

# ECHOES

November, 2020

**We Invite  
We Welcome  
We Nurture  
We Serve**



## From the Pastor's Desk...

By Pastor Quentin Wallace

**This Comes From God,  
Not Us**



*We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)*

Back in the late seventies, most of the young people wanted these great sound systems that included turntables, cassette players, a powerful receiver, and great speakers. The reasoning was that the better the system the clearer the sounds of the records or tapes. A cheap system lacked in quality, while an expensive name-brand went above and beyond.

Similarly, we each want to hear God with clarity even though God has mostly spoken to the people through designated spokespersons. In 2 Kings 22:14-20, Huldah the prophetess, spoke to the king of Judah for God. In Jeremiah 1:4-9, the young prophet was called to speak to the people of Israel for God, and God spoke through Paul the apostle to the people in Thessalonica and throughout the Roman Empire. In the passage above Paul is commending the Thessalonian church for discerning that his words of instruction were not his own but from God.

In today's world, through various media venues, many topics and issues are covered - sometimes clearly and sometimes unclearly. We, as the people of God, want to hear clearly what our Lord is saying to us. God's message of grace and love to all creation has never changed even though it's being filtered through many opinions. Therefore, we pray that our actions and deeds, as members of the body of Christ, display the love and grace of our Lord to the world with such clarity that people know what we do is not merely human based but God ordained.

As we transition to fall, there will be many changes. We may not be able to continue ministries as we have in the past due to Covid-19. At this time we need to hear clearly how to continue in this new normal. What can we do for Harvest Home? How do we operate the clothing ministry best? How can we minister at Thanksgiving? And, how do we reach out safely? We pray and listen for God's clear message, and if we are tuned in to the same savior, the communication will be the same.

Blessings,

Pastor Quentin

## Sidelights

### COVENANT'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision Statement: **Bringing Christ's Light into the Community and Beyond.**

Our Mission Statement: **We Invite, We Welcome, We Nurture, We Serve.**

Pastor Quentin's theme for 2020 is **Covenant is the church for ALL generations, and we mean it!**

Please be in prayer for Covenant Church.

### WAYS TO CONTINUE GIVING

Thank you to our faithful members who continue to support Covenant Church. Here are options for you to give your personal tithes and offerings:

- Mail checks to 110 N. Mulberry St., Lancaster, PA, 17603
- Place offerings in the basket during our drive-in services on Sunday morning.
- Give online. Go to our website [www.covenant-umc.com](http://www.covenant-umc.com) and click on the GIVING link and follow the directions.
- Text 717-769-1063. After the initial setup, giving is easy.

Please call the church office with questions.

## Sidelights

### GIFTS GIVEN

To the Dolly Kepner Music Fund:

- In memory of **Arline Rutt** from Robert Meagher.
- In memory of **Mae Meringer** from Tanya and Scott Myer.
- In memory of **Eloise Stalk** from Greg and Kathy Smith.

To the General Fund:

- In memory of **Randy Dippary** from Sandy Leonard.
- In honor of **Peg Walz** on her 100th birthday from Ted and Esther Mefferd.

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

Don't forget to notify the church office when you or a loved one is in the hospital. Our Care Team is available to visit and share prayer.

### GROCERY CARDS

You can continue to support the Mission Outreach of Covenant by purchasing your grocery store gift cards through the mail. Please mail your check to Covenant UMC at 110 N Mulberry St 17603 with a note. We have \$50 Stauffer's cards; \$25 and \$50 Giant cards; and \$50 Weis cards.

Please make your checks out to Covenant UMC. After receiving your check, we will mail your grocery store cards to your home.

## We Worship Together

### NOVEMBER SERVICES

#### **November 1, 2020—All Saints Day**

Pastor Wallace will present the message. Service will include the celebration of Holy Communion, music by the Bell Choir, and a time of remembrance for those members who have passed on during the past year.

#### **November 8, 2020—23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Pastor Wallace will deliver the message.

#### **November 15, 2020—24th Sunday after Pentecost**

The morning's message will be presented by Pastor Wallace.

#### **November 22, 2020—UMW World Thank Offering & Harvest Home**

Service will include a message from Pastor Sally Ott and music by the Bell Choir.

#### **November 29, 2020—First Sunday of Advent & Stewardship Sunday**

Pastor Wallace will present the message. For those attending the service in person, stewardship cards will be collected and dedicated.

### TWO WAYS TO WORSHIP

#### **Worship in the Sanctuary (10:00 am)**

If you would like to worship in the sanctuary, the following rules and procedures apply:

- Screening and temperatures taken in the lobby.
- Masks must be worn
- Physical distancing, with pew clearly marked for appropriate seating
- No coffee or refreshments in the Gathering Area
- Call the office to reserve a seat. Presently only 75 will be allowed in the sanctuary.

#### **Worship Online (10:00 am)**

If you prefer to worship at home, go to the Covenant website ([covenant-umc.com](http://covenant-umc.com)) and click on Worship to get the Covenant Facebook link. You do not have to have a Facebook account to participate. The live link will allow you to see and hear the entire service.

### Additional Online Opportunities During the Week

- Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. on Facebook Live, Pastor Quentin will bring words of encouragement.
- Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Quentin will share a Bible Study.
- Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 6 a.m. join our conference prayer call at 605-313-5107 (202700#).

## Here's To Good Health!

November is the month we think about what we are thankful for. This year the top of my list is my health. I'm sure many of you would agree.

Being here at Red Bird Mission, I have been thankful for being able to work 8 hours a day and only have a few aches and pains. I am also thankful for all the persons that work here in this community to meet the needs of persons with health issues; with those that need food and clothes; with those that need help with paying bills; with those needing instruction regarding how to grow gardens and then sell those produce items to supplement their income and help feed their families. There are also programs like meals on wheels and low-income housing for seniors.

Of course, there are a lot of other things I am thankful for. Like family and friends. There are many more I could name. Most of all I am thankful that in these uncertain days I know who holds tomorrow and that Christ

is my Lord and Savior.

When we think about Thanksgiving Day we think of food. I want to remind you of a few things to think about as you plan your meal.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold until serving time. Don't leave food out at room temperature for longer than 2 hours. Remember to serve both fruits and veggies with your meal. Send leftovers home with your guests. Store leftovers properly and use before they go bad.

If you are baking cakes or cookies, don't eat the raw dough. Baking kills the germs that might be in raw ingredients that could make you sick.

Be thankful for your meal that you share. We are truly blessed! Happy Thanksgiving!

Cindy Smith,  
Wellness Coach

## Administrative Assistant Hired



Amber Bremme is Covenant's new part-time Administrative Assistant. On October 26 she began a week of training in the office with Chris Kimmich to prepare for taking on the job at the beginning of November. Amber will be in the office daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with a half hour break for lunch.

Coming from Bucks County, Amber brings to the job at Covenant her receptionist and office experience from prior jobs there. With her Christian faith, she views working in a church as a good fit for her. Amber, her husband, and their baby boy now live in Lancaster. She is already planning on donating baby clothes to Covenant's Community Closet. Please make Amber feel welcome at Covenant; and introduce yourself when contacting her by email, on the phone, or in person in the office.

Appreciation is expressed to former Administrative Assistant Chris Kimmich for providing on-the-job training for Amber and for preparing a detailed manual as a guide to the job's responsibilities. While Chris is retiring from this position, she will be serving as a volunteer secretary on Friday mornings in the church foyer. Covenant is grateful to have the following volunteers continuing in that role as well: Nancy Groff on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Joan Miller on Wednesday mornings. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer secretary on Thursday mornings should contact the church office.

## Sidelights

### NOTE OF THANKS

Peg Walz and her family are very thankful for your expressions of love and caring as she celebrated her 100th birthday.

### 90+ BIRTHDAYS

Mary Jane Leighty, 11/4  
William Fisher, 11/7  
Robert Hess, 11/18  
Betty Balabanow, 11/18

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Remember, if you want to place centerpiece or vase flowers in memory or honor of a loved ones the cost is \$28. Please contact the church office if you would like to reserve flowers.

### KEEP UP ON THE LATEST COVENANT NEWS

If you do NOT receive the weekly "News to Go" e-mail and would like to be included, please send your e-mail information to [chris@covenant-umc.com](mailto:chris@covenant-umc.com).

Pastor Quentin will also occasionally send out Calling Post messages to the congregation. This call is routed through Oklahoma City, and may not be a familiar number on your phone display. If you are not getting these calls and want to be included, please contact the church office with your preferred phone number.

## Sidelights

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will start at either 8:45 or 9:00 am with classes ending in time to attend worship at 10. Talk to your Sunday School leaders to learn when and where your class will meet.

### COMMUNITY CLOSET

Community Closet will be held in Bethany Hall on Saturday November 7th from 9-12 noon. Guests will be asked to pre-register by calling the church office. Masks and physical distancing will be observed.



### WORLD THANK OFFERING SERVICE

On November 22, we will celebrate the United Methodist Women (UMW) World Thank Offering (WTO) during our morning worship service. Pastor Sally Ott will be our speaker of the morning. Remember this fall season to be thankful for your many blessings. Fill your WTO boxes, jars, and butter tubs with gifts to help those in need locally and around the world.

## From the Child Care Center...

The Covenant Child Care Center has been up and running since June with a full complement of staff and children. It is a joy to hear them laughing and talking while they pass the office door. If you would like to be a part of this Covenant ministry you can help with donations or your time.

#### Donations needed:

- Disposable adult masks
- Disposable child-sized masks
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- Lysol Kitchen Pro spray cleaner
- Lysol All Purpose cleaner
- Hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol or more
- Lysol disinfecting spray

**Volunteers needed:** We are looking for one or two volunteers to check children in on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-9:00 am by taking and recording temperatures. If interested, contact Emily at [emily@covenant-umc.com](mailto:emily@covenant-umc.com).

**COVENANT CHURCH is Bringing Christ's Light into the Community and Beyond AND Preparing for Increase in 2020.**

## Covenant Members in Business

#### Aunt Sandy's Attic

Sandy Leonard  
Antiques, Collectibles, Books, Art, etc.  
545 W. Market Street, Marietta, PA 17547  
717-426-5091

#### Conestoga Innovations Promotional Products

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