



THE ARK

January 2019

Covenant United Methodist Church

Celebration for Helen

At the Sunday, January 6 worship service, there will be a special recognition of Helen Gilsdorf for her many years of service to the music ministry of Covenant United Methodist Church.

Plan to stay for cake and coffee following the service.



New Organist/Pianist

Welcome our new organist/pianist Seth Dobson. Seth received his Bachelor of Science Degree in General Studies: Business and Music from Liberty University. He has worked as an organist, pianist, and music director in various churches for more than 20 years. Please say hello and welcome him! He began as organist/pianist in December, and now will begin working with the choir as well.

Cookie Walk Wrap-Up

Thanks to everyone who helped with the cookie walk and those who purchased cookies. We made over \$600 that was contributed to the Gifts for Families.

100th Birthday Celebration!

Ruth Beusch and her family would like to invite you to an open house celebration in honor of her 100th birthday. January 26 from 1-4pm here at Covenant Church. Stop in and wish her a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Angel Tree and Food for Families

Thank you to all of you who bought Christmas gifts and groceries, or donated money. As a result of your kindness and generosity, we helped seven families, consisting of nine adults and twelve children, have a Merrier Christmas.

-The Sending Forth Committee

Thank you!

The staff of Covenant wishes to thank you for your generous Christmas gift to each of us. We hope that in the New Year, God will bless our efforts to further His work along with all of you.



Scriptures for January

January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Psalms 29

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Psalms 36:1-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Isaiah 62:1-5

John 2:1-11

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

PASTORAL PROPHECIES

from

Joel



Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

A new year is God's gift. Enjoy the faithful blessings he so delights in giving!

"May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us." Psalm 90:17a

Blessings,

Joel

Pastor Joel

Family Ministry

Our December programs were many and very successful, and we are keeping it going into the 2019. Sunday School is starting back up on Sunday, January 6. The kids will continue their study on all the interesting characters of the Bible. As we found out during the Christmas Program, we have some really good actors. Maybe a drama or two is on the horizon.

The confirmation class is going strong. The kids are getting to know each other and some real friendships are developing! God's love is spreading, and that's our goal.



Even though the Packers will not be in the Super Bowl, we are going to celebrate anyway. This year on Feb. 3, we will be hosting a neighborhood Super Bowl Party along with a "Soup and Sandwich" fundraiser. Carol and Karen will be making soup, and there will be sub sandwiches along with other favorites. Join us for a fun evening, or order soup and sandwiches to go! We will be inviting some of our Pillar and Vine foster families so all proceeds will go to Pillar and Vine and our youth mission trip. Be sure to order your soup and sandwiches as soon as you can. Order forms will be at the information desk or see Carol for more details.

This winter, we will be switching our community outreach program to movie afternoons. Each month, we will host our neighbors for an afternoon of movies. If you have any movies you would like to see, contact Carol and she will put it on the list. We will be showing several on one afternoon as we do have multiple TVs. (Sanctuary, Narthex and Fellowship Hall). We even have the youth room for kid's movies. Of course this will not be successful if you don't participate. We are planning to invite our neighbors next to the church across the street and residents of the senior apartments on Macy St. along with our Rosalind and Portland Square friends. As always, there will be treats to share. What is a United Methodist event without food!!!! Movie Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday of each month, unless otherwise published. Along with the movie will be activities for the kids who would get bored watching TV. This is an opportunity for fun, fellowship and hospitality. Of course Youth/ Family Ministries is always willing to host these events. If another group would like to host one movie afternoon, just let Carol know and she can assist anyway she can.



VBS is always fun for young and old. We will be having two VBS events for children in 2019. Stay tuned for dates, times and more details. As last year we will be inviting other UMC churches. We will also be having an adult Lenten Interactive Study in April. More information coming soon.

Along the way we will be scheduling outings for youth and families. (Bowling, pizza parties, SkyZone, etc.) and hope you will join us no matter what age you are. Keep an eye out for winter fun at Covenant UMC. As always, if you or your group have some thoughts of activities, please let us know.

LOVE WELL
YOUTH 2019

The Youth 2019 mission trip will be July 10-14. We have 3 confirmed youth and Vicky V. going and will need at least one more chaperone. We have two possibilities but anyone who would like to spend time with our youth and lead them on a journey of worship, service and fellowship are welcome to volunteer. The cost will be about \$1000 per person. We are joining other Wisconsin kids on the trip down to Missouri on a bus for \$50 a person. There will be various fundraising opportunities all winter and spring to get ready for this trip.

Liturgists

January 6: Sandy Kilmer
 January 13: Shirley Beusch
 January 20: Deb Christian
 January 27: Denise Retzleff



Birthdays

Casey Averbeck	1-3	Nancy Jossens	1-20
Richard Gaston	1-3	Karla Kalhamer	1-20
Jacoby Rivera	1-6	Marilynn Roessler	1-20
Amanda Schumacher	1-8	Jan Andrews	1-21
Betty Beardsley	1-10	Jackson Goldapske	1-22
Niklas Averbeck	1-13	Cynthia Schaefer	1-22
Joyce Kurtz	1-13	Timothy Klaske	1-25
Kevin Sherman	1-18	Liona Brockway	1-29
Cheryl Abitz	1-19	Ruth Beusch	1-31

Ushers

Head Usher: Bill Kelley
 Ushers: Bill Olson & Bob Pickart

Fellowship Hour

January 6: Cake for Helen
 January 13: Rachel Circle
 January 20:
 January 27:



Please have your group sign up for Fellowship Hour for 2019. There are lots of dates open!

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

January 6: Senegal
 January 13: Loaves and Fishes
 January 20: Human Relations Sunday
 January 27: FDL Says No More

Our Members Who are Homebound or in Assisted Living

At Home: Red LaPlante
 St Peter's Place: Donna Handley
 Artisan: Catherine Mueller and Ruth Beusch
 Woodlands: Shirley Lentz

Giving with Tithe.ly

- Tithe.ly app
- Text "give" to 920-267-4801
- Use the "Donate" button on our Facebook page
- Our website covenantforyou.church/give

80+ Birthdays

Betty Beardsley celebrates 89 years
 on January 10

Joyce Kurtz celebrates 83 years
 on January 13

Liona Brockway celebrates 82 years
 on January 29

Ruth Beusch celebrates 100 years
 on January 31



William and Shelli Dekker celebrate 29 years
 on January 12

Doug and Judie Duitman celebrate 31 years
 on January 23



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May God be with you through the
New Year and fill you with
COMFORT, LOVE & CHEER.

May this day and the days ahead
hold many **BLESSINGS**
for you and yours.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Reminder: Deadline for Ark
submissions is the 15th.**

**Please get your content to the
office by this date for the next
month's issue. Thank you!**

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