

**THE FOURTH 25 YEARS, PART 1 (1997-2003)**

**COVENANT CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF MINISTRY**  
*"Forward through the Ages"*

**Covenant United Methodist Church  
75th Anniversary  
Calendar of Events**

- February 16, 1997**      **Anniversary Worship Services and Luncheon**  
Guest Preacher - The Rev. Robert H. Wright, former Associate Pastor, 1959-1964
- April 27, 1997**      **"Miracles In Mission Project" Sunday**  
Covenant's effort to financially support the "rehabing" of a home in Chester through the Delaware County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.
- May 18, 1997**      **Worship Service and Reception**  
Guest Preacher - The Rev. Dr. Wallace Stettler, former Pastor, 1953-1967
- June 22, 1997**      **Covenant "Family Reunion Picnic" at Memorial Park**  
Fun, food, and activities for all!
- July 1-31, 1997**      **Celebrate "Christmas in July"**  
An opportunity to purchase Covenant keepsake tree ornaments and Christmas cards.
- July 4, 1997**      **Springfield's 4th of July Parade**  
Celebrate America's 221st birthday AND Covenant's 75th.
- October 12, 1997**      **Anniversary Banquet at The Drexelbrook**  
Guest Speaker - Bishop Peter D. Weaver, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
- November 16, 1997**      **Worship Service and Reception**  
Guest Preacher - The Rev. Dr. Dale E. Owens, former Pastor, 1974-1979
- November 27, 1997**      **Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall**  
Our guests will be the residents of the Life Center in Upper Darby.
- December 31, 1997**      **First Night Celebration**  
This evening will conclude with a worship service.



*"Forward Through the Ages"*

1997 was a busy year for Covenant starting off with Sarah Batchelor's maternity leave beginning January 6<sup>th</sup> (Mrs. Ruth Fisher served as interim Organist/Music Director and Ruth von Minden handled the Children's and Junior Choirs in her absence). Congregants on "Souper Sunday" January 26<sup>th</sup> were asked to drop \$1.00 into the soup kettles when leaving the sanctuary; children participated by donating a can of soup. The soup was delivered to the Interfaith Coalition of Food Centers and the money (\$316) was used to provide dinners to homeless and low-income persons at the Life Center in Upper Darby.

The Anniversary Celebration began on February 16, 1997 with a special service to commemorate the inception

**SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**  
February 16, 1997  
11:00 A.M.

**THE PRELUDE** (10:55) Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach  
(During this time worshipers are invited to an attitude of quiet and prayer in preparation for worship.)

**THE CHORAL INTROIT** CORONATION  
*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*

**\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** 555 ST. GERTRUDE  
"Forward Through the Ages"

**\*THE CALL TO CELEBRATION**  
Leader: For Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of the Church,  
People: We praise you, O God!  
Leader: For the disciples, who preached the good news  
of the resurrection of Christ,  
People: We praise you, O God!  
Leader: For John and Charles Wesley, who proclaimed the  
faith in word and melody,  
People: We praise you, O God!  
Leader: For the members past and present of Covenant Church,  
and for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world,  
People: We praise you, O God!  
Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who reminds us of our past,  
strengthens us for the present and sends us into  
the future unafraid,  
People: We praise you, O God, now and through all the ages!

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** 94  
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**THE CALL TO PRAYER**  
**THE MORNING PRAYER**  
O God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Save the community of your people from cowardly surrender to the world, from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to you, and from forgetting the eternal Gospel amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days.  
For the unity of the Church we pray, and for fellowship across the embittered lines of race and nation; to growth in grace, building in love, enlargement in service, increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power, we dedicate our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.  
(Harry Emerson Fosdick, 20th Century)

of the church which was founded on February 19, 1922. Rev. Robert Wright, former Associate Minister of Covenant, led the worship service. An Anniversary luncheon was held following the service. Elizabeth Hearn and Irene Atkinson were co-chairs of the anniversary events.

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**  
**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**  
**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**  
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**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** Mr. Rich  
**THE FIRST LESSON** I Peter 3: 13-22 Pew Bible p. 234  
**\*THE GLORIA** 70  
**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** 881

**THE ANTHEM** "Rejoice With Heart and Voice" Austin C. Lovelace  
Chancel Choir  
Luke Bunting, trumpet  
*Rejoice with heart and voice in God, the Three in One, in whom this work of faith was gloriously begun. And now, at last the desert passed, our hopes renewed we travel on. How well our founders planned! What vigor! What restraint! Granite and sandstone blend like toughness in a Saint. How firm their faith in life and death: or did they also tire and faint? The world they knew is gone: only their church survives to point the way to heaven, and redirect our lives. A new world claims new skills, new aims, and Christlike love that seeks and saves.*  
*Today within these walls, we offer praise and prayer; and from each other learn how much in Christ we share; and strive to prove by how we live where there is need, his Church is there.*

**Choir and Congregation**  
*Lord, send us out in peace, committed, and yet free, to serve your Kingdom's cause with patient loyalty: believing still, thru good and ill, God shapes the world that is to be, that is to be.*

**THE COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP**  
**THE PARISH NOTICES**  
**THE OFFERING**  
**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Meditation on "Beautiful Savior" Cathy Moklebust  
Covenant Ringers

**\*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 588  
©\*THE HYMN 590 "Christ Loves the Church" HIGH STREET

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 7: 7-14 Pew Bible p. 7  
**HYMN RESPONSE** 347 (vs. 1) "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

**THE SERMON** "COMMA, NOT PERIOD." The Reverend Robert H. Wright  
**\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** 117 ST. ANNE  
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**\*THE BENEDICTION**  
**THE CHORAL RESPONSE** (Here the congregation will be seated.)  
*Thy Hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear on every page; our fathers praised thy goodness, and we their deeds record, and both, of these bear witness, one church, one faith, one Lord.*  
**THE POSTLUDE** Toccata from Fifth Symphony Widor

\* Congregation Standing \*\*\* Seating Interval  
○ Children's Fellowship (K-4th grade)

**Greeters** Bonnie, Bud, Robin and Kelle Dalrymple  
**Ushers** Walter Krape, Captain; Dave Liscom,  
Sherman Roberts, Chuck Shadle, Charles Smith  
**Acolyte** Katie Hodge  
**Banner Bearers** John Hickey and Susan Rundbaken  
**Cruetier** Richard King  
**Lav Reader** Jeannette Pappas  
**Flower Delivery** Doris and Arthur Stettler



## 1922 – 2022 ABRIDGED HISTORY

### MEMBERS WITH 50 OR MORE YEARS

Louise Robinson	J. William Fisher
Alice Faries	Mary Harrigan
Dorothy Mainwaring	Frank Berdan
Andrew Baker	Mavis Berdan
Margaret Anderson	Martha Charlesworth
Peggy Carr	James Faries
Ellen Herb	Walter Hall, Jr.
Eunice Milkowski	William Lotter
Catherine Fielding	Ellwood Peters
Nancy Hall	Karin Peters
Elisabeth Zachow	Nancy Parmiter
Olive Neff	Sally MacBeth
Dorothy Moses	Ralph Miller

Nancy Hall, Chairperson of the History Committee of the 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations, asked persons who had been members of Covenant for 50 years or longer to write a special memory or recollections to share.



*L:R Rev. Wright, Irene Atkinson, Elizabeth Hearn,  
Rev. Mongold*



*75th Anniversary Luncheon*

### A Covenant Remembrance

John and I joined Community Methodist Church April 5, 1942. The Rev. John McElroy was our minister then. He baptized our son, Robert.

During the 30's, the church had some very tough financial times, and the membership when we joined was only 252. Everyone knew everyone. A member, Mr. Thomas Hickman,

was a widower who lived with his son on Greenhill Road. For a while he fulfilled the janitorial duties without cost to the church. Often first to arrive on a cold Sunday morning, he'd fire the furnace or shovel the walks. Sometimes he stayed through the night so the building would be warm on Sunday morning.

As the membership grew and space seemed to dwindle, the Women's Bible group met in the basement. Sometimes, after a rain, we'd arrive to find water in our room. The purchase of an army surplus building provided the room for us to change our meeting place. I worked in the nursery department of the Sunday School with Gaye Eikner and Olive Neff.

As Covenant has grown through the years it always has been a supportive community. I am glad to be a part of this church.

-- Eunice Milkowski



**MISSIONS FAIR**

The Outreach Work Area held a Missions Fair on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall to educate about the missions of the United Methodist Church, projects Covenant's committees are involved in and ways persons could support these efforts throughout the year. Special features of the Mission Fair included hands-on exhibits, a treasure hunt for children, and a continuous showing of a 10-minute video on United Methodist Missionaries Ministry.

**SANCTUARY AIR CONDITIONING**

It was reported that cash and pledges had reached \$72,586 which exceeded the estimated cost of \$68,000 allowing a contract to be signed with project to begin on March 31, 1997.

**THE LIFE CENTER**

Beginning in April 1997 on the second Friday of every other month, Covenant began to support the Life Center at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Market Streets in Upper Darby on an on-going basis. 20-40 people were required to help with a variety of jobs (shopping, cooking, driving, serving and financial support). The Life Center Task Force included Dawn Liscom, Eleanor Nessel, Sue Clendenin, and Barbara Cadge. This mission effort continues today.

**EASTER BASKETS**

The CK's (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Covenant Kids) handmade reed baskets and filled 23 baskets with candy, toys and Easter bunnies for children at the Wesley House. Eight kids were able to deliver the baskets on Good Friday and were able to witness the excitement on the children's faces.

**NEW HANDBELLS MAKE DEBUT**

New D2 and A2 cast aluminum handbells from Malmark were purchased through the Memorial Fund and rang for the first time on Easter Sunday

**UMW CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF SUSANNA WESLEY**

On April 22, the UMW celebrated the life of Susanna Wesley "the Mother of Methodism." A dramatization was narrated by Patti Owens and acted out by Michelle Owens.



### MIRACLES IN MISSIONS PROJECT

Covenant had been involved with the Delaware County Affiliate of **Habitat for Humanity** through Habitat work days in Chester through Covenant's Outreach Program. Habitat's goal for 1997 was the renovation of three houses in Chester. One of them, located at 2703 Price Street, was anonymously donated by a Covenant member. The cost of preparing this house for occupancy was projected to be \$20,000

As a way to honor Covenant's 75<sup>th</sup> year and to offer encouragement and hope to members of the Chester community, Covenant set a goal to pay in full the expense of renovating the Price Street house through a special offering on Sunday, April 27, 1997. An unconventional approach was used to raise the \$20,000. Members were asked to offer services for hire and items for sale with proceeds contributed to the house fund. The Miracle Shopper's Guide included such diverse listings as a bread making machine, cemetery lot, 20-foot boat, use of a vacation home in Ocean City and an English garden party. Fellowship Hall was converted into a mart for a sale to be held on April 19th. Covenant received Habitat's designation as a "Covenant Church." The title signified the special agreement forged between the congregation and the local branch of Habitat as indicated by the program's motto, *"Your Church, Building Homes, Building Hope."* The \$20,000 goal was reached.





## 1922 – 2022 ABRIDGED HISTORY

Rev. Bob Mongold was honored at a surprise reception in recognition of his 30 years of serving God.



The 75th Anniversary Committee announces two special events

Church Family Reunion Picnic  
Sunday, June 22, 1997  
11 am - 5 pm  
Memorial Park

and

Covenant Church participates in the Springfield Fourth of July Parade

A commemorative 75th Anniversary T-Shirt has been designed. We hope you will order your shirt and wear it proudly for both occasions.



### Stettler To Preach At Covenant Church



The Rev. Dr. Wallace Stettler will preach at Covenant United Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 21 in celebration of the church's 75th year.



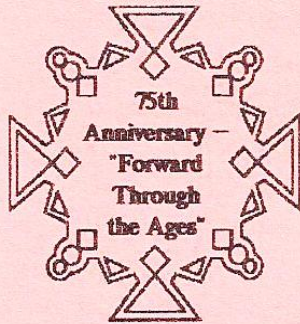
It was previously announced that Rev. Dr. Stettler would preach on May 18<sup>th</sup> as part of the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration. Rev. Stettler's time with Covenant was changed to September 21st. After serving Covenant for over 14 years, he was President of Wyoming Seminary for 23 years until his retirement in June 1990.





### A Covenant Memory

"We joined Covenant in 1947 and it was a decision we never regretted as it became a significant part of our life. For about 35 years of the last 50 years we were members of the Chancel choir so naturally most of my memories would stem from relationships and events related thereto. In addition to the important Sunday anthems, inspirational in nature, we also had great camaraderie between leaders and members of the choirs in indulging in many secular endeavors, most notable of which were our Spring concerts, featuring many then current popular songs and particularly show tunes. Because the audiences were quite large we presented the annual programs quite a few times in the High School auditorium. The ladies were all decked out in their white gowns and the men all wore white jackets, and refreshments were served afterward.



"In the days after World War II a strong sense of unity between churches, school, and community seemed to carry over to the succeeding years and Covenant members were active in many areas of endeavor, led by our many excellent pastors over the years. May we draw from our memories of the past and carry into the present and future the values, spiritual and secular, that are our good fortune to have derived from our membership at Covenant.

"Congratulations on its 75th Anniversary!"

-- Ralph F. Miller

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CityTeam

Covenant supplied enough school supplies for at least a classroom of students for the coming year. CityTeam distributed the supplies to hundreds of homeless and impoverished children who would not have been able to purchase their own school bag.

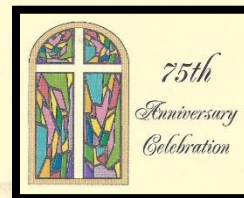
### FREEZE-A-MEAL COMMITTEE

Since 1995, the Covenant Freeze-A-Meal Committee provided meals to help folks who recently returned from the hospital, who were homebound or had short-term needs due to an emergency.

*Keynote Speaker:*

*Bishop Peter D. Weaver*

*Bishop of the Philadelphia Area United Methodist Church*



*You are cordially invited to the 75th Anniversary Banquet for Covenant United Methodist Church of Springfield.*

*Drexelbrook  
Williamsburg Room  
Drexel Drive and Valley Road  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
Sunday, October 12, 1997  
4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*



### Program

Welcome  
Opening Prayer  
Hymn  
Introduction of Guests  
Review of Anniversary Projects  
Recognitions  
Words of Remembrance  
*Reverend Wallace Stettler*  
*Reverend Harvey Marsland*  
*Reverend Dale Owens*  
*Reverend Bruce Hazelwood*  
Introduction of Our 75th Year History  
Hymn  
Blessing - *Reverend Robert Ziegler*  
Dinner  
Anthem - Chancel Choir  
Introduction of Speaker  
Keynote Address  
*Reverend Peter D. Weaver*  
Closing Hymn  
Benediction - *Reverend John Rich*

### Our Guests

Bishop Peter D. Weaver  
Reverend Alfred Maloney  
Reverend and Mrs. Oscar R. Allen  
Reverend Russell J. Atkinson  
Reverend and Mrs. Kenneth Fansler  
Reverend and Mrs. William H. Garrett  
Reverend and Mrs. Benjamin O. Gould  
Reverend Bruce Hazelwood  
Reverend and Mrs. Arden Krych  
Reverend and Mrs. Harvey Marsland  
Reverend Haydn J. McLean  
Reverend and Mrs. John D. O'Neill  
Reverend and Mrs. Dale E. Owens  
Reverend Salvatore Riccio  
Reverend and Mrs. John N. Roberts  
Reverend and Mrs. Everett Sahrbeck  
Reverend and Mrs. Wallace F. Stettler  
Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Peter Stube  
Reverend and Mrs. Richard Sutton  
Reverend and Mrs. Walter Swank  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Whitmore  
Reverend Patricia Woolever  
Reverend and Mrs. Robert H. Wright  
Reverend and Mrs. Charles Yrigoyen

Special thanks to all who have participated in making this program possible.





### **We're Still Celebrating!**

As part of our 75th Anniversary Celebration, The Reverend Dr. Dale E. Owens, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, November 16. Dale was Senior Pastor of Covenant from 1974 to 1979. He currently serves as Director of Administrative Services for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Center of the United Methodist Church. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Owens back to the pulpit at Covenant Church and hearing his message. An informal reception will be held in Fellowship Hall following the 11 am service.



As part of the on-going celebration of Covenant's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, on November 27<sup>th</sup>, a Thanksgiving dinner was held in Fellowship Hall. Residents of the Life Center in Upper Darby were invited to come as Covenant's guests.

### **WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**

On December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 p.m. to midnight as Covenant's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ended, there was an evening of fun and fellowship concluding with a John Wesley communion service in the Sanctuary.

### **NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

The Nursery School collected canned and boxed goods for the Domestic Abuse Center in Media. The children presented the gifts to Pastor Rich in the Sanctuary. Their Thanksgiving celebration culminated with a "feast" in Fellowship Hall where they enjoyed fruit salad that they all helped to prepare. Everyone worked hard to make pilgrim and Indian outfits to wear to the church service and the feast. To celebrate National Children's Book Week, the children visited the Springfield Library.

### **Celebrations of the Advent and Christmas Season at Covenant Church**

#### **The Third Sunday in Advent December 14, 1997**

8:30 am - Worship Service with Mr. Mongold preaching  
(White Tag gifts will be received at both services.)

11:00 am - A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Comprised of scripture readings interspersed with carols and the Chancel Choir's presentation of Daniel Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*. The Junior and Children's Choirs will also participate. The Academy Brass Quintet will be guest musicians. (Prelude at 10:45 am)



4:00 pm - Intergenerational Christmas Caroling

Start by joining fellow carolers for a light supper and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. At 5 pm caroling groups will assemble and depart from the church to share the wonderful songs of Christ's birth with many of our homebound members. Please call the church office to let us know you are planning to come for supper and/or caroling.



#### **The Fourth Sunday in Advent December 21, 1997**

8:30 am and 11 am - Worship Services with Mr. Mongold preaching  
Music by the handbell choirs will be presented at both services.

#### **Christmas Eve December 24, 1997**

7:00 p.m. - Family Service of Carols and Candlelight

This service will feature a Christmas musical, *What Child Was This*, by John Horman, presented by the Children's and Junior Choirs.



11:00 p.m. - Christmas Candlelight Service

Mr. Mongold will bring the Christmas Message and music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and Asbury and Covenant Ringers.



## 1998

### We Have Put A Face to Global Missions

His name is Dr. Mark Zimmerman.

January is the month that Covenant becomes a Global Missions partner through the Advance Program. Why? you ask. While it is true that missionaries are supported by general giving through world service and the United Methodist Women's pledge to mission, the Advance takes this one step further.

The Advance Program is critically needed and enables churches like ours to take a share in the support of a missionary. As a missionary partner, Covenant Church will put a face on global missions. As the Advance Program explains: "the covenant relationship enables the church to surround the missionary with love and prayer and to grow in understanding the situation in which the missionary is involved to learn about the place of service and its people, culture, traditions, and religious life."

We hope you are as excited as we are about our new mission partnership with Dr. Mark Zimmerman in Katmandu, Nepal. The Outreach Work Area invites you to join us on January 25, to meet this fabulous speaker and learn more about his mission. On that day, Dr. Zimmerman will preach the 8:30 and 11 am worship services and visit with the Sunday School children. In addition, we invite you to join us for a light lunch and a question and answer session during coffee fellowship hour. You may sign up for this luncheon by filling out a form which will be included in the Sunday bulletin on January 11, or by calling the church office. (Reservation deadline is 1/21.) Hope to see you there.

-- The Outreach Work Area

### NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

"Jesus Loves Me!" was the theme as 106 Covenant Nursery School Children decorated the Sanctuary the weeks of February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ENERGY IN THE BABYFOLD

There was a lot of excitement revolving around the Babyfold: plans were underway for renovations, the purchase of new toys and cribs and the establishment of better methods to communicate with parents, creation of programs of Bible teaching, games, and songs to begin introducing the children to Jesus.

### YOUTH NEWS

During February, a group of Covenant youth and adults attended a worship service at Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia and also visited St. George's United Methodist Church.

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**UMW Lenten Bible Study:** Rev. Mongold led a Bible Study entitled "Joshua and the Promised Land" on four Wednesdays in Lent.

**Bible Fellowship:** Irv Schmuckler and Tim Folkomer explored the "Parables of Jesus Christ."

**Adults with Questions:** The class viewed and discussed Martin Scorsese's controversial film "The Last Temptation of Christ" during 9:30 Sunday School.

### NEW LOUNGE ONE CHAPEL

A new chapel was created in Lounge One of the Kingswood Building to be used for small worship services. An altar, lectern, cathedral chairs and a clavinova were dedicated as memorials to Lillian R. Miller, Nancy K. Hick and Geneva H. Foehl. The UMW presented a conference table as a gift.





On April 18<sup>th</sup> the UMW held a **Mother/Daughter Luncheon**. A “Teddy Bear Picnic” was the theme. In preparation, the circles dressed bears for the Salvation Army. The bears were part of the day’s decorations and were returned to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children. Mary Ellen Poulson was the Co-ordinator of this event.

### Year-End Breakfast

You are cordially invited to attend the year-end Sunday School breakfast hosted by our Sunday School Superintendents, Marcia Hickey and Bonnie Dalrymple, on June 7, at 9:30 am, in Fellowship Hall.

Following breakfast, our dedicated Sunday School teachers and leaders will be recognized and honored. They are: Linda Grogan, Lori Ridgley, Pam Townsend, Gail Hodge, Marian Pitkin, Cindy Cutrufello, Eleanor Roberts, Janet Evans, Marilyn Gensel, Nancy Handschuh, David and Dawn Liscom, Joe Weiss, Tim Folkomer, and Ken Prager.

Over the last six years we have been fortunate to have the leadership of Bonnie Dalrymple and Marcia Hickey as they each served two, three-year terms as our Sunday School Superintendents. We have appreciated their faithful and enthusiastic direction and pray God's blessing upon them as they “retire” from this role.

It is with great pleasure we that welcome Nancy Handschuh and Marian Pitkin as our Sunday School Superintendents. Nancy and Marian bring a wealth of experience to their new position, as both have taught Sunday School for several years.

We also welcome Amy Gormley and Lisa Smith as Children's Coordinators. Amy and Lisa will share their enthusiasm and creativity in our ministries with children in our congregation.

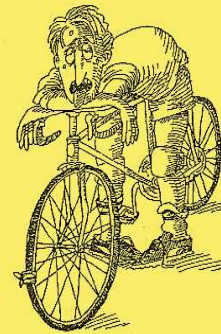
Thanks and appreciation are extended to our Sunday School teachers and leaders. May God bless all those who offer their time and talent to make our program a vital and integral part of Covenant's mission to persons of all ages.



### ASP 1998 BIKE HIKE



Be part of the action!  
Be part of the fun!



In a letter dated May 5, 1998, Rev. John D. Rich announced that Rev. Al Maloney, District Superintendent, asked him to be the Director of the men's program at Friendship House in Wilmington, Delaware. He decided to accept this appointment beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Covenant United Methodist Church presents



"THE BEATTITUDES"

July 20 - 24, 1998 9:00 AM - Noon  
(Sessions begin and end in the Sanctuary)

Ages 4 (before 9/1/98) to 5th grade \$12.00 (includes T-shirt)

Friday, July 24th -- Make Your Own Sundae Party -- 7:00 PM -- Fellowship Hall

**COVENANT IS ON THE INTERNET AND CREATED ITS  
FIRST WEB PAGE.**





On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, **The Rev. Maridel A. Whitmore** (1998-2001) was welcomed to Covenant as an Associate Pastor. Rev. Whitmore attended Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary where she received a Master of Divinity degree. A reception in her honor was held in the courtyard after the worship service. Rev. Whitmore was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church on June 2, 2000.

#### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

During the 11 o'clock worship service on November 8<sup>th</sup>, Bibles were presented to the First Grade Sunday School Students. Those receiving Bibles were:

Alyssa Colston, Janel Folkomer, Kristina Genzel, Hannah Karlheim, Hayden Karlheim, Sarah Mehalick, Caitlin Mulqueen and Christopher Roberts.

#### Confirmation Mentors and Class

"Christians are made, not born," said Tertullian. Following Jesus is not something that comes naturally, and not without time and training. Confirmation is a historic means of making disciples. Our approach to Confirmation, this year assumes that none of us becomes a Christian on our own. We need the whole community, each member witnessing to us, in order to grow up into Christ.

Fourteen members of this congregation have agreed to become part of that faith journey in the life of one of our young Christians. Each will be a mentor, working with a confirmand as a baptismal sign that the family is busy taking care of its own, continuing to make disciples through the witness of one person to another.

Please hold these who have committed themselves to mentoring in your prayers: Bill Ferguson, Amy Gormley, Ellen Rundbaken, Elizabeth Bell, Dawn Liscom, Dave Liscom, Scott Neumann, Edie Wittko, Susan Ranck, Elizabeth Hearn, Janice Puliti, Rens Swan, Don Cadge and Kurt Dinkelacker.

Will you pray also for our 1998-1999 Confirmation Class: Rob Bell, Beverly Broome, John Byrnes, Jimmy Friel, Jessica Gerace, Lori Handschuh, Jimmy King, Laura King, Jena Rose McCall, Avery Morse, Kimberly Pitkin, Brendan Smith, Eric Stanchak, and Ashley Wright.

#### A Letter From Appalachia

The following excerpt is from a letter received from Jacqui Hickey, who is serving as an Appalachia Service Project staff member this summer.

*"Greetings from Mountain City, Tennessee! I am so excited to be here. I just finished 12 days of training in Jonesville, Virginia. Paul, Julie, Mike and I will be working hard here all summer to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. This is the first time since 1990 that ASP has been here, so we're doing a lot of trailblazing.*

*"This week is set up week where we find the homes we will work on, establish accounts at local stores, set up the center and prepare evening gatherings. We are staying at a small elementary school. Everyone in the community is so nice! We've been received well. The first set of volunteers (from Michigan and Illinois) are arriving this Sunday (6/14).*

*"I was still unsure about my decision to be here, but I was affirmed one evening when Ron, our mechanic, and his wife spoke to us. They grew up in this area and had so much gratitude towards us for helping out 'their people.' They said that we were not constructing homes but building dreams. Wow. I was then sure that I was in the right place.*

*"I would love to hear from anyone -- I feel so out of touch! I could also use prayer for the homes we will select and the volunteers we will have -- that God's will will be done. Thank you for all your support already -- some great things are going to happen down here!"*

Jacqui Hickey



Confirmation Class



**COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD**

Schedule of Advent Services and Events -- 1998

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

November 29, 1998 - The First Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 with sermon by Mr. Mongold.  
Lighting of the First Advent Candle. First Sunday for the White Tag Tree.

December 6, 1998 - The Second Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Sermon by Mr. Mongold. Lighting of the Second Advent Candle. Second Sunday for the White Tag Tree.

December 13, 1998 - The Third Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship at 8:30 and 11:00. Mrs. Whitmore preaching at 8:30. Special Service of Lessons and Carols at 11:00. Lighting of the Third Advent Candle. White Tag Sunday. Gifts are brought forward to the chancel.

December 20, 1998 - The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 with sermon by Mr. Mongold.  
Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle.

December 24, 1998 - Christmas Eve



5:00 PM - Candlelight Communion from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the Kingswood Chapel Room. Worshippers may come and go or remain for the entire service.

7:00 PM - Christmas Pageant: "The Night the Animals Sang: A Christmas Play With Singing and Pantomime." In the Sanctuary.

11:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service in the Sanctuary with Christmas sermon by Mr. Mongold.



**SPECIAL ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

December 6, 1998

5:00 PM - Advent Family Dinner with Christmas Craft Project in Fellowship Hall.  
7:00 PM - Hanging of the Greens Family Service in the Sanctuary.

December 13, 1998

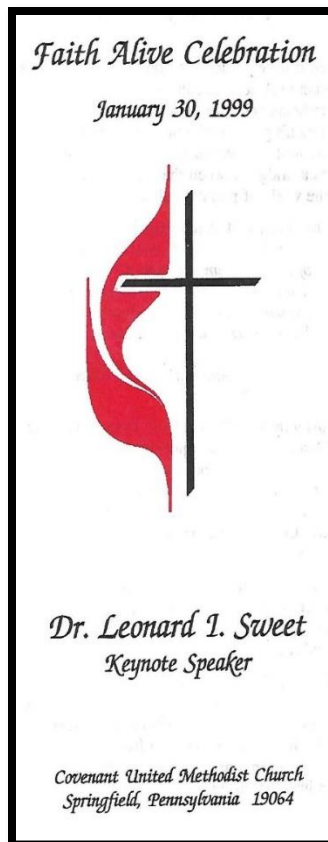
Intergenerational Christmas Caroling. Meet at the Church.  
All are welcome. Time and details to be announced.



**FAITH ALIVE – JANUARY 1999**

**Faith Alive** was a program of spiritual growth and renewal for members and friends of Covenant and included a weekly Bible study, congregational prayer breakfasts, a leader's luncheon, and a congregational dinner, as well as special Worship Services and Sunday School Classes on January 31, 1999. The featured speaker was Dr. Leonard Sweet, Dean of the Theological School at Drew

University, an author of several books, and internationally known as a visionary for the church and the Christian faith in the next millennium. Dr. Sweet addressed those who were serving as leaders and workers in the church on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.



**FAITH ALIVE BIBLE STUDIES**

**MATTHEW'S MESSAGE: THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

During the four weeks of January, Covenant's pastors and a group of lay persons will be leading Bible Study sessions using the book, "Matthew's Message: The Good News for the New Millennium." Study guides may be purchased at \$5.50 each and are available at the back of the Sanctuary or from study leaders. The same lesson will be presented in each session held in a particular week. Feel free to attend sessions at any location or time during the week to participate in that week's material. All are welcome.

**Sunday mornings: January 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 9:30 am in the Library**  
 January 3: Bob Ziegler, leader      January 10: Bob Ziegler, leader  
 January 17: Bob Mongold, leader      January 24: Bob Mongold, leader

**Wednesday mornings: January 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 9:30 am in the Library**  
 January 6: Bob Ziegler, leader      January 13: Bob Mongold, leader  
 January 20: Maridel Whitmore, leader      January 27: Maridel Whitmore, leader

**Monday evenings: January 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 7:30 pm**  
 At the home of: Bernadette Westerberg, Leader (tel. 543-9568)  
 1065 Morton Avenue, Folsom, Pa. 19033

**Tuesday evenings: January 5, 12, 19, and 26, at 7:30 pm**  
 At the home of: Jamice Puliti, Leader (tel. 328-6415)  
 Linda Lyman  
 49 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, Pa. 19064

**Wednesday evenings: January 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 7:30 pm**  
 At the Church: Jerry Poole, Leader (tel. 566-8038)

**Thursday evenings: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, at 7:30 pm**  
 At the home of: Bill and Sue Clendenin, Leaders (tel. 544-8523)  
 206 Wells Lane, Springfield, Pa. 19064

**Friday evenings: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 7:30 pm**  
 At the home of: Peg Brower, Leader (tel. 565-0408)  
 836 Surrey Lane, Media, Pa. 19063



*Dr. Leonard Sweet, Speaker*



*Leader's Luncheon*

**SOUPER SUNDAY UPDATE...** Thanks to the generosity of the Covenant congregation, \$215 and 225 cans of soup were collected for the Interfaith Coalition of Food Centers of Delaware County. Special thanks were given to the youth members who assisted in the collection of donations.



### Missions Speakers

As part of the United Methodist Church, members of Covenant support many missions that reach beyond our church walls. You will



have the opportunity to learn more about four of these missional areas during February and March.

Outreach Work Area is sponsoring four speakers who will talk on different topics as outlined below. These will be held in the Kingswood Chapel at 9:30 am on:

Sunday, February 21: Rev. Dale Owens will speak about Connectional Ministries;

Sunday, February 28: Rev. Jim Tallman will provide information about Services for the Aging;

Sunday, March 7: Joan Myers will share news about Global Ministries with special emphasis on Mark Zimmerman;

Sunday, March 14: Rev. Ken Heckman will supply details about Methodist Home for Children/BASES.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 and 11:00 am

Sermon Series: WHO IS JESUS?

February 21: Mr. Mongold  
"Jesus and Satan"  
Matthew 4: 1-11; Romans 5: 12-19

February 28: Mrs. Whitmore  
"Jesus and Nicodemus"  
John 3: 1-17; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

March 7: Mr. Mongold  
"Jesus and the Woman at the Well"  
John 4: 5-42; Romans 5: 1-11

March 14: Mr. Mongold  
"Jesus and the Man Born Blind"  
John 9: 1-41; Ephesians 5: 8-14

March 21: Mrs. Whitmore  
8:30 "Jesus, Lazarus, Mary and Martha"  
John 11: 1-45; Romans 8: 6-11  
11:00 Special Music for the Lenten Season  
Cantata 150 -- J. S. Bach

March 28: Mr. Mongold  
Palm Sunday  
"Jesus and the Disciples"  
Matthew 21: 1-11; Philipians 2: 5-11

April 4: Mr. Mongold  
Easter  
"Jesus the Life Everlasting"  
Matthew 28: 1-10; Colossians 3: 1-4

### SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING LENT

February 17: Ash Wednesday  
12:00 noon - Worship with Holy Communion\* - Sanctuary  
1:00 pm - Soup Luncheon - Room 2/3K  
5:30 pm - Wednesday Night Live Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
6:45 pm - Bible Study - Kingswood Chapel Room  
7:30 pm - Worship with Holy Communion\* - Sanctuary

April 1: Maundy Thursday  
12:00 noon - Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary  
7:30 pm - A Service of the Upper Room - Sanctuary

April 2: Good Friday  
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm - Community Service  
A Service of the Seven Last Words from the Cross  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
7:30 pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service at  
C. C. Hancock United Methodist Church

April 3: Prayer Vigil  
10:00 am - 8:00 pm - The Sanctuary will be open  
for Intercessory Prayer during these hours

April 4: Easter  
6:30 am - Sunrise Service - Garden Courtyard  
An Easter Breakfast will be offered  
following the Sunrise Service - Fellowship Hall  
8:30 & 11 am - Worship Services - Sanctuary

\* These services will be shared with our friends  
from C. C. Hancock United Methodist Church.

Video Tapes were made available from the Elwood P. Schollenberger Memorial Collection in the Library.



A retirement party was held on April 15, 1999 honoring Mrs. Betsy Conklin's many years of dedication and service to the Covenant Nursery School educational program.

### ALL SAINTS BOOK AND MEMORIALS TO BE DEDICATED

On Sunday, May 30, 1999 a new addition to the Sanctuary was made when the new **All Saints Book** was presented and dedicated. For many years the **Memorial Book** was stored in the back of the Sanctuary listing those for whom Memorial Gifts have been received.

The **All Saints Book** is a record of all the members of Covenant who have passed from this life as long as the church has been in existence. Each week the **All Saints Book** is opened to the week which corresponds to those weeks listed in the book. This was a joint project of the Board of Trustees and the Worship Work Area. Odette Locher, Helen Swineford and Eleanor Nessel tirelessly transcribed the materials to the computer and Carolyn Christ and Glenn Shadle spent many hours researching records and recording the names and dates of the deaths of saints.

Frank Nessel handcrafted a special cabinet for the **All Saints Book** and it was lighted by Bob Leach.



## 1922 – 2022 ABRIDGED HISTORY



Covenant United Methodist Church  
presents  
**THE GREAT BIBLELAND DIG:**  
Exploring The Life of Jesus  
Join us for an exciting Vacation Bible School



**WHO:** Children, pre-school thru grade 5 ( pre-school children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 1999).

**WHEN:** Monday, July 19th thru Friday, July 23rd – 9:00 am till Noon.  
Friday evening 7:00 pm Ice Cream Party – Fellowship Hall

**WHERE:** Covenant United Methodist Church  
212 W. Springfield Rd.  
Springfield, Pa. 19064 Tel. 610-544-1400


**WHY:** To learn about God's love and make it a part of our lives.

### THIRD WORSHIP SERVICE


A new worship service was introduced to Covenant on Sunday mornings beginning September 12, 1999. It was held in Fellowship Hall rather than in the Sanctuary and was called "Casual Worship." It began at 9:40 a.m. and ended by 10:25 a.m.

### COVENANT SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

<u>Superintendents</u>	Nancy Handschuh, Barbara Byrnes
<u>Treasurer</u>	Janet Evans
<u>Pre-School (2 &amp; 4)</u>	Anessa Graham, Betsy Conklin
<u>Kindergarten</u>	Gail Hodge, Pam Townsend
<u>First Grade</u>	Cindy Cutrufello
<u>Second Grade</u>	Lori Ridgley, Barb Dinkelacker
<u>Third Grade</u>	Sue Clendenin
<u>Fourth Grade</u>	Susan Howe
<u>Fifth/Sixth Grade</u>	Linda Grogan, Wendy Hakun
<u>Seven/Eighth Grade</u>	Susan Ranck, Cindy Morse
<u>Senior High</u>	Paul Graham
<u>Adult Bible Fellowship</u>	Dr. Tim Folkomer
<u>Faith &amp; Issues Class</u>	Dr. Roy Stahlman, Mary Ellen Poulson



### COVENANT YOUTH SCHEDULE 1999-2000



October 24, 1999  
CROP Walk

November 14, 1999  
THE DEN

November 28, 1999  
Group Study: "Y2K & The End of the World" at Grogan's

Friday, December 10, 1999  
THE DEN

December 12, 1999  
Caroling to Shut-ins

December 19, 1999  
Christmas Party at Dinkelacker's

January 9, 2000  
THE DEN

January 23, 2000  
Group Study: "Parents, Can't Live With 'Em, Can't Live Without 'Em" at Paul's

February 13, 2000  
THE DEN

Friday, February 25, 2000  
Midnight Bowling

March 12, 2000  
THE DEN


March 26, 2000  
Group Study: "Death & Dying" at Maridel's

April 9, 2000  
THE DEN

May 5-7, 2000  
YAC

May 14, 2000  
THE DEN

June 4, 2000  
Youth Pool Party



\*\* THE DEN is from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Clifton United Methodist Church on Springfield Road in Clifton Heights.  
\*\* Study Groups begin at 6:30 and end at 8:00 pm.



### ADVENT WORKSHOP, DINNER AND HANGING OF THE GREENS

*Come and share in our celebration of Advent.*

Sunday, December 5, 1999

4:00 - Crafts  
5:15 - Christmas Caroling  
5:30 - Dinner  
7:00 - Hanging of the Greens  
(Childcare available during the service  
for children ages birth through five.)

### CHRISTMAS EVE AT COVENANT

Candlelight Communion Services with meditation by Mrs. Whitmore at 5 p.m., Family Service of Carols and Candlelight featuring the Christmas musical "The Grumpy

Shepherd" presented by the Children's and Junior Choirs at 7 p.m., and an 11 p.m. Candlelight Service with Rev. Mongold bringing the Christmas message and music provided by the Chancel Choir and Covenant Ringers.



**2000**

**TAPE MINISTRY PROVIDES VITAL SERVICE**

A TEAM OF CHURCH MEMBERS WERE COMMITTED TO TAPING SUNDAY SERVICES AND MAKING DUPLICATES AVAILABLE TO SHUT-INS, HOMEBOUND FOLKS, THOSE RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS AND THOSE WHO WOULD JUST LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF A SERVICE OR SERMON.

**Girl Scout Troop Lends A Hand**

The Girl Scouts in Troop #226, who meet at Covenant, planted pansies in the Memorial Garden as a community service project. Chris Hill is the leader. Betsy Conklin directed them in the planting. They also wash the toys in the Babyfold Room several times a year. We are appreciative of their contributions to our church.

**RECEPTION TO HONOR ANESSA GRAHAM**

A reception was held in Fellowship Hall following the May 14<sup>th</sup> worship service to honor Anessa who had worked in the church office since 1993 and was retiring to devote her energies to full time motherhood.

**DISCIPLE and CHRISTIAN BELIEVER  
Graduates Honored**

During the worship service on Sunday, June 25th graduates of the DISCIPLE Bible Study and CHRISTIAN BELIEVER programs were recognized for their accomplishment.

DISCIPLE Bible Study: Kathy Atkinson, Nancy Bonadio, Kathie de la Vergne, Ruthanne Ferguson, Marion Garton, Linda Grogan, Helen Kain, Sally Macbeth, and Rich Pacitti, Barbara Byrnes and Lynn Seidel, co-leaders.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER Program: Bill and Sue Clendenin, Jan Gradle, Scott Neumann, Patti Owens, Grace Patalano, Barb and Greg Plank, Helen Swineford, Rev. Maridel Whitmore and Rev. Bob Ziegler, co-leaders.

**“FAITH ALIVE” WEEK END**

**February 26 & 27**

This year the “Faith Alive” week end focused on “talk”: ourselves, our lives, our faith, our church, our Lord. Rev. Thomas C. Short, recently retired Senior Minister of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware was the leader. The activities started on Saturday morning and continued through Sunday worship services.

**NEWS FROM COVENANT  
NURSERY SCHOOL.**

In March, Carrie Serrano, Director, left for maternity leave, at which time Patti Owens served as Interim Director. Parent conferences were held for all children and registration for next year was in full swing. In celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss, children heard stories, ate green eggs and ham, and made centerpieces for the Wednesday Night Live tables.

**CAPITAL PROGRAM APPROVED**

The Church Corporation at a meeting on May 7, 2000 approved four projects as proposed by the Board of Trustees with a budget total cost of \$300,000: a fire security system, a connecting building between the Sanctuary and Epworth building, a capital mission project at Patan Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal, and preservation of the stained-glass windows.

Separately from this program, the Kingswood stair-glide was to be replaced and two rooms in Epworth were to be air conditioned using capital funds.

### Reverend Dr. Dale Owens Joins Staff

Effective August 1, the Rev. Dr. Dale E. Owens, former Senior Pastor here at Covenant, and recently retired as Conference Treasurer and Director of Business Operations at the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, will begin work with us on a part-time basis at Covenant. One of Dale's major responsibilities will be as "Minister of New Member Development." While wearing the title "Pastoral Assistant," a title which covers a multitude of functions, Dale will be developing a program which will encourage, train and include new members in the life and work of Covenant Church. His other duties will include support of the general pastoral work of the church, and he will bring to bear his obvious gifts in business administration to our ongoing responsibilities in that arena.

Welcome, Dale, to a still newer relationship to this church of which you have been such a vital part for so long! May God bless you in this ministry!

### Mission Statement Revised

Throughout last spring, our Leadership Development Committee submitted to the leaders and members of our congregation an instrument to review and revisit our mission statement. After all the feedback was in, and much discussion shared in a variety of our committees and at the Church Council, our mission statement has been revised. We feel is a bit more "Christ centered" than it was in its previous form.

Our former statement read: *The purpose of Covenant United Methodist Church is to be a vital and inclusive Christian community of encouragement and hope, reaching out to all persons in ministries of worship, learning, and service.*

Our revised statement reads: *The purpose of Covenant United Methodist Church is to be a vital and inclusive Christian community of encouragement and hope and, as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, to reach out to all persons in ministries of worship, learning, and service.*

This statement will be used in the same way as our first statement was used, to help guide us as we develop programs and ministries, and to remind us of what it is we believe we are to do as effective disciples of Jesus Christ. Look for our revised statements on the church bulletin and in other places throughout our church.

### Fall Worship Schedule Set By Church Council

After much discussion and several meetings of church leaders and congregational members which included an intensive evaluation process of our worship program here at Covenant, the result is that it has been determined that three services will best serve the needs of our worshipping community at the present time. The Fall Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, September 10, and is as follows:



- 8:15 A.M.-** Early Service. A traditional worship service of hymns, prayer, preaching, and music, in the sanctuary.
- 9:30 A.M.-** Family Service. A worship service which will include the children of our Sunday School from 9:30 until 9:45. Informal in nature, will run until approximately 10:15. (Adult Sunday School classes will begin at 9:30 A.M.)
- 11:00 A.M.-** Traditional Service. The service which has characterized worship in the United Methodist tradition, and which has been a hallmark of the ministry of Covenant United Methodist Church.

### CHOIR FESTIVAL

A Festival of Combined Choirs was held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Springfield, on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Choir members from Covenant, Church of the Redeemer, St. Matthew Lutheran, and St. Francis of Assisi participated. The massed choir shared five anthems, including the *Sanctus* from the Fauré *Requiem*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and a jazzy arrangement of *Soon and Very Soon*. In addition, each choir presented two anthems. Covenant's Chancel Choir sang *Lord, Listen to Your Children* by Ken Medema and *I Will Sing* by John Rutter.





### THE DEN

On Sunday evening, December 10<sup>th</sup>, two hundred young-at-heart worshippers filled Fellowship Hall clapping hands, swaying to the beat, and singing along with Covenant's Praise Band, "Risen". Members included Paul Graham, Dan Hajjar, Bob Nestor, Nick Pacitti, Rob Bell, Brendan Smith, Jenna Bratz, Sarah Karlheim, Nicole Hinkson, Susan Rundbaken, Katie Hodge, and Valerie Ferguson. WXHL was there too interviewing band members live on the air.

#### COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD

##### Administrative Council

Ken Prager, Chairperson 2001  
Mary Anne Galloway, Vice-Chair 2002  
Keith Bratz, Member at Large 2003

##### Auditing Committee

Kurt Dinkelacker, Chairperson 2003

##### Board of Trustees (elected by congregational vote)

Laurence Lucker, Vice-Chairperson 2001  
Ken Garton, 2003  
Bert Hodge, 2003  
Dolores Poulson, 2003

##### Discipleship Work Area

Betty Sperow, Chairperson 2002  
Frank Berdan, 2003  
Bill Gallagher, 2003  
Marge Pacitti, 2003

##### Early Childhood Development Committee

\*Lisa Sweet, Chairperson 2002  
Cindy Cutrufello, 2003  
Marian Pitkin, 2003  
Norma Rundbaken, 2003

##### Education Work Area

Harriet Ziegler, Chairperson 2001  
Anessa Graham, 2003  
Ed Morett, 2003  
Trish Owens, 2003  
Barbara Byrnes, Sun. Sch. Co-Supt. 2002  
Nancy Handschub, Sun. Sch. Co-Supt. 2002  
Lisa Smith, Children's Coordinator 2001  
Linda Grogan, Nursery Home Visitor, 2003

##### Committee on Finance

Joe Trainor, Chairperson 2002  
Jack Barranger, Treasurer 2002  
Tom Speer, Financial Secretary 2002  
Phil Brown, 2003  
Nancy Hall, 2003  
Jean Kistler, 2003

##### Lav Leader

Lee Sperow, 2001

##### Lav Members to Annual Conference

Joanne Bauman, 2002  
Frank Berdan, 2002

##### Leadership Development Committee

Mary Anne Galloway, Chairperson 2002  
Bill Clendenin, 2003

##### Music Committee

Roger Rundbaken, Chairperson 2001  
Noreen Bowen, 2003  
Ruth Stocker, 2003  
Jane Swan, 2003

##### Nominations and Personnel

Bill Bingaman, 2003  
Barbara Cadge, 2003  
Gilda Myers, 2003

##### Outreach Work Area

Don Cadge, Co-Chairperson 2001  
Eleanor Roberts, Co-Chairperson 2003  
\*Barbara Craven, 2002  
\*Esther Harrison, 2002  
Irene Atkinson, 2003  
Joe Consiglio, 2003

##### Program Council

Elizabeth Hearn, Chairperson 2002  
Joe Weiss, Member-At-Large 2003  
Coordinator of Communications  
Elizabeth Hearn, 2002

##### Property Committee

Kerr Graham, Chairperson 2002  
Mark Bratz, 2003  
Joe McAfee, 2003  
Rens Swan, 2003

##### Sanctuary Committee

Kathy Williams, Chairperson 2002  
Jeannette Pappas, 2001  
Jean Pratt, 2003  
Jane Raymond, 2003  
Lee Zanchuk, 2003

##### Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Kip Craven, Chairperson 2001  
Bill Ferguson, 2003  
Nancy Hansen, 2003  
Carol Vowler, 2003

##### Worship Work Area

Tom Williams, Chairperson 2002  
Nancy Bland, 2003  
Eva Starr, 2003  
Sue Ulmer, 2003  
Steve Gluck, 8:30 Usher Chp. 2002  
Dick Heintz, 11:00 Usher Chp. 2001

\* - filling an unexpired term

#### Do You Know?

The U.M.W. is a vital mission arm of the Methodist Church. Covenant's U.M.W. has contributed substantially this year to the following local and global missions

1. Removal of land mines (Advance Special)
  2. 6 UMNS and Methodist Home Camperships (Philadelphia)
  3. Suzanna Wesley House (Baltimore, Maryland -- member in mission)
  4. Methodist Home Shoe Fund (Philadelphia)
  5. Springfield Ministerium
  6. Dr. Mark Zimmerman (missionary -- Nepal)
  7. Kensington Area Ministries (Philadelphia)
  8. Philabundance (Philadelphia and Delaware County)
  9. Life Center of Delaware County
  10. City Team Ministries (Chester)
  11. Vacation Bible School (snacks)
  12. Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Springfield)
  13. Vietnam Street Children
  14. Neighborhood Center (Methodist, Philadelphia)
- Receives new clothing and toys for Christmas shop, used clothing, coats, etc. year round. (One of our members knit 25 sweaters and vests this year for the Christmas Shop.)

#### Celebrations of the Advent and Christmas Season at Covenant Church

##### The Third Sunday in Advent December 17, 2000

8:15 am - Early Worship Service with Mrs. Whitmore preaching.  
Lighting of the third Advent candle.

9:30 am - Family Worship Service with Mrs. Whitmore preaching.  
Lighting of the third Advent candle.

11:00 am - The Chancel Choir will present *Hodie Apparuit: Today A King Is Born* by Chester Alwes.  
This work is a service of lessons and carols for choir, organ, and woodwind trio. Preservice music will begin at 10:45 am. Lighting of the third Advent candle.



##### The Fourth Sunday in Advent December 24, 2000

10 am - One Service of Worship with Mr. Mongold preaching.  
The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias.  
The Asbury Ringers, Covenant Ringers and Chancel Choir will provide music.  
*Sunday School will not be in session this day.*

##### Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm - Christmas Candlelight Communion Service with the meditation by Mrs. Whitmore in the Kingswood Chapel.

7:00 pm - Family Service of Carols and Candlelight  
This service will feature a traditional Christmas pageant presented by the children.  
The Children's and Junior Choirs will sing.

11:00 pm - Christmas Candlelight Service  
Mr. Mongold will bring the Christmas Message and music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and Covenant Ringers.



##### Sunday, December 31

8:15, 9:30 and 11 am - Mr. Ziegler preaching.  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am.  
Coffee Fellowship at 12:15 pm.

2001

**NEW VOICES FROM FAMILIAR FOLKS IN THE  
CHURCH OFFICE**

During January, Carol Vowler and Eleanor Roberts began working part-time in the church office taking on several responsibilities which had been covered by Anessa Graham who retired last year.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The Outreach Work Area thanked the Covenant Church “team” for their generous donations of \$321 and 160 cans of soup that were given to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The gifts were shared with CityTeam Ministries in Chester and the Interfaith Caring Coalition Food Centers across Delaware County.



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
212 W. SPRINGFIELD ROAD  
SPRINGFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA 19064-2402  
(610) 544-1400 Fax (610) 544-2862

February 13, 2001

Dear Members and Friends of Covenant Church:

This past Sunday at our morning worship services, our Associate Pastor, Maridel Whitmore, announced that Bishop Peter D. Weaver has appointed her to be Senior Pastor at the Yardley, United Methodist Church in Yardley, Pennsylvania, effective July 1, 2001.

Members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee have met with our District Superintendent, the Rev. William Staton, and we are beginning the process of discerning our needs and seeking a new person to meet these needs and carry out these ministries which have been done so well by Pastor Whitmore. As this process unfolds the Staff Parish Relations Committee will keep you informed.

We are very grateful for Maridel's ministry among us. She has come from the membership of our church, received her call at our church, has served as a pastor most effectively in our church, and now carries on this ministry in the United Methodist Church. We pray God's continued blessing on Maridel and her family.

Finally, we ask your prayers for our church and for this process. May God bless us in all we do as we share together the ministry of Jesus Christ at Covenant Church.

Very sincerely,

*Kip Craven*  
(hkb)

Kip Craven  
Chairperson  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

**Stained Glass Window Repaired  
As Memorial**

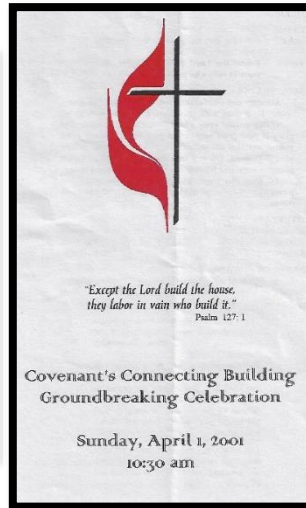
When vandals broke the protective covering and the stained glass of the window in the hallway leading from the Sanctuary to the Kingswood Building, the question was raised as to how the window would be repaired and who would do it. Major stained glass window companies were contacted, but a most interesting circumstance developed. Kathy Jordan, a foremost stained glass expert in this part of the world, who happens to be from Media (and who also happens to be the sister of our Associate Pastor Maridel Whitmore, and granddaughter of the late long-time member of our church, Marie Holloway) offered to repair the window at no cost to the church if the window could be dedicated to her grandmother's memory.

The window is now repaired, and it is beautiful. One of the real ironies of this entire matter is that it is the only one of our stained glass windows which had not been previously memorialized.

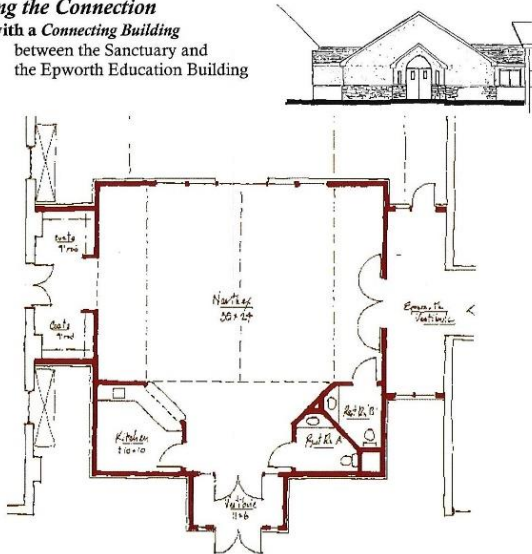
We are grateful to Kathy for her skilled craftsmanship, and for this lasting memorial to her grandmother, who was a wonderful and beloved member of this church and our Chancel Choir for more than fifty years.

**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:** A congregational meeting was held after worship services on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Those present voted 105 to 8 to proceed with the Capital Project which included \$23,800 for the ramp at Patan Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal; the fire and security alarm project at a cost of \$37,000; the construction of a connecting building at a cost of \$252,000; and the repair and strengthening of the stained-glass windows at a cost of \$10,500. Over \$256,000 had been committed by the congregation so far. Construction was to begin March 5, 2001.





**Building the Connection**  
— with a Connecting Building  
between the Sanctuary and  
the Epworth Education Building



Our new Connecting Building is really the final link to our program and ministry. Not only do we connect to our Education Building, enabling our children and their families to have completely indoor access to the rest of our church facility, but we will be able to provide a more accessible place for our fellowship hours following worship services, a place where bereaved families can greet those who come to call prior to or following a funeral or memorial service, and a place where bridal parties may gather to greet friends and families following their weddings. Our Connecting Building helps us to build a better connection not only to our other facilities, but to each other.

**Building the Connection**  
— with a connecting ramp at Patan Hospital in Katmandu, Nepal

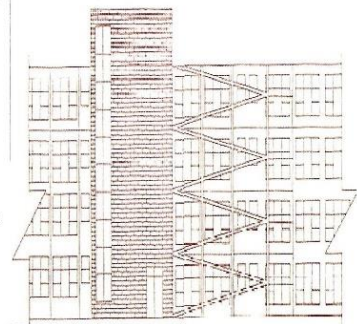
How do we build the connection to others whom our Lord Jesus Christ has called us to love? One way is to support our missionaries all around the globe.

We have built a marvelous relationship with Dr. Mark Zimmerman for a number of years. In the third world, things like elevators, which we take very much for granted, are unreliable, and repairs are almost impossible. The construction of a multi-floor ramp will enable surgical patients and those who are critically ill to be easily transported from floor to floor where vital treatment can be provided.

We build the connection to Christ himself when we reach out to those in need. "As you have done it to the least of these, my brethren, so you have done it to me!" (Matthew 25:40)

*"In Christ there is no east or west  
In him no south or north;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth."*

- John Oxenham







Rev. Brown

Beginning June 17, 2001, **Janet L. Brown** (2001-2003) became the new Associate Pastor at Covenant. She preached her first sermon on that Sunday and left with the ASP group on the following Saturday. She is a graduate of Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky and of West Chester State University in West Chester, PA.

## Be a Learning Christian

*"You shall love the Lord your God ... with all your mind."  
Matthew 22:27 NRSV*



An invitation for you to learn more about the Christian life

Covenant Church offers many opportunities for adults, as well as children and youth, to study the Bible and to deepen their understanding of what it means to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. We invite you to choose *one* way in which you will learn and grow as a Christian in the coming year.

### Sunday Mornings

Bible Fellowship Class  
Faith and Issues Class  
United Methodist Studies

### Tuesday Mornings

Bible Study led by Rev. Mongold

2 *NEW* Short-term Series this fall

Get Acquainted with the Bible

(An introductory course on alternate Tuesday evenings.)

Guiding Young Children to Faith

(4 Sunday mornings for parents of children birth through kindergarten.)

### In-depth Bible Study

Under the Tree of Life –

(New DISCIPLE class for persons

who have completed DISCIPLE I.)

Into the Word—Into the World

(A continuation of last year's

DISCIPLE course.)

### Coming in 2002

Lenten Bible Study – open to

everyone, theme to be announced

UMW Lenten Bible Study –

Wednesday mornings

In September **Kathy Preston** began working part-time in the church office. She had a variety of responsibilities with primary focus on managing the church calendar and answering phone calls.

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

A new program called Fellowship Night started on Wednesday, October 3, 2001 replacing Wednesday Night Live. Dinner was provided with varying family-oriented programs following.

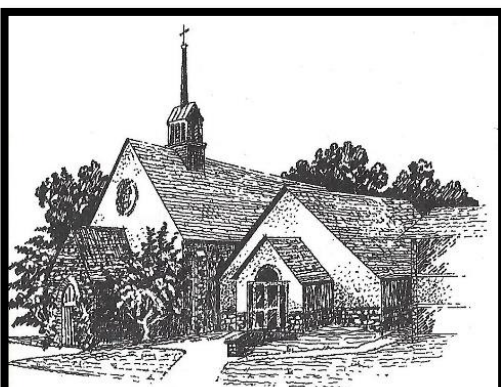
## Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 13  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm



Crafts Baked Goods Books  
Garden Shoppe Jewelry  
Alternative Christmas Gifts  
Children's Activities  
Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 pm  
Ham Dinner 5:00 pm  
Live Auction 6:00 pm  
Homemade Desserts all day!

*Proceeds benefit local, national and international missions for women, children and youth.*



## A Service of Consecration

Sunday, October 21, 2001  
12:30 P.M.

Covenant United Methodist Church  
of Springfield



Rev. Mongold, Speaker



**Capital Funds Committee**

Walter Hall, Chairperson

Irene Atkinson	Hugh Myers
Jack Barranger	Eleanor Roberts
Don Cadge	Tom Speer
Mary Anne Galloway	Joe Trainor
Peg Hofberg	Brent Whitig
Linda Lyman	Rev. Robert Mongold

**Building Committee**

Hugh Myers, Chairperson

Irene Atkinson	Dave Liscom
Len Bachman	Larry Luckner
Isabelle Bingaman	Linda Lyman
Charles Conklin	Christina Neumann
Ken Garton	Dolores Poulson
Kerr Graham	Marie Scott
Bob Hemphill	Rens Swan
Bert Hodge	Jeff Turner
Mike Lanyon	Steve Whitmore
Bob Leach	Rev. Robert Mongold

**"Clerk of the Works"**

Charles Conklin

**Architect**

Philip J. Rodgers, Lenhardt, Lolli, & Rodgers

**Builder**

John L. Hamershock

**Landscaping Team**

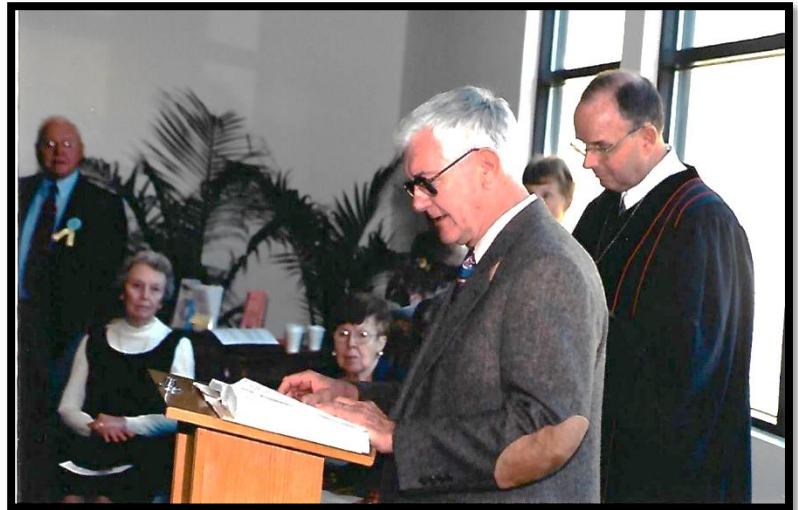
David Liscom, Leader

Bob Bell	Dan Miller
Mark Bratz	Bob Mongold
Brian Bingaman	Kirk Schneider
Don Cadge	Chuck Smith
Dawn Liscom	Joe Trainor
	Jeff Turner

**Construction Volunteers**

Kerr Graham	Frank Nessel
Mike Lanyon	Roy Singley
Bob Leach	Rens Swan
Hugh Kistler	Tom Windle
Hugh Myers	Jack Woolfall

At the Consecration Service for the new building, Rev. Mongold indicated that the Board of Trustees would be receiving suggested names for the new building and they would be presenting a list for a congregation vote sometime in the future.



*Kerr Graham, Speaker*



A farewell reception was held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for **Bob and Harriet Ziegler** who were moving to Cornwall Manor after serving Covenant for nearly seven years.

A **FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. service, the **Chancel, Junior and Children's** choirs presented anthems and carols interspersed with scripture readings. Guest instrumentalist was Michael Simmons, playing classical guitar.

Solos were sung by Joan Clarke, Marty Hyde, and Meg King. Don Cadge and Ruth von Minden assisted with various instrumental accompaniments.



Children's Choir



Chancel Choir with Michael Simmons

## 2002

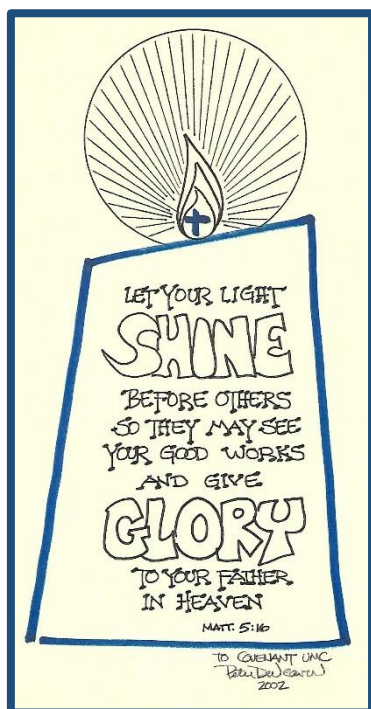
Flamingoes, Flamingos Everywhere!  
One's sitting on my lawn!!  
It's bright & pink & gaudy....  
I want it to be gone!!  
There was a note attached to it,  
So I know what to do....  
I'll pay the ASP'ers to take it  
And I'll send it off to you!!



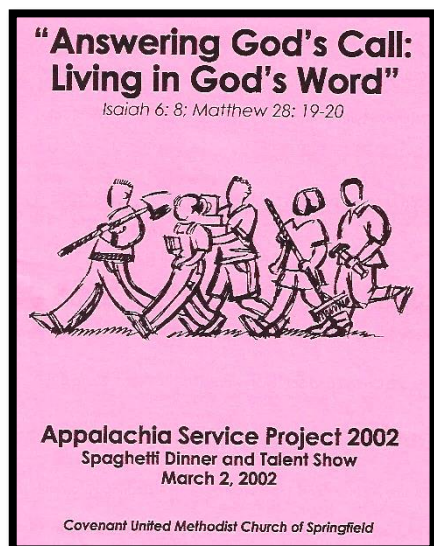


### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

A Fellowship Night Dinner was held in February with special program speaker, Kip Craven, who spoke about his bike trip throughout Italy.



Connectional Giving Award 2002



### NAMING THE NEW BUILDING

The following names were submitted by the Board of Trustees for consideration: Wesley Hall, Albright Center, Aldersgate Room, Aldersgate Center, and Friendship Center. **WESLEY HALL** was the chosen name. Jacob Albright and John Wesley were both founders of the rich tradition known as United Methodism.

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

On a Friday evening in April, Covenant members shared in an exciting new gifts assessment program called "Network." Participants were led through a series of exercises in which spiritual God given gifts for which they had a passion were identified.

### IGNITING MINISTRIES

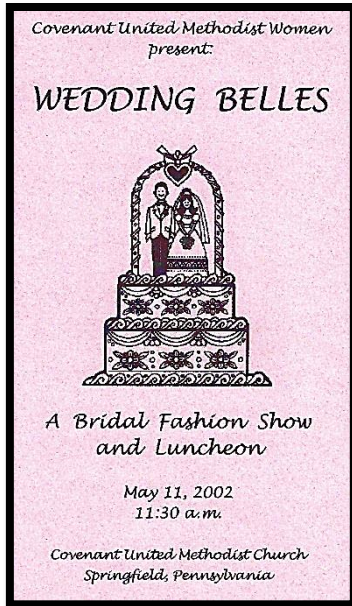
Igniting Ministries was a national program of the United Methodist Church which involved advertising in the electronic and print media and developed strategies of making the church warm, friendly and exciting to those who may come through our doors. To that end, Covenant's Evangelism and Public Relations Committee did a number of things to get the word out: yard signage and inserts in the Springfield Press to name two.

### BUNNIES AND CHICKS FOR EASTER



During Lent, the children in Sunday School collected money for the Heifer Project which provides farm animals and training in their care to families in need around the world. They collected over \$300. On Easter Sunday the children voted for the type of animal they wished to purchase. They decided to purchase three sets of rabbits and seven flocks of chickens.





## WEDDING BELLES

Commentary . . . . Jeannette Pappas and Mary Anne Galloway  
Bridal Attendants . . . . Hannah and Hayden Karlheim

### The Roaring Twenties

Bride: Georgia Vamvaketis Preftakis  
November 7, 1929  
Model: Michelle Lynn Owens  
Flower Girl: Claire Schneider

### The War Years

Bride: Doris Woodside Stettler  
April 24, 1943  
Model: Stacey Owens  
Flower Girl: Alyssa Hajjar

### The Fabulous Fifties

Bride: Cynthia Preftakis Larson  
May 2, 1954  
Model: Lydia Karlheim  
Flower Girl: Rachel Graham

### The Rebellious Sixties

Bride: Jeannette New Pappas  
December 1, 1962  
Model: Julia Hodge  
Flower Girl: Jackie Ramsay

### The Liberated Seventies

Bride: Gail Miller Hodge  
October 15, 1977  
Model: Michelle Smith  
Flower Girl: Joanna Liscom

### The Awesome Eighties

Bride: Anessa Deery Graham  
March 4, 1989  
Model: Laura Cadge  
Flower Girl: Julia Graham

### The Nifty Nineties

Bride: Sarah Elizabeth Batchelor  
August 22, 1992  
Model: Sarah Batchelor  
Flower Girl: Emily Smith

### The New Millenium

Bride: Jackie Woolfall Forney  
September 21, 2001  
Model: Jackie Forney  
Mother of the Bride: Sue Woolfall

### SUNDAY WORKSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2002

8:45 – 9:45 Early Service

9:45 – 10:00 Fellowship in Wesley Hall

9:00 – 10:00 Sunday School

9:45 – 10:45 Adult Sunday School

11:00 – 12:00 Late Service

12:00 – 12:15 Fellowship in Wesley Hall



## 1922 – 2022 ABRIDGED HISTORY

Covenant's praise band, "RISEN", provided the music for the DEN on many Saturday and Sunday evenings. "RISEN" had recently recorded a CD. The band was holding auditions for new members to replace those graduating from the band. The band came into being in 1999 and has played at many concerts at Covenant and other venues.



*RISEN*



*Covenant Ringers*



*Junior Choir*



*Chancel Choir*



*Choir Processional*

### ANGEL WINGS

Angel Wings was an intergenerational project designed to connect the congregation with the Sunday School children. The purpose of this program was to have adults of Covenant connect with the youth through prayer and encouraging notes. Anyone who took an Angel was asked to remain anonymous until June 1<sup>st</sup> when there was an Angel reception where the children met their "Angel."



The **Cross and Flame** which prominently adorns an upper wall in Wesley Hall is the official logo of the United Methodist Church. This particular cross and flame was made by Frank Nessel, who designed it from catalog drawings. It is made from the wood of a Moss Cypress tree which stood in back of the Sanctuary building for nearly 75 years and was cut down by the Wednesday Willing Workers. The wood was milled near Chadds Ford in Chester County.

Though Frank Nessel designed and did much of the work, he was aided by Rens Swan and Hugh Kistler. Mike Lanyon also helped in hanging the cross in Wesley Hall. The cross was dedicated in Memory and Honor of those who had served as Wednesday Willing Workers.

## **2003**

### **Transition Update**

At its December meeting, the Covenant Church Council approved the following persons to serve on the new Policy and Planning Team (PPT):

Leader of PPT..... Mary Anne Galloway  
Cluster Coordinator - Worship ..... Irene Atkinson  
Cluster Coordinator - Learning ..... Barbara Cadge  
Cluster Coordinator - Service..... Bill Shiley  
Lay Leader..... Donald Cadge  
Lay Members to  
Annual Conference: ..... Joanne Bauman  
..... Frank Berdan  
Leader of Finance Team..... Pam Townsend  
Leader of Placement Team..... Suanne Blumberg  
Leader of Staff-Parish Relations ..... Kip Craven  
President of Board of Trustees ..... Ken Garton  
Senior Pastor ..... Bob Mongold

The role of the PPT is to review and set church policy, charter teams and review their performance, ensure communication and leadership development, resolve disputes, financially resource the church, and formally link to Annual Charge Conference. The PPT will replace the Church Council beginning on January 1.

New Look, New Atmosphere,  
Video Games, Music, Food  
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**The Den...**

**Where Mind, Music and Mystery Meet**

Performance by :



**Bring A Friend**

■ **Sunday, January 12**  
■ **6:30 p.m.**  
■ **212 West Springfield Rd**  
(corner of Saxer & Springfield, behind the church)  
**Springfield, PA 19064**  
**610-544-1400**

■ **Future dates:**  
- **March 9 DJ**  
- **May 4 Festival**

**BYOB (bring your own blanket)**

**All ages welcome**

Donations are welcome

[www.i-den.com](http://www.i-den.com)

### **ALTERNATE CHRISTMAS GIVING UPDATE:**

The Joanna Circle thanked the congregation for its extraordinary support of the "Alternative Christmas" project at the UMW Harvest Festival in 2002. A total of \$5,930 was sent to Patan Hospital, Nepal (Dr. Zimmerman) and the Heifer Project International.



### MARCH MUSIC MADNESS

On March 16<sup>th</sup> the Asbury Ringers rang and the Chime Choir made its first appearance in worship. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Junior Choir and the Chancel Choir sang an exciting arrangement of "Blessed Assurance" together. The Junior Choir also shared an anthem using sign language. On March 30<sup>th</sup> the Chancel Choir presented Malcolm Archer's "Requiem."

### COVENANT'S NEW WEB SITE

The unveiling of the new Covenant Church Web Site ([www.covumc.com](http://www.covumc.com)) was held after both services of worship on March 23. Representatives of the Digital Ministry Team hosted a coffee and conversation fellowship to answer questions and give demonstrations.

### CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP

It was announced effective June 29, 2003, **Associate Pastor Janet Brown** would be transferred and appointed pastor of the East Bangor United Methodist Church in East Bangor, PA.

At the same time it was announced that



Rev. Croxall

**Rev. Christy Croxall** (2003-2004) would become the new Associate Pastor. She graduated from Union Seminary in New York City.

**METHODIST MEN** met on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Bob Mongold doing the cooking honors. A talk by Rens

Swan followed breakfast, and there was a tape showing a Texas preacher who believes in laughter.

**SUMMER WORSHIP** began on June 8<sup>th</sup> with one worship service at 9:30 a.m. preceded by a hymn sing at 9:15 a.m. Children age 3-6 were invited to attend a summer class with Dawn Liscom and Kathy Atkinson leading the class with songs, a Bible study and a simple craft activity.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.		
Theme: <i>SEVEN STRUGGLES OF DEEPLY FAITHFUL PEOPLE</i>		
<b>March 9:</b>	"The Struggle of Temptation" text: Mark 1: 9-15	Mr. Mongold
<b>March 16:</b>	"The Struggle of Self Denial" text: Mark 8: 31-38	Mrs. Brown
<b>March 23:</b>	"The Struggle for Righteousness" text: John 2: 13-22	Mr. Mongold
<b>March 30:</b> 8:45	"The Struggle for Faith" text: John 3: 14-21	Mr. Mongold
11:00	Special Music for the Lenten Season <i>Requiem</i> by Malcolm Archer	
<b>April 6:</b>	Holy Communion "The Struggle in Sorrow" text: John 2: 20-33	Mrs. Brown
<b>April 13:</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> "The Struggle of Decision" text: Mark 14: 32-42	Mr. Mongold
<b>April 20:</b>	<b>Easter</b> "The Struggle for Joy" text: John 20: 1-18	Mr. Mongold

Attention - Covenant Women  
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Women

Presents  
**Spiritual Life Retreat 2003**  
**Faith in Action**  
Featuring  
Florise Newton, Women's Division Director GNT Conference


- **Location:** Covenant UMC
- **Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2003
- **Registration and Coffee:** 9:15 a.m.
- **Program of Music & Inspiration:** starts at 9:45 a.m. -ends 2:30 p.m.
- **Soup & Sandwiches for lunch:** \$5

Try to see the movie, Pay It Forward

Childcare will be provided for preregistered attendees only. (Bring a bag lunch for children)

For reservations, please call Dottie Kovalik at 610-544-4839 by March 23, 2003

Book table will be available with all the 2003 books




COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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PRESENTS

*A Festival of Hymns*  
*The Writers Tell Their Stories*

By Hal H. Hopson

A unique worship service featuring significant hymn writers through the ages telling their own stories in the first person. Come join in the singing of 11 great hymns of the faith led by narrators and choir, accompanied by organ, piano, brass quartet, handbells and timpani.

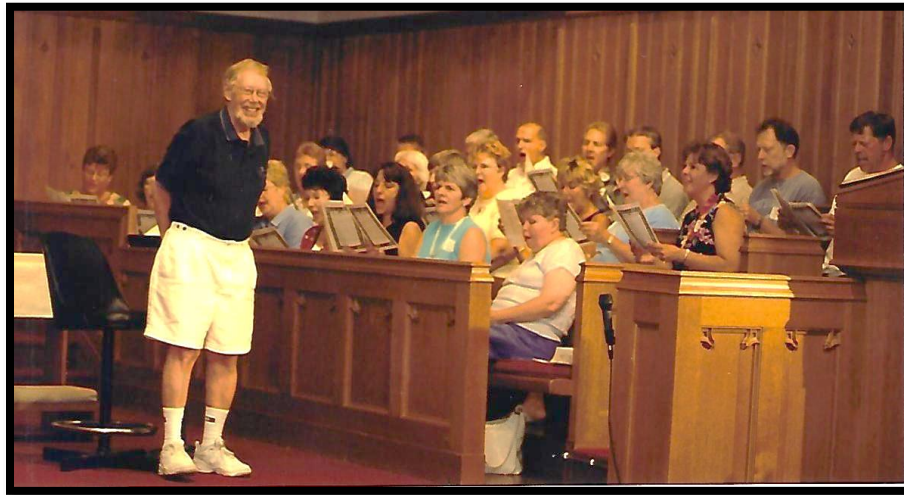


Sunday, June 15 at 9:30 a.m.  
Brass Prelude at 9:15 a.m.

Childcare available for children birth through Pre-K

For more information about Covenant United Methodist Church, visit our web site at [www.covumc.com](http://www.covumc.com)

During the week end of July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, members of the Aldersgate (High School) Choir during the period when Ken Fansler led the choir (1965-1972), gathered to reminisce and sing at the worship service on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Ken Fansler conducted the choir with instrumentals by Carol Weldy Portice (organ) and Anne Johnson Keeley (flute).



#### **ALDERSGATE REUNION CHOIR**

Fran Duffy Ancone  
Penny Krape Balzeredit  
Eric Beam  
Karin Beam  
Leslie Beers  
Barbara Stettler Cadge  
Sue Conn  
Linda Miller Downes  
Karen Bachman Dyer  
Janet Evans  
Craig Fansler  
Keith Fansler  
John Hodge  
Kathy Spahr Hubbard  
Anne Johnson Keely  
Barbara Kenney

Bob Lawley  
Leslie Keys Krowchenko  
Hayden McLean  
Carol Weldy Portice  
Lisa Hevner Pologruto  
Dianne Raymond Mousley  
Richard Mousley  
Jack Roberts  
Jim Roberts  
Missy Marsland Schoch  
Beth Beam Shultz  
Cheryl Bachman Shiley  
Cheryl Myers Stevens  
Bill Swan  
Ruth Berdan von Minden  
Jeff Way

#### **KAIROS Youth**

**KAIROS** means “opportune time.” That’s what the Sunday evening youth gatherings were – an opportune time for young people, grades 7-12 to hang out, play games and figure out together what it meant to be a Christian teenager in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. After the gathering on October 5<sup>th</sup>, they walked down to St. Francis Church where Covenant’s own band RISEN was playing.



## Learning Who(se) We Are

Volume 1, Number 1

**Educational Offerings for Adults, Youth and Children at Covenant United Methodist Church**  
September 7 – November 29, 2003

Who are we as Christians, as disciples of Jesus Christ? To whom do we belong? How do we know God? How can we live faithfully? Christian education is essential for believers – no matter what age – to grow in knowledge and love of God.

The 2003-04 program year at Covenant UMC is just about to begin. Our Learning Cluster offers several wonderful age-appropriate opportunities for you and your family to deepen your Christian faith – to learn who you are and whose you are! We invite you to participate in these classes. The following grids, organized by age and class day, outline the various options. Please come, learn, and grow!

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL) ON SUNDAY MORNING

Age/Grade	Curriculum/Focus of Study	Activities and Teaching Methods	Where/When Group Meets	Teacher(s)
2 year-olds	<i>Toddlers &amp; Twos</i> curriculum, focusing on God's love for children and church as a special place	Activity cards, games, songs	8:45-10:00, Room 13	Anessa Graham Kathi Hajjar
3-5 year-olds	3 year-olds – 6 <sup>th</sup> graders use age-appropriate versions of <i>Seasons of the Spirit</i> , a Bible-based curriculum following the lectionary. This fall we will focus on stories about Jesus and stories told by Jesus in Mark 7-12. Themes include loving God, discipleship, being children of God, and what it means to follow Jesus.	Puppets, songs, stories, crafts	Begin in worship at 8:45; class is 9:00-10:00, Room 16*	Karen Maher Michelle Smith
Kindergarten		Stories, art, drama	Begin in worship at 8:45; class is 9:00-10:00, Room 14*	TBA
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade		Music, crafts, stories	Begin in worship at 8:45; class is 9:00-10:00, Room 15*	Dawn Liscom
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade		Puzzles, games, stories, songs	Begin in worship at 8:45; class is 9:00-10:00, Room 28*	Jen Bingham Barbara Byrnes
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Drawing, drama, crafts	Begin in worship at 8:45; class is 9:00-10:00, Room 26*	Suzanne Burns
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Interactive games, drama, exploration of Jesus stories	Begin in worship at 8:45; class is 9:00-10:00, Room 27*	Linda Grogan Wendy Hakan
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<i>Faith in Motion</i> curriculum, focusing on choosing Jesus, being yourself and belonging to God, and dilemmas – how to live your faith	Scripture study, drama, service projects, crafts, storytelling	9:00-10:00, Room 24	Lori Ridgley Kurt Dinkelacker
High School (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<i>Faith Connections</i> curriculum, exploring Genesis, coping with pressure, and servanthood	Drama, Bible study, games, object lessons	10:00-10:50, Youth Room	Paul Graham Dan Hajjar
Rainbow Connection, ages 3 and up	Various activities (rotating schedule) emphasizing cooperation, creativity, and fellowship	Drama, active games, songs, videos	10:00-10:50 (while parents are involved in other church activities), People's Room	Team Leader Joe Consiglio and other Team members

\*Children in the 3-year-old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes begin in the 8:45 worship service in the sanctuary. After the Children's Moments, they leave with their teachers for Sunday School (9-10 a.m.). Parents may meet their children at 10:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

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### ADULT EDUCATION ON SUNDAY MORNING\*

Group/Class	Topics/Themes/Focus	Participants	Day/Time/Place	Facilitator(s)
Bible Fellowship	Healing miracles and other stories of Jesus, and how these inform us for our Christian life	Open to all	Each Sunday, 10:00 – 10:50, Room 3 (Kingswood Building)	Tim Folkemer Irv Schmuckler
Faith and Issues	Christian reflection on contemporary issues, using video resources	Open to all	Each Sunday, 10:00 – 10:50, Kingswood Chapel Room	Roy Stahlman
Membership Orientation	United Methodist history and theology, and the practices of Covenant UMC	Open to all, especially those interested in joining or learning about Covenant UMC	Sundays, October 5-November 9, 9:45 – 10:45, Library	Team-facilitated by Bob Mongold, Dale Owens, and Christy Croxall
Discovering Our Gifts	Exploring your passion, spiritual gifts, and personal style, in order to understand where God is calling you to serve in ministry	Open to all. Please register in advance. Call Dawn Liscom, 610/544-2928.	Sundays, Sept. 21-Oct. 12, 8:30-10:30, Room 2/3; also offered Fri., Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 15, 9-3, Rm. 2/3	Suanne Blumberg Barb Plank Greg Plank Don Cadge

\*For adults with children: Babyfold (childcare for infants – age 2) is available from 8:30 – 12:30 each Sunday. Rainbow Connection (for children ages 3 and up – see description on page 1) is available from 10:00-10:50.

### YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Group/Class	Topics/Themes/Focus	Participants	Day/Time/Place	Facilitator(s)
Confirmation	What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? To be a member of Covenant Church?	Seventh graders who would like to join Covenant UMC. Call Christy Croxall to register, 610/544-1400.	Alternating Monday evenings, beginning Oct. 6, 7-8 p.m., Kingswood Chapel Room	Christy Croxall (each confirmand is also paired with a mentor, with whom s/he meets regularly)
Pastor's Bible Study	II Corinthians: A Study in Reconciliation	Open to all	Tuesday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Kingswood Chapel Room, beginning September 16	Bob Mongold
DISCIPLE I: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY	Genesis through Revelation, following the chronological movement of the biblical story	Open to all - register by September 10. Call the church office, 610/544-1400.	Tuesdays, either 9:30 a.m.-noon, or 7:00-9:30 p.m., place TBA, beginning Sept. 16. Course is 34 weeks.	Christy Croxall
JESUS IN THE GOSPELS, a second generation DISCIPLE study	Jesus as he is presented in the four Gospels, drawing on studies of his historical time and place, and his Jewish heritage	Open to all DISCIPLE I graduates - register by September 10. Call the church office, 610/544-1400.	Tuesday evenings, 7:15-9:30 p.m., room 2/3, beginning September 16. Course is 30 weeks.	Scott Neumann
Christian Readers Group	Discussing uniquely Christian literature and exploring Christian insight on current literature	Open to all	Fourth Thursdays (except holidays); orientation Sept. 25, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., KCR	Bob Mongold

**Coming Attraction!**  
Covenant will offer a special 4-week "short course" for adults, Sunday mornings, November 30-December 21, 10:00-10:50 a.m. Our tentative topic is "Christian Music through the Ages." Mark your calendar now for this enlightening study! More information will follow.

**Calling All Adults!**  
What would you like to discuss with your sisters and brothers at Covenant? Short courses (4-6 weeks) are an excellent way to explore a topic (or book) without making a huge time commitment. Please consider offering your talents for a short course in the spring! Contact Barbara Cadge, Learning Cluster Coordinator, with your ideas (610/544-1400).

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invites you to our

## OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY

Come! Be a part of an exciting and caring community of faith!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2003**

Worship 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Childcare available.

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## CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP BEGINS

The first meeting of the Christian Readers Group met on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel Room of the Kingswood Building with Pastor Mongold at 10 a.m. At the initial meeting in September, the book "Open Secrets" by Richard Lischer was chosen to read. It was a revealing look at the meaning of Christian life and real Christian community.

Covenant UMC  
Adult Education Team presents

## MAKING MELODY TO THE LORD

EXPLORING THE VARIED STREAMS OF MUSIC FOUND IN THE WORSHIP LIFE OF CHRISTIANS TODAY

A Four-Week "Short-Course" on Sunday Mornings  
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.  
Kingswood Chapel Room

## Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 11  
10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Covenant United Methodist Church  
Saxer Ave. & Springfield Road, Springfield, PA

Crafts Baked Goods Books  
Attic Treasures Jewelry  
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Proceeds benefit local, national and international missions for women, children and youth.



### NEW PARAMENTS GIVEN AS MEMORIALS

The Board of Trustees ordered new paraments for the altar, pulpit and lectern in the Sanctuary. Paraments are the colored cloths indicating the seasons of the Christian year which adorn the chancel area each week. **Red**, the color for celebration is the color for Pentecost (and special celebration days); **Purple**, the color of penance is the color for Advent and Lent; **Green**, the color of life and growth is for Epiphany and Trinity seasons; and White, the color for purity and royalty, is for Christmas and Easter, and the seasons which follow. Persons of the church, if interested, could purchase a set of paraments as a memorial or gift. Reservations were committed on the basis of the first responses received. The cost of each set was approximately \$2,000.

#### *The Christmas star still shines . . .*

*You are invited*

- \* to keep Christmas with friends and neighbors
- \* to worship in the special beauty that is Christmas at Covenant
- \* to share the light of Christ in this holy season.



#### December 14

8:45 am – Morning Worship Service  
11:00 am – Special Music Service, “Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest” by Conrad Susa, featuring the Chancel Choir, harp, guitar, and marimba

#### December 21

8:45 and 11:00 am – Morning Worship Services

#### December 24

5:00 pm – Candlelight Communion Service in Wesley Hall  
7:00 pm – Family Service with a Christmas Musical presented by the Children’s and Junior Choirs, Carol Singing, and Candlelighting.  
11:00 pm – Traditional Candlelight Service with the Christmas message by Pastor Mongold and music by the Chancel Choir and Covenant Ringers Handbell Choir.

*. . . guide us to that perfect Light.*



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### YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP

The second annual Youth Service was held on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The Senior High Sunday School Class designed and led this service, using music and reflections from their own context. Members of Covenant’s band RISEN helped set the tone for this service.

### COVENANT CONNECTS UPDATE

#### Covenant Connects Financial Statement

Total Project Cost	<u>\$329,000</u>
Rec’d from Pledges and Gifts	\$249,000
Conference Loan Balance	\$ 22,000
Funds From Operating Budget	\$ 18,000
Advance from Money Market	<u>\$40,000</u>
Total Project Funding	\$329,000

The 3-year Covenant Connects capital campaign came to a successful close at the end of September. Through Covenant Connects, generous gifts

funded construction of Wesley Hall, the new fire and security system, and the Patan Hospital ramp in Nepal. The project was not fully subscribed; therefore, a balance of \$22,000 was refinanced over the next 5 years.

### WHITE TAG GIFTS BRING GREAT JOY

On White Tag Sunday, 290 gifts were collected and distributed to the Life Center, the Eliza Shirley Center, Wesley House, and St. Philips. Also, Christmas gifts were provided for families from the People’s Emergency Center.