

July 1, 2010

# The Caravan

*“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.” Galatians 6:10*

Last month twenty children staked out the size of Noah’s Ark on the lawns lining Mineral Point and Segoe Roads. The children embraced the opportunity to “work” to show everyone the size of the ark. Some children required another hand to steady a stake; some worked independently. Some chose to tie tags rather than hammer, another offered advice on how it could be done differently. After the job was accomplished, one little boy tired from his half an hour at work said, “Did it take Noah this long to build the ark?”

“Working for the good of all, especially for those in the family of faith” takes a long time. This month, our denomination will gather in Minneapolis for the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The meeting will cover many of the usual agenda items that as a denomination we have been working on for years, Ordination Standards, Peacemaking and International Issues, PC(USA) Polity as well as some others including Ecumenical and Interfaith Matters, Cultural and Social

Issues and Theological matters. What’s true for the denomination is true for a local congregation as well. Covenant has been engaged in this discernment process for over eighteen months: for some a long time, for others a day in the life of building a church. Like the children, sometimes people work independently; other times we need to steady ourselves for the stakes are high. Some choose to work in a different way and others give advice on how the whole thing could be done differently. All together as a denomination and as a congregation, we are working... working for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith!

I ask you to take advantage of the opportunity to “work” with me by joining me in praying for our 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and for our community of faith while we journey on this way of discernment.

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## Mission Statement

Claimed and humbled by God’s grace, we are disciples journeying in covenant with God and one another. Our disciple-forming community is called to worship and pray together; to cultivate deep and nurturing reciprocal relationships; to minister faithfully in our daily lives; and to warmly welcome all into our fellowship as we seek a Christ-centered life. We cannot journey alone; we need one another. Together, with hearts, minds, and arms wide open, we reach out to others in love.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

<u>Caravan</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
August 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition	Monday, July 19

Articles can be e-mailed directly to Molly MacVenn at [mmacvenn@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mmacvenn@covenantmadison.org) or dropped off in the church office.

# At A Glance

## Church Office

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am-11:00am Bradfield Cafe  
9:30am Worship

*Nursery care is provided for children under three years.*

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## Cares, Concerns & Joys

**Howard Adams, Keith Brink, Nathan Buttel, Miriam Cerveny, Steve Coons, Audrey Dean, Lucia Gronbeck, Eleanor Jones, George Klingbeil, Margaret Lehmann, Ernie Madsen, Mike Morgan, Marge Morgenthaler, Emma Myer, Cliff O'Donnell, Jeanne Rebholz, Linda Taylor, Patty West**

Our Guatemalan brothers and sisters, The peoples of Chile and Haiti and the world's relief workers in both countries, Tom Adams, brother of Marie Crist, Hildi Boeck, friend of Noel & Dick Pearson, Rob Comeau, friend of Joann & Gary Pivotto, Donna Curtis, friend of Patty West, Karen Daugherty, sister of Gail Hunt, Juanita Doan, sister of Rose Severson, Michael Fontaine, grandson of Mary & Burr Fontaine, Martha Grabbit, mother of Peggy Bugg, Kay Hannum, mother of Judy Von Bergen, Brad Heck, uncle of Marit Sathrum, Cynthia & David Hershberger, parents of Linda Dolan, Katie Hogan, daughter-in-law of Jan & Tom Schuster, 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, Leland Larsen, brother of Larry Larsen, 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, Neil Phelps, brother of Judy Stevenson, Carla Phillips, daughter-in-law of Lucy Phillips, Heather Potter, Covenant friend, Paul Purcell, brother-in-law of Rose Severson, Ragonese family, cousins of Andrea Diaczun, Corp. Tyler Rascoe, grandson of Rose Severson, Carmen Rodriguez, friend of Sarah Ales, Jean Rowe, sister-in-law of Pat Rowe, Len Rush, friend of John Daly, Nancy Schlimgen, sister of Kathy Schlimgen, Neil Shenvi, friend of JR Schmidt, Floyd Shriver, father of Kay Seifert, Mike Smith, friend of Christine Barden, Norman Swift and family, step-father of Dan Gustafson, John Van Ess, brother of Vicki Alexander, Mary Whayland, mother of Steve Whayland, Andrea Williams, cousin of Mike Morgan, Alma (Nana) Wilson, friend of the Walker family & Ito and Jorgito Asencion-Talion

*Thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of Covenant member, Louanne Roberts, who passed away recently; with Judy Von Bergen and family on the death of her father, Tom Hannum; and with Bob Pearson and family on the death of his father, Art Pearson.*

*Best wishes to Garrett Jones and Jessamyn Lee, who were united in marriage on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The groom is son of Laurie & Raleigh Jones.*

*And congratulations to Joy & Bill West and Mickey & Ollie Williams – both couples recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries.*

# Session News

From our Meeting Tuesday, June 29, 2010

## Discernment Process Timeline

At its meeting on June 29, 2010, the Session approved a time line for implementation of the Discernment Process. This process time-line can be found in the Bradfield Cafe or ask Pastor Tom Williams for a copy. Beginning in September with time set aside for congregational brainstorming, the process will continue through February 6, 2011 when recommendations will be presented to the Congregation at its annual meeting. These recommendations will include budget recommendations and will be based on three understandings. First, this grows out of the congregation's vision of and its response to God's call. Second, these recommendations are reasonable and achievable by the congregation (they seek to fulfill its mission statement). And lastly, they can be supported by the congregation. The Session encourages every member of the congregation to participate in this process and do so in a manner which seeks to respond to God's call.

## Flood Relief in Guatemala

Session approved GMB's generous \$5,000 disbursement for flood relief for the region in Guatemala where Juan Calvino School is located. It also approved giving the \$5,000 in Covenant's medical mission fund for flood relief. The region was hit by tropical storm Agatha on May 29, 2010, only to be exacerbated by tropical storm Alex on June 27, 2010. The funds will be used for medical supplies and health care professionals, including psychologists to train teachers, pastors, and church leaders to help residents deal with the trauma of the flooding and aftermath. The funds will also be used to purchase replacement livestock, food, seeds for destroyed crops, and housing materials.

## Responding to Those in Need

Session reviewed Covenant's policy on responding to requests for financial assistance, recognizing that, on occasion, parishioners are approached in the building or in the parking lot by an individual seeking assistance. Covenant does have a ways and means to address these requests through members' and friends' contributions to the Deacons' Fund. The individual is best served by encouraging them to return the next day, during regular business hours, to have their request reviewed by the pastor.

## July's Scripture Focus...

At every Session meeting, Pastor Lin shares a scripture that the elders are to use in the next month's meetings. This enables all those serving to be studying and sharing the same focus for the month. Even if you are not currently on a committee, we invite you to join us in our monthly reflection.

Galatians 6:1-10

*Focus Verse Galatians 6:10*

**“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”**

## Gratefully serving with you, Covenant's Session Members

### Class of 2010:

Peggy Bugg, Al Crist,  
Judy Gundersen, Laurie Jones,  
Doug Poland, Don Woolston

### Class of 2011:

Susan Hanauer, Chip Hunter,  
Sally Lorenz, Emilie Ngo-Nguidjol,  
Carol Philipps, John Schilling

### Class of 2012:

Kathryn Arndt, Steve Ingham,  
Alicia Mundy, John Norman,  
Greggar Petersen, John Strikwerda

# Session News continued...

From our Meeting Tuesday, June 29, 2010

## Special Offerings

Covenant's generosity continues to support many important needs local and worldwide. Recognizing this generosity, the Session coordinated the following opportunities to share with gratitude some of our financial gifts:

- PC(USA) special offering for **Project Homecoming**, to benefit the rebuilding in southern Louisiana, marking the five year anniversary of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. To be received on **Mission Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- Traditionally, high school summer trip participants request the dedication of the loose offering received on the Sunday they lead worship to share their trip experiences to a mission effort encountered in their trips. This year, that will be **Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**, and this year's chosen recipient is **Rosebud Charities of South Dakota**.
- Annually, Covenant members and friends have the opportunity to contribute to the **Deacons' Fund**, used to assist both members and non-members in need of financial assistance. This year's gifts will be received on **Sunday, August 22**.
- PC(USA)'s annual Peacemaking Offering is received on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, Oct. 3, 2010.

# Church News

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## Your Nominating Committee at Work

Each January about one third of Covenant's elders, deacons and committee members elected as congregational representatives complete their terms of service and need to be succeeded by new church leaders. While ultimately those new church officers will be elected at a congregational meeting, the work of nominating a slate of new church leaders falls to the all-church Nominating Committee. That group, through careful reflection on the gifts of our church members versus the needs of the congregation, will be making calls in the upcoming months so that a full slate of new church officers and congregational representatives will be ready for presentation to the congregation at a called meeting in late October of this year.

This year's Nominating Committee's members include Sandi Woolston, Patty West, Carol Shackelford, Bob Schaefer, Marge Resan, Ruth Hutchison, Esther Hedfield and Don Woolston (chair). If you have a church member in mind you would like to nominate to be a candidate for elder, deacon or congregational representative for a particular committee (Building & Grounds, Congregational Life, Evangelism, Mission, Public Life, Stewardship, Worship, Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries and Adult Education), any of the Nominating Committee members would appreciate hearing from you. You are welcome to nominate yourself, as well. And, if someone from the Nominating Committee calls upon you to consider serving Covenant, please reflect carefully on that request, in view of your talents and call to discipleship.

*Don Woolston*

Nominating Committee Chair and Elder Class of 2010

## **New Member LUAU PICNIC**

Attention Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 new members! You and your family are invited to a **Luau** picnic sponsored by the Deacons on Sunday, July 11 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the home of Covenant members, Noel & Dick Pearson, 5030 Lake Mendota Road, Madison. This is a wonderful opportunity in a beautiful setting to get to know others new to Covenant as well as the Deacons. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Did you know?**



Did you know that members of the Archive Committee will begin this month the initial brainstorming on how we can celebrate **Covenant's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014!**

# Worship

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## July 2010 Preaching Schedule

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| July 4  | Pastor Lin Grace Rohr will be preaching on II Chronicles 7:14. Her sermon is titled, "The Unification of <u>Faith</u> & State"             |
| July 11 | Our fifth annual "Bring A Friend Sundae!" Pastor Lin Grace Rohr and Pastor Tom Williams will be preaching. Our text will be Luke 10:29-37. |
| July 18 | Pastor Tom Williams will be preaching. Our text will be Amos 8:1-12.   |
| July 25 | Celebrating Mission! Pastor Lin Grace Rohr will be preaching on Jesus' great commission from Matthew 28:18-20                              |

### **Remember Our Summer Theme?**

This summer our sermon series is "Celebrating Blessings, Sharing Stewardship." Throughout the summer we are looking at the many ways God is blessing us here at Covenant and the many ways we are seeking to be good stewards by sharing those blessings with others! This month we will be looking at sharing our community of faith with friends on Bring a Friend Sundae (July 11) and through our local, national and global mission (July 25).

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

On Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at the 9:30am service. Members interested in baptism for their children are asked to contact Mary Kieta in the church office at (608)233-6297 or [mkieta@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mkieta@covenantmadison.org).

### **What is the *Pray to Prepare* e-mail list?**

#### **How do I join?**

You are invited to prepare for weekly worship at Covenant by joining the *Pray to Prepare* e-mail group. Toward the end of each week an e-mail message is sent from the office to the group in which Pastor Lin shares information about the scripture and sermon, music during worship and other pertinent items related to that week's service. You are also encouraged to pray for those involved in the service preparation and to prepare your heart and mind to receive the Word through the worship experience. To receive the *Pray to Prepare* messages, please e-mail your interest to Mary Kieta at [mkieta@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mkieta@covenantmadison.org).

# Adult Education

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## Calling ALL People at Covenant, Creative or Not!

How would you like to represent a "group" at Covenant and help people feel welcome?

A banner that says "Celebrate Diversity" in the center has been approved to hang in our church. The outside border of the quilt-like banner will be made up of individual quilt squares, each one decorated by a different person (or people) in Covenant Church, representing different groups. For example, one square might have baby foot prints, another square might have a rainbow on it (a common symbol of gay and lesbian support), and another square might be made out of traditional African fabric. The possibilities are endless.

Would you like to help represent one of the following groups? African, Asian, baby, caucasian, child, committed couple & child-free, Hispanic (Guatemalan), lesbian, middle-aged adult, older adult, physically challenged, single, single with children, straight, teenager, widow/ widower, young adult.

If there is a group you would like to represent but you do not see it listed, ask Cindy Lovell about it. The group may already have someone who agreed to design a square (although more than one person can be involved).

Much prayer and thought have been given to this project. The June 13<sup>th</sup> class "Signs of Welcome" provided an opportunity to discuss what the Bible says about being welcoming. The banner project was also discussed in detail.

If you would like to help design a square, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lin or Cindy Lovell at [lovellbears2002@yahoo.com](mailto:lovellbears2002@yahoo.com) or (608) 238-6348.

# Youth Ministries

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Steve Royalton, Youth Ministries

## Summer Youth Trips!

Our first high school trip participants are in the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota this week! The final trip of the summer will be for the high school youth serving on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. In all, 55 youth slots are being filled along with 14 adults spaces. THANK YOU Covenant for your commitment and support of Youth Ministry!

## Youth-Led Worship August 1

The high school traveling youth will share their experiences from the road during worship on Sunday, August 1, at 9:30am. The band "Exodus" will be leading the music!

## Youth Connection This Fall!

Hope your summer is off to a great start! We'll start things up again in mid-September with our Middle & High School Youth Connection. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders who have been previously active in Sunday School will be on the weekly mailing list. Our programs are open to members and non-members alike. If you are new to Covenant and would like more information, please contact our full-time Youth Ministries Coordinator, Steve Royalton at (608)233-6297 x24 or [sroyalton@covenantmadison.org](mailto:sroyalton@covenantmadison.org). He'll get back to you in between the three summer youth trips!

# Children's Ministries

Donna Monson, Children's Ministries

## **"ARKEOLOGY"**

### **Vacation Church School Thank You!**

The *Arkeology* Vacation Church School Musical was a great success because of the 31 children who used their many talents and the volunteers who generously gave their gifts and time during the week. Christine Barden, Marie Crist, Nancy Enderle, Deirdre Frees, Kelly Friske, Gina Fritz, Gretchen Girard, Anne Gustafson, Mary Ircink, Jacky Jugenheimer, Ann Larget, Elizabeth Larget, Sally Lorenz, Molly MacVenn, Jan Minardi, Megan Munson, Heather Potter, Valencia Parchment, Anna Pearson, Betsy Pevehouse, Jenn Rohlwing, Lin Grace Rohr, Doug Poland, Katie Poland, Marge Resan, Kate Sebastian, Jay Tolbert, Tom Williams, Bill Wood, and Susan Wood. **A very special thank you to Musical Director Mary Cole, Accompanist Esther McIntosh, and Vacation Church School Co-coordinators Amy Poland and Cindy Lovell.**

### **Sunday School Teachers Opportunities** **for Fall 2010 & Spring 2011**

Sunday School Teachers are needed in the following classes for the 2010-2011 year:

**Co-teacher(s) for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

**Team teachers for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class**

Contact Donna Monson for more information about these wonderful volunteer opportunities at 233-6297 x25 or [dmonson@covenantmadison.org](mailto:dmonson@covenantmadison.org).

### **What Can My Child Do During Worship?**

- **Children's Worship Packets** are available at the Welcome Center and in the balcony. The plastic red, blue, clear, or rainbow packets contain paper, colored pencils, bookmarks, and small handheld games.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available at the Welcome Center and in the balcony.
- **The Children's Time** is held each Sunday. It explains the morning's scripture lesson.
- **Kaleidoscope Worship Education classes** are offered for all 3 year old through those children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the fall of 2010. These children leave the sanctuary after the Children's Time and go to room C208 in the upper Christian Education wing to learn about the parts of the worship service.
- **The table in the Lounge at the back of the sanctuary** has paper and drawing materials. The shelves near the table have baskets with quiet activities and books for children. The speaker in the lounge allows parents to still hear the worship service if sitting with your children.

# Mission Committee

## MISSION FAIR

**JULY 25 AT 10:30-11:30AM**

Did you know that we are helping to train nurses to serve the people of Haiti? Or that we offer support for those ravaged by the genocide in Sudan? That we deliver hundreds of meals to shut-ins right here in Madison? Build houses for deserving families? Help keep battered women and children safe? These are just a few of the international and local service organizations that Covenant members support with donations and volunteer time. What we collectively do is changing the world at home and far away.

To celebrate Covenant's commitment in the community serving those less fortunate, be sure to come to the Mission Fair on Sunday, July 25 immediately after the service. You can learn more about the individual organizations, our work, our results, and how you can get involved. As the name promises, this will be very festive and you and your family are encouraged to attend!

## Thank You To IHN Volunteers!

A group of almost 60 volunteers from Covenant, Blackhawk, First Baptist, and Westminster Presbyterian churches donated their time and effort to another successful IHN host week, May 30 to June 6. We provided meals, activities, and shelter to five homeless families, including six adults and seven children ranging in age from 2 months to 17 years. Due to fluctuating numbers, our volunteers needed to be flexible and willing to change plans on short notice. Coordinators Linda Schilling, Barb Danahy, and Gerry Maruska want to thank all those who volunteered, especially those who volunteered in the program for the first time.

Martha Abrams  
Sarah Ales  
Chris Bugg  
Joan Colburn  
Barb Eikenberry  
Lois Faulkner  
Kelly Friske  
Nancy Gunder  
Lee & Rosemary Jones

Dennis Joosse  
Larry & Barb Larsen  
Sally Lorenz  
Lovell Family  
Jennifer Morgan  
Sue Munson  
Dorothy Nelson  
Joyce Petty  
Carol Philipps

Mickey Rath  
Bob & Nan Schaefer  
John Schilling  
Beth Schmaltz  
Carol Shackelford  
Judy Stevenson  
Wayland Family  
Don & Sandi Woolston  
Randy Zirk

Our next host week is September 19-26. Watch for the sign-up board in the narthex and plan to get involved in this outreach ministry. If you would like more information, contact Judy Stevenson, 231-3163.

# Mission Committee continued...

## **Volunteers Needed for Meals on Wheels Delivery**

The Mission Committee is looking for volunteers to deliver meals Sundays in August (1, 8, 15, 22 & 29). At the Mission Fair on July 25 will be sign-up sheets for the 5 Sundays in August for which Covenant is responsible for delivery of meals on three routes. Meal pick up is 11:00am at Oakwood and delivery takes up to two hours. If you are interested and can help with this ministry contact Kathy Schlingen by e-mail at [kaschlim@gmail.com](mailto:kaschlim@gmail.com) or call (608) 238-4067.

## **Flooding in Guatemala**

As many of you know, our brothers and sisters in Guatemala have been ravaged by flooding brought on by tropical storm Agatha. Many have lost homes, crops, and animals. Disease, hunger, and poverty are taking a toll. Through the Mission Committee, Covenant has responded to pleas from our partner in ministry, Migde Lucas, by stepping up aid to help the people cope with the losses. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

## **Minute for Mission - Triangle Ministry**

On June 13, The Rev. Lil Belusa spoke to the Congregation about the important work Covenant supports at Triangle Ministry, which serves low income residents in public housing. Congregations such as Covenant provide most of the funding. About 90% of the population has life challenges (brain and physical disorders). Triangle provides nursing care and pastoral care including crisis intervention, and mental health and addiction counseling.

## **Habitat for Humanity: July 24 Work Day**

Our partnership with LWR Habitat continues with work on a house relocated from a Spring Green floodplain to Lone Rock. If you are interested in volunteering on this project on Saturday, July 24, please contact Bob Lorenz at [Lorenz@enr.wisc.edu](mailto:Lorenz@enr.wisc.edu).

*Want to get involved in other Mission Committee projects? Please contact Judy Gundersen at [jagpca@gmail.com](mailto:jagpca@gmail.com)*

# **PLEASE HELP!**

The Mission Committee is collecting items or funds in order to put together Baby Care Kits and Hygiene Kits to be sent to Church World Service this summer. These kits are used to support children and adults in areas of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty. The entire stockpile of kits was sent to Haiti in the aftermath of the January earthquake, so there is a desperate need to replenish the supply. **Donations are accepted through July 25. Please put donations in the port-a-crib located in Bradfield Hall. Kits will be assembled after worship on July 25 during Covenant's Mission Fair.** All items must be new and meet the specifics listed. Alternatively, you can donate funds for the Mission Committee to use to buy necessary items. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of people in need.

## **Each Baby Care Kit needs:**

- Six cloth diapers  
(Mission Committee will purchase these)
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (**no onesies**)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt (Can be knitted)
- Two receiving blankets (Can be knitted)

## **Each Hygiene Kit needs:**

- One hand towel measuring approx. 16" x 28"  
(no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40*

# Mission Committee continued...

## Mission Update:

### Capital Mission Projects Campaign II Receive Payments

In Capital Campaign II Covenant committed 10% of donations for mission projects, and through your generosity, we have just distributed to the seven projects approved by the Session, the second installment of payments totalling \$28,500. Our final mission payments will be made in early 2011 following completion of this campaign.

These seven projects include four local projects and three international projects. Three of the four local projects address critical housing needs of different groups in our area. The first is to The Road Home (Interfaith Hospitality Network) for its capital campaign to raise sufficient funds to help purchase and rehabilitate apartment buildings in Madison and provide services to homeless families. Fifteen apartments are already completed and housing families, and fifteen more will be provided in the near future along with training and other services so the families can transition to stable housing within a year or two.

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) provides a 25 bed safe house for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Its older building needs security upgrades, maintenance and new equipment. Our funds have and will help DAIS with external security for the building and to purchase new equipment and other improvements.

Habitat for Humanity Dane County and Habitat for Humanity Lower Wisconsin River, both of which Covenant has been working with for many years, will receive funds for affordable home construction for low income families - both in Dane County and in the Spring Green/Dodgeville area.

Our other local project will provide part of the funding for the new roof for the center and chapel at Pres House on the UW-Madison campus. Covenant's relationship with Pres House goes back many years and continues today.

Two of our international projects for this capital campaign may be familiar to you. One is the Nursing School in Leogane, Haiti, opened in 2005 to help provide high quality training to native Haitian students to learn nursing and public health. After the recent earthquake, the School buildings were one of a few structures remaining standing. Nursing students provided care to the injured in that area until doctors could arrive and then continued to provide essential assistance. Our funds will help provide student scholarships.

The second project is continued support for housing needs at the RECONCILE complex in Yei, South Sudan where Del and Debbie Braaksma recently did mission work. The work continues by persons trained by the Braaksmas and includes agricultural projects, conflict transformation, trauma awareness and training Sudanese church leaders in reconciliation work to help avoid conflicts between tribes and communities.

The third international project supports housing construction for the very poor in India. Several Dalit communities had their houses wiped out by the December 2004 Tsunami along the South Indian coast. The Dalits (formerly called "the Untouchables") are a marginalized group outside the caste system, originally excluded from tsunami assistance. They are poor day laborers performing menial work in agriculture or fishing. Our funds are going to a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance mission partner in India (CASA) which is building about 1400 new disaster resistance houses. Community shelters, children's recreation parks and community infrastructure, such as internal roads, are also being constructed in these three Dalit villages.

The Outreach Council thanks you again for your generous support to Capital Campaign II and the mission projects being funded!

# Health & Wellness

Mary Ircink, Parish Nurse

## Care Team Ministry<sup>®</sup> to Begin at Covenant in the Fall!

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I: send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Care Team Ministry<sup>®</sup> will be a new ministry that starts in the fall of this year. It will have the capability to offer hope and multiply the care and support of Covenant members at no charge or cost. Care Team Ministry<sup>®</sup> is a way to work together as a church family to keep members connected to the church that might feel alone or abandoned during times of trials.

**However, in order for this ministry to begin, volunteers are needed who feel called to be a part of reaching out to others. We need you for whatever amount of time you wish to give per month!** Maybe you have an extra hour once or twice a month to visit someone, or you could call a person once a week to check in with them or you could pick up a few extra groceries while doing your own shopping. Everyone has a special talent that could be shared with another person, offering hope to someone who is struggling at home.

Other Madison community church team members have said the following about this ministry at their church:

- "I would strongly encourage another person to become a care team minister because your own faith becomes strengthened in the process."
- "What you receive is always beyond what you give"
- "Being a care team member has been important to me because it filled a void in my life. I knew down deep that I wanted to do something useful for others, but until this opportunity, I didn't know how to find a way."

**Information about the ministry and the opportunity to sign up to be a team member will be available Sunday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> between church services and after the second service.**

On the evening of **Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm - 8:30pm, there will be a orientation/training for Covenant members who feel called to serve and who wish to commit to Care Team Ministry<sup>®</sup>.** This session will begin highlighting the importance of the principles of a team process and the limits or boundaries of care. Then the team meets 1X per month for one hour to discuss team services, to support one another and to learn of community resources for those receiving services.

Please keep this new ministry **for your church** in your summer prayers. Maybe **YOU** will hear God's call and want to explore how you can offer care to others through this ministry. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the informational session on the evening of Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mary Ircink, Parish Nurse. God Bless You!

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Bold indicates morning meetings.						
<b>4</b> Independence Day 9:00-11:00am Bradfield Cafe 9:30am Worship	<b>5</b> Church Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Archivers 7:00pm Adult Ed. Comm. 7:00pm Mission Comm. 7:00pm Stewardship Comm.	<b>7</b> 7:30pm Yoga	<b>8</b> 7:30am Men 5:30pm Men	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Bring a Friend Sundaes Free Blood Pressure Screening 9:00-11:00am Bradfield Cafe 9:30am Worship 4:00pm New Members' Picnic	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30pm Yoga	<b>15</b> 7:30am Men 5:30pm Men 7:00pm Bldg. & Grnds. Comm.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<i>High School</i>		<b>22</b> 7:30am Men 5:30pm Men	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
9:00-11:00am Bradfield Cafe 9:30am Worship	Noon Women's Group 5:00pm Public Life Comm.	7:15am Finance Comm. 6:00pm Session Potluck at Pastor Lin's	7:30pm Yoga	7:30am Men 5:30pm Men		
<b>25</b> Mission Fair 9:00-11:00am Bradfield Cafe 9:30am Worship 10:45am Children's Min. Comm.	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Journaling at Pastor Lin's	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30pm Yoga	<b>29</b> 7:30am Men 5:30pm Men	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<i>Youth Connection South</i>						
<i>Dakota Trip</i>						



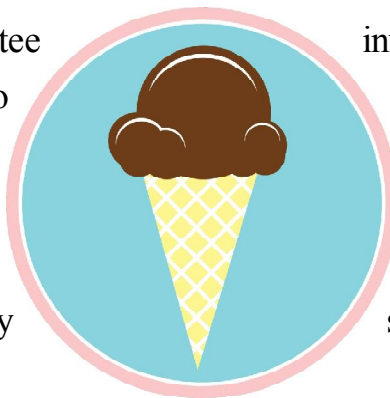
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that Sunday. We'll extend an extra-  
friends in worship. Following the  
of fun, fellowship, and of course,  
Chocolate Shoppe served up by



invites everyone to join us on Sunday,  
bring a friend to join you at church  
special welcome to our visiting  
worship service, we'll share a time  
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