

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, April 6, 2008 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Pastor John Benson

As we welcome families with children to worship,  
be aware that nursery care is available  
for infants and toddlers downstairs throughout the service.  
Jr. JAMboree for children ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade is also offered  
throughout the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist  
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Call to Worship 1 Peter 1:18-21

\*Hymn #253

*He Lives*

\*Opening Prayer

Gospel Luke 24:13-35 Carl Rodgers, Reader

First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Silent Prayer and Reflection on the Scriptures

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

\*The Doxology Hymn #48

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Consecration

*Hymn #571*

*In the Breaking of Bread*

Sermon Luke 24:30-32

**THEIR EYES WERE OPENED . . . AND HE VANISHED**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

\*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal #878

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

\*Hymn #249

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today.** If you *confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead*, you are welcome to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. If for any reason you do not wish to participate, please feel free to remain in your seat. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the bread and the cup if, in the opinion of their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Christ. Our custom is waiting until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

## SERVING TODAY

Greeter:	Ruth Kendrick
Ushers:	Andrea Hamilton/Aaron Knowles
Communion Prep:	The Hastings
Nursery:	Kathy Knowles
Sound Tech:	Daniel Mayfield
Snack:	The Karlsons
Candle Lighter:	None Scheduled

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 13

Greeters:	Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers:	Liz Reitman & Beth Badassa
Reader:	Lynda Seguin
Nursery:	Martha Reitman & Meron Berhe
Sound Tech:	Robert Hamilton
Snack:	The Hastings
Candle Lighter:	Lidiya Badassa

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this Coming Week:

Today	Gordon and Betty Sloat
Saturday	Theo Abramovich

## Lessons to Read for Next Sunday – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47	Vitality in the early church
Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
1 Peter 2:19-25	How to live in exile
John 10:1-10	The good shepherd

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 36<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry

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*Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.*

## Our Life Together This Week

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Praying for Revitalization
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	FIT Relationships Marriage Education
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 PM	Church Council Lunch Meeting Discussion of Outreach Proposals
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Praying for Revitalization
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
	5:30 PM	All Church Fellowship Supper Pizza will be served Bring a salad or dessert to share Meet Covenant Missionary Cindy Hoover

**Remember**, this building is regularly used by other groups. If you are planning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Kathy Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

**THE DOCTOR PAYS ANOTHER VISIT.** Cindy Hoover, a Covenant Medical Missionary working in Oaxaca, Mexico, was here as part of the East Coast Covenant Missionary Conference a couple years ago. We are delighted that she will be with us again next Sunday, April 13. Come and meet Cindy at the congregational pizza party at 5:30 PM. (Pizza, beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.) Learn how to say “Oaxaca” and find out about the community health screening ministry planned for the city of Tehuantepec this summer – the goal is to screen all the children in the pre-schools and primary schools.

**What if the Veritas 13 became the Veritas 21?** Imagine if several more people from our church experienced the truth about congregational revitalization the way some of us did on Saturday, Feb. 9, in Livingston, NJ! Now you can! Dr. John Wenrich, Director of Congregational Vitality for the Evangelical Covenant Church is leading another Veritas Workshop at St. Paul’s Wolf’s Covenant Church in York, PA, on Saturday, June 7, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Learn what it takes and join in as we seek to become a healthy missional church. The workshop is free and it’s only 2 ½ hours away. Tell Pastor Benson if you would like to attend.

**The Springfield Women’s Connection** Invites you to a Luncheon. It’s Time for Tea! With Barbara Vernoski, pilot’s wife, home schooler of 7 and entrepreneur who coaches women on redirecting their lives. Come and hear Barbara as she reveals how a new “flight plan” changed her life. Special Feather Emily Murphy of Emily’s Teas will also share her in-depth knowledge of tea and tips on serving and enjoying this delicious brew. Tickets are \$17 which includes your lunch at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. For reservations please call Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780) before noon on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP SQUANTO** for children entering Grade 2 through young people entering Grade 12 at the Covenant Camp in Southern New Hampshire. Brochures are on the credenza. Register now – camps fill up FAST.



**In the Covenant Companion – “A Covenant Miss America”** – Stan Friedman tells how Covenanters Kirsten Haglund, from Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills, MI, and Ashley Young, from Hope Covenant in Grand Forks, ND, won top spots early this year in the Miss America contest. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at [www.covchurch.org/communications](http://www.covchurch.org/communications). Subscriptions are \$19.95.

**The Books and Culture Group** will meet at 7 PM on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce. The group discussion is open to anyone who wishes to participate. Covenant Crafters also gathers that day beginning at 3 and continuing through a shared meal at 6 PM, which those who are attending the book discussion are invited to join.

**Did you miss last week’s sermon?** Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).

**Get Connected with Covenant Newswire** – this free service delivers the latest news from Covenant Churches around the world to your home or office in a single daily email. It’s a great way to keep informed about what’s happening among the mission friends. To sign up, visit the Covenant Web Page ([www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)) and click on the Newswire button.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

For the month of April Youth Group will meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Youth Group starts at 5:00, and friends are always welcome to join in. Snacks are welcome, too!

Don’t forget to place your donations for our sponsored child, Yohannes, in the donations box at the back of the sanctuary. The Youth Group has pledged \$40 per month toward his support.

If you are in need of a **professional photographer** for a special event or for family or individual portraits, Joe Munroe's son-in-law, Brian Lusby is your man! See examples of his work, or contact him at [www.brianlusbyphotography.com](http://www.brianlusbyphotography.com) Contact cards for Brian are also available at the back of the sanctuary.



## Community Covenant Church,

Thank you so much for sending the Valentines package! The treats were wonderful!!! I would like to let the church know that I have the opportunity to go on a mission trip to **THAILAND** with North Park. I am so excited, but I need your help! It is my responsibility to raise \$2,000 for the cost of the trip. If the church or members of the church would like to sponsor me, that would be AWESOME!

Thanks for your support!

Chelsea Redding (*Psalm 94:18-19*)

Support cards are available in on the credenza at the back of the sanctuary. Instruction on how to donate online are also available.

**Recycle!** We have the bins in the kitchen – 3 of them! Please place your recyclables in the appropriate bin. Thank you!

**Life is No Picnic for many**, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the food pantry at ECHO when you come to worship him on Sunday. Put them in the picnic basket by the hymnal rack.

**New Guidelines for Labels** to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Children's Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee tables where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

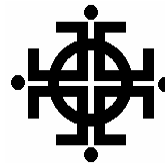
**Updates for the Buddy Board:** Please check out the Buddy Board at the door to the sanctuary and make sure the information is correct. If you are not on the board and would like to be, please feel free to post your jobs!



**How to Contact Pastor Benson** – You may contact him at his office at church –703-455-4150. The church's e-mail address is [communitycovenant@verizon.net](mailto:communitycovenant@verizon.net). Prayer requests and other matters can also be brought to his attention by using the Home Page insert in the bulletin. Don't hesitate to get in touch when you, or someone in your family, is hospitalized, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

### **Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY**

*“When we are linked by the power of prayer, we hold each other's hand, as it were, while we walk along a slippery path.” St. Gregory*



*The character of the Evangelical Covenant Church is expressed by our logo: at the center is the cross. Next is a circle – the symbol of being united in Christ. Then four different people, joined to one another, reach out to the world in love. The Covenant Web Page: [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)*

A Covenant Affirmation - We are an apostolic church. We confess Jesus Christ and the faith of the apostles as recorded in the Holy Scriptures. We believe the authority of the Bible is supreme in all matters of faith, doctrine, and conduct, and it is to be trusted. “Where is it written?” was and is the Covenant's touchstone of discussion with regard to faith and practice.