

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 1, 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 3-4th grade is also offered
throughout the service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Prelude

Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

It is Well with My Soul – arr. Kerrick

*Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Hymnal #805

*Hymn #78

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Opening Prayer

First Lesson: Selections from Genesis 6,7,8

Liz Reitman, Reader

Gospel

Matthew 7:21-29

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology

Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Consecration

Hymn #648

The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe

Sermon

Genesis 8:22

WHAT THE SEASONS TEACH US

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith

From Romans 1 & 3

Bulletin

*Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn #664

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

*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.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 36th 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

- Today** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:15 PM Praying for Revitalization
 2:00 PM Bridal Shower for Liz Cameron at Claire Bentley's house. Speak to Claire or Betty Sloat for details
- Tuesday 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
- Friday 7-8:30 PM VBS Shipmate Training at the Karlson's
- Saturday 9:30 AM Veritas Revitalization Workshop York, PA Covenant Church until 3:30 PM We have someone interested in going If you can attend, tell Pastor Benson today
- Saturday 1:30 PM **The Wedding of Liz Cameron and Dustin Knowles**
- Next Sunday – Our Sunday Morning Summer Schedule Begins:**
June 8 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary Celebrating the Sunday School Year
 11:00 AM **Church Family Picnic** in our Picnic Area Food, Fellowship, Fun and Games for all Sign Up Today in the Hallway See Bulletin Notice for Details

A Three Part Over and Above Stewardship Project has been launched. The goal is to revitalize our outreach to children and their families. We are asking the members of our congregation to: 1. Give 1,000 hours of volunteer time above and beyond our regular ministries in service to children by engaging in special ministries (such as VBS), and by enhancing our facilities and strengthening our existing programs; 2. To extend 100 personal invitations to people in our community, inviting them to attend church programs, especially those with an emphasis on children; and 3. To raise \$5,000 in contributions above and beyond our giving to support the budget and mission of the congregation – this will enable us to advertise our children's ministries, purchase play equipment for the picnic area, continue to improve our facilities for children's ministry, and purchase needed AV equipment.

Volunteer by signing up to help with VBS.

Invite someone to VBS by using the special postcards.

Contribute using the envelope in this bulletin.

V-I-C...TORY – *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13

KATHY KNOWLES has announced her resignation as our office Administrator in order to take a full-time position. The good news is that she will continue to do the bulletin and other tasks on a volunteer basis. This means we need someone to be in the office certain days to answer the phone and do other tasks. If you can help with this, talk to Kathy.

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

SUMMER BEGINS for us on Sunday, June 8. Morning worship moves to 10 AM that day with our closing celebration of the Sunday School year. Worship will be followed with an Old-Fashioned Sunday School Picnic right here on the church grounds in our new picnic area. Bring meat to grill and sign up at the sign up table for something to share. There will be outdoor games for the whole church family to enjoy.

A Bridal Shower for Liz Cameron will be held today at 2:00 PM at Claire Bentley's house. Please speak to Claire or Betty for details.

YOUTH GROUP

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.



In the Covenant Companion – “Claiming Our Ordinary Story” – Helen H. Cepero, director of spiritual formation at North Park Theological Seminary, writes about how to find our spiritual identity in everyday experiences. 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.

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.

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) and click on the Newswire button.

Lessons to Read for June 8 – The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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| Genesis 12:1-9 | The Lord appears to Abram |
| Psalms 33:1-12 | Happy the nation whose God is the Lord |
| Romans 4:13-25 | Abraham's faith our example |
| Matthew 9:9-26 | Why they laughed at Jesus |

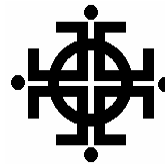
Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY

“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

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 address and prayer requests, and make it part of the offering today. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of our congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, please feel no obligation about this.

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.

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. 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.



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 affirm the necessity of new birth. New birth in Christ means committing ourselves to him and receiving forgiveness, acceptance and eternal life. It means being alive in Christ, and this life has the qualities of love and righteousness, joy and peace. New birth is only the beginning – growing to maturity in Christ is expected for both individuals and communities of believers.

CALLING ALL HEROES: BIBLE ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Ahoy, Mateys! CCC is about to set sail with The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales VBS! Be a part of our Vacation Bible School July 28 - August 1 from 9 AM to noon. This year, the high seas adventure will be for preschoolers ages 3 - 5, and we hope to reach 24 children with this program! That is 24 children who will grow in their relationship with God. As we plan and prepare for VBS:

Please pray that God would give us wisdom in planning
Pray for the right staff members to join our team
Pray that God would begin working in the hearts of
the children who will come

Please prayerfully consider YOUR role in VBS this summer!
Help spread the word!