

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Weekly Update

January 10, 2019

Happening this Week

Thursday, January 10

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study: 9:00 a.m., Room 204.

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Family Room.

The Well: 6:30 p.m., Room 204. The Well, a women's Bible study group led by Cathy Eskew, is beginning its spring semester tonight. New members are welcome.

Sunday, January 13

Learning Communities, 9:00 a.m.

- **Kids:** Birth–4 years, Room 104; K–2nd, Room 107; 3rd–5th, Room 101.
- **Middle and High School:** Room 208/209.
- **Mosaic:** Room 204. Pastor Steve Nofel will be leading a three-week class on the sacraments beginning today. All are invited to the class, from elementary school to the most seasoned adults. We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.
- **Roundtables:** Chris Burns gives insight from his law enforcement perspective on opioid use.

Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Blankets, Brunch, and a Buddy: Sign-ups today in the Atrium.

High School Youth Group: 5:00–7:00 p.m. The Hansons' home, 7670 Conifer Dr. Dinner will be served.

Tuesday, January 15

Old Guys Breakfast: 7:00 a.m., IHOP, 8065 N. Academy Blvd.

Wednesday, January 16

Awana: 6:00 p.m., Family Room. It is not too late to register your child or to volunteer to serve at Awana. Contact children@covenant-pres.org for more information.

Middle School Youth Group: 6:00 p.m., Room 208/209.

Looking Ahead

Children's Ministry Leaders: We are excited to announce that we have new curriculum for kindergarten through fifth grade classes. There will be a meeting introducing the curriculum on January 20 for current leaders and all who are interested.

Youth Group Winter Retreats

Snowbound for middle school students: January 25-27, 2019.

[Register online.](#)

High Altitude for high school students: February 15-17, 2019.

[Register online.](#)

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on Sunday, February 3, directly following the worship service. We will elect a slate of elders and deacons to do the business of the church. Those who normally submit a written report, please email it to rdillon@covenant-pres.org and lcraig@covenant-pres.org by January 11.

Missions Update

The January Outreach Opportunity Offering, taking place this Sunday, January 13, will be given to Nici Barrett in order to help with the moving expenses that she will incur in relocating back to the States from Thailand. You may donate [online](#), or drop your gift in the offering basket (please use a yellow envelope).

Blankets, Brunch, and a Buddy

The women of Covenant will be making tied fleece blankets to be given away to the Salvation Army for needy women and children. Make blankets with us on two Saturdays, January 19 and January 26, 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 208/209. Bring a buddy, a pair of scissors, a yardstick or ruler, and something to share for our brunch. No sewing experience necessary. Donations are appreciated to help cover the expense of the material. Each blanket costs approximately \$13. Sign up this Sunday in the Atrium.

Sermon Series—Dented Heroes of Faith

Steve Nofel, Pastor

From Sunday, January 6, until Transfiguration Sunday, March 3, we will be focusing on the heroes of faith that led us to the coming of Christ. Our focus will be on the fact that they are just like us. These great people of God were not haloed, stained-glass saints. They were human people with faults, doubts, strengths, weaknesses, and plenty of foibles. Yet, God raised them up. God raises you up. We (and they) are not necessarily broken, but dented. A broken-down car will not run, but a dented car, while not looking all that pretty, is still of great use. By looking at how God used Noah, Sarah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Ruth, and Esther, we will see how God uses you and me.

This Week's Sermon—*Abraham and Isaac: Climb Every Mountain*

Pray Now

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Bill and Nancy Tibert and family: Pray for the Tiberts as they grieve the passing of Nancy's mother. For the Tibert's new address, please contact the office.

Gayle Sjoerdsma: Requests prayer for a job, preferably full-time, that pays well and has benefits.

Teri Antti: Teri and Sincerity are in need of a house to rent and Teri needs a part time job in children's ministry, non-profit administration, or hospitality.

Kathleen Szczur: Her step-dad is in hospice care.

Donna Arndt: The family of her friend Wendy who are grieving the passing of Wendy's father.

Rochelle Fralick: Her father is having health issues.

Martinson Family: They are going through some transitions in life.

Anne Madsen: Pray for her parents Gary and Lee Kolbitski. Her dad has had cancer for two years and is receiving new treatments.

Steve Skiba: Undergoing cancer treatment.

Terry Skiba: Thumb surgery

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

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

Pray for those caring for family members.

Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Pray for our search for a new Director of Children's Ministries.

Pray for Nici Barrett as she leaves Thailand and moves back to Colorado. Pray that she will have discernment and direction for the future.

Praise Now

Praise God for:

- the generosity of our church family.
- giving us a new year with so many possibilities.
- being with us when we are with our loved ones

Giving

January 6: \$8,437 Current Weekly Need: \$10,328

You may [donate online](#).

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Opportunities for Service

► Deacons

Consider Your Calling to This Vital and Wonderful Ministry

The Deacons of our church are the ministry hands and feet of Jesus called to: care for the members of our church, set up and serve Communion, and give help where help is needed. This is a wonderful and awesome responsibility. We have twelve people on the Board of Deacons, and each takes on some ministries. No ministry is done alone or without support.

The Standing Nominating Committee is currently seeking people to commit to this ministry for a three year term. There is a monthly meeting of the whole board to pray, share, and give and receive updates. Subgroups of deacons minister throughout the month.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a deacon of our church. The only qualifications are: you must be a member of the church and you must love the Lord and be willing to share his love. You will receive training, equipping, and support. Prayerfully consider your call.

► Worship Arts Tech Support

Many Gifts and Talents are Needed for Our Sunday Worship

Many people with so many diverse gifts and talents help all of us worship the Lord with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength. We can't help but notice and be appreciative of singers, musicians, preachers, and Communion leaders.

The quiet, behind-the-scenes people are as important as those mentioned above. We need more people who are willing to step up and run the sound and the computer on Sunday mornings. While some training will be needed for each ministry, it is not overwhelming or too difficult. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office: 719.598.0800 or office@covenant-pres.org.

► Director of Children's Ministries

We are seeking a part-time Director of Children's Ministries for our church. Anyone is welcome to apply. We are asking for resumes from members and non-members of our church. The job description, expectations, and application are posted on indeed.com. Or, you may send your resume and a cover letter directly to Pastor Steve Nofel at pastor@covenant-pres.org. The Children and Student Ministry Commission will be acting as the search committee. Pastor Nofel is collecting and collating the resumes and will distribute them to members of the commission.

Prayerfully consider your call and pray for the person whom the Lord has already chosen.

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