



## SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Kathy Knowles  
Ushers: Carl Rodgers  
Reader: Gordon Sloat  
Nursery/Assistant: Martha Reitman  
Sound Tech: None Scheduled  
Snack: Tim Strunk

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 4

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Ushers: To be announced  
Reader: To be announced  
Nursery/Assistant: To be announced  
Sound Tech: To be announced  
Snack: To be announced

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Saturday Samuel Redding, Thomas  
                  Connelie  
Sunday Gary Redding, Diana Grimord

## When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

*Bring your Bibles* – It's not all in the bulletin

*Bring canned goods* for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

*Bring change* for the change box to fund capital improvements

*Bring a dollar or two* to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion international sponsored child in Indonesia

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

*Celebrating our 38<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.*

## THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Good Friday 7:30 PM</b>		<b>Tenebrae Service</b> <b>Celebration of Holy Communion</b> Scripture readers are needed: Sign up in the hallway today
<b>Easter</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	<b>Community Sunrise Service at Sydenstricker Methodist Church</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Easter Brunch</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Resurrection</b>

**Remember that this building is regularly used** by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday

## Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, April 4

Isaiah 65:17-25	New heavens and a new earth
1 Cor. 15:19-26	The last enemy to be destroyed
Luke 24:1-12	The Palm Sunday Story

**In the Covenant Companion:** “Environmental Stewardship as a Pro-life Issue” – Jay Phelan, Dean of our Seminary, asks “Why refuse to address or even consider our contributions to the destruction of the earth’s health and fertility? If this is not a pro-life issue, what is?” Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

**A Tenebrae Service** will be held in our sanctuary on Good Friday Evening, April 2, at 7:30 PM including the Celebration of Holy Communion. The Service of Tenebrae (meaning “darkness” or “shadows”) involves the gradual extinguishing of lights and candles symbolizing the gathering darkness that accompanied the death of Christ on the cross. Eight Scripture Readers are needed for the service. If you can serve as one of the Readers, tell Pastor Benson today or make a note of it in your Home Page.

**A Community Sunrise Service** will take place at 6:30 AM on Easter Sunday, April 4, with our congregation participating. It will be Held in the cemetery overlooking the Fairfax County Parkway behind the old Sydenstricker Methodist Church on Hooes Rd.

**Dr. Cindy Hoover, a Covenant Missionary in Mexico,** will be visiting with us on Sunday, April 11. She will share her ministry of public health and transformational development in the Oaxaca region with us during the Sunday School Hour at 9:30 AM, and will also speak at our Morning Worship Service in a Moment for Missions.

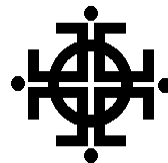
**The Covenant Churches of Washington DC** are having a pot-luck supper, and you’re invited! It will be held at 6 PM on Saturday, April 17 at Bowie Covenant Church. Bowie Covenant has invited the new Riverside Church in DC and our congregation to join them. Please bring a dish to share. Everything else will be provided

**Two Delegates are needed to attend the Annual Meeting** of the East Coast Conference. It will be held on Saturday, May 1, at Monadnock Covenant Church in Keene, NH. The meeting will begin with an opening worship service at 9 AM and will conclude with a luncheon following the morning business session. On the preceding Friday afternoon, April 30, several workshops will be open to all delegates and guests at our Pilgrim Pines Conference Center on Lake Swanzey: **Pastoral Relations and Mutual Ministry** (Best Practices for Covenant Church Leaders) with Dr. David Kersten, Executive Director of the Ordered Ministry, ECC; **Alaska: Koyuk Covenant Partnership Opportunities** (How you and your church can make a difference in rural Alaska) with Rob Satterberg, Chair of the ECC Missions Committee; and **Developing People** (Helping people live into God’s preferred future for their lives as leaders) with Dr. Alan Forsman, ECC Veritas Facilitator. A dinner will be served at Mayflower Lodge at 5:30 PM Friday and a Worship Celebration and Communion Service will take place in the Pilgrim Pines Chapel Friday evening. Tell our Church Chair, Rob Ericson, if you are interested in attending.

**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).

**How to contact Pastor Benson:** By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 571-201-9299) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email ([johnsbenson@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsbenson@hotmail.com)). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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



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