

A SERVICE OF PRAISE & WORSHIP
September 21, 2008 – 11 AM

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers
downstairs throughout the service.

Prelude Kristin Karlson, Pianist

*Songs Shelley Connelie, Leader

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Great Is the Lord
How Majestic Is Your Name

First Lesson Exodus 16:2-15 Bill Anderson, Reader

*Prayer: The entire congregation may speak prayers of praise and
adoration simultaneously and aloud

Congregational Scripture Reading Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory/Special Music Kristin Karlson, Shelley Connelie

I Will Bow to You

*Song

Give Thanks

*Prayer of Dedication

*Song

Christ in Me Is to Live

Sermon

Philippians 1:21-30

CHECKING OUR VITAL SIGNS

*Song

We Are One in the Spirit

*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

Celebrating our 36th Year of Ministry

7018 Sydenstricker Road; Springfield, VA 22152

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SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Tom & Jenny Connelie
Nursery: Betty Sloat
Sound Tech: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: Jared Connelie
Snack: Claire Bentley

SERVING NEXT WEEK: September 28

Greeters: Carl & Rosalie Rodgers
Ushers: Carl Rodgers & Lidiya Badassa
Reader: Beth Badassa
Nursery: Shelley Connelie
Sound Tech: Jim Hamilton
Candle Lighter: Lidiya Badassa
Snack: Claire Bentley

**Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated last week
& this coming week:**

Monday Abbi Kalis
Tuesday Don Cameron
Wednesday Bud Clark, Marc Seguin
Sunday Mark and Shira Enstrom

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
7:00 PM Books & Culture Discussion Group

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Fri-Sun Women's Retreat in
Quarryville, Pennsylvania

Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
Sept. 28 11:00 AM Worship Service

When you come to Church on Sunday, remember to . . .

- Bring *canned goods* for outreach to those in need in our area
- Bring *change* for the change box to fund capital improvements

Remember that 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.

Parents! Families with children are always welcome at Community Covenant Church – even on the 1st Sunday of the month when we celebrate Communion. We provide nursery care for infants and toddlers throughout the service every Sunday Morning. We also have Jr. JAMboree for children ages 3 through 3rd Grade during the 2nd half of the service on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 5th Sundays in the year we have special intergenerational worship services. Children’s Worship Bulletins with age-level activities based on the Scripture Readings for the day; coloring books, crayons and paper are always available on the table by the door. Our family ministries also include Sunday School with nursery care, preschool and children’s classes, spiritual growth, fellowship and learning opportunities for young people and thinking adults at 9:30 AM every Sunday Morning during the school year. We are committed to growing in grace in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and we cordially invite you and your family to join us.

The Veggie Tales Are Coming! Veggie Tales LIVE at the Hylton Memorial Chapel on November 8 at 3 and 7 PM. Tickets are on sale now at 1-800-861-0850 or on-line at www.eventtickets.net.

CALLING ALL HEROES! The Veggie Tales Movie, “The Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything” will be shown here in our sanctuary for the whole church family to enjoy – children young and old – on Saturday, October 11, at 6 PM. Wear a pirate costume if you like. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Come at 4 PM for “appetizers in the Amphitheater” and “Piratey Games” on the lawn. Our 3rd Annual Fish Fry begins promptly at 5 PM in the picnic area. A sign-up sheet for what to bring is on the table in the hallway. Put another smiling face under the apple tree on the wall by using this as an outreach opportunity – invite your friends, families, and neighbors to join us for this special time of fun, food and fellowship for all.

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.

Every Adult and Young Person in the Congregation is urged to participate in the VERITAS “Balcony Session” sponsored by the Community Covenant Church Council on Saturday, October 25. Let’s take the next step together with “The Livingston 13” in our pursuit of congregational revitalization! Your prayers, your attendance, and your enthusiastic participation are absolutely necessary if we are to become the healthy, missional congregation we believe God is calling us to be. Save the day now for this important event in our life together and watch for the details.

Ruth and Peter Dutton are returning to Southeast Asia this fall with a new approach to their mission in Laos. Read all about their summer travels and their plans in the newsletter posted on the bulletin board by the lower entrance. **On Reformation Sunday**, October 26, we will hear from the Duttons in our morning worship service at 11AM and pray for them and their family on the final weekend before Peter and Ruth leave for Thailand.

The Apple Tree on the Wall or Why Does My Homepage Say Hi? The **H** is there to give you a place to list the volunteer hours (or partial hours) you have donated to children’s ministries – our goal is 1,000 hours, and they show up as *leaves* on the Apple Tree on the Sanctuary wall. The **I** is for listing the number of invitations you have extended to a child or a family to participate in one of our children’s ministries. Our goal is 100 invitations, and they show up as the smiling *flowers* underneath the tree. Each *apple* on the tree represents \$50 in contributions for our children’s ministries and outreach to families. Our goal is \$5,000, and you can use the special envelopes on the credenza to make a contribution.

Thanks again to Kristin and Sandy for organizing and to the church women for attending Peter’s baby shower on September 13. Our ladies’ man loves being the center of attention! We are just thankful to celebrate with our Springfield family how well his nontraditional newborn stage is going. Amy and Nelson.

Volunteers Needed! Community Covenant Church relies on its volunteers to run smoothly. If you would like to be one of our vital volunteers, please sign up at the table outside the sanctuary. Thank you to all of our current volunteers for your selfless and much needed service!

Directory Time! Please take a look at the large print directory on the table outside the sanctuary to make sure your information is correct. If you have corrections for any of the “Friends” listed, please make them.

Lessons to Read for September 28 - the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the rock
Psalms 105:37-45	God brought quails!
Philippians 2:1-13	Have this mindset
Matthew 21:23-32	A story of two sons

The Books and Culture Discussion Group: The book discussion featuring “My Family and Other Animals” by Gerald Durrell is tonight at 7:00. Please call Becky if you have any questions.

In the Covenant Companion – “Global Warming and Individualism” – The dean of our seminary at North Park, Jay Phelan, Jr., addresses this issue in his monthly column. 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.

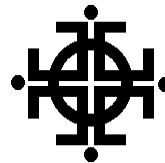
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What Happened to the Cookbook? It’s still in a holding pattern but, meanwhile, that means you can still donate recipes. Hand your recipes to Kathy, leave them in her mailbox or on her desk, or just email them to the church email address!

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

Men’s Retreat – “And the Lord sought a man after his own heart...” Are you that man? Plan now to attend the Men’s Retreat at Pilgrim Pines October 10-12. Featured Speaker is Bill Page, a gifted communicator, whose appeal is anchored in a depth of life experience, including 20 years of police and detective work in New York. An information card is posted on the bulletin board. Please tell Pastor Benson if you’re thinking of going. Some interest has already been expressed, and we’d like to form a group to attend together if possible.

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 centrality of the word of God. We believe the Bible is the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. The dynamic, transforming power of the word of God directs the church and the life of each Christian.