

ECHOES

October, 2019

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



From the Pastor's Desk...

By Pastor Quentin Wallace

Help Wanted



"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 'Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. 'Which of the two did what his father wanted?' 'The first,' they answered. (Matthew 21:28-31)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

When I was a teen I enjoyed watching my favorite television programs more than anything, and sometimes it got me into trouble with my parents. On one occasion I was engaged in a TV show when my Mother gave me a directive to either take out the garbage or clean up the kitchen. Whenever I was asked to complete a chore while watching an exciting program I would say, "Sure, I'll get the chore immediately after the program goes off." You guessed it. By the time the program ended, I had forgotten what I promised and went to bed. Although I had forgotten, it did not mean my mother had done so the next morning I would be awakened by a disappointed parent with a scowl on her face. "Why didn't you clean up the kitchen or take out the garbage?" she would ask. I would give my famous line, "Mom, I forgot." And then I would run to do what she had requested of me.

In the midst of busyness, it's easy to forget something important. On Facebook I read a post from a lady who described how, in rushing somewhere, she accidentally put on two mismatched black shoes, and she posted the photo for all to see. Sometimes we overload our schedules, and in so doing forget something important to us or promised to someone else. It happens.

Recently I have received several new members into the Covenant family, and each time this occurs the congregation is reminded of its promise to God and the church family through the words we recite as part of the new members' reception during worship. Specifically, we agree to support the mission of God through our church by offering our gifts, talents, prayers, presence, and witness.

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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 2019 is **Preparing for Increase.**

Please be in prayer for Covenant Church.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM GINNY LANDIS

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the wonderful send-off gathering on September 15. From all the cards (including the giant poster board) and well wishes to the flowers and refreshments, it was perfect. Thanks to all the current and past staff of Covenant for always making my job easy. And finally, I want to express my deep appreciation for the monetary gift presented from the Staff Parish Relations committee and you, the folks of Covenant Church. My heart is full and overflowing. Extending God's richest blessings to you all.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer group began meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 10:15 a.m. You have an open invitation to join us any Wednesday. No one that attends will need to lead a prayer, just your support is appreciated. For additional information see Pastor Sally or Minister Santa.

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

There are many openings for flowers during the upcoming months. See the volunteer secretary to place an order.

CALLING ALL RINGERS AND SINGERS!

It's time to share OR grow your musical talents in the church! The Bell Choir and Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4. The Bell Choir meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 5:30-6:45 p.m., and the Chancel Choir meets from 7:00-8:30 pm in the basement of the church on a weekly basis. In addition to preparing for weekly services, the groups will immediately start working on a special Christmas Cantata that will be presented on Sunday, December 22, during the 10:30am service. Those who share a love of music are invited. Please refer questions regarding Chancel Choir to Kyle Zeuch at kyle@covenant-umc.com and regarding Bell Choir to Robin Ingram at handr Ingram@comcast.net.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is scheduled for Monday, October 28, at Otterbein UMC. Pastor Wallace will be holding a pre-charge conference church meeting on Sunday, October 27, at 11:30 am, to inform the congregation of what will be presented:

- Pastor's State of the Church
- Presentation of the slate of new leaders for 2020
- Acknowledging persons entering the Christ Servant Ministry and those who are continuing

We Worship Together

Sunday Services **9:00 am - Contemporary Worship**
10:30 am - Traditional Worship

October 6, 2019—16th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Preaching at both services is Pastor Wallace. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the Chancel Choir at 10:30.

October 13, 2019—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Wallace will preach. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the Chancel Choir at 10:30. The Bell Choir will provide special music at the 10:30 service. **Stay after the 10:30 service for a Taste of Hispanic Heritage food for lunch.**

October 20, 2019—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

Pastor Wallace will preach during both services. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the Chancel Choir at 10:30.

October 27, 2019—19th Sunday After Pentecost

Preaching at both services is Pastor Wallace. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the Chancel Choir at 10:30. **Immediately following the 10:30 service, please plan to stay in the sanctuary for a Pre-Charge Conference meeting for all members. Items to be presented include:**

- The Pastor's State of the Church address
- Presentation of the slate of new officers/leaders for 2020
- Acknowledgment of persons in Christ Servant Ministry

These are items that will be presented a during the Charge Conference on Monday, Oct. 28

November 3, 2019—20th Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor Wallace will preach during both services. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and

October Volunteers

October 6

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Ruth Neuman & Brenda Roth; 10:00 - Lori Brown & Tina Butler
Anchorite: Corey Dick

October 13

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Cindy & Bob Hean;
10:00 - Youth
Anchorite: Janet Seyfert

October 20

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mary Lou Hill;
10:00 - Sandy & Rev. Guy Carrigan
Anchorite: Janice McElroy

October 27

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mee Schuler;
10:00 - Janice & Harold Ulmer
Anchorite: Carol Brower

October Ushers

Glenn Miller, Head Usher
Abe Keener, Marilyn Keener, Joan Miller,
Ron Kimmich

November Ushers

Don Dale, Head Usher
Tina Butler, Linda Henning, Glenn Miller,
John Longenecker

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In the Matthew passage above, Jesus provides a parable about two sons and their responses to their father's request. One son when asked to do the chore said he would not do what was requested, but later he changed his mind and complied. The other son agreed to do the chore initially, but didn't fulfill its promise. I believe the point of the story is that it's okay to change your mind and follow the father's request later.

Many of us today have such heavy schedules in our lives that it is difficult to find time to serve in the church, and, as a result, we have a Pareto Principle or the 80/20 Principle. This principle describes how 100 % of the work is done by 20% of the people. If you have been unable to be active in the church for reasons beyond your control but things have now changed, please let me or members of the Nominations Team know.

Over the years we have worn out some of our faithful members by asking them to wear so many hats continually. We simply need a few more people who feel led to say as Isaiah the prophet did in the passage above, "Here am I, send me."

In closing, if you haven't had time to work in the church in the past due to a hectic schedule, it's okay to start now. God knows your heart, and your church family will appreciate anything you can do to assist in the work of the church and the building of God's kingdom.

New Staff Member Welcomed

Covenant Church recently welcomed a new staff member, albeit one with a familiar face, to the church in September. Joyce Mayne, Administrative Assistant, gave notice to leave her position as of Friday, September 20th. Our new Administrative Assistant, Chris Kimmich, started on Monday, September 16.

Chris Kimmich will serve as our new part-time Administrative Assistant in the church office, taking on responsibilities for communications, bulletins, membership records, church calendar, and other church business. Chris comes with experience as a manager/consultant and is a lifetime member of Covenant. Having recently retired from the healthcare arena, Chris is happy to add a part time position here at Covenant to her weekly routine. She lives with her husband, Ron, and spends her free time with her children, grandchildren, and friends. Chris loves to travel, entertain, read, and volunteer at Covenant.

Chris will be working Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteer secretaries will continue to answer the phone and assist with clerical jobs in the mornings from Monday through Wednesday.

50 Year Member, Bonnie Herr

Covenant is pleased to recognize and congratulate Bonnie Herr for her 50 years of membership in the church. In recently completed questionnaire, Bonnie indicated that she had fond memories of the church picnics she attended years ago, of the wonderful food and fellowship. "My friends at Covenant have become my family!" she adds. The area of church life that inspires and excites her the most is our music program—the opportunities to listen to and sing with wonderfully talented musicians. "I'm proud to be a member of the Chancel Choir for 33 years," she says. The person who most influenced her in her church life was her father, Edgar Wanner, who himself was a 75-year member of the church. She comments, "He provided the foundation for me, and then I raised my daughter Kelly here as well." Bonnie's favorite hymns are "My Jesus, I Love Thee" and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," and an inspiring passage of scripture is 1 Peter 5:6-10.

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GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of **Barbara Wissler**, a gift to Covenant from Doris Hiepler.

ISAAC'S FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who participated. \$202 was raised for our Outreach (mission) Team.

COMMUNITY CLOSET

As we prepare for our next event on November 2, we are looking for the following items: men's jeans and sweatpants, coats and boots for men, women and kids, and blankets and towels. Please leave any donations in the coat closet with a note clearly stating the items are for the Community Closet. Your support is greatly appreciated!



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Beginning Thursday, October 10, a new Bible study will begin on the book of Hebrews beginning at 7 pm. The study will last 6 weeks, and participants will be required to read assigned chapters before each study session and be ready for discussion. Sign up in the Gathering Area.

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COMMUNION SUNDAY

In order to lessen the risk of using the sanctuary steps to distribute the communion elements, our consecrated elements will be distributed by the ushers proceeding from the back of the sanctuary.

COVENANT HOSTS SPECIAL EVENT

"The Three Rs of the 21st Century Church," a program for pastors, ministry students and lay leaders, will be held on Saturday, October 12, with guest speakers, Rev. Louis Butcher, Rev. Tracy Brown and Rev Mary Beth McCloy.

GROCERY CARDS

Support our Outreach Team and Outreach Ministries by purchasing a grocery card at the table in the lobby. Cards can be purchased on the first and third Sunday of each month. By using the card, a percentage of your purchase price returns to the church.

NOTE OF THANKS

Jodi Sandherr sends her thanks to the church and the Trustee Board for allowing a crane to park in the church lot so that a large tree could be removed from her yard.

VISITATION REQUEST

Our Care Team would like to encourage you to call the church office, 717-393-1561, if you are scheduled for surgery or a scheduled hospitalization as well as any unexpected admission to the hospital (by ambulance or through the emergency room). We don't want to miss anyone who might appreciate a visit from the Care Team.

Sunday School Classes Have Begun

Everyone in the church is invited to participate in our Christian Education programs. These classes are held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There are a variety of classes for adults and children. Adult classes include:

- Ages and Stages class in the Jesus room (B-4)
- Faith and Fellowship class, Library
- SonShine class, Basement Classroom 1

Sunday School for children from K-5 is held on the second floor at 9:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday School continues at 10:30 every Sunday morning in the Youth Room located in the basement, except on the 4th Sunday when they meet at 9:00.

Please consider joining one of the classes and deepening your understanding of the Bible and God.

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Hispanic Heritage Month



You cannot speak about the Hispanic culture without dedicating a considerable amount of time on the food. When you think of “Spanish” food, some people think of tacos; others think of rice and beans or beans and rice. When you ask a Latino person about “Spanish” food and where to get a good meal, you have to be specific. They will ask you , Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Peruvian, or Columbian? And the list goes on.

Believe it or not, you can get a taste of all these cuisines right here in Lancaster County. There is a Cuban kiosk at market that sells “Guarapo” (sugarcane juice); a sit down restaurant “Old San Juan” with amazing Puerto Rican food; a splatter of fast food Dominican restaurants with amazing portions for reasonable prices; Columbian delicacies from “Coffee Shop Colombian Bakery” downtown; Peruvian food on W. King St; Flora’s empanadas on Mulberry St; and many Mexican restaurants in Lancaster County.

Won’t you consider tasting Hispanic Heritage this month by joining us after the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 13th? We will have our own sampler of Puerto Rican cuisine.

Here’s To Good Health!

It’s THAT Time of the Year!

Infectious diseases continue to make headlines here in the United States and threaten public health. This year there have been outbreaks of measles. This week a healthy adult doctor from York who had the vaccine came down with measles. Now flu season is approaching, and as always it is difficult to predict the severity of this year’s circulating viruses.

The flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu this season. If you get the flu vaccine, you are 60% less likely to need treatment for the flu by a health care provider. It can also offer other benefits like reducing the need for antibiotics, reducing lost time from work, and reducing hospitalization and even death.

Get your flu vaccine as soon as it is available in our area. Flu season usually peaks in January or February, but it can last as late as May. It is best to get the vaccine earlier in the season.

You need to think about asking your health care provider about the need for any other vaccines. Ask about the following vaccines.

Measles: In 2000, experts declared that measles was eradicated in the US. BUT this year alone there have been more than a thousand cases reported. Measles causes fever, cough, runny nose, and a telltale rash of tiny red bumps. Measles are extremely contagious.

Shingles: Shingles is caused by varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. Shingles causes nerve pain that can linger for years. The CDC recommends two doses of Shingrix, for all adults ages 50 and older.

Pneumococcal: Pneumonia is tricky in older adults. It may not cause a fever, shortness of breath or cough, but may lead to confusion or cause pain when trying to take a deep breath. The vaccine can protect against bacteria that cause pneumonia. The CDC recommends two pneumococcal vaccines for adults 65 and older.

Have a healthy flu season! Get your vaccine and remember to wash your hands often to prevent the spread of disease.

Cindy Smith
Wellness Coach

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FROM THE NURTURE TEAM

Please mark your calendars for our next First Friday Family Fun Nights on November 1 and December 6. We have already seen some new faces as guests as a result of our efforts. Praise God for his faithfulness.



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE REQUEST

The contemporary worship leaders enthusiastically invite participation in the worship service. Thank you to all who currently serve. However, we can use more volunteers to serve as ushers/greeters, to open the service with announcements, and/or provide offertory prayers. Also, if there are members who possess talents in music and would like to share, we want to find ways to include you in the worship experience. You may contact Yvette Diaz or Dennis Pou. Thank you in advance for allowing the Lord to use you in the 9 a.m. worship service.



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