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# Our Next Senior Pastor

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Mechanicsburg, PA | January 2022

# Who We Are

## Mission Statement

*As a body united in Christ and led by Scripture, we at New Covenant Fellowship exist to see the grace and truth of Jesus Christ transform the privilege, politics, and poverty that surround us in Greater Harrisburg, and the world. We will do this by learning, loving, and living out the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.*

Underneath this mission is a desire to be a church that exists not for ourselves, but for the flourishing of those around us. As **ambassadors of Jesus**, we want to creatively engage, encouragingly relate, and lovingly treat the places, the people, and the things to which we are called. We aim to do this by learning, loving, and living out of the center of all truth and the source of all thriving—the gospel.



# Where We Are

**Hampden Township, PA** is a spacious suburb in Northeastern Cumberland County. It covers over 17 square miles between the state capitol of Harrisburg and the county seat of Carlisle. New Covenant Fellowship church sits in the heart of the township adjacent to the towns of Shiremanstown, Enola, Mechanicsburg, and Camp Hill. The winding Conodoguinet Creek makes several large bends just past the church, through the township, on its way to the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. 195,000 people live in the zip codes of the members of New Covenant Fellowship. The church building is located 1.5 miles from the Creekview Rd exit on PA 581, part of the Northwest corner of the Harrisburg Beltway.

If Hershey Chocolate is your favorite, we're only about half an hour west of where your sweets are manufactured. Several of our members are a part of Hershey.

If American history is one of your hobbies, our church is less than an hour north of the incredible site of the battle of Gettysburg. We are also 2 hours west of Philadelphia, 1.5 hours north of Baltimore, and 2 hours north of Washington D.C.

Hampden Township, PA on Wikipedia: <https://bit.ly/32lhbWG>

Hampden Township website: <https://www.hampdentownship.us/>

Visit Cumberland Valley website: <https://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/>

## New Covenant Fellowship

4500 Creekview Road

Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

<https://www.newcovfel.org>



# Mechanicsburg Area Statistics

**195k**  
PEOPLE

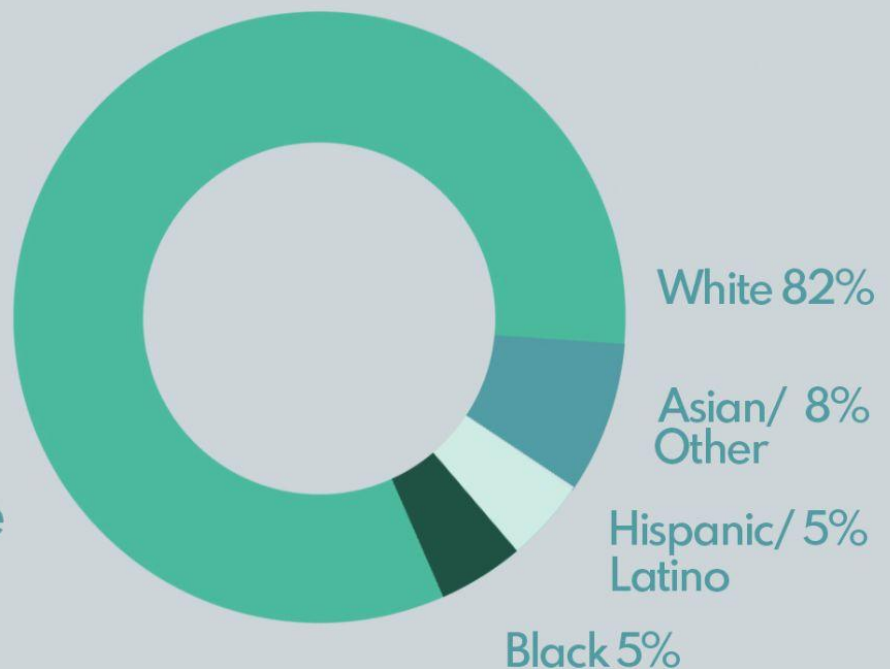
AVG HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
**\$98,406**

**40%**  
COLLEGE GRADUATES  
(over age 25)

 **195**  
AVG SUNNY  
DAYS per yr

## Religious Preference of Area Households:

80% Christian Faiths  
7% Non-Christian Faiths  
4% Interested w/Preference  
4% Interested w/No Preference  
9% Not Interested w/No Preference





# Our Story

New Covenant Fellowship first placed an ad in a local newspaper calling families interested in starting a conservative reformed church in the fall of 1971. They held their first official service as Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church on Feb. 13, 1972. The church particularized in 1975 under Pastor John Woll and took the name New Covenant Fellowship. Some time in the 1980's New Covenant Fellowship joined the PCA. Construction on the current building began in 1990. The church has been faithfully led by 7 pastors from its inception in 1972 to the present day.

## Our Vision

In 2021, the Session determined two priorities for the next two years. As a congregation, we are praying for God's guidance and help as we deploy these priorities in our ministries and in our lives



*As a congregation  
we will seek to  
glorify God,  
live out the Gospel,  
and equip disciples.*

### Look Up

We will focus on intentionally equipping disciples through life group ministry.

### Look Out

We will consistently seek ways to effectively and lovingly live out the Gospel in our community and in the world.



# Our People



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## Member Status

Active Members 57%

Non-Communing 30%

Regular Attenders 14%

**194**

Communicant  
Members

**88**

Non-Communicant  
Members

**82**

Family Units

**159**

Avg Service  
Attendance

**35**

Avg Youth  
Attendance

**25**

Avg Children  
Attendance

**\$326,721**

Annual Budget

# Our Leadership Team

New Covenant Fellowship is blessed with three full-time staff positions as well as a team of elders, deacons, and deaconesses who faithfully serve.

## Full-time Staff



### **Joe Slack**

Joe and his wife Nicole came to New Covenant Fellowship almost 12 years ago. They have three daughters. Joe serves as the Director of Youth Ministries, which is a many faceted role, as well as assisting with other roles/functions of the church.



### **Janie Conway**

Janie has been attending New Covenant Fellowship for over 36 years. She and her late husband, Jeff, have two grown children and six grandchildren. Janie has been serving as our Ministry Assistant for over 30 years.



### **Senior Pastor**

Our Senior Pastor position is vacant. We continue to pray for the one God is preparing to serve Him here as Senior Pastor

## Ruling Elders



### **Bob Ruth**

Bob and his wife of 49 years, Jeanette, have been a part of New Covenant for over 30 years. They have two grown daughters and three grandchildren. Bob has been an Elder since 2013 and has also been a part of the worship team for 25 years.



### **Bret Bucklen**

Bret has been at New Covenant for 16 years. He just recently got married to Ashlie and their now blended family has six kids, five girls and one boy. Bret works as a chief scientific officer for the PA Department of Corrections. He has been serving as an Elder since 2020.



### **Charles Mitchell**

Charles along with his wife Charissa and four daughters have been attending New Covenant since 2010. Charles describes himself as a serial nonprofit entrepreneur. He has been an Elder since 2014.



## Ruling Elders



### **Al Jurina**

Al, his wife Megan, and three kids have been a part of the New Covenant family for a number of years with an out of state move mixed in. Al works in education and technology. He has been serving as an Elder for a little more than a year.



### **Nathan Scheidler**

Nathan and his wife Diana have been attending New Covenant for 13 years. They have three kids, one boy and twin girls. Nathan works in IT for The Hershey Company. Currently he has been serving as an Elder for the last two years and previously as a Deacon.



### **Michael Groves**

Michael and his wife Shirley have been attending New Covenant for 16 years. They have two grown children. In his retirement, Michael runs a small family business. Michael has been serving as an Elder since September 2020 and has served in this role previously.

## Deacons

Ed Fetter (chair), Chuck Stanbery, Dave Andrews, Erik Bohn, Warren Harding, Scott Jones, Dan Miller, Mark Motter, Jon Silcox, Liam Tanis, Bob Weed, Jeff Wood

## Deaconesses

Cindy Stanbery (chair), Jossetta Andrews, Janet Harding, Sandy Jacobs, Katie Motter, Abby Myers, Cindy Rearick, Vickie Weed

# Pastoral Search Committee



## **Bill Crawford**

Bill and Jenn have been part of the NCF family for 25 years. Bill was raised attending PCA churches in Western PA but now lives just a mile from the church. They have 5 children ages 5, 12, 16, 19 and 21. Bill works for a large construction materials manufacturer as an innovation leader. He's been ordained as a Deacon at NCF and has served in youth and children ministries as well as a life group leader.



## **Dave Andrews**

Married with 3 children. Attending NCF for 29 years. Deacon. Church pianist. B.S. in Chemistry from Messiah College (1996). Dave dabbled in electronics and developed software since the age of 8 (my career for the past 25 years). Dave enjoys woodworking, exploring science and theology, writing fantasy-fiction, smoking brisket, playing games (video and board), fishkeeping and anything sci-fi.



## **Kristen Clemmer**

Kristen is mom to four young, boisterous children and wife to her high school sweetheart. Her family has been attending New Covenant Fellowship since January 2018. She works part time as a client services representative for a third party logistics company and full time to keep her kids alive and thriving. In her free time she loves gardening and baking.



## **Linda Bohn**

Linda is married to Erik, and combined they have 8 grown children, and 8 grandchildren (and one due in January). She works as a hospice nurse. She has been a member at NCF for 16 years. Serves on the worship team, life group, and as a greeter. She spent years working with the youth. For fun she likes to read and listen to good music, like her husband's band.



## **Mandy Han**

Born and raised in Taiwan, Mandy came to the USA in 1998 intending to go back soon but God had a different plan for her. 23 years later, she is still in the US, divorced, with two teenage sons, working as a legal assistant for the state government. She moved to PA from Massachusetts in 2010 and New Covenant has been her home and family since. She has served in children's ministry, women's ministry, life group and deaconess.



## **Tim Clymer**

Tim and his wife, Katherine, have been a part of New Covenant since moving back to the area in 2010. They have four children, two boys and two girls, ranging in age from 6 to 12. Their family operates an organic orchard, Threefold Farm. A graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology Tim has a background in software development. In his free time you'll find him reading sci-fi or fantasy, outside in the greenhouses, working on a side project, or spending time with his sweet wife.

# Pastoral Search Committee



## Warren Harding

Warren is a 9th generation Pennsylvanian married to my incredibly patient wife, Janet. Together they have 4 grown children and have been blessed to be a part of NCF for 7 years. Warren serves at NCF as a Deacon and participates on the worship team. An IT career, after graduating from Bloomsburg University of PA, has proven God's faithfulness in his life for over 3 decades. Warren enjoys playing guitar, grilling, working on automobiles, and hiking many of PA's beautiful trails including my favorites at Ricketts Glen.



## Liam Tannis

Liam and his wife, Linda, have been a part of New Covenant since 2015. They have four children: three boys and one girl. He ended up staying in central PA after graduating from Messiah College. Since graduating he has been working as a product development engineer. As a part of the New Covenant family, he has been a part of life groups, serving in children's ministry, and currently in the diaconate. Outside of church and work, he enjoys being with his family, making things, and spending time outside.



## Nancy Wingate

God had chosen to bring the Wingate family in and out of New Covenant Fellowship over the last 40 years through 3 different overseas assignments. Now as a widow, with 2 married daughters in the area, she is still desiring to serve God in His Church, and grow in His Truth at NCF.



# The Pastor We're Praying For

The pastoral search committee, along with the congregation, have been seeking the Lord to bring us the next shepherd for New Covenant Fellowship.

We seek a senior pastor who displays the qualities contained in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, is an ordained pastor in the PCA, and exhibits the following attributes:

- Knows who he is in Christ and is faithful in studying and preaching the Word of God boldly with urgency and conviction, bringing it to bear on the changing needs of individuals, the community, and the world.
- Is a wise and humble leader with a minimum of 5 years of pastoral experience in a like-minded church.
- Is experienced in working with the Session to develop a rich worship life, educating the congregation for meaningful participation.
- Is diligent in training church officers, developing leaders, and providing instruction for new members.
- Is eager to know, love and shepherd the flock with Christ-like compassion.
- Has a passion to share his faith in Christ as his personal Savior while leading others to do the same.
- Accepts administrative responsibilities in a climate of delegated tasks and shared leadership.
- Encourages volunteers and staff to contribute ideas and use their skills.

**To apply, please submit your Ministerial Data File here: [pastorsearch@newcovfel.org](mailto:pastorsearch@newcovfel.org)**

For more information about New Covenant Fellowship or our senior pastor search, please contact the chair of the pastoral search committee.

**Bill Crawford, PSC Chair**

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