



From the Pastor's Desk...

By Pastor Quentin Wallace

Save the Children



These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deut. 6:6-7)

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Matthew 10:14)

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith. (www.quoteagency.com)

"The second Sunday in June rewinds time for a moment for a celebration known as National Children's Day in the United States. The day honors the children in our lives by slowing down our fast-paced lives, turning off the tech, and refocusing on the important things. Taking one day may not be enough but using it as an opportunity to redirect our family's lives may be an important step in a child's life. Children look up to the adults in their lives for guidance. While their personalities are unique, they develop their character as they spend time with you and me." (nationaldaycalendar.com)

In September, 1972, several musical artists gathered in Chicago for a concert entitled *Save the Children*. This concert became a documentary that was shown in many movie theaters throughout the United States. Hopefully, this documentary would help start a focus on the betterment of the lives of children.

Recently news reports are discussing how keeping children out of school during the pandemic is harmful to their education as well as their mental and social health. On the "Today" show this week, a story highlighted children having eating disorders and how pandemic isolation has exacerbated that. Many television shows contain plots about teenagers who have run away from foster homes because of abuse. Other programs, whether comedy or drama, depict conflict between parents and their adult children that stem from dysfunctional family relationships since childhood. Nowadays it seems that no longer is the sentiment that "Father Knows Best," or whether "The Brady Bunch" is happy to be together.

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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 2021 is **Becoming More Like Christ.**

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 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.

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PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, please call Patti Willard at 717-872-7561. If she is unavailable, please leave a message. Also, if you are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain, please contact her to add your name to the list.

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.

UPPER ROOM

You can purchase the Upper Room daily devotional for only \$1. We have regular and large print in the office.

LOBBY GREETERS

1st Sunday of the Month
Tina Butler

2nd Sunday of the Month
Youth

3rd Sunday of the Month
Mary Lou Hill

4th Sunday of the Month
Phil & Cindy Biechler

5th Sunday of the Month
Cathy Boyd
Bobbie Schwan

We Worship Together

Sunday Worship

In-person worship will be held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The service will also be livestreamed on Facebook for those who wish to worship at home.

Additional Online Opportunities During the Week

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

Continue Prayers for Red Bird

Hooray! Red Bird has tentative plans to reopen their work camps this summer. Only four teams will come each week with a maximum of 40 volunteers. If you have volunteered at Red Bird previously, you know this is wonderful news. Please continue to pray for Red Bird as they forge ahead on a path of hope and opportunities for building a healthy community. This fall, Red Bird will be celebrating 100 years of serving the community. We would like to help Red Bird continue for the next 100 years. If you desire to contribute to this mission, you can send a donation to the church and designate it for Red Bird.

UMW Corner

There's Far More Here Than Meets the Eye is the theme for United Methodist Women's MISSION U 2021.

Do you feel like things are falling apart? The past year has been a great unraveling, when it seemed like our world literally shifted. But in spite of that, God's grace is still unfolding. Join us in an educational program that offers study on biblically grounded curricula for women, men, and youth.

This virtual event runs July 20 through July 27. Registration deadline is June 15. Cost is \$25 per person and you can register online at <https://na.eventscloud.com/2021-missionu>.

Workshop breakouts will include:

- The Criminalization of Black Girls in School
- Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence
- Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom
- Finding Peace in an Anxious World

Full details are listed on our bulletin board. You are encouraged to purchase the study books (check out the church library; we may have the book you need) and be prepared for discussions. Any questions, please call Chris Kimmich at 717-468-5126.

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And instead of “Leave It to Beaver,” in our current atmosphere it would be to abandon Beaver altogether.

God knew that these things would occur, so God established some safeguards by giving mantras to live by in his Word. First, In the Deuteronomy passage above, the Bible says God’s people are to teach their children the word of God through both our teachings and our actions. Thus, parents are responsible for children from conception to adulthood. And during that maturation journey, parents-whether biological, adoptive, or foster-should model what it means to be kind, loving, patient, and God fearing.

In Matthew’s gospel highlighted above, Jesus observes the disciples keeping children from engaging Him, and Jesus responded by saying bring the children to me and do not hinder them. One way of bringing the children to Christ is bringing them to a fellowship of believers-the church. Not sending them, but accompanying them to the church so they may learn how to worship as well as learn God’s word and become accustomed to volunteering their God given gifts and talents. We as believers must intentionally provide space for children throughout the church and welcome them.

In some of the old movies I used to hear characters say, “Children should be seen and not heard.” There was also this other famous line, “Go away, kid, you bother me.” Thankfully, Jesus would rebuke those statements and so should we as his followers.

Finally, Billy Graham, who was known as the nation’s evangelist, suggested that the best legacy parents and grandparents can leave their children is character and faith. I interpret that to mean that those who come before us lay the foundation for those coming after by living a life that can be modeled.

Children’s Day will be observed at Covenant on June 13, and we would love for the congregation to invite children to worship so we may celebrate God’s greatest gift, children. Sara Petersen, our Children and Youth Director will have a special gift for each child in attendance. In the meantime, pray for all children.

Congratulations to Our 25, 50, and 75 Year Members!

During a recent May church service, the following individuals were recognized for their continued membership at Covenant Church.

25 Years

Brad Kachel
Adam Hean
Daniel Zimmerman
Michael Martin

50 Years

James Dosch
Linda Good
Deborah Lewis
Goldie Steele
Ralph Reedy

75 Years

Dolly Kepner

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NOTES OF THANKS

Phyllis Miller thanks everyone for their thoughts, prayers, well wishes, and cards since her surgery and ongoing treatment.

90+ Birthdays for June & July

Betty Greider, 6/7
Doris Hiepler, 6/22
George Schaeffer, 6/28
Miriam Meleizen, 7/3
Jane Gehman, 7/4
Andrew Loechner, 7/24

MOOS UPDATE

The MOOS program has been closed since the spring of 2020, but is looking to hopefully reopen for the new school year starting in August, 2021.

Because of the pandemic, we have not been able to do any fundraising activities. So we are looking to our church partners for support going forward. All donations will help to prepare financially for the reopening and are greatly appreciated. Donations should specify Covenant UM and the MOOS program on the check. Thanks in advance for your support.

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FLOWERS

If you want to place a centerpiece or vase in memory or in honor of a loved one, the cost is \$28. Please contact the church office Monday-Friday, 8:30-2 at 717-393-1561.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED

In memory of **Harold & Olive Quickel**, presented by Lois Neidermyer.

In memory of **Martin Greider**, presented by Betty Greider.

In memory of **Rev. Ted Mefferd**, presented by Lois Neidermyer, Ruth Neuman, Jeff & Ann Burklew, and Ron & Chris Kim-mich.

In memory of **Mary Jane Leighty**, presented by James McMullin.

In memory of **Don Bransby**, gifts to the Dolly Kepner Music Fund from Elsie Fischer, Sandy Leonard, and Dolly Kepner.

In memory of **Eric Marsh**, a gift to the Dolly Kepner Music Fund from Sandy Leonard.

GRADUATES

Do you have any graduates? If so, call the office at 717.393.1561 by Thursday, June 10, 2021, so they can be recognized on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Here's to Good Health!

It's time to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather! That sounds so good! I just want to remind you of a few safety tips to keep you safe and healthy this summer.

As masks come off, we can breathe so much easier. Just remember who you are going to be around, how many people will you be with, and where are you going to be? As always remember to wash your hands often!

Keep the mosquitos away by getting rid of any standing water. Change water in landscape features like birdbaths and fountains at least once a week. Remember to check watering cans that have been left out. If you go hiking or camping, use mosquito repellent.

Check for ticks after hiking or camping. To remove a tick, use fine tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. After removing the tick, thoroughly

clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water. Never crush a tick with your fingers.

These are CDC recommendations. Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses when out in the sun. Remember to drink plenty of water. If swimming, swim with a buddy; be sure there is a lifeguard; at the ocean face the waves instead of turning your back to them. If eating outdoors keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Always wash your hands before and after eating. Always grill outside in a well-ventilated area. Use long handled utensils. Be careful of loose clothing. When driving always buckle up. Don't drive distracted. Don't drink and drive. Never leave children or pets in a hot car. Carry a first aid kit.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Cindy Smith,
Wellness Coach

Covenant Members in Business

Aunt Sandy's Attic

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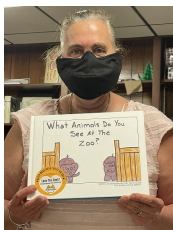
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717.872.7561 or willardhypnosis.com

Congratulations to Debbie Tyson & Class



Debbie Tyson's kindergarten class recently published a book entitled "What Animals Do You See in the Zoo?" The text was handwritten by the students, and all of the illustrations were done by the class. This book is a finalist in an elementary school book competition. Congratulations to Debbie and the kindergarten class of the Jenkins School.

Senior Farmers Market Vouchers

The Lancaster County Office of Aging is pleased to announce dates for distribution on the 2021 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Voucher Program. Each eligible participant will receive \$24 in vouchers to be used at approved farmers markets to purchase Pennsylvania grown fruits and vegetables beginning June 1.

To be eligible, seniors must be age 60 by 12/31/2021, live in Lancaster County, and have household income less than \$23,828 for 1 person or less than \$32,227 for 2 people. Seniors living in Personal Care or Nursing Homes are not eligible.

Mail-in applications are available. You can either have a representative take your mail-in application to a drive-up event and get your vouchers there, or you can mail the application to the Office of Aging. (There is a limit of 4 applications per representative.)

Due to COVID-19 and safety requirements, Senior Centers will NOT distribute the vouchers at any other time this year. Please note – Vouchers requested by mail may take several weeks to process. Mail in applications can be obtained online at www.lancoaging.org or by calling the following locations:

Columbia Senior Center – 717-684-4850

Elizabethtown Senior Center – 717-367-7984

Lancaster County Office of Aging – 717-299-7979

Lancaster Rec Center – 717-392-2115

Lititz Senior Center – 717-626-8200

Next Gen Senior Center – 717-786-4770

Millersville Senior Center – 717-871-9600

SACA Senior Center – 717-397-6267

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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.

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children and youth are meeting on Zoom on a weekly basis. Children will meet on Zoom on Sunday mornings from 8:15 to 8:30. Youth will meet on Zoom on Friday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 and then on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:30. If you have any issues with getting on Zoom please email Sara (sarapink3228@gmail.com).

KEEP YOURSELF IN THE COVENANT "LOOP"

If you don't already receive the weekly "News to Go" via email, and if you don't receive Calling Post phone messages from Oklahoma City (It's really Pastor Quentin!), please give your contact information to the church office.



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