

June 15, 2017

## Clerk's Interesting News

Here's your CIN (Clerk's Interesting News) for this week—

**MEET THE PASTOR**—Come to a Covenant Community Gathering next month and get acquainted with our new pastor Rev. Steve Nofel. The Steiners are hosting Saturday, July 9; the Bystroffs on Sunday, July 10; the Robinsons on Saturday, July 15; and the final gathering will take place in the LeFever/Risley home on Sunday, July 16. The first three are tentatively scheduled to commence at 3:00 p.m. and the last at 6:30 p.m. Faithfully follow **CIN** in the Covenant Weekly Update email and online.

—Allen Schwab, Clerk of Session

*"Meet the Pastor" sign-ups will be available soon!*

## "Nuts & Bolts" Men's Monthly Breakfast

Our next gathering is this Saturday, June 17 from 7:00–8:30 a.m. in the Family Room. Chris Burns will be leading this month's lesson and Mark Hoffman will be preparing us breakfast vittles! Plan on having food, great fellowship, and an all-around quality experience together in our quest to be better men and disciples of Christ. All men eighteen and older are welcome. Invite your neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

## Caregiver's Journey

Are you a caregiver for a parent, spouse, special needs child, or other person, even if he or she lives with someone else? We would like to walk this journey with you. We will meet the third Saturday of each month to talk, share, and laugh. Our next meeting is Saturday, June 17 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Marco's Pizza, 9420 Briar Village Point. (NE corner of Briargate Parkway & Chapel Hills Dr). Contact Kathy McCoy at 719.598.5069 or 719.650.5968 (cell).

## Temporary Office Hours

Rebecca will be on vacation next week, June 19–22, so the office hours will be 9:00–11:00 a.m. In case of emergency, contact [Cathy Eskew](#).

## Outreach

### Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers

Support the youth group's upcoming trip to Nicaragua by attending these three great fundraisers:

- **Car Wash**—Saturday, June 24, 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Covenant.
- **Marco's Pizza**—Sunday, July 2, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., 9420 Briar Village Point.
- **Lulu's Yogurt**—Sunday, July 16, noon-to 9:00 p.m., 9475 Briar Park Point.

There are still youth who need your support to ensure they will be able to be part of this trip. Donations are also accepted [online](#). Select "Event" and choose "2017 Mission Trip–Nicaragua" in the pull-down menu or give to the Outreach Opportunity Fund this Sunday (see below).

### Outreach Opportunity Fund

This Sunday, June 18, is the third Sunday of the month when we collect a special offering designated for the purpose of mission/outreach work. These funds may support an individual, a mission trip, a local organization, or another entity approved by our mission board. To give toward this fund, simply enclose your gift in a yellow envelope and drop it in the offering basket on the third week of the month. You may also donate to the Outreach Opportunity Fund [online](#). June's Outreach Opportunity Fund will support the youth mission trip to Nicaragua.

### 30 Days of Prayer

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World, May 27–June 25, 2017. Pray with faith, hope, and love for the Muslim world.

## Submissions

To submit information for our next Weekly Update (Thursday, June 22\*), website, Sunday announcements, or prayer requests, send information to: [lcraig@covenant-pres.org](mailto:lcraig@covenant-pres.org), [rdillon@covenant-pres.org](mailto:rdillon@covenant-pres.org), [office@covenant-pres.org](mailto:office@covenant-pres.org).

\*All information must be received by **noon on Tuesdays** to be included in the Weekly Update.

## Pray Now

Please remember to let us know when to change or remove your prayer request.

**Sid Hough:** Sid was scheduled to have surgery on her shoulder when she fell and broke her other arm.

**Pat Gilliland:** His brother (and Sarah Boatright's uncle), Mike Gilliland, has been diagnosed with Bone Cancer. Prayers for wisdom and peace.

**Cathy Gurganus:** Recovery from carpal and cubital tunnel surgery and upcoming thyroid surgery.

**Amanda Brandt:** Pray for ongoing health issues.

**Chris and Lisa Nelson:** Continue to pray for the Nelsons' recovery from a car accident.

**The Dewey Family:** Pray for Grant and family as they grieve the loss of their loving wife and mom, Rachel.

**Briar Schumacher:** Briar has transitioned to hospice care. Pray for comfort for her, husband, Kevin, and children, Awin and Winzy.

**Youth Mission Trip to Nicaragua** is coming up July 29–August 5. Pray for God's spirit to be in all things, specifically: funds and fundraisers, organization, and excitement for all who are going. Also, that Young Life and Gabriel work out logistics while in Nicaragua.

## Shalom Ministry

Elders, Deacons, and Shalom ministers are available to pray with and for you at the Prayer Corner (the back right side of the Worship Room) at the end of every service each Sunday.

Also, join the Shalom ministers on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the library if you need prayer or want to pray.

For urgent prayer needs contact the office at: [office@covenant-pres.org](mailto:office@covenant-pres.org) or 719.598.0800.

## Kidz News



**Vacation Bible School is still in need of volunteers.** We can never have too many volunteers so sign up soon. Also, check the VBS donation board in the Atrium to see what items we are still needing.

**Holy Moly** is not meeting this summer to give our volunteers a break, while allowing families to worship together.

## Student News

Our **Summer BBQ** for middle and high school students is every Wednesday from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Invite your friends! For more information or to get involved with the youth at Covenant, contact [Gabriel](#).

## Thank You Covenant Family

*I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who honored me last week by attending the potluck, sending notes, or blessing me with calls and wonderful words of encouragement! The thoughts and the gifts were overwhelming and appreciated. Thank you for walking alongside my family these past 16 years. I look forward to journeying together for many more years to come.*

—Anna Fish

## Sunday Learning Communities

*All classes meet at 9:00 a.m.*

**Birth-Grade 5** classes are located in the Children's Hallway in Rooms 101-109.

**Middle & High School** meets in Room 208/209.

## Adults

**Mosaic** meets in Room 204 (the Library).

Mosaic is an adult learning community, open to anyone seeking to dig deeper into the Word, hear stories of God's leading, and learn how to offer one's whole life to God. Currently, we are working through the study **Habits of a Missional Life**. Join us as we "love life together."

**Roundtables** meets in the Family Room.

This is an interactive class where we look at the relationships between faith and contemporary culture.

Brad Krug began a 3-week study on June 11, on the book **Perelandra** where C. S. Lewis takes us on an adventure within paradise. If you have ever wondered what it would have been like to live in the Garden of Eden, now is your chance to find out. For those overachievers, you may want to read the first book in the series as well, **Out of the Silent Planet**. Paul Filidis has the book for sale at the book table in the Atrium.

## Leadership of Covenant

**Our Board of Elders** is called the Session; this group is responsible for life and ministry at Covenant. We have twelve elders who are elected by the congregation for three-year terms. Elders at Covenant serve on one of four commissions, each with a different area of responsibility for Covenant's ministries. Elders are listed below according to their commissions and responsibilities:

### Adult Discipleship

Marlene LeFever, Mark Rothe, Larry Schaad, George Steiner

### Children & Students

Paul Blakesley, Cody Hanson, Karla McKechnie

### Operations

Bruce Eskew, Harold Overstreet, Craig Robinson

### Worship Arts & Prayer

John Bystroff, Sid Hough, Allen Schwab

You are invited to engage an elder in conversation about anything at Covenant. Photographs of our elders and their names are in the Atrium next to the Russia bulletin board.

**Covenant's Board of Deacons** is a part of the leadership fabric of church life, mobilizing our congregation to enter the caring process in two primary areas:

- **A Ministry of Caring** (e.g. financial support, cards, meals, and visitation).
- **Tasks of Service** (e.g. Communion, baptism & Worship Room preparation, receptions).

### Deacons

Donna Arndt, Jeff Barnes, Sheri George, Cathy Gurganus, Deborah Liefer, Kate Gosling, Mark Hoffman, Sue Lien, Debra Magee, Brian Millburn, Colin Paauw, Gayle Sjoerdsma

## Staff of Covenant

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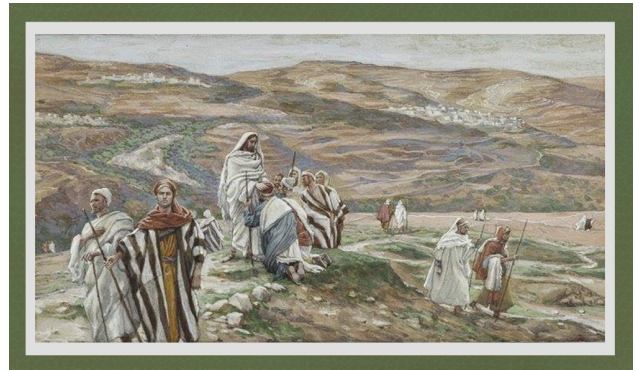
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## Parish Associates

Stephen Kolmetz, Ruth McIntyre, and Lisa Nelson



Title: "He Sent Them Out Two by Two"

Artist: James Jacques Joseph Tissot

Date: 1886-94

## Giving Update

Weekly need: \$10,242

Last Sunday: \$6,770

Your consistent contributions help us build bridges of God's hope and healing in our community and across the world. For your convenience, you may make a donation [online](#).

## Sermon Series

June 18 Ruth McIntyre

June 25 Cathy Eskew

July 2 Steve Nofel

Listen to Sermons or download the podcast at:

<http://covenantpreschurch.podbean.com>.

## Our Vision

To build bridges of God's hope and healing in our relationships, our community, and across the world.

## Our Mission

To invite people into a caring church family, introduce them to a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ, and inspire them to follow him with wholehearted devotion, empowered by his Spirit and guided by his word.

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