

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Weekly Update

February 7, 2019

## Happening this Week

### Thursday, February 7

**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—Women's Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m., Room 204.

### Sunday, February 10

**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 continues a three-week class: *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Covenant Presbyterian Church*. This is for longtime members as well as newer folks.

- **Roundtables:** City Councilman Richard Skorman, and City Planner Andy Phelps, will be speaking about homelessness in Colorado Springs.

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

**Deacons' Sharing Fund:** On the second Sunday of each month we collect a special offering that attends to the needs of those within our body. If you would like to donate to this fund, please enclose your gift in a green envelope and drop it in the offering basket. You may also give to the Deacons' Sharing Fund [online](#).

**High School Youth Group:** 5:00–7:00 p.m. The Boatrights' house, 8258 Brigantine Dr. Dinner will be served.

### Tuesday, February 12

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

### Wednesday, February 13

**Awana:** 6:00 p.m., Family Room. Everyone is invited to join the kids as they assemble blessing bags for the homeless. Drop off donations in the Atrium this Sunday or bring them with you tonight.

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

## Looking Ahead

**Celebrating Our 35th Year:** Covenant Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its thirty-fifth year as a chartered congregation on October 15. This demands a special commemoration and celebration—and the time to start planning is now! If you are interested in being part of the planning team for this special event, contact Pastor Steve Nofel: text or call 402.202.2381, or email [pastor@covenant-pres.org](mailto:pastor@covenant-pres.org).

**Missions Team Reboot:** The Missions Team is in the process of reforming and is looking for members interested in promoting and supporting missions at Covenant. If you are interested or have questions, email [Brenda Stegner](mailto:Brenda.Stegner).



## What about the homeless in our city?

City Councilman Richard Skorman, and City Planner Andy Phelps, will be our special guests in Roundtables on February 10. They will be speaking about homelessness in Colorado Springs. Roundtables meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Room.

## Another Annual Meeting in the Books

Thanks to everyone who submitted reports and attended the annual meeting last Sunday. Once again, we thank Allen Schwab for his service as he retires as clerk of session. We also thank Lisa Craig for putting together our annual report and slides for the meeting.

On Sunday, the congregation elected the following new elders: Patrick Carrigan, Colin Duran, and Scott McKechnie. And the following board of deacons: Heidi Griffin, Sandy McClure, Chuck Nofel, Holly Pettit, and Liz Sabin.

Thanks to Chari Hicks, Brian Millburn, and Don Stump who stepped up at the meeting and were elected to the Standing Nominating Committee.

## Introducing Your 2019 Session

We currently have nine elders serving on four commissions with each commission having at least two elders. The current elders and the commissions they will be serving on are:

**Adult Discipleship Commission:** Mark Rothe and Allison Sack.

**Children and Student Ministry Commission:** Colin Duran and Cody Hanson.

**Operations Commission:** Patrick Carrigan, Scott McKechnie, and Larry Schaad.

**Worship Arts and Prayer Commission:** John Bystroff and Sid Hough.

In the next *Weekly Update* we will print a list of current deacons and the area of ministry each has chosen to focus on.

We will be ordaining and installing our new deacons and elders on Sunday, February 24, during the worship service.

## Pray Now

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**Charlie Clark:** Pray for Charlie and his two brothers as they grieve the passing of their father.

**Dave Somers:** Pray for relief from eye pain.

**Brian Millburn:** Pray for his niece Heather and family, especially great-niece Callan.

**Shari Wilcox:** Pray for safety and guidance for her nephew Tom Wilson, who is overseas on a mission.

**Rosa Cabera:** Recovering after surgery.

**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, nonprofit administration, housecleaning, or hospitality.

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

**Anne Madsen:** Pray for her parents Gary and Lee Kolbitski. Her dad is undergoing cancer treatment.

**Don and Judi Shive:** Continue to pray for their grandson Adrian, who is now being treated monthly for leukemia.

**Pray for** those 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** our next Clerk of Session.

## Praise Now

**Praise God for:**

- all 15 people from Covenant who are able to attend the *High Altitude* retreat after the leaders found space for them.
- our newly elected elders, deacons, and members of the Standing Nominating Committee.
- the blessing of a church full of people throughout the week.
- Holy Moly and Learning Communities for all ages.
- Our new members Kathy Cool and Elaine Whitson.

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*Thank you to everyone who sent good wishes to me in Las Vegas. It means a lot knowing that I have your support. As you read this I am competing in the tournament. My parents are rooting me on. Dad will update you on Sunday on how the tournament went.*

*Thank you and blessings,  
Matthew Nofel*



## Sermon Series—Dented Heroes of Faith

*Steve Nofel, Pastor*

This week we jump out of our dented heroes theme and will focus on three heroes in the Book of Ruth who have no dings, dents, scratches, or scrapes. Ruth, Naomi, and Orpah are three very different people and they are excellent examples of loving God and loving people. Each does it differently, and each is to be admired and imitated.

**Next week:** Samuel, the last of the great judges, the first of the great prophets, and a very grumpy leader of the people of God.

Women's Ministry Spring Event

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## Saturday, March 9

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Lisa Nelson will lead an interactive-session exploring fresh ways of communicating with God. Afterwards, we will gather for lunch and conversation.

Sign up in the Atrium beginning February 17.

## Giving Update

**February 3:** \$9,237 **Current Weekly Need:** \$10,328

**You may donate online.**

## Connect With Us

**Listen** to past sermons on [covenantpreschurch.podbean.com](http://covenantpreschurch.podbean.com).  
*There was no recording on February 3 due to technical problems.*

**Find us online** [covenant-pres.org](http://covenant-pres.org) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/covenantpreschurch).

*Covenant's Mission Information Form (MIF) on the PCUSA [website](#).*