

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
Second Sunday of Easter – April 11, 2010 – 11AM

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 Sandra Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Crown Him with Many Crowns – arr. Page

*Call to Worship Psalm 118:14, 17

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song,
And he has become my salvation!

**People: I will not die, but I will live
To tell what the Lord has done.**

*Hymn 258

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

*Opening Prayer

First Lesson Acts 5:27-32 Carl Rodgers, Reader

Moments for Missions Dr. Cindy Hoover

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*The Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 253

He Lives

Sermon John 20:19-31

WE ARE AN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

“We confess Jesus Christ and the faith of the apostles as recorded in the Holy Scriptures. We believe the authority of the Bible is supreme in all matters of faith, doctrine, and conduct, And it is to be trusted. “Where is it written?” was and is The Covenant’s touchstone of discussion with regard to faith And practice.” From What Does the Covenant Believe?

*Hymn 687

So Send I You

*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 week, we’re happy that you’re here! Families with children are welcome in our worship services and nursery care for infants and toddlers is also available downstairs. We hope your experience here today will be encouraging and helpful to you spiritually.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Paul Seguin
Reader: Carl Rodgers
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat
Snack: Zemans
Sound Technician: David Reitman

SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 18

Greeters: None Scheduled
Ushers: To Be Announced
Reader: To Be Announced
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy Knowles
Snack: Claire Bentley
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday Theo Abramovich
Thursday Matthew Hamilton
Friday Chris & Jenni Harriman

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

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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.

A special welcome to Dr. Cindy Hoover. Dr. Hoover is a Covenant Missionary serving in Oaxaca, Mexico, in the area of public health ministries and transformational development. We are glad to have her with us in Sunday School and Worship today.

THIS WEEK

Today 9:30 AM Sunrise Service
11:00 AM Celebration of the Resurrection
Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
Saturday 6:00 PM **THE COVENANT CHURCHES OF DC**
Gather for a pot-luck supper and hymn sing
At the Church of the Redeemer, 7300
Race Track Road in Bowie, MD

Next Sunday, April 11 – WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS

9:30 AM **Sunday School Classes**
11:00 AM **Dr. David Smith, Guest Preacher**

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 18

Acts 9:1-20	Saul on the road to Damascus
Revelation 5:11-14	Worthy is the lamb!
John 21:1-19	Jesus appears in Galilee

In the Covenant Companion: “Is What We Share Enough?” Covenant Pastor Peter Hawkinson remembers that on the night he was arrested, Christ prayed for unity, He maintains that the challenge is ever-present today – loving one another despite our differences. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

Book discussion for April: John Stott – “Why I am a Christian.” Date to follow.

It's Time for Final Exams! Our final Package From Home would like to get out to our students by exam week. As this is different for each school, we would like them to go by April 19. Please bring your home-baked goodies, store-bought treats, or Dollar Store trinkets in by Sunday, April 18. Things that have been particularly mentioned by our students as all-time favorites have been packets of hot chocolate, anything baked, and candy! We send packages to up to 12 students, so donations are also being taken for postage. Donations should be given to Kathy Knowles or placed on the secretary's desk.

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 main dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

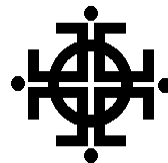
Pastor John and Sandy Benson are leaving on Tuesday for a week of vacation in New England. They will be working on their new home in Bristol, CT, where they will be retiring after ending their ministry here in Springfield on the last Sunday in June. They will also be attending the memorial service for Rev. Richard Swanson at the Covenant Church of Cape Cod on Saturday. Rev. Swanson was confirmed by John's father and was a great friend of the family.

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.

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). 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



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 our unity in Christ. Then four different people, joined together, reach out to the world in love. Find out more about the Covenant at www.covchurch.org

CINDY HOOVER
Mexico – 2010

Cindy Hoover was consecrated to career missionary service by the Department of Word Mission of the Evangelical Covenant Church at 2000 Annual Meeting, for service in the areas of transformational development and public health ministries. After spending a year in language school in Costa Rica, she moved to Oaxaca, Mexico in August 2001 and began helping local communities and churches with community health development.

Cindy's ministry presently focuses on helping local churches develop their own health ministry to reach out with the good news of God's love throughout their local community. Her project is *Semillas de Salud* ((Seeds of Health) – taken from the parable of the mustard seed, that though the smallest of all seeds, grows to a large tree where birds of the air can rest – small changes can impact the health of a person, family, or community in large ways. Cindy has helped three churches to begin their own health ministry. A new church has begun in one community where Cindy and Carmelo Salinas, the pastor of a nearby local church, started meeting with mothers interested in improving the health of their children and families. *Semillas de Salud* has now expanded to include groups in the states of Puebla and Morelos in Mexico.

Semillas de Salud was the featured ministry for 2008 Vacation Bible School offering. Through the generous giving of approximately \$35,000 by the children involved, *Semillas de Salud* is now working with a coalition of local church members, the government health system, the public school system, and community leaders to screen all children of school age in the county wide area of Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, Mexico for problems with growth (measuring height and weight), vision (acuity and lazy eye), hearing , and anemia (weak blood).

Cindy became a Christian during high school through the ministry of her church and of Young Life. Her pastor considered the discipling of young Christians of the utmost importance, so taught her prayer and study habits that would sustain her through challenging as well as good times.

While attending the Urbana mission conference, Cindy and felt called to missions, which resulted in changing her focus to medicine. She began medical school and contemplated missionary service, working a summer job with the Indian Health Service on a Navajo reservation. Cindy specialized in pediatrics because its combined focus on public health and medicine could make the greatest long-term impact on society. Cindy worked in a rural medical clinic in Guatemala, and in a children's hospital emergency department. She had a private pediatric practice until a short-term mission trip to Romania (1995) reawakened her call to mission.

Cindy received her BA from the U of Rochester (1974, Rochester NY), her MD from the U of Pittsburgh (1978, Pittsburgh PA), her MA in Religious Studies from Central Baptist Theological Seminary (1983, Kansas City KS), and a Master of Public Health from Harvard (1997, Boston MA).

Cindy is a member of Bethany Covenant Church in Bedford, New Hampshire.

Birthday: August 31