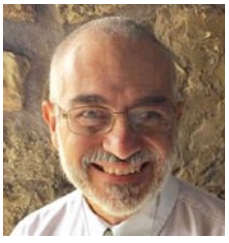


**August 10, 2017**



## Steve's Corner of the Neighborhood

FUMBLE! I fumbled on Sunday. During the welcome I had every good intention to ask you to please note the presence of the Baptismal Font, the Lord's Table, and the Pulpit. However, I simply forgot to introduce this new element to our sacred space.

Our sacred space, our Sanctuary, is the place set apart for us as the People of God to worship and praise the Lord God. More, the Sanctuary is the place of refuge to get prayed up, prepared, and strengthened to fulfill Christ's demand that we, "Go out to all the world!"

Word and Sacrament—the Scriptures, bread, fruit of the vine, and water—are the elements the Bible lifts up to help us worship and prepare. We have them at the center of our sacred space to remind us of—actually, to facilitate—our calling, our worship, and our ministry.

The central visual focus on the bowl, table, and pulpit, connects us with believers of every time and place. They function as a non-verbal act of unity of Spirit with churches and believers everywhere.

The Book of Common Worship also says something about the visual focus on the Word and Sacrament in worship that I never realized, "The unity at the font, pulpit, and table is the true road to healing the brokenness of Christ's church." And our crazy mixed-up world, nation, state, city, and neighborhood.

## New Members Class

Pastor Steve Nofel, along with several of the Elders, will be leading the class on August 13 and 20 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 202. Expect a fun, informative time learning about who we are as reformed/presbyterian Christians and how we live out our calling at Covenant Presbyterian Church. All are welcome—those new to our church and veteran members.

## Nuts and Bolts Monthly Men's Breakfast

The next Nuts and Bolts breakfast will be Saturday, August 19, 7:00 –8:30 a.m. in the Family Room. Plan to have breakfast, great fellowship, and an all-around quality experience. Steve Arndt will continue the video series, "Healing the Heart" by Dallas Willard, and Cody Hanson will be our chef. All men 18 and older are welcome—invite your friends and neighbors.

## 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. Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. New Meeting Place: Covenant, Room 204. Call or text Kathy McCoy, 719.650.5968.

## Deacon's Offering

On the second Sunday of each month (*this Sunday*) we collect a special offering that attends to the needs of those within our body by giving financial support and provision of care. You may donate to the *Deacons Sharing Fund* [online](#), or drop your gift in the offering basket this Sunday (please, use a green envelope).

## Outreach Opportunities

### Angel Tree

Ken Krebs is looking for someone to take over Angel Tree, a ministry to families with incarcerated loved ones. Please contact Ken Krebs, 719.599.7145 or [ken.krebs@yahoo.com](mailto:ken.krebs@yahoo.com) if you are interested hearing what is involved.

### Kostroma Giving Tree

With less than two weeks before their trip, our Russia team is still in need of items with which they can bless orphan graduates at the Kostroma Ministry Center. This is an easy way to be involved in our Russia ministry without actually going there! The needed items are listed on a poster on the Russia table in the Atrium. Take a sticky note, buy the item(s) and return them to the table by August 20 so that the team can pack donations that evening. The team asks for your prayers and support as they prepare and embark on this exciting adventure from August 23 to September 4.

### Awana News

Awana begins September 6 and we are looking for additional volunteers. All volunteers must attend one of the trainings on either August 20 or 27 after the worship service in Room 208/209. Contact [Sarah Boatright](#) or go [online](#) to find more information about Awana or [click here](#) to register your child.

### Grilled Cheese Volunteers Needed

*Grilled Cheese*, a ministry to juniors and seniors at Rampart High School, will be starting for the 2017-2018 school year on Thursday, September 7, and we need volunteers. Each Thursday we make 400+ sandwiches for 100-200 students—that's a lot of butter that needs spreading! First lunch is from 10:00–11:30 a.m. and second lunch is from 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. If you can't commit to both shifts, no problem! Come to one of the shifts. Contact, [Gabriel Jaramillo](#) for information or to volunteer.



### Mercy's Gate Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought in backpacks and school supplies for the Mercy's Gate Back-to-School drive. We delivered 12 backpacks, supplies, and snacks to Mercy's Gate to help bless children in our community!



**Bill Dickson memorial**—“Thank you all for the love and prayers over the last days as we navigate this reality.” Linda also wanted her Covenant Church family to know that the memorial service for Bill will be held on Saturday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Road, Cupertino, California. Rev. Cathy Eskew will be giving the message. In memory of Bill’s passions and life’s work, contributions may be made to: LightSys Technology Services; Save the Redwoods League; Covenant Presbyterian Church Missions Department; West Valley Presbyterian Church Missions Department; or the charity of your choice.

Linda is considering a trip to Colorado Springs in a month or so. When she is here, there will be a gathering to remember Bill and support her and the family. Our deacons will help with the arrangements. In the meantime, we continue our prayerful, loving support. You can send a card with your thoughts and prayers to Linda Dickson, 18980 Barnhart Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014.

A memorial site has been created at: <http://www.dickson4.net/>. You can share memories and photos you have of Bill by sending them to: [inmemorium@dickson4.net](mailto:inmemorium@dickson4.net).

## Pray Now

*Please notify us when your request needs to be updated or removed.*

**Youth Mission Trip to Nicaragua:** Thanksgiving that everyone is back safely.

**Linda Dickson:** Wrap Linda in prayer after the unexpected passing of her husband, Bill. Pray for their children, David and Jonathan, and their entire family.

**Doug Moore:** His mother, Marge Page, is in hospice care.

**Diane Wisdom:** Her father is seriously ill and her mother has injuries from a fall.

**David Lee:** Continued recovery from a mini-stroke.

**Don and Judy Shive:** Continue to pray for their grandson, Adrian, who is being treated for two forms of leukemia.

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

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

**The Schumacher Family:** Pray for comfort for Kevin, and children, Awin and Winzy, as they grieve the passing of their loving wife and mom, Briar.

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

## Prayer Ministry

Elders, Deacons, and Shalom ministers are available to pray with and for you at the Prayer Corner at the conclusion of Sunday morning worship service each week.

You are invited to join the Prayer Team to pray for Covenant on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. You may also receive prayer (in the group or privately).

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

## Kidz News



**Children’s Hallway Makeover**—Interested in joining the makeover team. RSVP to [Sarah Boatright](#) if you are available to help paint on August 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Blessing Bags**—We will be praying over the children and handing out Back-to-School blessing bags this Sunday, August 13 during the Worship Service.

**Promotion Sunday**—Children who are moving up will go to their new classes at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 20.

**Spiritual Parenting Class**—Sarah Boatright will be leading a six-week class on spiritual parenting on Sundays from 9:00–10:10 a.m. beginning September 24. Cost is \$20 per family. Online registration begins August 15 or sign-up in the Atrium beginning August 13. Find more information about the class [online](#).

## Student News

**Summer BBQs**—Summer may be fading fast but the grill is still fired up. Youth group—for middle and high school students—meets Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Contact [Gabriel](#) for more information or to volunteer with the youth group.

## Women’s Ministry

**Women’s Retreat**—Sign-up in the Atrium Sunday mornings for the retreat on September 16. More information [online](#). The next retreat planning meeting is August 20 after the service in Room 207.

**Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study**—The weekly study begins August 24 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Room 204 (the Library). We will be using Beth Moore’s study, *David, Seeking a Heart Like His*. Contact [Sue Lien](#) or [click here](#) for more information.

**Book Club** The fall kick-off will be August 27, 7:00 p.m. with the book: *Secrets of a Charmed Life* by Susan Meissner (Historical Fiction). Bring a friend who loves to read and a list of your favorite books that you’ve read this summer. More details [online](#) or contact at [Sue Lien](#).

## Sunday Learning Communities

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

**Birth-Grade 5** classes meet 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 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.

**August 13** Mosaic continues a series based on the book *Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis*.

**Roundtables** meets in the Family Room.

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

**August 13** Karla Coughlin will lead an exploration of the Spirit realm, physical realm, the Holy Spirit, and how they interact; finishing with an explanation of Listening/Healing Prayer and how Jesus desires to set us free to live the abundant life.

## 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 and 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, Sanctuary preparation, and receptions).

### Deacons

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

## Giving Update

Weekly need: \$10,242

August 6, 2017: \$12,271

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](#).

Submit 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) (by noon Tuesday for our next Weekly Update on Thursday, August 17), website, Sunday announcements, or prayer requests.

## 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 whole-hearted devotion, empowered by his Spirit and guided by his word.

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Lisa Nelson

## Sermon Series by Steve Nofel

The very first wedding I ever officiated, I teamed up with a rabbi. He did the vows and I preached. It was all very cool, especially my sermon. It was based on the #1 Rock and Roll song on the radio that week, "What's Love Got to do With It?" Of course I cleverly and emphatically answered "EVERYTHING!"

For the next month our sermon series asks that same question: "What's Love Got to do With It?" Okay, the song may be on the oldies station these days, but yesterday, today, and forever LOVE has everything to do with who we are as the Children of God and the Church of Jesus Christ.

Aug. 13 "...\_...\_" 1 Corinthians 12:4-14

Aug. 20 **You are Very Good** – Genesis 1:1-2, 31; 2:4-7

Aug. 27 **God Declares You are a Child of God** – John 3:16-17; 1 John 3:1

Sept. 3 **A Still More Excellent Way** – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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