

Happening this Week

Sunday, October 15

- ▶ **40-days of prayer for our church** runs through Thursday, October 19. Prayer guides are available ([online](#) and at church).
- ▶ **Learning Communities at 9:00 a.m. for Adults, Youth, and Children**
 - ▶ **Spiritual Parenting Class**—Room 202. Find details [online](#).
 - ▶ **Mosaic**—Room 204. A community of believers growing together in Christ and relationship. Topic: Seeking Refuge.
 - ▶ **Roundtables**—Family Room. Glenn Paauw is leading, *Losing It: Our Revolutionary Downward Journey in Christ*. More information [online](#).
- ▶ **Worship Service** at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be a special *Service of Healing and Wholeness*. For more information, read **Steve's Corner of the Neighborhood** on page 2 or online at: <http://www.covenant-pres.org/healing-service-oct-15/>.
- ▶ **Opportunity Outreach Offering**—We will be taking a special offering for missions. You may donate [online](#), or drop your gift in the offering basket this Sunday (please use a yellow envelope).
- ▶ **STIX Ministry**—11:45–12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

- ▶ **Awana** 6:00–7:30 p.m. More information [online](#).
- ▶ **Youth group** —6:00–7:30 p.m. in Room 208/209. Youth, come for fun, games, community, and learning. Dinner will be served.
- ▶ **Prayer**—Join Shalom ministers and elders at 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Room 207 to pray for our church, or come if you are in need of prayer.

Thursday, October 19

- ▶ **Grilled Cheese**—Lunch program for Rampart High School junior and senior classes from 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Feed My Starving Children—Register [here](#) for the FMSC MobilePack on October 27 and 28. Purchase tickets [online](#) for the FMSC benefit concert, featuring Katie and Joe Uveges, at Covenant on October 20.

Youth Group Winter Retreats—Go [online](#) to find out about two retreats coming this winter for middle school and high school students.

Women's Ministry Leadership Meeting—Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. at LaTartine Cafe, 1420 Kelly Johnson Blvd. Contact Judy Oraker, 719.597.0597 for details. All women are welcome.

Women's Book Club—This month's book club is October 29, 7:00 p.m. at [Mary Ellen Schaad's](#). We are discussing *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

Trunk or Treat—October 31, 4:00–6:00 p.m. We need lots of you to join in this fun outreach to our neighborhood. Email [Sarah Boatright](#) TODAY to register your car!

Coming in November

Three things are happening on November 5 and 12: Church Library Book Sale, the Mercy's Gate Thanksgiving Meal Basket collection, and the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program. Also, Awana is having a *Community Night* on November 15. All are invited to come.

Dave Post has kindly stepped into the position of Logistics Assistant. If you need help with set-up in the church building, please contact Rebecca Dillon in the office, **719.598.0800** or rdillon@covenant-pres.org.

Men's Retreat—

The Men's Retreat will be Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Men of all ages and experience are invited. Pastor Steve Nofel will lead the men in discussion and practice of a handful of spiritual Disciplines. There will also be food, fellowship, a time of play, and exercise. We need help with the food. Please see, [email](#), text or call Pastor Steve Nofel, 402.202.2381.

Covenant Youth Coffee Fundraiser—Please use [this link](#) to order **41 & change coffee** online. Buy coffee grown and produced at La Finca Young Life camp and farm in the mountains of Nicaragua and help send a Covenant Youth to Nicaragua and a Nicaraguan Youth to camp. You can also set up a subscription to have your favorite coffee—hand-picked, roasted, and vacuumed sealed—delivered to your home once a month.

Pray Now

Lyssa Bingman: A family member, Emily, 33, has aggressive metastatic cancer and is having risky brain surgery on October 13 in Denver. Emily's dad has metastatic lung cancer and is in hospice.

The Benson Family: Susan Benson has been released from the hospital. Prayers Rich and Alie can obtain good services—day programs, personal assistants, etc.—to keep Susan safe and happily occupied. Continued healing for Alie after knee replacement surgery.

Hannah Kolmetz: Pray for recovery from a concussion.

David Lee, Lori Lamm, and family: Lori is retiring from the Army and they are preparing to move to Washington D.C. in November.

Dave and Ligia Carpenter: Dave is recovering from hip replacement surgery. Ligia, recovery from a broken ankle.

Diane Wisdom: Continued prayer for Diane's parents, Donn & Lorna Parker, and for Tom and Diane as they assist them in California.

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

Amanda Brandt: Pray for ongoing health issues.

Pray for those who are grieving the passing of loved ones:

Harold Overstreet and family, Doug Moore and family, Dave Post and family, Linda Dickson and family, Kevin Schumacher and family, Grant Dewey and family.

Last Sunday's Giving— \$9,333 Weekly need: \$10,242

For your convenience, you may make a [financial donation online](#).

Listen to past sermons or download Covenant's podcast [online](#).

Steve's Corner of the Neighborhood is now [online](#).

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Steve's Corner of the Neighborhood

Healing Service October 15

On Sunday, October 15, at 10:15 a.m., we will have a special worship *Service of Healing and Wholeness*.

Whatever burden you are bearing: physical, spiritual, emotional, or mental, I invite you to bring those burdens to the Lord.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. – Matthew 11:28-29

Together, we will boldly ask Jesus for healing. We will pray for and with one another. Our Shalom ministers will lay hands upon, and anoint with oil, any who chose this special enacted prayer.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. – James 5:13-15

Asking for and accepting forgiveness, wellness, and wholeness is a big step toward healing what has burdened us in the past and living into the future He has in mind for us.

Not turning back and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

The Lord has big, joyful plans for us. These plans are for a glad future. This Sunday, let us move toward these godly plans by letting go of the hurt, and continue healing as we ask the Holy Spirit to once again lead, guide, and be with us.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11-14

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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