

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Father's Day - Sunday, June 15, 2008 – 10 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

*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 116

Leader: I love the Lord! He hears my voice and
answers my prayers.

People: How kind he is! How merciful and good!

Leader: He saves us from death, our eyes from tears,
our feet from stumbling.

People: So I walk in the Lord's presence as I live here on earth.

Leader: We will praise the Lord's name and offer a
thanksgiving sacrifice.

*Hymn #653

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Sandy Benson, Reader

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology

Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #635

God, Whose Firm Is All Creation

Sermon

Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

SERVE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

*Hymn (Insert)

Bringing In the Sheaves

*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 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.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

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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	10:00 AM	Fathers' Day Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Praying for Revitalization: In the Elementary Classroom downstairs
Friday	7-8 PM	An Hour of Prayer for our Vacation Bible School – Gathering in the Sanctuary (Next Prayer Hour – Wed. July 9)
Next Sunday June 22	10:00 AM	Worship Service - Bring canned goods for outreach To those in need in our area - Bring change for the change box to fund capital improvements
	11:15 AM	Prayer for Revitalization

Next Sunday, June 22 is **A Designated Picnic Sunday:**

Bring a picnic lunch and share some time with church friends after the service in our new picnic area. A grill will be available and you are encouraged to bring something to share. You can do this any Sunday, of course, but 6/22, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3 and 8/17 have been designated to encourage planning and participation.

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.

Congratulations to Nelson and Amy Ackerberg-Hastings on the birth of their son! PETER NELSON HASTINGS was born on Friday, June 6, at 8:14 AM. He weighed 3 lbs. 2 oz; and was 15 ½ inches long/tall at birth. He is a gift from God (Psalm 127), gratefully received and loved by his Mom and Dad, a delight to us all, and is currently being cared for (for 6-8 weeks) in the NICU at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD. We rejoice with our friends and remember this family in our prayers. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway to help provide meals.

Congratulations also to Richard and Erin (McKlveen) Murray on the birth of their son, Keegan Lenn on May 27 at 9:25 AM. Keegan weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY – We will have a vacancy on the Church Council this fall in the area of our fellowship ministries. If you are interested in joining the team that helps people make connections and build relationships in our congregation through fellowship activities, then tell Pastor Benson or make a note of it on your Home Page today.

CHECK THE KITCHEN before you leave today. We are cleaning out the cabinets and there may be something belonging to you on the tables – serving pieces, bowls, trays and plates from long-ago potluck, flower contributions, lost & found items, things from the wedding, misc. If it's yours, please take it!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE – It was our Financial Secretary, Mark Enstrom's idea. It was Aaron Knowles' school project that turned it into a reality. It was the Council's decision to use the gathered funds for capital improvements. And it's your opportunity to bring your loose change each Sunday and put it in the box on the gable by the door into the sanctuary. You can also use the coin envelopes next to the box if you want your contributions (change, bills, or checks) to be tax deductible.

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

Robert Hamilton is earning spending money for college by starting a lawn care business. If you need lawn mowing or other yard work on a one-time or regular basis, he is your man! Feel free to pass this information on to others that you think might be interested. A copy of the flyer is available at the back of the sanctuary.

Our Custodian, Tammy Murphy, is on safari in Africa until June 22nd! This means we are in need of a volunteer to clean the church this week. Please let Kathy know if you are able to take this on. Thanks to Claire for taking on the task this past week.

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, talk to Kathy.

JOIN US IN PRAYER: On Friday, June 20th from 7 to 8 PM and Wednesday, July 9th we will join together in prayer for VBS and for Revitalization. Please come and add your prayers. For more information, please speak to Pastor Benson.

Ladies – it is time to start thinking about the Women Ministries' Fall retreat and to register. As in the past, it will be in Quarryville, PA on September 26-28. Our speaker is Rose Cornelious. She is an ordained minister and has worked with people of all ages in over 25 nations and in over 200 churches throughout the US. Last year we had to turn people away, so register early. Brochures are on the back credenza.

Update on the Race Across America: Bill Anderson called the office on Friday afternoon to give us a short update. Team2600 is in 9th place as of 5:39 Friday. They were 2 days into the race and had already ridden 718.9 miles at an average speed of 14.86 miles per hour. They had 2295.5 miles to go and had just passed through Montezuma Creek, Utah. If you would like to follow their progress, the website is www.raceacrossamerica.org. Doug's 4-man team is called Team2600, and their website is www.team2600.org. Don't forget to pray for their safety!



In the Covenant Companion – “Under One Roof” – Becky Supiano, an intern with the Chronicle of Higher Education in Washington, DC, reports how one multi-cultural community and its Covenant Church transformed their urban housing into new hope. 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 22 – the 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21	The son of Hagar the Egyptian
Psalms 86:1-17	Save the child of your serving girl
Romans 6:1-11	Baptism is a burial
Matthew 10:24-39	What are you afraid of?

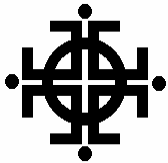
Thank You to the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 1853 who came to church early on Saturday morning, June 7th and removed all trace of the tree that was blown down by the recent violent weather. It took them only one hour. Thanks also to **Eric Karlson** who came the day after the storm to begin the process of taking apart the tree.

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. Members of the congregation are welcome to participate.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Youth Car wash yesterday by coming out to help wash cars, or bringing a car to be washed. Thanks also to those who brought the needed equipment for the event. The money raised yesterday will go toward youth activities for the summer.

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 a commitment to the whole mission of the church. We believe that Christ has called us to fulfill both the Great Commission (making disciples) and the Great Commandment (loving God and our neighbor as ourselves). Our mission includes evangelism, Christian formation, and ministries of compassion, mercy and justice.

Pray that God would begin working in the hearts of
the children who will come

Please prayerfully consider YOUR role in VBS this summer! Volunteer by contacting Kristin Karlson by email, (kristin.karlson@hotmail.com), phone (703-455-3210), or in person (use the Home Page). Help spread the word!

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

Join us in prayer on Friday, June 20th from 7 to 8 PM and again on Wednesday July 9th here in the sanctuary. For more information, please speak to Pastor Benson.

Ahoy, Mateys! All of you aboard the HMS Steadfast (That's everyone here at CCC!) We are about to set sail this summer with a very fun, activity-based preschool VBS. Our 4 captains have submitted a list of props they need for their activity sites. If you have any of these listed items, and you would be willing to loan them to us for VBS, simply write your name on it, and give it to the site captain. Thank you!

Captain Martha Reitman:

Mr./Mrs. Potato Head	Hero capes
Child-size rolling pins	Fishing games
Fish-themed puzzles	Small paint rollers
Small life jackets	Inflatable row boat
Small oars	Fishing nets
Plastic or stuffed fish	Paper towel tubes
Small plastic shovels/scoops	Water toys
Clean, empty, plastic water bottles with lids	

Captain Claire Bentley:

Artificial bush	Small white Christmas lights
Disposable wipes	Fishing nets
Inflatable boat	Blue sheet or blanket

Balance Beam Play parachute
Empty film canisters Empty spools of thread
Rectangular foam or cardboard blocks
8 floor tiles to use as stepping stones
Plush robe for King Nebuchadnezzar (adult size)
Tent (large enough for 10 people to sit in)

Captain Ruth Kendrick:

Chef's hat
Small plastic or cloth lobster (to fit in an oven mitt)

Captain Kristin Karlson:

Paper towel tubes Koosh balls 2 spray bottles

Other items needed for decorations, costumes or props

Treasure chests of all sizes adult size ruffled shirts
Suede vests Spy glasses
Bandanas Large ship bell
Rope for rigging Super Soaker
2 mops 2 buckets
Toy banjo empty colored glass bottle
Large toothbrush