

February 15, 2010

Caravan Highlights

Join Covenant friends and families of all ages for our

Lenten Supper Series:

“Being Faithful in Challenging Times”

Dates: February 17*, 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24

Time: Dinner at 5:30pm

1st-8th grade children activities at 6:00pm (*Feb. 24, March 3, 10 & 17*)

Childcare is available for infants to Kindergarten at 6:00pm

Worship at 6:15pm

Cost: \$7.00 for adults, children 12 & under are FREE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Soup & Bread Supper, followed by an Ash Wednesday Service as we begin the sacred season of Lent. Pastor Lin will be preaching with the traditional imposition of ashes offered.

Reflecting on our theme, “**Being Faithful in Challenging Times.**” our speakers will be:

February 24: Brad Brown

March 3: Donna & George Beestman

March 10: Melissa Hardy

March 17: Jim McDonald

March 24: Olivia Hunter

Call the church office for more information or to sign up: (608) 233-6297

Church Office

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am-10:45am Bradfield Cafe
8:30am Worship
9:40am Christian Ed
10:45am Worship

Nursery care is provided for children under three years.

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Cares, Concerns & Joys

We extend prayers to the following members and friends of Covenant:

Howard Adams, Keith Brink, Nathan Buttel, Miriam Cerveny, Steve Coons, Audrey Dean, Lucia Gronbeck, Eleanor Jones, Ron Koenig, Margaret Lehmann, JoAnn Malas, Jeanne Maruska, Mike Morgan, Jeanne Rebholz, Lois Selix, Tasha Songolo, Betty Stevenson, Linda Taylor, Gerrie Treu, Patty West

The Haitian people and the world's relief workers, Jane Acquaviva, sister of Fern Kanitz, Hildi Boeck, friend of Noel & Dick Pearson, Del & Debbie Braaksma and the RECONCILE ministry team serving in the Sudan, Thelma Carper, mother of Jan Swartz, Rob Comeau, friend of Joann & Gary Pivotto, Richard Coons, father of Steve Coons, Brenda Costin and family, niece of Rose Severson, Donna Curtis, friend of Patty West, Juanita Doan, sister of Rose Severson, Audrey Fechner, aunt of Laurie Jones, Michael Fontaine, grandson of Mary & Burr Fontaine, Martha Grabbit, mother of Peggy Bugg, Kay & Tom Hannum, parents of Judy Von Bergen, Brad Heck, uncle of Marit Sathrum, Cynthia & David Hershberger, parents of Linda Dolan, Shirley Hill, Presbyterian missionary, Art Howard, uncle of Barb Larsen, Chon Hutchison, daughter-in-law of Ruth Hutchison, The Kahl family, friends of the Whayland family, Lisa Kann and the Hendrickson family, friends of Jesse & Andrea Chandler-Dreher, Shirley Knuth, aunt of Lee Jones, Robert Kozarek, friend of Lynda Sharpe, Barbara Lanfer, daughter of Laurie Fox, Linda Anderson-Little, sister-in-law of Deb Cohn, Bill McClure, brother-in-law of Rose Severson, Dorothy Schaefer Mehring, mother of Bob Schaefer, Eric Miller, Covenant friend and missionary to Kenya, Emilie Nguidjol, mother of Emilie Ngo-Nguidjol, Family of James Ogbeide, friends of Emilie Ngo-Nguidjol, Ann Olsen, friend of Kathryn Arndt, Marine Oriyn, friend of Kathryn Arndt, Marian Oskin, mother of Pat Aune, The Rev. Amy Perkins, moderator of the John Knox Presbytery, Neil Phelps, brother of Judy Stevenson, Carla Phillips, daughter-in-law of Lucy Phillips, Kandie Pieratt, sister of Cindy Blewett, Ragonese family, cousins of Andrea Diaczun, Corp. Tyler Rascoe, grandson of Rose Severson, Don Rask, friend of Jan & Bill Minardi, Len Rush, friend of John Daly, Floyd Shriver, father of Kay Seifert, Mike Smith, friend of Christine Barden, John Van Ess, brother of Vicki Alexander, Andrea Williams, cousin of Mike Morgan, Roy Zimmerman, uncle of Fern Kanitz, Ito and Jorgito Asencion-Talion

Thoughts and prayers are with Joan Fliegel and family on the death of her sister, Carla May Glattly; with Ellen Sperling on the death of her mother, Grace Cline Bohn; and with Eric Girard and family on the death of his step-sister, Alison Girard; and with Sue Emerich on the death of her father, Stanley Severson.

General Announcements

2010 Church Directory is Hot Off the Press

Copies of the new year's directory are available for pick-up in the church narthex. To save on mailing costs we are asking those, who can, to pick up your copy at the church. If you cannot pick your's up, it will be sent to you. Thank you!

Family Game Event

Join your church family for a fellowship time of playing all types of games: board games, running games, floor games. Bring your favorite game to share!

Date: Sunday, February 21

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

For: Families of children 3 years to 8th grade

Food: Snack Potluck – bring snacking food to eat while playing games

Mark Your Calendars! Puppets for Lent!

When: During Lenten Supper Series

5 Wednesday evenings beginning February 24
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Who: All 1st through 8th graders

Watch the Caravan newsletter for more information or talk to Donna Monson.

Lenten Activities for Children and Families

1. Lenten Devotionals for elementary age children and for middle schoolers are available on the bulletin board in the narthex hallway.
2. Toilet Tissue Drive to assist the Allied Drive Wellness Center, sponsored by the Health Cabinet.
3. Puppets for Lent is part of the Lenten Supper Series: Wednesdays, Feb 24 - March 17
4. All first through eighth children are invited to join their church family for supper from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. After supper, these children can participate in a puppet ministry time from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. (*Nursery care is provided for infant through Kindergarten age children.*) Sign up for this event in the narthex hallway.
5. One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks will be distributed on Sunday, March 7 and collected on Palm Sunday, March 28.
6. Exercising Faith for Lent: a children's sermon series on exercising mind, body and spirit during Lent.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Caravan Edition

March 1st Edition

March 15th Edition

Due Date

Friday, Feb. 19

Friday, March 5

Articles can be e-mailed directly to Molly H. MacVenn at mhartman@covenantmadison.org or dropped off in the church office.

Lenten Devotional Booklets

Three devotional booklets for Lent will be available to congregation members on Sunday, February 14. They can be found on the *Coming Events* bulletin board outside the sanctuary. They are:

1. **From Fear to Love: Lenten Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son**
2. **We are Called, We are Chosen – Daily Family Reflections for Lent**
3. **Red Light, Green Light: a Book of Stops and Starts for Lent**

Enjoy A Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 7th

All are invited to enjoy a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 7th in Bradfield Hall. As a fundraiser, Boy Scout Troop 122, sponsored by Covenant for close to 50 years, will be preparing and serving breakfast to Covenant's members and friends 7:45am - 11:00am. The meal is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 years and under; family max of \$20.00.

Love for Haiti Benefit Concert: February 14

Local Madison Artist, Bryan Sirchio, will give a **Love for Haiti Benefit Concert** on February 14, 6:00pm at The Crossing, 1127 University Ave. Free will donations will go to selected NGOs working in Haiti. Bryan Sirchio takes the social justice message of Christianity seriously... in his music and in 20 years of working with NGOs and grassroots organizations in Haiti. Limited parking is available in the lot behind The Crossing (off Charter Street). More parking available in Grainger Hall lot off Brooks Street as well as UW lots 20 and 56. For more information visit: www.crossingministries.org and www.sirchio.com.

General Announcements

“A Study in the Gospels: Encounters with Christ-Paradigms for Change?”

February 21, 28 & continuing in March at 9:40am

Pastor Lin will lead this course on individual encounters with Christ in the Gospels and how they transformed peoples’ lives (or not). This course will look at the transformational possibilities and lost opportunities recorded in scripture and what (if anything) they teach us about our own encounters with Christ.

“Gullible’s Travels”

February 14, 21 & 28 at 9:40am

Led by Pastor Emeritus Bill King

In this class we will examine some the unquestioned assumptions of the Christian faith, such as: Heaven and Hell: are they real? Original Sin: did God create us with a recall problem? Almightyness: If God is all-powerful why is the world in such a mess? If only Jesus saves, what about the rest of the world? And can prayer influence what God does?

“Death that Leads to Life”

Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21 at 6:30-8:00pm

Led by Rev. Sam Buffat and Rev. Woody Carey

This class is based on the assumption that we cannot live fully until we have come to terms with our own mortality. The Lenten season leads us to Good Friday and a death but beyond is new life through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This will inform our discussion as we share our stories, discuss the aspects of dying and the need to grieve and how to handle it, review the sources of support through the Christian faith and the resources of our community of faith.

“End of Life Issues,” Sunday, Feb. 21 at 9:40am

A member of Christ Presbyterian Church, Dr. Hasler will take this time to emphasize the importance of having a signed personal Power of Attorney for Health Care document and will also explore your questions regarding end of life choices such as: artificial nutrition or hydration, kidney dialysis, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, using a respirator if you are unable to breathe on your own and pain control. There will be Power of Attorney for Health Care forms available to complete at home and to discuss with your private physician and family.

Middle School Youth to Milwaukee!

This group will hit the road on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1:30pm and return by 11:30am on February 21st. We’re doing the Bucks game and skating at the Pettit Center on the indoor Olympic oval. We’ll be sleeping at Steve Royalton’s former church and joining them for worship in the morning. Cost is \$50, which includes everything except dinner at the Bradley Center. *Space is limited!*

Middle School Youth Connection February 28

We’re ON for this day from 4:00-5:30pm, for games, small groups, devotions, new friends, familiar faces, and more!

Middle School Youth Connection

“Take & Bake”: Sunday, February 14

Our middle school youth will be shopping for area food pantries and baking cookies for a local food program on Sunday, February 14. We’ll meet during our usual time of 4:00-5:30pm. Participants are asked to bring a \$20 cash donation that will be immediately spent on food items for the pantries.

High School Summer Trip Meeting for Parents & Youth on Sunday, February 14

The high school youth taking part in our mission trip and Boundary Waters trip are required to attend a special meeting along **with their parents** on Sunday, February 14, from 6:30-8:23pm. We have a lot of information to cover including that little ‘ol rummage sale that’s coming up.

High School Youth Connection February 21 & 28

Join us for a couple of our “regular” gatherings on February 21 & 28, from 6:30-8:30pm. Our gatherings are open to members and non-members alike. Doors lock at 6:36pm, due to security reasons.

“Exodus” to Lead Worship February 28

Our contemporary band, “Exodus,” will be leading our music on February 28 at both worship services. “Exodus” is comprised of six high school youth and two adults.

It's time once again for our annual...

Trash & Treasure



Our annual “Trash & Treasure Sale” is going to be on Saturday, March 6. This event is the only fundraising activity for our High School Youth that will be traveling to the mission field of the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota this summer. In addition to helping fund the trip, the Youth also donate 10% of the net earnings to outside charities, often in the location in which they serve in the summer. Many people benefit from this great event!

NOW is the time to be saving items for the sale! We are accepting furniture, nice clothing, household items, small electronics, sporting goods, holiday items, glassware, antiques, artwork, books, toys, CD's, DVD's, TV's with remote control capabilities, hardware, tools, and more. We do NOT accept computers, monitors, or printers. We also do not accept full-size appliances (i.e. washers & dryers) or baby cribs and baby car seats.

We will begin accepting in-house donations on Sunday, February 21. Please take items directly to Bradfield Hall South.

We will be doing large item pick-ups on Sunday, Feb. 28. Call Youth Ministries Coordinator, Steve Roylton at 233-6297 x24.

Schedule of drop-off times:

Sunday, Feb. 21: 8:30am – 6:30pm
Monday, Feb. 22: 9:00am – 8:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 23: 9:00am – 8:00pm
Wednesday, Feb. 24: 9:00am – 8:00pm
Thursday, Feb. 25: 9:00am – 8:00pm
Friday, Feb. 26: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, Feb. 27: 10:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, Feb. 28: 8:30am – 6:30pm
Monday, March 1: 9:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday, March 2: 9:00am – 9:00pm
Wednesday, March 3: 9:00am – 9:00pm

Donations will not be accepted after March 3!



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HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL MINI-MARKET: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Help us get to our goal of \$5,000 for a Heifer Ark full of animals!

- See the Sunday School displays of chicks, rabbits, llamas, sheep, & water buffalo.
- Feed the sheep! Feed the llama puppets!
- Visit the middle school "Internet Café and Microbusiness Alley"
- Watch for the Cow in Courtyard AND a Sheep in the Snow.
- Enjoy the bake sale and Babcock Hall ice cream.
- Visit the Heifer Information table with stories about how Heifer Project has helped families
- The Stewardship Council has generously contributed a matching gift for the fundraising.
- Watch for other surprises about Heifer Project International

