is Sunday, April 7.**

Please use this form in making your order.

In Honor of

(name) _____

In Memory of

(name) _____

Presented by

(donor) _____

_____ # of lily plants (\$8.00)

_____ # azaleas _____ pink (\$8.00) _____ red (\$8.00)

_____ # of tulips (\$6.50)

_____ # of hyacinth (\$6.50)

_____ # of daffodils (yellow only) (\$6.50)

_____ We will pick up the flowers after the Hancock Easter service.

_____ We will deliver the flowers to _____
(please identify the person so another doesn't duplicate)

_____ We will deliver the flowers to a sick or homebound member designated by the church.

Other instructions _____

Signed _____

Order deadline: Sunday, April 7

You may mail this form with your check made payable to:

C.C. Hancock UMC
542 Wesley Road, Springfield, PA 19064

Or leave the form and a check at the church office. You may also order by phoning the church office at 610-543-3551.

In celebration of the resurrection of Christ, Covenant's sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful spring flowers on Easter morning. Using the order form below, you have an opportunity to honor or remember loved ones by ordering plants or by making a donation to an area ministry. A listing of all dedications will be available on Easter. Plants may be taken after the 8:15 or 10:45 services.

Mission gifts given in lieu of Easter plants will be given to **The Methodist Home for Children** which serves children in their homes, helps with foster/kinship care, adoption, residential living, and day care for school-age children.

Please send this order form and check (payable to Covenant Church) by **Palm Sunday, April 14** to:
Covenant UMC,
212 W. Springfield Road, Springfield, PA 19064

Covenant Easter Plants and Mission Gifts

Please print all information and use a separate sheet of paper for each dedication.

Number of plants _____ at \$8.00 each

Total for plants: \$ _____

_____ will take plant(s) after an Easter service

Mission donation \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Donor Address: _____

Phone # _____

Offering Envelope # (if known) _____

Church Family News

Rehabilitation Center: Ken Garton at Harlee Manor

At Home: Kurt Feldman, Pam Henry, Dan Rosser, Lee Windle, Lee Zanchuk

Birth: Ryan John Musser, born March 11, son of Sarah and Jeff Musser, grandson of Bev and Jim Friel, great grandson of Marcia Martin.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the Witmer and Hagenbuch family following the death of Colleen's father, Ned Witmer.



A letter to the congregation

We, on the Staff-Parish Relations Team, recognize that Covenant is going through a lot of change. Any change is met with mixed reactions, expectations, and hopes. Covenant is poised for the next chapter of service to Springfield in part, because of the vision and strong desire of Pastor Jim to see our building project succeed. Our next Senior Pastor, Mark Terry, brings the vision of holding fast to tradition while creating space and opportunities for connecting with those who have never known church. Currently, Pastor Mark conducts both a traditional service and an alternative service, and in his own words, "When we can live as Jesus did before us (engaged in acts of justice, mercy, and love) we can experience the eternal presence of God. People can find these moments by accident, or the faithful can join in community to support and love one another, so that these moments happen more and more often for ourselves and for our neighbors." Our goal in the next few months is to complete the work Pastor Jim started and to get ready for our next chapter – when we can reopen our campus and our arms to the community. While we, as a church, absorb these changes together, we must have faith to continue to do God's work of changing lives with Jesus. We will be scheduling events to honor Pastor Jim and to welcome the Terry Family.

Please let us know your thoughts, feelings and suggestions.

The Staff-Parish Relations Team

A note of appreciation

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the altar flowers. They were absolutely beautiful and brightened my room....not to mention what they did for my spirits. Thank you to those who have brought them to me. You are all so kind and thoughtful.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Rich Pacitti for bringing me communion each month. You are so kind to take time out of your busy schedule for me.

I also thank you for the phone calls that brighten my day.

Thank you again for remembering me. God Bless you all,

Jane Wilson

Hancock News and Notes

- **A CHURCH CONFERENCE** was held on March 10, 2019 where the members of C.C. Hancock Memorial UMC voted for church closure. Friends of the congregation are invited to attend the Closing Service on **Sunday, April 28, 2019**, 10:30 AM, with a luncheon afterwards (reservations: 610-543-3551).
- **FYI:** Area non-denominational churches have expressed interest in purchasing the Hancock Church building.
- **WELCOME!** to new members Mike and Linda Kelly who joined Hancock on Sunday, March 10. We were also happy and blessed to have two baptisms of adults, Linda Kelly and Carol Bricklin.
- **MANY THANKS** to all who prepared and served food for the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Service. It was a delight to welcome friends from Covenant who attended both the Supper and Service.
- **MAGIC SHOW:** Our long-time renters, Ring 6 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians will celebrate in Hancock Church one last time with a Magic Show for all ages on Saturday, May 4 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person (toddlers under 1 year of age are free). Email Ring6StarsofMagic@gmail.com for tickets.



At work on the addition

A Message from Pastor Janet

Sunday through Sunday (2/17-2/24/19), I was with 24 others on the outskirts of Cancun, Mexico building an all-purpose addition on the Getsemani Church. We were in a very impoverished area, approachable over a deeply rutted dirt road. We shoveled sand and stone to make cement, poured it, and bent rebar—in heat and humidity.

We also prepared 100 food bags, some of which had been decorated and sponsored by Covenant and Hancock members. Each bag contained rice, beans, oil, corn meal, sugar, and flour. In addition, we put “goodie bags” (gallon zipper bag) into each; these contained pencils, erasers, sharpeners, and toothbrushes. All the families in the Gethsemani congregation received a food bag; the other 70 were/are being given to homes on the blocks around the church by the members with an invitation to the church.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed in any way to this Mission Trip. The four of us from this area were blessed by our work and experiences in Mexico and are grateful for your support.

With appreciation,
Pastor Janet

April Worship Services at Covenant

Covenant Sunday morning worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We are now in the midst of the Lenten Season of preparation and headed toward the celebration of Easter. We are continuing our focus on growth in our spiritual disciplines. The 90-day tithe challenge focuses on recognizing that all we have is really from God and we are simply charged with the task of being good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Our Lenten sermon series has focused on prayer and The Lord's Prayer in particular. With the arrival of Easter Sunday, we will refocus on the new life offered through Christ.

Here is what's in store for Covenant's Sunday worship services.

April 7th will be our mid-Lenten season communion service and the fifth installment in our sermon series on The Lord's Prayer. We will turn our attention to "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Do we really think God leads some into temptation and if so, why? And exactly what is this evil we are asking to be delivered? Join us as we continue our dive into what may be the most famous prayer ever spoken.

April 14th is Palm Sunday and the final installment in the *Grounded in Prayer* series. As we think about the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we come to a very appropriate line in the prayer, "For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever." What does it all mean and how does it relate to the events of Holy Week?

April 21st is Easter Sunday. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead with three very special services. We begin with the Son Rise Service at 6:15 a.m. This is really the second half of the Good Friday service and we see the reversal of the supposed victory of Satan over God as Jesus is raised from the dead.

The 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services will be the most celebratory services of the season, complete with special music as we focus on the good news of Christianity: Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and is alive forevermore! Please make sure you invite our friends, families, and neighbors who do not have a church home.

April 28th is the second Sunday of Easter and we continue to unpack what it means to be Easter people and how that should affect how we live our lives.

Holy Week and Easter Services

This year we will remember the events of Holy Week with special services at both C.C. Hancock and Covenant Churches.

The **Holy Thursday** service will be held at Hancock and will focus on the night Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples. We will remember how Jesus transformed that meal into what today we call the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This service will take on special significance as it will be the last Holy Thursday service C.C. Hancock celebrates. With the final Sunday service scheduled to two Sundays later, our belief in the power of resurrection will be tested.



Our **Good Friday** service will again be a service of Tenebrae (service of darkness) as we read through the entire passion story. We will take time to reflect on the rising level of evil as we sing appropriate hymns and visualize the gathering darkness as the light dims throughout the service. The service doesn't really end on Good Friday; it simply pauses in darkness waiting for Easter dawn when we resume the service at 6:15 a.m.

Covenant Building Project Update

Sunday, March 17 was *Erin Go Bragh*, and Monday, March 18 was *Excavator Go Dig*. Construction inside and outside the church has begun in earnest. A temporary wall has been installed to keep the church safe and clean, while outside demolition and excavation is in full swing.

Next week footers will be dug and poured so that the steel frame for the elevator tower can begin. In addition, holes have been opened up in the ceilings of the Kingswood building's first floor to further examine the church's structure and expedite work later in the project.



Getting ready to excavate



Digging in progress

The Building Committee is hard at work to keep the project on track and on time. Lastly, as a friendly reminder, the construction fencing is up for a reason: to keep everyone safe. Please respect the DO NOT ENTER signs and new foot traffic patterns; they are there not only to protect the little children Jesus loves but the big children as well.

Passion Play: July 21 – August 1, 2020, Oberammergau, Germany Host: Rev. Janet Hess

In the Middle Ages, when the Black Plague swept through Europe, the village of Oberammergau prayed to God for deliverance, promising that if spared they would perform a Passion Play regularly in thanksgiving. They were spared from the Black Death, and have kept their promise. Every 10 years the entire village unites to present the Biblical story of Jesus' last week on earth. The next one is 2020.

You are invited to join Pastor Janet and other "Pilgrims" on a 12-day spiritual adventure through Europe, visiting Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Oberammergau, and Munich next summer.

If interested, call Pastor Janet at 610-891-9901, or email: revjk Hess@juno.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning, **April 21, 2019**. Our Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. and we will gather beforehand in our Sunday School room where there will be Easter crafts, a place to take photos, and a quick lesson teaching the meaning of Easter at 9:45.



To prepare for this event, we will have bags of empty Easter eggs in Wesley Hall. Please consider taking some eggs, filling them with small individually wrapped candy, and returning them on or before Sunday, April 17.

Preschool News

All our classes are busy getting ready for our annual Arts Festival which will be held on Tuesday, April 30, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to tour the Epworth Building on **Sunday, May 5** to see the amazing artwork that our preschoolers have been working on all year.



Dawn Hanrahan, CNS/CMO Director

Hand in Hand for Children of Chernobyl

Hand in Hand for Children of Chernobyl is looking forward to another exciting summer of our children visiting from Belarus. Our new children will be selected this spring and we will be interviewing potential new host families in the next month. They are generally between the ages of 7 and 10 years and they stay with their families for five to six weeks. If you are interested in getting more information on our program, please contact Debbie Miller at 610-626-6006.

Summer is the time for a Covenant BBQ

As we enter spring, can summer be far behind? Summer means BBQ time. Covenant's own grill master, John Strayer (aka Stray Daddy), is offering a full BBQ dinner for 6 people for only \$200. It includes ribs or chicken, with a choice of BBQ sauce, dry rub or both (mild or spicy), mac 'n cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. Dinner can be redeemed on a mutually agreed upon weekend from May through September 2019. It will be delivered within a reasonable distance. The only preparation needed is to heat and enjoy! Only one (1) dinner is available. It will be sold to the first person responding to Gail Hodge (gailhodge@aol.com or 610-789-6769) upon receipt of payment. This is the first in a series of fundraisers to support Covenant's ministries and missions in lieu of Covenant's Dinner/Auction. If you enjoyed the Dinner/Auction in the past, we encourage you to consider this alternative.



Vacation Bible School – It's out of this world!

This year, we are going to Mars and Beyond where kids will discover the wonders of God's universe. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Our adventure will be from **July 8 to July 12**, so save the date and keep an eye out for onsite and support volunteer opportunities!



Appalachia Service Project Team

April Events

Our ASP Team is busy getting ready for our summer mission. We're working toward helping families in Central Appalachia improve their living conditions this July! As always, we greatly appreciate your support. It is your support that enables us to get to Appalachia each summer to help some families very much in need, and to learn what it is to lead a life of Christian service. This April, besides purchasing Cash for Causes cards for shopping at Giant supermarkets, there are two additional ways you can help.

ASP Car Wash

Let the ASP team give your car a spring cleaning! Our annual spring car wash will be here at Covenant on **Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Your donation to have us brighten up your car will help us brighten the life of a family in Appalachia.



ASP Plant Sale

Spring is in the air and it's time to think about spring gardening. Colorful flowers, fragrant herbs, juicy fresh tomatoes! The ASP Team is having our yearly plant sale. Choose from flats, hanging baskets, herbs, vegetables, and a variety of flowers. Just place an order by filling in an order form or by going to the church on-line store. Both are available from the ASP page at www.covum.com/asp. Order forms are also available in Wesley Hall, the church office, or from an ASP volunteer.

Please complete an **order by Sunday, April 21**. Your order may be picked up on Saturday, April 27, between noon and 2 p.m. at the church. You can beautify your home in PA, while helping to make the home of a family in Central Appalachia warmer, safer, and drier.

We thank you for your continuing support!

Our Lent to Pentecost Challenge

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." – Malachi 3:10

Thank you to every person and family that prayerfully considered and then responded to our tithing challenge. A total of 16 families turned in challenge cards. Ten indicated they are already tithers, four accepted the challenge to tithe for 90 days and two families, after serious consideration, let us know they were unable to accept the challenge at this time.

April Life Center Dinner

Every night of the week volunteers from area churches, synagogues, and temples provide a hot and nutritious meal to the residents of the Life Center in Upper Darby, as well as those in need in the surrounding communities. Covenant Church is privileged to participate in this evening meal program. Our next time to provide and serve dinner at the Life Center is **Friday, April 12**.

We can use your help! There are many ways to participate with different levels of time commitment. If you like to cook, you can prepare a casserole (recipe and pan will be provided) or bake brownies at home. You can help by buttering loaves of bread or buying bags of salad mix or iced tea. You can supply items such as peanut butter, jelly, snacks, or apples for the "To Go Lunches" that we also provide. We also need six to eight volunteers to transport and serve the dinner on April 12. To help, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4fa5a922a13-april1> or on the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall.



Education Classes for all ages at Covenant Church

Sundays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Nursery and Preschool (3 and under)

New Testament (pre-K – 1st grade)

Old Testament (2nd – 5th grade)

Middle/High School (6th – 12th grade)

Adult Short Course

Wired Word (adult study on current events)

Room 12 Epworth

Room 23 Epworth

Room 23 Epworth

Room 4 Kingswood

Room 2-3 Kingswood

Library

Journey to Grace: The Confessions of St. Augustine

Continuing with its theme of Revival, the Adult Education Short Course will look at our Journeys to Grace. As a follow-up on John Wesley's journey and a study of the means of grace, we'll turn to a study of St. Augustine and his autobiographical *Confessions*. Many of the struggles, doubts and issues faced by believers can be found in the story and Confessions of this Early Church father. Though Augustine's life and times are different from ours, we'll look to find similarities with our own contemporary journeys and to learn from Augustine's experience of God's grace. All are welcome on Sundays from March 24 through April 14 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 2 of the Kingswood Building.

Wired Word

All adults, post-high school on up, are invited to stop by the Covenant Church Library each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for Wired Word--where we engage in thought-provoking and stimulating discussions about current events and relevant Scripture passages. In other words, how do we translate our Christian worldview into what's going on in the world we live in? How can we as Christians not only respond to current news, but how can we even influence it for the cause of Christ? If you're interested in giving Wired Word a try, just email Keith Bratz at wkbratz4@verizon.net, and each Thursday you'll receive that week's lesson. Or simply stop by the Library at 9:15 on Sunday. We hope you will join us!

The Midweek Study Groups



The Tuesday morning and Thursday evening study groups are always open to individuals and couples from both our churches and the community. They meet throughout the year; however, you are invited to join on a short-term basis if that is your preference. Both groups are nearing completion of the study based on the sermon series and book entitled *Grounded In Prayer*. Since this is a follow up of the Sunday sermon series, feel free to join at any time.

After Easter the morning group will be selecting some new material while the evening group will return to *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way* to finish up the study.

The Tuesday group meets at 10:00 a.m. in Covenant's Wesley Hall, which is the gathering area adjacent to the sanctuary. It can be accessed without steps from Saxer Avenue or up two steps through the courtyard for those parking in the Covenant parking lot.

The Thursday evening group officially meets at 7:00 p.m. for study, although you may choose to come at 6:30 p.m. for dinner. The dinner portion is open to everyone whether you are part of the study group or not. We rotate the meal prep among the group as our personal schedules permit. This group meets in Covenant's Kingswood Building Room 2. The Kingswood Building is the one located closest to the main portion of the parking lot. Please note, however, that the group may be temporarily relocated if construction makes the room unavailable.

My Calling! Middle School Mission Trip



My Calling is a fun and transforming mission trip for youth entering 6th grade through youth entering 9th grade. Students will experience different types of mission activities around the Yardley/Trenton area and, when we return to the host church each evening, will meet students from around the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and beyond.

We'll leave Covenant Church on Sunday, July 14 and come back on July 18.

The cost this year is \$210.00. This includes the trip and a tubing adventure down the Delaware River after we leave Yardley on Thursday morning. We don't want cost to ever interfere with a youth's ability to participate. If cost is a concern for you or an invited friend, please let me know as soon as possible. You can learn more and register before April 12 with a \$50.00 deposit online at <https://www.covumc.com/mycalling2019>.

Confirmation Camp Learnings

During the first weekend in March, I had the pleasure of taking our confirmation students to Pocono Plateau for confirmation camp. A few of the students were nervous and were looking for ways to get out of going. Once we got there, they all started to perk up and have fun with each other and other groups.

There were three main sessions all pointing to discovering who God is. The first, "Discover your God-Given Identity," was eye-opening to the leaders who went and encouraging to the students. They first called out names and phrases that other people have said to them or about them. The things that were said were troubling to say the least, especially as some seemed to be coming from adults in their lives. One example from the full group was, "The day you were born was the worst day of my life." These words and phrases have wormed their way into the identity of our students. We began to unravel those identities by exploring God's Word to find out who they are in God's eyes. Of all the life-giving words they heard, these are the ones our youth claimed for themselves and wore on a name tag for the day: holy, worthy, empowered, healed, loved, not alone, purified, new.

The next two sessions were equally crucial for them to experience in their journey. The second session was about discovering God's love for them. We talked about grace in all its forms: prevenient (on the porch), justifying (walking through the door), and sanctifying (living with Christ). In our small group time, we talked about where they were in this metaphor. Answers ranged from being on the porch to being on the threshold almost ready to head in, or in the foyer, but afraid to go further. In the third session, students discovered their place in God's body, the Church. As they struggle to find their place, our lesson as leaders is that they are not the future of the Church; they are very much the Church's present.



Our confirmands during a worship service

I want to thank you for your support for these students over the last year. Your prayers and your giving to the church has enabled amazing work through the confirmation program and beyond. I have seen our students grow in maturity in life and faith. I hope that you will continue to pray for these students and the ministries that change their lives. If you want to be a part of these ministries in any way or want to learn more about this trip, please reach out to me, and I'll buy you a coffee.

Blessings, Pastor Kevin

April BIRTHDAYS



- 1 – Brian Bingaman, Claudia Geltz
 - 2 – Wendy Bratz, Richard King III, Marcia Martin
 - 3 – Kristen Woods
 - 4 – Nancy Parmiter, Kieran Salla
 - 5 – Hadley Hutton, Barbara Lehman, Eleanor Nessel, Dylan Theiss
 - 6 – Aaron Sanchez
 - 7 – Amy Berquist
 - 8 – Olive Garibay
 - 11 – Ashley Brogan, Jeff Craven, Krista Feliciani, Samantha Woods
 - 12 – Cleo Miller, Jim Plank
 - 13 – Gertrude Dimm, Ava Garibay, Sandra Genzel, Ed Ranalli
 - 15 – Bunny Kowalczyk, Martha Murphy, Ruth Rasmussen
 - 16 – Rosemarie Gluck, Hayley Lyman, Benjamin Pagliano
 - 19 – Reese Gladfelter, Victoria Hiscott
 - 20 – John Folkomer
 - 21 – Barb Bunting, Laura Cadge, Judson Horna, Andrew Rosser
 - 22 – Linda Feldman
 - 23 – Elizabeth Driesbaugh, Noah Strayer
 - 24 – Ken Hagy, Megan Kovacs
 - 25 – Barb Smith
 - 26 – Nick Apostolu, August Bratz
 - 27 – Isabelle Bingaman
 - 28 – Jim Atkinson, Charlie Smith, Emily Smith
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Save the date!

On **Sunday, May 19** the Chancel Choir will present a special music service of anthems accompanied by Erica Simon, flute. Erica has played here many times over the years and it is always a treat to hear her. Claire Schneider will also play cello on several of the pieces.



A highlight of this service will be the **premier performance** of the newly commissioned anthem by CRAIG COURTNEY to celebrate my 30th anniversary as Organist and Music Director of Covenant Church. This will be a most special event and I hope you can mark your calendars now!

An invitation is extended to **anyone** who would like to join the choir for this service. You need to attend the extra rehearsals listed below and a portion of our Thursday evening rehearsals starting April 25. This is a perfect opportunity for those who like to sing but aren't able to make a commitment to the choir for the entire year.

Rehearsals are as follows:

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| Sat., April 13 | 9:30 am–12:00 pm |
| Sun., April 28 | 12:30–2:30 pm |
| Sat., May 4 | 9:30 am–12:00 pm |
| <u>Sat., May 18 (Dress Reh)</u> | <u>9:30 am–12:30 pm</u> |

I hope you will consider singing with us. If not, please plan to attend the service and bring a friend or two. You won't want to miss this one!

– Sarah Batchelor

A thank you note from Nepal

Dear Covenant United Methodist Church,

"We are writing to thank you for your generous gift to the work of Nutrition Promotion and Consultancy Service (NPCS) through the United Methodist Church's Advance Fund. All the funds raised are used for our "Nutrition in Urban Communities" project, which is conducted in several slum/inner city communities here in Kathmandu.

"Thank you for your support of this work. We also welcome your prayers for our work."

Sincerely,

Roshani Shrestha
Executive Director, NPCS

Deirdre Zimmerman
Nutrition Advisor, NPCS

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