

March 15, 2010

# Caravan Highlights

## TOILET TISSUE DRIVE

The Health Cabinet is sponsoring a Toilet Tissue Drive to assist the Allied Drive Wellness Center. Collections run through Sunday, April 4.

## FOOD DRIVE

The Christian Service Committee is sponsoring a Food Drive to assist the Community Action Coalition beginning Sunday, March 14 - 21.

## CLOTHING DRIVE

The Christian Service Committee is sponsoring a Clothing Drive to assist the Community Action Coalition beginning Sunday, March 28 - April 4.

Join Covenant friends and families of all ages for our

## Lenten Supper Series: "Being Faithful in Challenging Times"

Dates: March 17 & 24

Time: Dinner at 5:30pm

1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade children activities at 6:00pm (*March 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

Reflecting on our theme, "Being Faithful in Challenging Times," our speakers will be:

**March 17: Jim McDonald**

**March 24: Olivia Hunter**

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

# Holy Week Schedule

## Palm Sunday: March 28

Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am

*OGHS Offering will be received on Palm Sunday.*

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"Jesus said, 'Do you love me? Feed my sheep'."



Together we can make a world of difference.

## Maundy Thursday: April 1

Ecumenical Potluck Supper at 5:30pm followed by Worship at 6:30pm  
*Childcare will be provided.*

## Good Friday: April 2

Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm

The Chancel Choir will present the **St. John Passion** by John Ferguson  
*Childcare will be provided.*

## Easter Sunday, April 4

Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am

Continental Breakfast served between services

Suggested Donation: Adults - \$4.00

Children 4 to 12 years of age - \$2.00

Children under 4 - FREE

*No Sunday School*

*Childcare will be provided for both services.*

## Church Office

Monday - Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm  
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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.*

## Covenant Staff

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## Cares, Concerns & Joys

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

**Howard Adams, Keith Brink, Nathan Buttell, Miriam Cerveny, Steve Coons, Audrey Dean, Lucia Gronbeck, Eleanor Jones, Ron Koenig, Margaret Lehmann, Jeanne Maruska, Mike Morgan, Jeanne Rebholz, Lois Selix, Tosha Songolo, Linda Taylor, Gerrie Treu, Patty West**

The peoples of Chile and Haiti and the world's relief workers in both countries, 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, Rob Comeau, friend of Joann & Gary Pivotto, Richard Coons, father of Steve Coons, 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, Paul Nilles, brother of Sue Munson, 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, Kandie Pieratt, sister of Cindy Blewett, Paul Purcell, brother-in-law of Rose Severson, 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, Norman Swift and family, step-father of Dan Gustafson, John Van Ess, brother of Vicki Alexander, Andrea Williams, cousin of Mike Morgan, Lynn Wolf, Covenant friend, Ito and Jorgito Asencion-Talion

*Thoughts and prayers are with Raleigh Jones and family on the death of his aunt, Marie Jones. Congratulations to Dan & Nancy Stapay on the arrival of their first grandchild, Quinten Quest Potter, son of Becky & Trevor Potter. And to Covenant friends Leslie & Mark Fields on the birth of their son, Mason Rickey Fields.*

# Church News

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- Pastor Lin Grace Rohr will be away at a national conference on stewardship, March 15-March 21, 2010. Reverend Nancy Enderle will be on call for pastoral emergencies. You may reach Nancy through the church office or after business hours at her home, 442-6721.
- As anticipated a complaint was filed against John Knox Presbytery regarding the February 20, 2010 vote to ordain Covenant member Scott Anderson. On March 4, the session of Caledonia Church in Racine, Wis., and five Presbyterian ministers filed a remedial case against John Knox Presbytery with the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. They are contesting Scott

Anderson's scruple [disagreement] with the Book of Order G.60106b. As reported in the *Presbyterian Outlook*; "The complaint also states that the presbytery should not have allowed Anderson to declare a "scruple" — basically a conscientious objection — to the fidelity-and-chastity standard. Under a procedure recommended by the Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the PC(USA) — a task force on which Anderson served — and later approved by the General Assembly, a governing body can approve a candidate who declares a scruple if it determines that the objection doesn't involve an essential of Reformed faith and polity." We will continue to keep all in our prayers.

# Session News

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- Gifts, Memorials and Bequests 2010 Wish List: A staff request was received to have a projection system installed in Room A101. The system would aid in education classes at Covenant and be similar to that found in the High School Room, with a total estimated cost of \$2,300. GMB has recommended this item for addition to the 2010 Wish List. Session approved this item for the wish list.
- Treasurer Gordon Enderle was welcomed to the meeting. He provided a binder to each member of session that contained an "Introduction to Covenant Presbyterian Church Financial Statements," with examples of the various reports. He reviewed the six funds that are tracked, and explained dedicated accounts. This was an excellent orientation for new elders and a good review for returning elders. Appreciation was expressed for Gordon's service with Covenant.

- A Task Force was formed to pull pertinent financial information together in preparation for working with our interim. Information to be gathered will include the history of giving by the congregation; needs for our building, personnel, and mission; the need for a 3-5 year financial plan. The task force includes elders Al Crist, Judy Gundersen, Chip Hunter, Laurie Jones, Doug Poland, John Strikwerda and Pastor Lin Grace Rohr.
- Interim Pastor Search Committee Chair Al Crist reported that the committee is in the process of interviewing potential candidates.
- Pastor Lin reported 20 administrative meetings, 28 programmatic meetings, and 56 pastoral visits/services since the last meeting.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

<u>Caravan Edition</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
April 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition	Friday, March 19
April 15 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Friday, April 2

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



Remember to turn  
your clocks ahead  
one hour  
on Sunday, March 14

# Adult Education

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## **"Death that Leads to Life"**

**March 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.

## **"A Study in the Gospels: Encounters with Christ: Paradigms for Change"**

**March 28, April 18, May 2 & 9 at 9:40am**

The Gospels are rich with stories of lives being changed by encounters with Christ. This Gospel study will look at seven encounters with Christ (both pre-Easter and post-Easter) and how these individuals' lives were changed (or not). We will study the Biblical context and then reflect on the ongoing message of transformation in our contemporary context as individuals and as a community of faith.

March 28	Pilate	John 18:33-39, 19:1-22
April 18	Thomas	John 20:24-29
May 2	Two on the Road	Luke 24:13-35
May 9	Nicodemus	John 3:1-10

## *New Classes...*

### **"Guatemala Mission - Our Partnership for Self-Development"**

**Sunday, March 21 at 9:40am**

*Led by Covenant members: Helen Madsen, Peggy Bugg, John Strikwerda & Ginger McIntosh*

An opportunity for Covenant members and friends to learn about the various aspects of our mission in Guatemala including; Juan Calvino School, annual mission trips and our partnership agreement with Suchitepéquez Presbytery.

### **"Motorcycling Across the Sahara Desert"**

**Sunday, March 21 at 9:40am**

*Led by The Rev. Dr. Donald D. McCall*

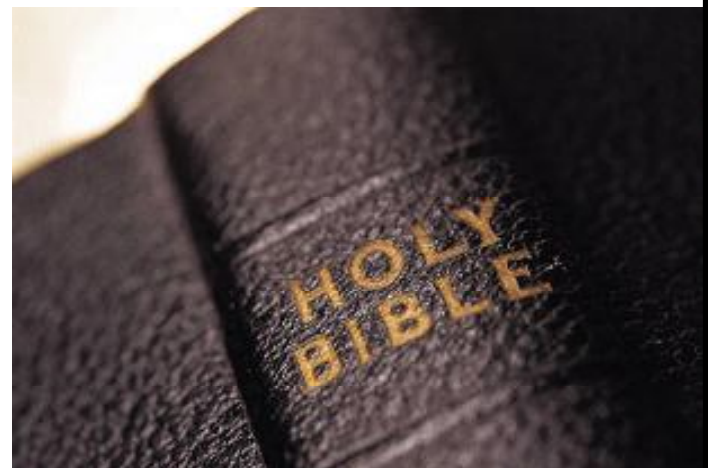
In the Gospels we read that Jesus, knowing the necessity of solitude, often withdrew from the press of the crowds in order to be alone in the wilderness...there to think and pray. Seeing the wisdom of that discipline, I have also taken time every year to step out of the pulpit and to venture into a lonely place...to withdraw and take time to think and pray. In this program, I will be sharing through slides and notes from my desert journal, a journey which I took motorcycling alone across the Sahara Desert...which for me was yet another step in a continuing pilgrimage of a soul searching to know God.

### **"Goiter Surgery in the West Bank of Occupied Palestine"**

**Sunday, March 28 at 9:40am**

*Led by James Starling*

After retiring as professor of surgery from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I have volunteered for four medical missions overseas. Three of these have been to do and teach goiter surgery. My missions to Hebron and Bethlehem were sponsored by the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund. Surgery was performed in hospitals run by the Palestinian authority. My presentation will be a short introduction about my interest in Palestine, my patients and a mention of Islamic culture.



# Children & Youth Education

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## **5<sup>th</sup> Graders Raise Money for One Great Hour of Sharing**

Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class for raising \$153.25 for One Great Hour of Sharing! They sponsored a bake sale during the March 6 Trash & Treasure Sale. Thanks to all who donated food and worked at the bake sale.

## **Youth Connection Resumes March 21 & 28**

**Middle School 4:00-5:30pm**

**High School 6:30-8:30pm**

We are back on for our usual schedule of Youth Connection groups on Sunday, March 21 & 28. We move around, we talk, we sing, we devote, we meet some new people, and we get better acquainted with familiar people. We do it all in Christian community! Join us...even if you've never been here! Our doors lock 6 minutes after our starting times.

**Join *Exodus*, Covenant's band, when they play in Worship on Sunday, March 21 at both the 8:30am and 10:45am services.**

**Trash & Treasure update coming in April...**

## **Pipes, Pedals & Pizza: Saturday, March 20**

On Saturday, March 20, young pianists, ages 11-16, will have an opportunity to meet the King of Instruments, the pipe organ! This event, entitled Pedals, Pipes & Pizza, is being sponsored by the Association of Church Musicians which includes the Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Pedals, Pipes & Pizza will begin at 8:30am at Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, 110 North Gammon Road, Madison. The opening session will feature the video Pulling Out All the Stops. Afterwards students will be able to see, hear, and play the 23 rank Steiner pipe organ. Following a pizza lunch, students will travel to Resurrection Chapel at Oakwood Village West, 6201 Mineral Point Road, to see, hear, and play the pipe organ built by Stoughton resident Bruce Case. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S. Segoe Road, will be the final stop on our tour. At Covenant students will have the opportunity to see, hear, and play the 36 rank 3 manual Schoenstein pipe organ. Following the showing of the video Close Encounters, Pedals, Pipes & Pizza will conclude by 3:30pm. Piano students, ages 11-16, who would like to take part in Pedals, Pipes & Pizza can contact Melissa Hinz to get a registration form. Pedals, Pipes & Pizza (including lunch) is free to all participants. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come along.

# Mission & Outreach

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## **Covenant to Host IHN Families**

Covenant will again host four to five homeless families for Interfaith Hospitality Network, April 4 - 11. We will team up with our "buddy" churches, Blackhawk, First Baptist, and Westminster Presbyterian to provide safe shelter, meals, and activities for the adults and their children struggling with these major issues in their lives. This important ministry offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for Covenant members and their families. Sunday school rooms must be set up prior to their arrival and packed up on departure. The truck must be unloaded and loaded on Sundays, April 4 - 11. Groceries and supplies must be purchased and delivered prior to the week and possibly mid-week.

Sheets and towels must be laundered at the end of the week and transportation may be needed to or from a guest's workplace. We will be responsible for breakfast Monday, Saturday, and Sunday, as well as dinner on Monday and Saturday. After dinner activities on those nights are a perfect opportunity for a Covenant family to involve their own children. As the host congregation, we are also responsible for overnight supervision each night. As you can see, we need many volunteers! If you can share some of your time that week with these needy families or if you aren't sure how you can help, please look for us at the sign up board in Bradfield Hall. I would be happy to answer questions and fill you in for one of our "slots".

# Health & Wellness

## **Lenten Collection for Allied Wellness Center**

**Begins Sunday, March 7 through Sunday, April 4**

Toilet tissue is not covered by food stamps and as you know is a very expensive necessity. Last year during Lent, the Health Cabinet sponsored a "Toilet Tissue Collection". Covenant members generously provided the Allied Health Center with 810 single rolls of toilet tissue which was distributed to families. Please consider bringing a donation of tissue when attending the Lenten Suppers or the Sundays of Lent. It will be appreciated!

## **Yoga: 8 week session (March 10 - April 28)**

The next Yoga session begins Wednesdays, March 10 - April 28 at 7:30pm at Covenant. The cost is \$48 for entire session or drop in fee of \$8 for single class payable to Instructor, Gary Spann.

## **Walking the Sacred Path: The Labyrinth**

**Thursday, April 1: 11:00am - 6:30pm**

**with an Introductory Program at 10:30am**

**Friday, April 2: 9:00am - noon & 3:00pm-6:45pm**

**Saturday, April 3: 9:00am - 4:00pm**

The labyrinth is coming to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 401 S. Owen Dr., during Holy Week, April 1, 2, and 3. You are invited to share in this ancient Christian experience. The labyrinth that we use is a canvas replica of the stone labyrinth laid into the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France, built at the beginning of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The experience of walking the winding, continuous path provides an opportunity for prayer and meditation. It is peaceful! Schedule for the labyrinth in the Queen of Peace Auditorium (which is located in the basement of the church).

## "You and Your Aging Relative"

Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:40am-10:30am

Led by Barbara Quirk, Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, whose column "ImAges" appears in the Capital Times



*"The Lord bless you and keep you..."*

Numbers 6:24

There is an old saying, "What's not dealt with in planning is dealt with in crisis." During a crisis in life, it can be overwhelming to begin to talk about moving a relative from the family home to care facilities, or be an advocate for a relative during changes in their health. Barbara invites you to ask questions and to learn about resources available to help support and encourage you and your relative to plan for the days ahead.

# Easter Sanctuary Adornment

If you would like to provide a gift for the adornment of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4, please complete and return this form to the church office by Friday, March 26.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your tax deductible gift payable:  
**Covenant Presbyterian Church**

- Easter Lilies (\$12)
- Azaleas (pink) (\$27)
- Daffodils (\$23)
- Tulips (\$23)
- Seasonal Adornment Gift (\$\_\_\_)

The bulletin insert will include:

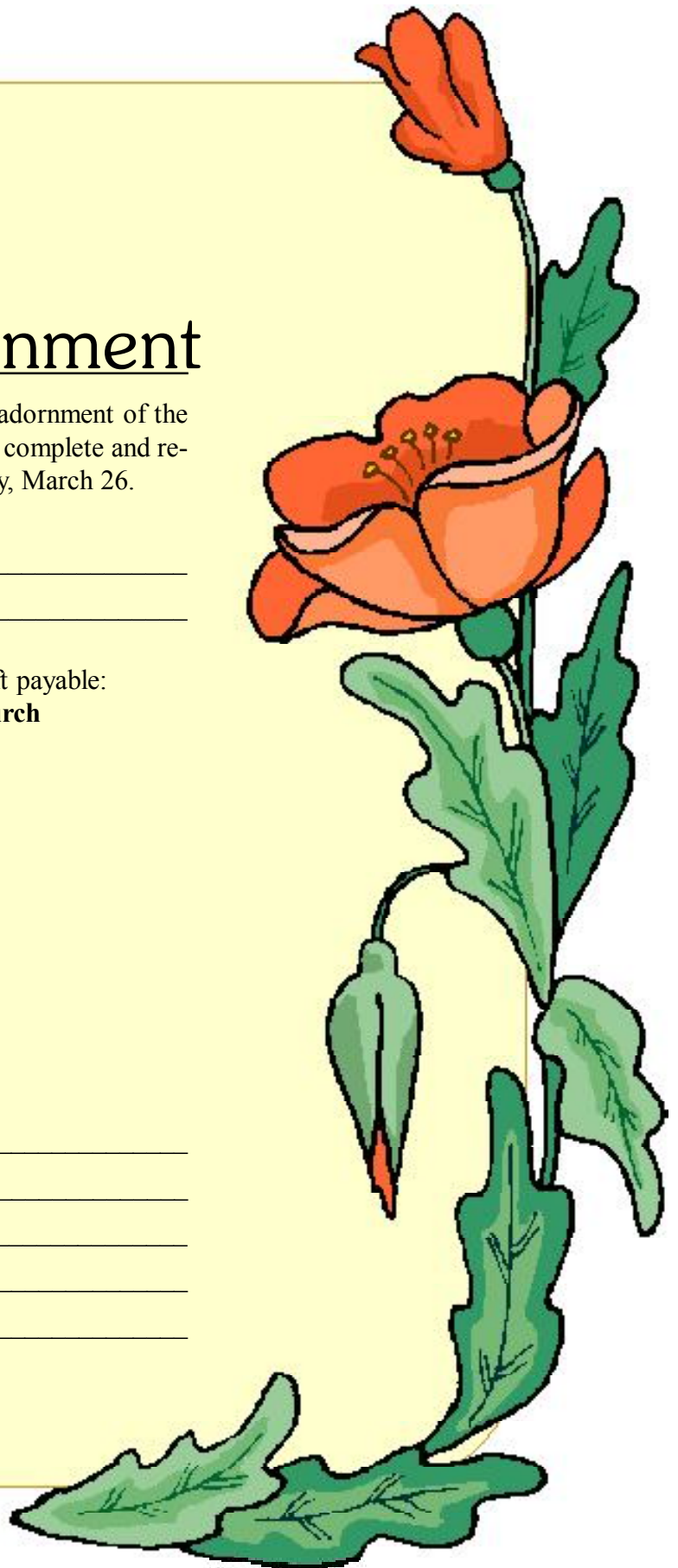
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## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**OFFERING RECEIVED ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28**



**Together we can make a world of difference.**