

The Celebration of Holy Communion
The Festival of Pentecost – Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 27, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, Pianist

*Unison Reading of Romans 8:14-17

*Hymn #276

Spirit of the Living God

*Opening Prayer

First Lesson Acts 2:1-21 Sandy Benson, Reader

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*Hymn #737

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

A Season of Grateful Prayer and Intercession for Our Nation:

Remembering that we are “One Nation, Under God”

Remembering those who have laid down their lives in battle

Remembering those who serve in the military and their families

Remembering “those in authority over us”

Communion Meditation Acts 2:8, 11

SPEAKING ABOUT GOD’S DEEDS OF POWER

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

*Affirmation of Faith from 1 Timothy Hymnal #875

*The Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn #688

We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome! Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something you do every Sunday, we’re happy that you’re here. Please fill out the Home Page insert in this bulletin, including your prayer requests, and make it part of the offering today. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 35th Year of Ministry

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Our mission as a congregation is calling people from the 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.

This Week

Today 9:30 AM Sunday School – Report from Hedde Bukko
11:00 AM Communion Service
NO YOUTH GROUP TODAY!

Monday Memorial Day

Tuesday 9:45 AM Women’s Bible Study
Beth Moore on “The Patriarchs”
Call Betty Sloat for details
703-451-9423

Wednesday Is Our Casserole Day for Rising Hope Mission:

- Sign up today at the table in the hallway to help provide a casserole lunch to feed our low income and homeless neighbors
- A worship service begins at noon
- Talk to Mary Hamilton if you have questions or plan to attend

Next Week, June 3 is our Day of World Missions Emphasis

Theme: Strong and Crazy for Christ (from 2 Corinthians 5:13)

9:30 AM An Hour of Learning about Missions

- for young, old and in-between
- Breakfast will be served

11:00 AM An Hour of Worshipping the Lord of the Harvest

- A special offering for World Missions
- A message from an African Church Leader

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 encouraged to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward. 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 Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our custom is to wait until everyone has been served, in order to eat and drink together.



Thanks to all who supported the Talent/No Talent Night last night by attending, helping with the pasta dinner, providing the entertainment for the evening and by making donations. Please see Jim Hamilton to see how much money was raised.



Casserole Day for Rising Hope Mission Church will be Wednesday, May 30th. We will be taking the casseroles out to feed the staff and homeless before the worship service which begins at noon. Mary will be attending the worship service, and would be happy for some company. The sign up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary.

STRONG AND CRAZY FOR CHRIST is the theme for Community Covenant's Day of Missions Emphasis on Sunday, June 3. Taken from an African pastor's sermon on 2 Cor. 5:13, the theme sets the stage for a day of entering more fully, intelligently, enthusiastically, prayerfully and with greater commitment into the mission we have been given. Learn more about what God is doing around the globe through Covenant World Missions during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM. Celebrate the Great Commission in Worship at 11 AM. Plan now to participate in these special events and in the above and beyond offering for Covenant World Missions which will be gathered that day.



Bread for the World's annual gathering designed to launch a movement to end hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world will be held on June 8-12 at American University in Washington, DC. The interfaith convocation brings people together from around the world to learn, equip, mobilize and encourage each other in a common task. Worship, workshops and lobbying legislators on Capitol Hill are all part of this experience. (Did you read the article in the Companion about the group from Bowie Covenant that participated last year?) See Pastor Benson for details.

The Covenant Annual Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon on June 21-24. If you could represent our congregation at this meeting, please talk to Pastor Benson.

The Annual End-of-the-Sunday-School-Year Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10, at the Occoquan Regional Park, following the Morning Worship Service. The closing celebration for Sunday School will be held in the amphitheater at 9:30. Kayden Lee Abranchess' Baptism will be part of the Worship Service at 11 (*you should see that boy ride a horse!*) and the picnic – and afternoon of food, fellowship and fun, to which all are invited, will follow. Our summer schedule without Sunday School and with Worship at 10 AM will begin on Sunday, June 17, and continues through Labor Day Weekend.

The Leslie Sherman Memorial Scholarship is being established at West Springfield High School. Leslie was one of the students killed in the Virginia Tech shooting. The Principal will work with the family, respecting their wishes, to determine the criteria for awarding the Scholarships. If you wish to contribute to that Scholarship Fund, you may do so by writing a check to West Springfield High School. Please add the phrase "Leslie Sherman Memorial Scholarship" to the memo line or attach your check to a letter designating that purpose. You may send your check to: West Springfield High School; Finance Office; 6100 Rolling Road; Springfield, VA 22152. All checks will be acknowledged with a letter from WSHS and the family will be informed of your donation.



In the Covenant Companion – “Growing Into My Call” – Kristen Rae Nelson, the pastor of the Covenant Church in Port Allegeny, PA, reflects on her experience as a seminary intern. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at www.covchurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.

CHECK IT OUT! Gordon Sloat has stepped up to the challenge of developing a web site for the church. He would welcome your feedback and help in creating pages for the site. You will find it at covenantchurchva.org.



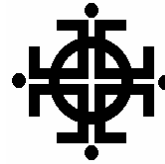
New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee table where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

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.



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You can call him at home, where he maintains an office, at any time – 703-451-6624. His e-mail address is johnsbenson@hotmail.com. Or you may contact him in his office at church – 703-455-4150. The church’s e-mail address is 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.

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 or 703-425-5633.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.



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

A Covenant Affirmation – We are a Reformation Church, standing in the mainstream of the renewal movement of the 16th century. Especially important is the belief that we are saved by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, not by anything we have done.