



*Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community  
sharing the glory of God's love with all.*

## From our pastor

It is my pleasure to welcome Don and Janice Hilkerbaumer as our new Parish Associates at Covenant. Don and Janice will be helping with the pastoral care needs of our church and will each be working 5 hours per week. Don and Janice Hilkerbaumer have both served as pastors in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for over fifty years. They met at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where they were married and since graduation they have served in churches in Illinois, Iowa and Ohio.

Don's ministry and faith grow out of his heritage as part of a small, rural German community. He was nurtured in a Presbyterian Church with a strong commitment to mission and where the cross is inscribed, "Gott is Liebe" and the worship service was still in German until the late 1940's.

Janice grew up in the cities of Wisconsin and Ohio, graduating from Hilliard High School and Muskingum College. The churches where she was privileged to worship grounded her and her family as they moved, met new people and were challenged by new opportunities.

They have both been active in presbytery life, serving on various commissions over the years, and Janice served as presbytery moderator in 2011. Camp and youth programs and mission projects and trips have also been an important part of their life work. Janice retired in 2011 from full-time ministry as pastor of the Dublin Presbyterian Church. In 2021 she retired again, this time after serving nine years as a Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church of Granville. Don retired in 2013 as pastor of the Plain City Presbyterian Church and since then he has served as a transitional pastor or bridge pastor at a number of churches, including five weeks at Covenant Presbyterian Church, following Rev. Tracy Keenan departure.

Don and Janice have two children, Beth who is Pastor of Green Acres Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, Virginia, and Jason of Hope, Missouri where he serves as a Commissioned Elder, pastoring two rural congregations. They have two grandkids and four (soon to be six) great-grandchildren.

Let's welcome Don and Janice to Covenant! Janice will be preaching this week, and you will see both in worship in the weeks to come.

One Struggle to Love,  
Rev. Joel A. Esala



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

## *Summer Prayer Service*

SUNDAYS  
IN  
JUNE  
JULY  
AUGUST

*Join us for a 30  
minute outdoor  
service.*

SUNDAYS @ 9 AM IN THE COURTYARD

**COVENANT'S SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. INDOOR, IN-PERSON**

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.



## COVENANT'S SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

FACEBOOK for Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

services: <https://www.facebook.com/covenantpcusa/>

Look for the most current video, labeled "PREMIERE: Current Date".

YOUTUBE for Sunday, 10:00 a.m. services: <https://www.youtube.com/user/covenantpcusa>

Look for the most current video, labeled "PREMIERE: Current Date"

For past services, special music, and other church video content, visit our main YouTube page: [Covenant Service Archive](#).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES!

**Adult Forum Class** - Adult Christian education prior to the Sunday worship service is not scheduled for the summer months. Regular adult education for the nine o'clock hour will resume in the fall. David Connolly will lead a Sunday brunch series during the summer, "Becoming the People of the Book: A Hands-On History of the Bible", following indoor worship with dates TBA.

**Children Christian Education** - Enjoy summer break!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL





Erin the Lionhearted and Friar Joel!!

## STEWARDSHIP & BUDGET COMMISSION

Reminder to please return your annual stewardship pledge cards to the financial administrator, Tanvi Bhowmik. Thank you!



## SPIRITUAL CINEMA

Wednesday, June 29, we will gather in the Lounge, at 6:30 pm to watch Spotlight (2015). This is the true story about the Boston Globe's Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into allegations of child abuse within the Boston Catholic Archdiocese. We will stay for a short time after the film to discuss its merits and message. Come join us.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR PASTOR

Due to COVID, Covenant did not have the opportunity for a live meet and greet gathering with Pastor Joel. Invitations are being sent to members of the congregation who have not had an opportunity to have a conversation with Joel. Invitations are being sent out to select groups of 15. The RSVP invitations are intended

to keep the groups small, allowing more time for conversation. The dates and times will vary for each group. The frequency of these dates, and if they continue, will depend on the responses received. If you would like to take part in this opportunity, please let us know by sending an email to [covenant@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:covenant@covenantpcusa.org) or by calling 614-451-6677, X11.

## MEALS FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

Would you be willing to provide a meal or two for Covenant members whose health problems keep them temporarily from cooking? The Deacons have recently re-activated this program and are looking for cooks to volunteer their services. Contact Steve St. Martin or John Harder if you are willing.

## THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

**Three Opportunities for You!** The Presbytery of Scioto Valley would like to make you aware of the following upcoming events/programs:

### **Called to be Easter People - A Matthew 25 Challenge**

All churches in our presbytery are being encouraged to join our "We Are Easter People Challenge". The goal of the challenge is for Scioto Valley congregations to jointly log 2022 hours of Matthew 25-related mission service during the seven week-period between Easter and Pentecost. Our efforts, and those of our fellow Scioto Valley Presbyterians, will be recorded and celebrated throughout the challenge. The only requirement is that the hours of service be undertaken by a congregation and directed to our brothers and sisters Christ called "the least of these:" those who hunger, those who thirst, those who are sick, those who are strangers, those who are imprisoned, those who are naked. Your congregation is encouraged to send weekly updates to the presbytery office at [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org). Please include your church name, the project, how many hours, a contact person, and email. Thank you.

Plans are underway for our **Presbytery Youth Retreat at Camp Akita** this fall on November 12-13. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date!

This year our Presbytery will offer two mission locations in West Virginia for **Presbytery mission work teams the week of October 23-29**. We will be working with the West Virginia Mission Advocacy Workcamps (WVMAW) at locations in Colcord, West Virginia and Hampden, West Virginia. Applications will be available soon. Contact Jeannie Harsh at [jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org) if you are interested in putting your name on the mission work team list.



## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Ukraine

We are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and calls from congregations and individuals asking how they can help. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling

churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority as PDA is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work.

We are hearing that the reformed churches in Ukraine and the region are also feeling called to join in the humanitarian response. PDA, therefore, anticipates that our response will include both financial and technical



assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely.

**To support our response, designate gifts to DR000156 or text PDAUKR to 41444**



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Now that we are worshipping in person again, you may once more sign up for flowers to be placed in the sanctuary for Sunday worship to honor loved ones, a special occasion, or just to the glory of God. The dedication information will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. The arrangements will cost \$40.

To order flowers, please contact the church office by sending an email to [lauriejohnson@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:lauriejohnson@covenantpcusa.org) by Tuesday of each week that you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary. Let the office know which date you are requesting, your name, contact information and any dedication information. You may request future dates as well. Payment can be in cash or check.



Freedom a la Cart provides a \$15 toiletries bag to women who are being released from jail. Covenant members have been generous with support for these bags pre-pandemic. We realize the need is still there and are asking for donations to continue this effort. If you wish to contribute, please make checks payable to Covenant and indicate "human trafficking toiletry bags" on the memo line.

## CENTERING PRAYER

Covenant has reconvened a Centering Prayer practice on Thursdays at 8:30am in the Lounge. The first 15 minutes will be an informal gathering with the practice beginning at 8:45 for 20 minutes. Centering prayer is a method of meditation that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. We allow ourselves to be totally open to God, learning how to gently release attention away from our inner thoughts. For more information, please send an email to [covenant@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:covenant@covenantpcusa.org) and in the subject line type Centering Prayer or contact Pastor Joel.



## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

***Covenant Presbyterian Women's Circles*** meet for fellowship and discussion of the Horizons Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:00 pm, Elizabeth Circle, Mona Connolly, moderator
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 9:30 am, Eunice-Lydia Circle, Susan Imel, moderator
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, at 9:30 am, Deborah Circle, Lynn Elliott, moderator

Other circles:

- Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Mission Sewing, Diana Sanders
- June 10<sup>th</sup> and Jun 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge, Prayer Shawl Circle( 2<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays,) Louise Davidson and Nancy Davidson

For more information about CPW circles and activities, contact Sandy St. Martin, CPW moderator, [covenant@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:covenant@covenantpcusa.org) with CPW/Sandy St. Martin, the Circle leader's name or name of the person you wish to contact in the subject line.

## WOMEN'S THEOLOGY

Members of *Women's Theology* will meet July 1 and 15 to consider chapters 2 and 3 of *Everyday Contemplative: The Way of Prayerful Living* by L Roger Owens. New participants are always welcome. Meetings are on Zoom, so check with Susan Imel or Louise Davidson for information and to join the discussion the first and third Friday each month from 9:30 to 11 am.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT & ADULT LEARNING COMMISSION

**Wednesday Bible Study 1:00-2:00 pm: Wednesday Bible Study** - This Wednesday, June 22, from 1-2 pm, we will read the first two chapters of the book of Judges. (You can find an overview of Judges at [bibleproject.com](http://bibleproject.com).) This gathering will be in person, in the Lounge. We will continue offering zoom for those who cannot meet in-person. Please join us. No preparation is required. Ask for a Zoom link from [lauriejohnson@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:lauriejohnson@covenantpcusa.org).

**Wednesday Evening Book Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.** - The CPC Book Group will meet on Wednesday evening, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, to continue our discussion of Rob Bell's book, Everything is Spiritual. Pastor Joel is leading this discussion, as it is one of his favorite books. Please contact the church or Tori Vazquez for the link.

## Opportunity to Serve by Providing Lunch through the OPEN SHELTER

Do you want to do hands-on mission once a month or occasionally? We would love to welcome new people to the Open Shelter Lunch Making Team!

We'd love to expand the team of people involved to create the lunches for **Friday, July 8th** and in any future month. **We need extra help with drivers and with purchasing items for the July 8th delivery.**

Covenant helps out people in need (including the homeless) served by the Open Shelter by providing 175 sack lunches on the **second Friday of every month**. We are revising the menu and process, and we need more volunteers to help out! Here are ways to join in:

- Anytime, you could **drop off your clean, lidded take-out containers** (reusable disposable food containers) to shelving on the counter under the windows of Covenant's kitchen. We take them to the Open Shelter to help people take home leftovers from donated restaurant meals. When these meals are donated, people are encouraged to take sack lunches with them to-go as well.
- You could help with supplies for the sack lunches; we would let you know the quantity, and you'd deliver them to Covenant's kitchen by the Thursday before the delivery day (church closes at 4pm) or by the second Friday of the month at 8:15, when we assemble the sack lunches. The costs for these supplies may be reimbursed by submitting your receipts to our Financial Administrator. Ways to help include:
  - You could **shop** for supplies (like paper bags and napkins from GFS, drinks, plastic bags, sandwich makings, bananas...)
  - You could **make 45 or 90 bags of unsalted nuts** at your home.
  - You could **make 45 or 90 bags of baby carrots** at your home.



- You could make **30 Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches** at your home.
- You could **help make 160 ham and cheese sandwiches** with the team at Covenant's kitchen, and then **assemble** the lunches into paper bags and pack them in boxes and into a car (or two) between 8:15 and 9:10 am on the second Friday of the month.
- You could **transport** the lunches and other supplies from Covenant to the Open Shelter on Parsons Ave. by 9:30 on the second Friday of the month. This takes either two drivers or one driver with a minivan.

By splitting up the work, we can get more people involved sharing the Love of Christ in our community. Join us!

Questions? We would love to answer them! Would you like to join us in one or more of these ways? Fantastic! Please contact us to discuss this and/or sign up.

In Christ,

Carrie Mellen, 614-519-9731, [carriemellen@icloud.com](mailto:carriemellen@icloud.com)

Betsy Sebastian, 219-208-5602, [grammyseb@gmail.com](mailto:grammyseb@gmail.com)

Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413, or [mrc2208@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrc2208@sbcglobal.net)

**Join the  
Team  
Creating**

**175**


**Sack  
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**OPEN  
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**on the 2nd  
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**Contact: Betsy Sebastian  
Mona Connolly  
Carrie Mellen**





## HM3 UPDATE – HOGE'S, MUSIC, MESSAGE, MEAL

*Many thanks to the CHEFS who gathered at Covenant's Kitchen  
on Saturday 6/19 to create a meal for 50  
(old-fashioned Iowa Meatloaf, new-fangled coleslaw, and baked potatoes,*



*Thanks also to Hoge's Pastor Tom Billman for helping us  
COOK 5 meatloaves and 60 potatoes in Hoge's Kitchen ovens, and  
Thanks also to Cathy's friends (outside of Covenant/Hoge)  
who helped serve.*

*All were fed, folks got seconds and packed up more to take home,  
and they showered us with thanks and compliments to the chefs!*

Hoge Presbyterian Church offers the HM3 program every Saturday for its community in Franklinton including Music, Message, and a Meal. Area churches assist with the Meal, and Covenant creates and serves a hot, home-made meal every 3rd Saturday. At this point in the pandemic, the wearing of masks is optional for both servers and guests.

Current attendance at HM3 leads us to bring enough for 50 meals.

- In the past, Covenant members cooked in their own homes and then bring the food to Hoge to serve from the Hoge Kitchen. Alternatively, you can prepare the food as a group in the Covenant kitchen and carry it to Hoge. For example, in April and June, teams prepared most of the meal in the Covenant Kitchen as a team activity and then brought the food to Hoge. **Note: Covenant's ovens may be inoperable;** check with Lynn Elliott or Charlie Bergmann before planning on using them. If they aren't working, you can use the ovens at Hoge; coordinate with Tom Billman in that case.
- Groups have signed up to serve in the months throughout the year of 2022... **THANK YOU! Group leaders:** If your group is lacking servers or chefs, let Cathy know; she has contacts for volunteers who can join your team. **Chefs:** Your expenses incurred in cooking may be reimbursed through our Financial Administrator.
- **If you or your kids would like to help out** as a chef and/or server (from 4-7pm) during one of those 3rd Saturdays where a group already is signed up, **go ahead and contact that groups' leader**, we'll bet they would LOVE to include you on the team! You can find the leader's name on the website, or you can ask Cathy Levy, and she'll connect you up.

Learn more through this tool: <https://bitly.com/CovenantHM3SignUp> or by contacting Cathy Levy (send an email to [covenant@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:covenant@covenantpcusa.org) and in the subject line type HM3/Levy). By splitting up the work, it's easy, and many of us can help our neighbors with life-giving food offered with open hearts.

## PRAYER CHAIN



Contact Laurie Johnson ([lauriejohnson@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:lauriejohnson@covenantpcusa.org)) if you would like to join the members and friends of Covenant who pray for those requesting our prayers. The prayers will be relayed to you via email from Linda Van Aman. It is asked that you include the prayer request in your daily prayers for a week. To submit a prayer chain request, please send an email to [covenant@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:covenant@covenantpcusa.org) and in the subject line type Prayer Chain. Note that the person for whom prayers are requested must give permission.

## WEBSITE REQUEST FORM



Does your Commission need something placed on the website? Does a form need updated, or an announcement need to be made? Click below and submit a website request as soon as possible to have information added or changed on the Covenant website.

[WEBSITE REQUEST FORM](#)

# CHURCH FACILITIES POLICY

## Indoor policy due to Franklin County COVID-19

Covenant's Mask Policy will conform with [CDC guidelines](#). Wearing a mask inside our facility is optional for everyone. Session will continue to monitor COVID 19 in the state of Ohio and adapt our policy as needed.

## INFORMATION/MISCELLANEOUS

- **Registration/Sign-up for Glass Showcase** - There is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the administrative office area to reserve the glass showcase.

[Click here to check out all Covenant events and news on our website.](#)

others.

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