



Father's Day

We will be celebrating our fathers this year with a video photo slide show. If you submitted photos in 2018, those can be used. Additional photos can be submitted to the office. Email your photos to office@covenantforyou.church or bring them into the office to be scanned. Father's Day photos will be due June 5. Please include the names of the individuals in the photo, their relationship to you, and your name so the photo can be returned.

Trustees

With summer approaching, the Trustees are looking into having the exterior of the Church washed and necessary repairs if needed. The garage remodel will take place after Pastor Joel has moved out and a walk thru of the parsonage will be done. Live streaming is now in place and training will be done. New lighting in the Chapel has been completed and a new carpet cleaner has been purchased as the old one was no longer workable. As always, I want to thank the Trustee Committee members for their diligence and efforts in getting projects taken care of as they strive to serve Covenant and our Lord God. Sincerely, Bill Averbeck, Trustee Chair

Family Ministries

Covenant's Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth programs have come to an end for 2021-2022. To celebrate, a bowling get together at Parkway Lanes was held on May 15th and everyone had a great time. Karen Jewson will continue her contribution to the youth with her homemade soups for sale on Sundays or for as long as there is interest. It has been a great success and we are greatly appreciative of her generosity and the generosity of our Covenant family in their support of Soup Sundays. I personally want to thank our youth for their help in bringing the rummage items from the first floor into the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for the rummage sale. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! And I know our ladies are grateful also. Congratulations to Sloan Averbeck on her Confirmation May 22. It has been a great year with our students and has been a pleasure working with our Family Ministries Team. Thanks to Pastor Joel and Diane Weider in leading the Confirmation program, Bob and Judi Balson in leading the Youth program, my co-teacher Donna Depies who was great to work with, Shelli Dekker for her help with the younger kids and the ICD program, Tami Averbeck as our Social Media Picture person, our Media Team and our Children Moments Volunteers. Covenant is blessed to have such talent. God Bless you all. -Mona Averbeck

What is God's Dream for His Church?



Our Fresh Expressions team at Covenant is in the process of discerning where God is at work in our community and where he is inviting us to join him in doing the work of his kingdom. The team has been praying and meeting for a year to learn about ourselves, our congregation and our community. In our studies we have found that there are many needs in our local area. However, we have narrowed our focus to three potential areas to be engaged with. They are children and youth, elder care, or diversity and inclusion.

The strengths we possess to address these areas include

- ⇒ We are geographically located in the center of the city, thus we can reach out in many directions
- ⇒ We have the ability to collaborate with schools, other organizations, and local government to increase impact and gain expertise. These are multifaceted issues, so we'll seek to identify our niche.
- ⇒ We believe we will be successful because of our history as a caring church

The Fresh Expressions team of Jeff Strong, Sue Strong, Flora O'Hagan, Judi Balson, Bob Balson, Bill Kelley, Pastor Janet Martinez, Jan Andrews, Penny Werner, Pastor Joel Deaner-Rogers, Bill Averbeck, Mona Averbeck, Marilyn Roessler, Mary Balson and Denise Retzleff will meet again on Monday, June 6 to continue the conversation. Feel free to contact anyone of these people with your questions or ideas.

To aid us in our Fresh Expressions process, Mary Balson and Denise Retzleff are participating in a ten month leadership development program called Institute of Congregational Development. We are meeting with pastors and clergy from across Wisconsin, learning from authors, coaches, and consultants from across the nation. The focus is on starting new ministries and working to revitalize established congregations. Each month there is a new book to read and assignments to complete. In a recent session we focused on visioning, which is creating a picture of a preferred future. A vision captures people's imagination and motivates them. That session led us to the question, "What is God's vision for our church"? Please pray for the Fresh Expressions process as we patiently and eagerly discover the journey God has set before us.

United Methodist Men (UMM) and Covenant Cares about People (CCAP)

As the United Methodist Men will not meet until after the ARK deadline, I will share what I know. Last month, the Salvation Army called and asked if Covenant Cares About People (CCAP) will again provide bananas for the brown bag program for the summer. I asked the men, and we will. I asked the Salvation Army that Covenant gets mentioned as providing these as other churches make up the bags on Tuesdays.

I made a trip to Sam's Club this month and filled my car with fruit, vegetables, mac and cheese cups. I always buy good food the kids can help themselves to. Last month I spent \$418 on 4 cases of bananas each week plus other foods like instant oatmeal and oranges.

Our church has been very generous. Thank you!

Darrell Jewson, CCAP and UMM Chair

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith (Sara Circle) had a successful Mother-Other Banquet, bazaar, bake Sale and flower sale on May 5th. It was a time of great fellowship, entertainment and sharing with 70 attending. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to all who attended and everyone for donations, as well as for all the preliminary planning and work. We cleared \$1000 and will share details after our next meeting. Thank you so much for your support!

Guest Speakers for June and July

June 5: Michael Morning

June 12: Donna LaPoint

June 19: Mary Council Austin

June 26: Chuck Davis

July 3: Michael Morning



2022 Woman of the Year–

PENNY WERNER



This year's woman of the year comes from a large family. She is one of six children. She is a middle child. She married the love of her life and her best friend. They had one child who was everything to her, and he gave her two beautiful grandchildren. She put herself through college after she put her son through college. She didn't need the degree for her job, she just wanted the degree. She is one of the smartest people I know (even if she is a Republican). She spent many years in the justice system as a Victim Witness Coordinator. The last ten years were not easy for our woman of the year. She lost her son to cancer and then six years after that, lost her husband as well.

Our woman of the year has been a member of this church for more than 50 years (making her pretty old) and although I have been a member most of my life (I am also old), I barely knew her until about 18 months ago. I just knew her as the pretty red haired lady. Now we joke about being church best friends. Sandy Kilmer thinks we are pretty darn funny when we are together. Our woman of the year hasn't sat on a lot of our committees but two and a half years ago she joined the SPRC and became the chairperson (what was she thinking?). I have been on the SPRC off and on for the past 25 years and none of the chairs (including me for a short-lived stint in 2016) ever did the title justice until Penny. When she came on board, she learned what the job meant and what those responsibilities were. She brought back staff evaluations; updated the staff handbook, and helped create accurate job descriptions. She was firm and no nonsense when it came to doing her job. She did a lot behind the scenes that the rest of the SPRC wasn't even aware of (sometimes even from Florida).

When there were issues with our secretary, Penny was the one dealing with her, covering the office, and creating bulletins. She was instrumental in getting Kelly back as our administrative assistant. If any staff member needed guidance, our woman of the year would work with them to get them back on track. Being SPRC chairperson is not an easy job, but our woman of the year never backed down. Everything that she did was for the good of Covenant UMC, and I will forever be grateful for her dedication and leadership. In addition to being on the SPRC, she is a member of Fresh Expressions and continues to be a volunteer in the church office. She also does community service through the Morning Rotary where she has been honored for her service.



Mother Other Banquet



Another successful rummage sale is in the books! THANK you to everyone who helped. It was a huge project with lots and lots of items to sort, arrange, price, and sell. Profits were about \$1400.

THANK YOU ,THANK YOU ,THANK YOU! We have so many people to thank: the kids and youth for bringing everything upstairs, all the men and women who worked hard to set up, those who worked the sale days, those who helped clean up after, and those who donated great items to sell! A special thank you to Judi Balson for all her hard work!



Rummage Sale 2022





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Birthdays



06/01	Kris Shoemaker
06/10	Arthur Abitz
06/11	Germaine Gilmore
06/17	Mary Balson
06/23	Nancy Johnston
06/24	Flora O'Hagan
06/25	Denise Retzleff
06/26	Louis Averbeck

80+ birthdays!

Flora O'Hagan
Germaine Gilmore

Anniversaries



June 5: Sharon and David Olson

June 19: Del and Dawn Jewson

June 22: Bob and Judi Balson

June 24: Gerald and Suzanne Burns



Mission Offerings for June:

June 5: Redbird Mission

June 12: Peace with Justice

June 19: Tools for Hope (Father's Day)

June 26: Tools for Hope

ARK submission deadline is the
15th of each month at noon. Please get your content
to the office by this date for the next month's issue.

THANK YOU!



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