

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**Celebrating Father's Day**  
**Sunday, June 20, 2010 – 10:00 AM**

Welcome Pastor 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

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* – Neander

\*Call to Worship 1 John 3:1

Leader: See what love the Father has given us,  
That we should be called children of God;

People: *and that is what we are!*

\*Hymn 87

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Luke 8:26-39 Paul Seguin, Reader

Duet Meti Kassa and Bethlehem Badassa

It Is Well With My Soul

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*St. Anthony Chorale* – attributed to Haydn

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 437

*How Firm a Foundation*

Sermon Reflections at Retirement In Honor of My Father

THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

\*Hymn 420

*Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

\*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 welcomed 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: Kathy Knowles  
Ushers: Bud Clark  
Reader: Paul Seguin  
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley  
Snack: None Scheduled  
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: June 27

Greeters: Carl & Rose Rodgers  
Ushers: Bob Ericson  
Reader: Bill Anderson  
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat  
Snack: To Be Announced  
Sound Technician: None Scheduled

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday Doug Ericson  
Thursday Mike Coussa  
Sunday David Reitman

## 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

Today	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Friday	7:30 PM	Potluck Supper at the Newberg's Small Group Study on Human Trafficking Everyone is invited to participate Contact Ginny Newberg or Betty Sloat

## Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27

### FAREWELL WEEKEND FOR JOHN AND SANDY BENSON

**4:00 PM Saturday** Luau for the Bensons

**10:00 AM Sunday** Farewell Worship Service

### Pastor Benson's Sermon: Why We Say Amen

**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 next Sunday

Lamentations 3:22-4	The steadfast love of the Lord
Psalms 150	Praise God in his sanctuary
2 Corinthians 1:16-20	In him it is always yes
Luke 8:26-39	A witness to the light

**Our Summer Sunday Morning Schedule:** Continuing through Labor Day Weekend, the worship service will be held at 10 AM. In July and August, the congregation will be served by Interim Pastor, Peter Morris of Seattle. Rev. Morris is a graduate of North Park Seminary and recently served for 22 months as the Interim Pastor for Christ Covenant Church in Harleysville, PA. His Profile is posted on the bulletin board. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

## Triennial – HELP!!!

We need help the week of July 19-25 setting up for the Triennial which will be at the Omni Sheraton Hotel in DC. We especially need drivers with vans. Some specific needs are:

- delivering boxes that are in the sanctuary on Monday, July 19th
- help setting up displays in 3 different exhibit halls at the hotel on Monday and Tuesday
- people at Reagan airport directing participants to the shuttle on Wed 12-8:00 and Thurs. 9-7:30
- transportation for keynote speakers
- transportation for Natalie Grant and her equipment
- transportation for Michael Donley arriving Sat PM and leaving early Sunday and his equipment from Reagan
- artificial Christmas trees
- prayer, prayer, prayer
- **please see Claire if you can help.**

**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.

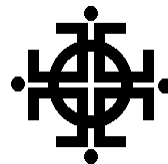
**In the Covenant Companion:** “Why Are You a Covenanter?” – In recognition of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our denomination, Covenanters from across the country answer the question. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

**The Benson’s Farewell Party** is scheduled for Saturday, June 26 at 4 PM. It will be a luau and will be held here at the church. All are invited to attend. Contact Rob Ericson for details. Anyone who wishes to learn hula for the occasion is invited to contact Kathy Knowles for the schedule of practice sessions. Sunday, June 27, at 10 AM is our final worship service with the Benson’s. The service will include a ceremony of farewell and Pastor Benson’s sermon on 2 Corinthians 2:18-20, “Why We Say Amen.”

**The Church Profile** is now on the website. You can take a look at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org). Thanks to the search committee for their hard work and dedication.

**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).

## *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](http://www.covchurch.org)*

In Honor of My Father  
Rev. Stanley A. Benson

Sandy and I were there on that Sunday Morning in 1987, when my father took what he called his “third and final retirement” from full-time pastoral ministry at the age of 80. He was serving the Covenant Church in Port Allegeny, Pennsylvania, at the time, and went straight from there into retirement at Pilgrim Manor in Cromwell, Connecticut – part of the Covenant Village Retirement Center where Sandy’s parents still reside. He and my mother often said that this concluding pastorate in his ministry was one of the sweetest of them all – a sentiment which Sandy and I shared as we think of our 13 years in ministry here in Springfield.

I was honored and deeply moved that day as Dad and I stood side by side in the chancel and served the Sacrament of Holy Communion to that wonderful congregation. Dad’s prayer at our wedding still comes to mind as I reflect upon that day, now that the time for our own retirement from full-time ministry draws near: “Thou has blessed this our son and our daughter with abundant and overflowing blessings, far and beyond that of countless thousands of other couples in our own and in other lands. Surely this betokens thy call to them for a life of high sacrifice and humble service to bring light and love and liberation to many wherever thou shalt lead them.”

For his sermon that morning, Dad quoted the entire book of 1 Peter from memory. He was a great one for memorizing Scripture and had committed many verses and other lengthy passages to memory. He was indeed an example to the flock (1 Peter 5:3). I will be using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as he did.

Rev. John Stanley Benson  
Father’s Day, 2010