

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2007 – 11:00 AM  
Covenant Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Call to Worship 2 Timothy 1:1-14

\*Opening Song Led by David Reitman

*We Want to See Jesus Lifted High*

\*Opening Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson: Lamentations 1:1-6 Lynda Seguin, Reader

Prayer of Confession From Ruth Duck, Flames of the Spirit

God of love and justice,  
we long for peace within and peace without.  
We long for harmony in our families,  
for serenity in the midst of struggle.  
We long for the day when our homes  
will be a dwelling place for your love.

Yet we confess that we are often anxious;  
we do not trust each other,  
and we harbor violence.  
We are not willing to take the risks  
and make the sacrifices that love requires.

Look upon us with kindness and grace.  
Rule in our homes and in all the world;  
Show us how to walk in your paths,  
through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

A Report from the Women's Retreat

Claire Bentley

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+Children ages 3 – Grade 4 are dismissed for Junior JAMBoree+

Offering

\*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

*Sing Praise to the Father*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*A Song of Devotion

*All I Once Held Dear*

Communion Meditation

Luke 17:5-10

### WORTHY MASTER, WORTHLESS SLAVES

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

\*Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal #942

\*The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

\*Closing Song

*I Walk by Faith*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able please stand.

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

### Celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry

7018 Sydenstricker Road; Springfield, VA 22152

703-455-4150 communitycovenant@verizon.net

www.covenantchurchva.org

*Our mission as a congregation is calling people from the 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
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study "Living Passionately for Christ"
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes for all ages
<b>Oct. 14</b>		Adults: A Workshop led by Doug Thorpe "Parables as Keys to Healthy Relationships" Session 3 – Parables' (Un)Common Wisdom Repairing and Restoring Relationships
	11:00 AM	Service of Holy Communion

**Remember**, other groups regularly use this building. 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.

### Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	A message of hope for exiles
Psalms 66:1-12	Come and see what God has done
2 Timothy 2:8-15	A sure saying
Luke 17:11-19	The grateful Samaritan

## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Group** - Youth Group meets this month on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 6:45. The group is led by Jim Hamilton and is open to all Middle and Senior High students. For more information, contact Kathy Knowles in the Church Office or listen to the "Youth Ministry Hotline" at 703-455-4150. Guests are always welcome to join in.

**The Youth Group is sponsoring a Child** through Compassion International. His name is Yohannes, and he lives in Indonesia. \$40 per month has been pledged by the Youth to help support this five-year-old boy. The donations box has been placed on the credenza with information on Yohanes in the information holder. Members of the Youth Group should place their donations in the box as they have them. Donations received above the \$40 target will be kept in the account until Yohanes' birthday in October and for Christmas.

**A Report from Troop 1853:** 31 people from the Troop (24 of them scouts) worked from 8:45 to noon alongside 6 people from the church. The scouts logged a total of 63 combined hours working on the church property. Work done included major yard work and cleaning (including the dome on top of the building). We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Scouts of Troop 1853, their leaders and their families!

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

**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. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

**We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today.** If you *confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead* you are encouraged to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate, please feel free to remain in your seat. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the Bread and the Cup if, in the opinion of their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our custom is to wait until everyone has been served, in order to eat and drink together.



**Join Sunday School!** Doug Thorpe is presently teaching a lesson on Parables. Here's what you've missed so far – Stories that Change the World and Treasure Maps for Relationships. It's not too late though. In the next two weeks we will learn how Parables are “(Un)Common Wisdom: Repairing and Restoring Relationships.” On October 21<sup>st</sup> the study will be “Parables of Surprising Reversal: Resentment, Relationship Poison and Cure.”

**Pastor Benson** will be leaving for Connecticut this afternoon to join Sandy in Cromwell. This will be a week of continuing education for John as he attends the Convocation and Lectures at Yale Divinity School, his alma mater. He will also be participating in an East Coast Conference Board Meeting on Saturday. The Bensons will return to Virginia next Sunday.

**Today is Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday** in Covenant Churches. We encourage you to pick up copies of the brochures available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary and to join us in prayer about this urgent concern in our society.



**The Women's Bible Study** has chosen their study for this year: Living Passionately for Christ by Cass Monaco - A Bible study on the book of Philippians. Join them in the kitchen each Tuesday morning at 9:45.



**The World Relief Campaign** begins today and continues through the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Take one of the offering banks available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Put it on your kitchen table as a reminder to share what we have with those who are in need. The World Relief Theme this year is “You Can Make a Difference – We Can Make a Change.”

**Join in our “Above and Beyond” stewardship campaign** for Covenant World Missions. Look over the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary, read the brochure “Strong and Crazy for Christ,” and make a contribution or a pledge today, using the envelopes provided on the credenza. You may put the envelope in the basket or in the offering. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 beyond our budget for Covenant World Missions by the end of the year. So far \$3,200 has been raised.

**Life is No Picnic for many**, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the food pantry at ECHO when you come to worship him on Sunday. Put them in the picnic basket by the hymnal rack.



**In the Covenant Companion** – “A Preacher Walks into a Pub” – Covenant Pastor Jim Black reflects on listening to God in unexpected places. Also a report from Triennial XII. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at [www.covechurch.org/communications](http://www.covechurch.org/communications). Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.



**How to Contact Pastor Benson** – You may contact him in his office at church – 703-455-4150. The church’s e-mail address is [communitycovenant@verizon.net](mailto: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.



**Getting Away From It All** The Springfield Women’s Connection’s next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 11th at the Springfield Golf & Country Club from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Deb Goldsmith from YTB Travel Network reveals the latest hot travel spots and secrets to traveling cheap. Actress and former TV talk show host Karin Williams shares how she learned to say goodbye to painful losses and hello to a bright tomorrow. The price of \$17 is all-inclusive. Please reserve your place by October 8th by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780). Free childcare is available, but must be reserved.

...

**Directory Time** – please take a look at the latest edition of the directory and make sure your information is correct.



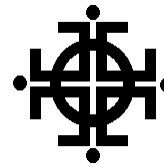
**Did you miss last week’s sermon?** Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).



**New Guidelines for Labels** to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee table where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.



**Have You Forgotten the Buddy Board?** There are many people available and willing to do a variety of things for you. Please take a look at the bulletin board above the hymnal shelf to see who’s volunteering for what. If you would like to place your name on the board and volunteer, please do!



*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.covechurch.org](http://www.covechurch.org)

**A Covenant Affirmation:** We affirm the necessity of the new birth, which means committing ourselves to Christ and receiving forgiveness, acceptance and eternal life. It means being alive in Christ, and this life has the qualities of love and righteousness, joy and peace. We also affirm that growing to maturity in Christ is a lifelong process.