

# The Caravan



## Transitions: A Time for Courage & Stepping Forward in Faith

Interim Pastor,  
Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz

Greetings! As you may have heard, I am Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz, your new interim at Covenant Presbyterian Church. You can call me Deb or Pastor Deb. I am looking forward to knowing you and learning about your spiritual journey as we step into the future.

The month of May has been a transitional time of farewells and greetings. These changes are both exciting and unsettling. For me, it is comforting to turn to God's assurance in Isaiah, "*Fear not for I am with you. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you.*" (Is. 41:10a) Transitions are easier when we rely on God who calms our fears and strengthens our spirits; especially when we journey in uncharted territory. Stepping into the future requires an adventurous and fearless faith.

With that in mind, I have two visuals for you to contemplate during this transition. First the sign above says "End".

However, the small figure in the background is walking along a path, not well defined and not heavily travelled. He or

she has not taken that sign as a directive to stop her/his journey. Courage is reaching the end and yet continuing on the spiritual journey...regardless of someone else's label that this is the end. So, have courage and carry on. Step forward in faith.

Next the young skateboarder to the right is adventurously airborne. We hope he will find solid ground safely. But, for a moment he is flying. So it goes for those who are adventurous to take a leap of faith. Tom Teller explains stepping faithfully into the unknown as follows:



*When you come to the edge  
of all the light you see,  
And you must take a step into the  
darkness of the unknown, you must  
believe one of two things:  
Either you will find something  
firm to stand on,  
Or, you will be taught to fly.*

During this next year, God willing, we will learn to fly **and** land safely.

## June Highlights

### Sunday, June 5

- Welcome Pastor Deb
- Summer Trip Commissioning
- "Sharing Our Gifts" Surveys Dedicated

### Sunday, June 12

- Guest Preacher, Mark Achtemeier
- Bike to Church Sunday

### Monday-Friday, June 13-17

- Summer Vacation Church School  
"Shake It Up Café"

### Sunday, June 19

- VCS Adventures Shared
- "Wear Your Apron to Church" Sunday

## Summer Sunday Schedule

Bradfield Cafe.....	9:00am-9:30am
Worship Service.....	9:30am
Bradfield Cafe.....	10:30am-11:00am
<i>Nursery care is provided for children under three years.</i>	

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aid, Tom Adams, brother of Marie Crist, Hildi  
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David Hershberger, parents of Linda Dolan,  
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the Whayland family, Shirley Knuth, aunt of  
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family, Covenant friends, Brad Mahoney and  
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Pam McGaan, friend of Amy & Doug Poland,  
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Schaefer, Eric Miller, Covenant friend and  
missionary to Kenya, Emilie Nguidjol, mother

## 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 relation-  
ships; 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.

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## Newsletter Deadline

July 2011 Issue  
Due Monday, June 13, 2011  
Articles can be e-mailed to Molly MacVenn,  
mmacvenn@covenantmadison.org  
or dropped off in the church office.

of Emilie Songolo, Family of James Ogbeide,  
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& Kathy Wendorff, Neil Phelps, brother of  
Judy Stevenson, Carla Phillips, daughter-  
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friend of Hal Rebholz and family, Corp. Tyler  
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Shapiro, friend of Dick & Noel Pearson, Mike  
Smith, friend of Christine Barden, Stew  
Sterling, friend of Kathryn Arndt, Gary Van  
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**Covenant Welcomes Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz**  
 Covenant's new Interim Head of Staff, Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz, begins her interim ministry with us on June 1.

Pastor Deb received a Master of Divinity Degree from United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, Minnesota and a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She also holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota in music performance and child psychology.

Pastor Deb has spent her 22 years in ministry as head of staff, solo pastor and co-pastor, serving 9 congregations in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. She has served in interim positions for half of her ministry and has just finished serving as the Interim Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Waukon, Iowa within the John Knox Presbytery. She holds leadership positions with a couple of national interim ministry organizations. Among her many gifts, Pastor Deb brings with her to Covenant her lengthy experience in interim ministry, her creative use of the arts in congregational life and her recognition of God's power to work in all of us. She has a permanent residence in Apple Valley, Minnesota with her husband Joe. She has several adult children and 4 grandchildren.

Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Deb's first Sunday with us. Following the 9:30am service there will be a welcome reception for her in Bradfield Hall.

**Presbytery Meeting Thank You**

Thanks to the many members, friends, and staff of Covenant who contributed to make the John Knox Presbytery quarterly meeting on May 17 a huge success. More than 50 people donated their time and talent in so many ways – baking items for morning refreshments and lunch dessert, preparing salads, setting up and serving lunch on a tight timeline, handling all the details needed to make a day-long meeting run smoothly, and being cheerful representatives of Covenant to church leaders from throughout the Presbytery. Thanks go out to: Jane Arbogast, Kathryn Arndt, Ann Athas, Vincent Bensch, Constantin Bensch, Brad Brown, Barbara Danahy, Andrea Diaczun, Fran Erney, Marsh Finner, Mary Fontaine, Gina Fritz, Nancy Gunder, Esther Hedfield, Julie Heinze, Margaret Hickman, Audrey Hindman, Melissa Hinz, Chip Hunter, Ruth Hutchison, Mary Ircink, Sally Jamison, Evelyn Jennings, Dave Johnson, Rosemary Jones, Jacky Jugenheimer, Fern Kanitz, Mary Kieta, Barbara Larsen, Sally Lorenz, Helen Madsen, Gerry Maruska, Barbara McCall, Douglas McNeel, Jan Minardi, Donna Monson, Alicia Mundy, John Norman, Cliff O'Donnell, Carol Philipps, Sylvia Poppelbaum, Beccah Raciti, Hal Rebholz, Marge Resan, Steve Resan, Steve Royalton, Nan Schaefer, Joanne Schalch, Cindy Schally, Beth Schmaltz, Carol Shackelford, Emilie Songolo, Jim Spilburg, John Strikwerda, Jan Swartz, John Swartz, Steve Webster, Patty West and Eva Wright.

**Ladies & Gentlemen of all Ages  
 are Invited to Presbytery Day  
 at Circus World Museum**

- Dates: Friday, June 24 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm  
 Saturday, June 25 from 8:45am to 6:00pm
- Where: Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin
- What: Big Top Performance, Illusions Magic Show, Kid's Interactive Circus, and much more
- Cost: Friday & Saturday: \$15 per adult, \$7 per child  
 \$35 maximum per family  
 Saturday only: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child  
 \$30 maximum per family



*Detailed information is on the John Knox Presbytery website at <http://www.jknox.org/PresbyteryDay.htm>.*

**Public Education Forum:**

**Madison Child Sex Trafficking**

A public education forum, Madison Child Sex Trafficking, presented by SlaveFree Madison, will take place on Tuesday, June 7th, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street in Madison. It is open to the public. The forum features Claudine O’Leary, an education specialist at Milwaukee’s Project Respect, and a panel of local experts. Ms. O’Leary works with teens in eight Milwaukee neighborhood centers to prevent dating and sexual violence in the urban youth population. She is a long-time social justice activist. SlaveFree Madison, which meets at Covenant on the first Tuesday of the month, is a community coalition promoting awareness of and response to human trafficking in Dane County. It is affiliated with Zonta Club of Madison. Child sex trafficking is a real and present problem in our county, and there are currently very few resources to prevent it or to assist its victims.



**American Red Cross**

**Beach Days Blood Drives**

*July 5-“Beach Days Kick Off*

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11:30–5:30

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**Madison East Donation Center**

*2109 Zeier Rd*

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**Did You Know?**

June is a popular month for holding Vacation Church School (VCS), though in Covenant’s history, it has also been held in August. Here are some other interesting facts about Covenant’s Vacation Church School through the years:

- Ann Davies recalled that one year VCS was held in the old Farm House on the hill, and the children had to sit on the floor because there was no furniture.
- The first VCS was held in August 1955 at the Unitarian Meeting House under the direction of Fran Bright. 112 students enrolled.
- In 1956, VCS Director Jane Arbogast conducted this children’s program in a tent and in the old brick farm house.
- In 1957, VCS had a staff of 25 and enrollment of 91 children. Director was Ruth Morrissey.
- In 1962, enrollment was 205 children from 116 families representing 13 churches. Co-directors were GiGi Thompson and Donna Fiskar.
- In 1978, Co-directors Barb Larsen and Carolyn Brooks enrolled 78 children with a staff of 45.

You may read more about Covenant’s first 35 years in Robert Patton’s [Sojourners in Faith](#). Copies are still available for purchase.

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**Cares, Concerns & Joys**

Thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of Covenant member, Donna Plymesser, who died on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to Judy & Mick Von Bergen on the birth of a grandson, William Von Bergen (“Bergen”) Whitley, son of Jackie & Michael Whitley.

*Warmest thanks to Covenant’s community of faith for reaching out to me during my recent illness. Your cards, food and calls cheered my spirits and comforted me. God’s angels were busy! Thanks be to God. – Carol Stewart*

## News from the John Knox Presbytery

By: Douglas Poland, Elder

The April issue of *The Caravan* contained a short article summarizing the ties that Covenant has with the governing bodies within our denomination, the PC(USA). We focused on the middle governing bodies, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the John Knox Presbytery, with particular emphasis on the Presbytery because it provides the most immediate support and care to Covenant. The Presbytery also is the governing body in which Covenant has the most immediate representation. Two members of Covenant, Tom Bauer and Doug Poland, currently serve as Elder Members of the Presbytery Council (which serves a role similar to the role that the Session serves at Covenant). Dale Chapin, the Head of Staff Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, currently serves as the Moderator of the Presbytery. Past moderators of John Knox Presbytery include Covenant members Jane Arbogast, Sally Lorenz, and Marsh Finner.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, many Covenant members were able to observe a Presbytery meeting first-hand, when the second of the four quarterly Presbytery meetings for 2011 was held at Covenant. Dozens of Covenant members assisted in preparing the church for the Presbytery meeting, greeting attendees, providing directions and assistance, and serving lunch. As those of you who were in attendance might have observed, the John Knox Presbytery is at the outset of an effort to be more “missional” in its approach to relationship with its member churches, and is asking its member churches to be more missional in their approach to the larger community, as well. What is a “missional” approach and what does it mean for individual churches? Over the past several decades, mainline Protestant denominations, including Presbyterians, have built churches to serve as centers for worship and other activities, and have focused their efforts on bringing people to those churches. A missional approach, by contrast, challenges us to envision a “church without walls” in which members of the church look outward, beyond the church walls, for ways to live out our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ through involvement in the larger community, as Christ commissioned us to do.

As part of its attempt to more missional in its own work, the Presbytery has begun to transform its quarterly meetings, as well, focusing less meeting time on Presbytery “business”

and more time on worship and nurturing relationships among attendees. Recent Presbytery meetings have provided thought-provoking presentations and discussions, with time for contemplation, reflection, fellowship, and worship. Although Covenant is represented by our pastoral staff, representatives on Presbytery Council (Tom Bauer and Doug Poland), and two Elders currently serving on Session as Commissioners to vote at Presbytery meetings, all members of Covenant are invited and encouraged to attend Presbytery meetings. It is a wonderful way to meet other Presbyterians from churches large and small, urban and rural, throughout the Presbytery, and to reaffirm our denominational connections. The next Presbytery meeting will be held on August 20, 2011, at the Portage Presbyterian Church in Portage, Wisconsin, just a short drive from Madison. If you would like more information on attending a Presbytery meeting, please feel free to contact Pastor Deb Lind-Schmitz, Tom Bauer, or Doug Poland.

One other opportunity to connect (or reconnect) with other Presbyterians throughout the John Knox Presbytery is coming up on June 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> when Presbytery Day 2011 will be held at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo. Activities will include a Friday evening reception at the International Clown Hall of Fame followed by a showing of the movie *Godspell* at the First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo. Saturday activities include a Big Top performance, a magic show, a circus wagon tour, a kids’ interactive circus, a circus skills adventure, a miniature horse show, and more! For more information, please visit the John Knox Presbytery website at <http://www.jknox.org/PresbyteryDay.htm>.

To increase safety at Covenant, at its May stated meeting the Session approved the installation of security cameras that will monitor the main entrances and narthex area. Cameras will also be installed at the north side entrances off of Segoe and the parking lot. Monitor screens will be in the main office and in the ushers’ room. Major funding of this comes from the Gifts, Memorials & Bequests Committee.

## June 2011 Preaching Schedule:

### Sunday, June 5:

Preacher: Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz  
Sermon: "Up, Up and Away"  
Scripture: Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11  
Worship: 9:30am  
Bradfield Cafe: 9:00am-9:30am & 10:00am-10:30am  
Visit with Pastor Deb after worship in Bradfield Cafe

### Sunday, June 12:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mark Achtemeier  
Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23  
Worship: 9:30am  
Bradfield Cafe: 9:00am-9:30am & 10:00am-10:30am

### Sunday, June 19:

Preacher: Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz  
Sermon: "Shake it Up Sunday" VBS & Men of Church Day  
Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20  
Worship: 9:30am  
Bradfield Cafe: 9:00am-9:30am & 10:00am-10:30am

### Sunday, June 26:

Preacher: Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz  
Sermon: "Applied Theology of Hospitality"  
Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42  
Worship: 9:30am  
Bradfield Cafe: 9:00am-9:30am & 10:00am-10:30am

### Many Thanks

Covenant is blessed by the many musically gifted people in our midst. A very special thank you to all of those who shared their gifts with us over the last months and inspired our worship together. If you think that you might like to share your musical gifts in worship at Covenant, please contact Melissa Hinz at [mhinz@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mhinz@covenantmadison.org).

# The Kat Trio

## Sunday, June 5

Covenant welcomes back *The Kat Trio* to lead our music ministry on Sunday, June 5 during the 9:30am worship service. To learn more about them, visit them at [www.theKatTrio.net](http://www.theKatTrio.net).



# Let the summer trips begin!



Because of the commitment of Covenant Presbyterian to the ministry of our young people, we are able to do some incredible things throughout the year and during the summer. This summer we have three terrific opportunities for our Middle and High School Youth Connection groups to travel, serve, and grow in the community of Christ. Time and time again the Youth point to the summer experiences as highlights of their time at Covenant. It is through their commitment throughout the year to our ministries here that bonds this group into something very special that will benefit greatly from the summer experiences.

## **Summer Trip Groups Commissioned June 5**

All summer traveling groups will be commissioned on Sunday, June 5, during the 9:30am worship service. The **Kentucky Youth and Parents will be having a mandatory meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following the service.** That meeting will conclude by 11:45am.

### **Middle School Youth Connection to the “Porkies”**

We have 16 Youth and 5 Adults that will be taking part in this adventure to the Porcupine Mountains of Upper Michigan the week of June 13-18. While in the “Porkie’s” they will be camping, hiking, eating very well, and working together as a team through the various challenges that can only happen on a camping trip. Towards the end of the week they will break camp and head for Crivitz, Wisconsin where they will go rafting on the Peshtigo River. On the final day they will tour and dine in the incredible surrounding of Lambeau Field!

### **Exodus Leads Worship on Sunday, July 31**

High School Youth will be leading worship on July 31, and sharing their experiences from the road. *Exodus* will provide the music!

### **High School Youth Connection to Door County**

The church-owned camping gear will get a second work-out as a group of 10 High School Youth and 4 Adults travel to Peninsula State Park the week of June 27-30. They will be doing a variety of things including biking, hiking, pontoon boats, swimming, kayaks, while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Peninsula State Park. On the way home they will tour and dine at Lambeau Field. (You can tell that Steve Roylton set up these camping trips!)

### **High School Youth Connection Mission Trip to Kentucky**

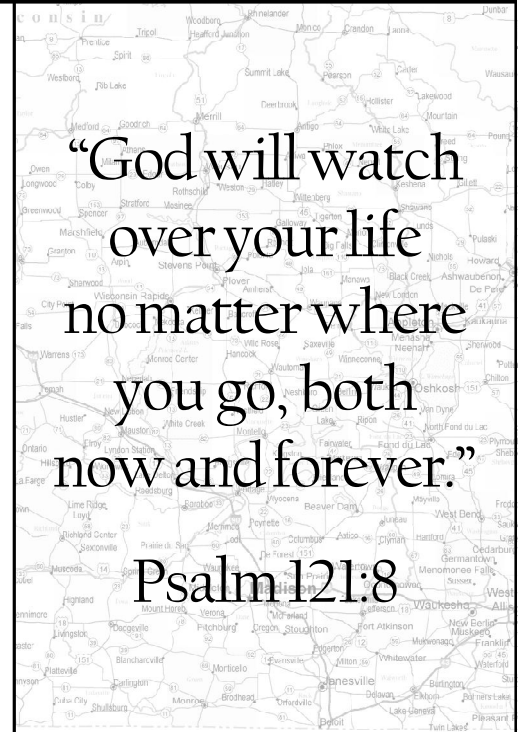
We will once again be sending a group to the fine program operated by Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Kentucky the week of July 16-23. We have an outstanding group of 27 Youth and 7 Advisors that will be living in an 1850’s house as they serve through various urban agencies throughout the city. They will be challenged, tested, worked hard, and fulfilled in all that God would have us experience. It is truly an opportunity for some great things to be experienced. On the way home they will stay a night in Cincinnati as they visit King’s Island theme park.

## Who is Flat Stanley? Why is He at Covenant?

Flat Stanley is a character from a book by Jeff Brown. The book is about a young boy named Stanley who was accidentally squished "as flat as a pancake" when a bulletin board falls on him. Stanley is very, very flat but otherwise fine. The story goes on to tell how Stanley discovers some real advantages to being flat one of which is being folded up small enough to fit into an envelope and mailed to California for an exciting vacation.

To keep Covenant families connected during the summer, we are giving Flat Stanley cutouts to families to take with on their exciting summer travels and asking that they take digital photos of him at their travel destinations and email the picture back to Donna. Pictures will be posted on a map in the Bradfield Café so all can see where Covenant families, and Flat Stanley, have traveled over the summer. To save postage, families can pick up their Flat Stanley cutout on Sunday, June 5.

This project is sponsored by the Children's Ministries Committee as a way to keep Covenant families connected with the church over the summer.



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### Summer 2011 Kaleidoscope Worship Education

Summer Kaleidoscope begins Sunday, May 29, during the one 9:30am worship service. All three year olds through those entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Fall 2011 are invited to attend. Rachel Aune, Elizabeth Larget, Katie Poland, Syd Jones, and Alyssa Diaczun will be teaching Kaleidoscope this summer.

### What is Kaleidoscope Worship Education?

Kaleidoscope Worship Education is a program to help three-year-old through 1st grade children learn more about the parts of the worship service to prepare them for participation in worship. Children learn about the Bible, baptism, communion, music, the sanctuary, and other parts of worship.

During their time in the Kaleidoscope Worship Education classroom there is a gathering time with songs, a time to say the Lord's Prayer, a Bible story, and an offering. After the gathering time the children move to tables where a craft activity related to the day's lesson is presented.

Children who choose to attend Kaleidoscope leave the sanctuary after the Children's Time. After worship has ended, parents are asked to pick their children up from the Kaleidoscope classroom (C208) in the upper Christian Education wing.

### What Can My Child Do During Worship?

Children's Worship Packets are available at the Welcome Center and in the balcony.

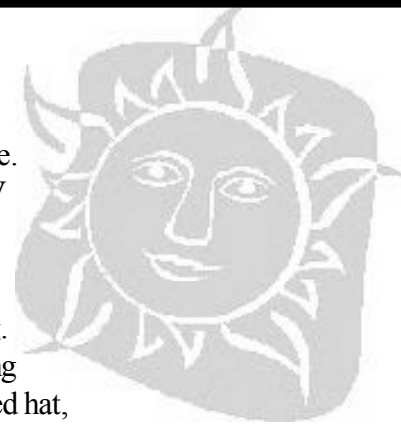
Children's Bulletins are available at the Welcome Center and in the balcony.

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 1<sup>st</sup> grade children.

The table in the Lounge at the back of the sanctuary has paper and drawing materials.

# Are You Ready For The Sun?



We all know that while some exposure to sunlight is good, too much can be dangerous for our skin. Broad-spectrum ultraviolet (UV) radiation, listed as a known carcinogen by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (along with other cancer-causing agents such as asbestos, radon, and tobacco smoke), can cause immediate effects like sunburns and long-term problems like skin cancer, immune suppression (alter disease-fighting white blood cells), and cataracts. Wrinkling and aging of the skin is also caused by overexposure of the

"Slip! Slop! Slap!..and Wrap"  
 4 Key Methods  
 to Protect Yourself

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Wrap on sunglasses

sun. Because of the adverse health effects, all of us should limit our exposure to UV radiation and protect ourselves when working, playing, or exercising outdoors. By following a few

steps daily you can be protected.

Generously Apply Sunscreen. Apply sunscreen and lip balms to all exposed skin using (SPF) of at least 15 that provides broad-spectrum protection from both UVA and UVB rays. Apply at least 30 minutes prior to sun exposure, and reapply every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.

- Plan your outside time. Remember the sun's UV rays are strongest between 10am & 3pm
- Wear protective clothing. Tightly woven, loose fitting clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses offer the best protection.
- Watch for the UV Index. The higher the UV Index, the stronger the sun will be, and the greater the need to follow all the sun protection. Cloud cover reduces UV levels, but not completely.
- Never use sunlamps, tanning booths, tanning pills, or sun accelerators.
- Be cautious around water. The sun's rays are reflected which increases potential sunburn.
- Take special care with children. The sun's harmful effects do not appear until later in life. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, protection from UV in childhood is especially important because about a quarter of a person's lifetime exposure occurs before the age of 18. While getting ready for the day, teach your child the importance of applying daily sunscreen.



## Bike To Church Sunday, June 12

Covenant's Health Cabinet is sponsoring Bike to Church on Sunday, June 12. This event is the perfect bookend to Bike to Work Week in Madison which begins with Ride the Drive, then Bike to Work, followed by Bike to Church. We hope you will be able to join us on Sunday, June 12 with your bicycle (or if you prefer walking, then by all means walk to Church). Watch for signs and posters announcing Bike to Church over the next few weeks.

The Health Cabinet encourages all forms of exercise and if you are able to exercise by biking (or walking) to Church you can be a good steward of the earth as well. See this website for a calculation of the carbon footprint of a gallon of gasoline. [http://www.evsroll.com/Calculate\\_carbon\\_footprint.html](http://www.evsroll.com/Calculate_carbon_footprint.html).

### Wednesday Night Yoga Continues

Yoga continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in Bradfield Hall. A single class is \$8 or join the session for \$54. Checks should be made payable to Gary Spann. For questions please call Mary Ircink, Parish Nurse at 233-6297 x22.



# Stewardship Corner

## We Are Counting On You!

On Sunday, June 5, Covenant members and friends will be dedicating their offerings of time and talent to Covenant during the next year. You are asked to fill out the *Sharing Our Gifts - Exploring Opportunities* time and talent survey you received in the mail and bring it to worship with you on June 5. (That is the day we also welcome new Interim Pastor, Deborah Lind-Schmitz).

If you need additional copies of the survey, they can be found at the Welcome Desk each Sunday, on the Coming Events bulletin board outside the sanctuary, in the office, in Bradfield Hall on the Stewardship bulletin board, OR you can download a copy from Covenant's website, [www.covenantmadison.org](http://www.covenantmadison.org).

You may also return the forms by mail to the church office or place them in the box at the Welcome Center on Sunday.

One of the important things to remember as Covenant proceeds to move forward in its congregational faith journey is that we need each other's gifts and energies to make our dynamic congregation effective to the glory of God.

So please find one or several things on the survey that you can do at Covenant during the coming year and let us know what it is. *We Are Counting On You!*

### Thanks to Covenant Volunteers for Interfaith Hospitality in April 24 – May 1

*Judy Stevenson and Kathleen Zaremba, Coordinators*

We had a successful week as we served 4 homeless families, including 6 adults and 8 children. One family of 6 moved into their housing Monday. It took many hands to make this week possible. We were fortunate to have help from First Baptist, Blackhawk, and Westminster Presbyterian Churches. Gerry Maruska worked in the kitchen. In addition, we wish to thank the following people: Dorothy and Stig Nelson and Nancy Gunder who purchased food and supplies. Ernie and Helen Madsen, Carol Shackelford, Walt Stevenson and Bob Schaefer did set up on Sunday. Bob and Nan Schaefer also helped out with some water clean up and alarms. Those who prepared a meal for our guests were: Randy Zirk, Margaret Hickman, Marge Resan, Beccah Raciti, and Judy

Stevenson. The Whayland, Potter and Van Ess families helped with evening activities. People who spent an overnight were Barb Danahy, Kathie Zaremba, Chris Bugg, Sally Lorenz, Steve and Michael Whayland Beth Schmaltz, and Judy Stevenson. Those who helped with take down were Linda Schilling, Lee and Rosemary Jones, and Walt Stevenson. Amy Poland did the laundry. Dennis Joosse drove the truck to the next church, Christ Presbyterian Church. Thanks to you all for generously volunteering your time and efforts.

Our next host week will be July 10-17. Watch for IHN's Sign-Up board in the Café or contact Judy Von Bergen if you are interested in being involved for the third rotation of this meaningful and supportive mission to homeless families in Madison.

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>* Bold indicates morning activities.</b>			<b>1</b> 7:30pm Yoga	<b>2</b> 7:30am 6:00pm Men Men	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <i>Dedication of Sharing Surveys &amp; Summer Trip Commissioning</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30am 6:00pm Men Men	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Day of Pentecost &amp; Bike to Church Day</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Middle Schoolers to the Porcupine Mountains</i>	<b>16</b> 7:30am 6:00pm Men Men	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>"Shake It Up Sunday" VCS Celebration</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30am 6:00pm Men Men	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>High Schoolers to Door County</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30am 6:00pm Men Men		



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## *Join us in Welcoming Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz*



Pastor Deb begins her ministry with us on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Following the 9:30am worship service on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a time to meet and greet her in the Bradfield Cafe.