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<u>Sundays</u>

Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am Christian Education for All Ages: 10:00am Childcare provided for Sunday Mornings & All Programs & Activities



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"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! (Psalm 133.1 NRSV)

This Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate the 68th Anniversary of World Communion Day—the one day when all Christians on this planet are called to celebrate our oneness, our unity in Christ Jesus, by sharing in the Great Feast, the Lord's Supper. The Presbyterians were the first ones to celebrate a common communion Sunday, in 1936; but it was observed only by other Presbyterians. Jesse Bader, a Disciples minister, presented a resolution on October 5, 1941, expanding this idea by envisioning it as a celebration that included *all* denominations--Christians everywhere, all expressions of the faith, in all lands & languages, consciously sharing the Lord's Supper across any & all lines that might otherwise divide; conscious of the millions of folks who are seeking the common source of strength that the Bread & Cup provide.

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, this week or any week, we are uniting ourselves as believers who are One in Christ Jesus-all differences, fall away, and we are ONE around the Table. It's that "one thing," that oneness in Christ Jesus that holds us together and defines us as Church. It's this oneness that calls us to wholeness—that calls us to turn away from any and all things that divide us. And just like the faithful who have gone before us and the faithful who will come after us, if there ever was a time for turning away from whatever divides us, as a church, as a nation, as a world, the time is now--for now is all we have...Blessings, Rev. Joanne

It's that time of year...to help at St. Paul's State Fair Restaurant October 15-25

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(this is another fund raising event for Covenant)

Each year our sister congregation, St. Paul's CC, operates a restaurant at the NC State Fair (along Restaurant Row just northeast of Dorton Arena). As a fundraiser, Covenant receives money for each person per shift who volunteers. You also receive a free pass to the Fair for the day you work. The restaurant will open for lunch and dinner only, Thursday, October 15; but all three meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner will be served October 16 - 25, 2009.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare & serve each meal as well as bus tables and wash dishes. Children 12 and older may also help if accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are also needed to help set up Tuesday & Wednesday, October 13 & 14, at 8a-meet at the Fair Booth; and tear down, Monday & Tuesday, October 26 & 27. They will also be trimming hams Thursday, October 15 at 2p at the Fair Booth.

The work shifts are:

- 1) 6:30a-11am
- 2) **11:30a-5:30p
- 3) **5p-Closing (10:30p)

**Needs the most help!

Also know that if you can only work a portion of any shifts, you are still needed!

There is no better way to get to know one another better than working together serving others at the Fair. Volunteers are requested to sign up for one or more of the three shifts on the schedule board in the church entryway or by contacting the church office: 481-4715; <u>covenantcc@bellsouth.net</u>



If you're looking to enrich your relationship, then this is the class for you. This will be an 8-week (discussion-rich) study that will enhance your relationship and help you to build a solid foundation centered with God's teachings. We will:

- gain biblical perspectives on love in relationships
- reflect upon God's purposes for these important parts of our lives
- discover new insights regarding commitment and discipleship
- be encouraged to take steps to improve our relationships

We would love to have couples from all stages of relationships (whether you are in your 1^{st} year or 60th) to provide broad perspectives of the trials and joys together. We have so much to learn from each other. Please join us on Friday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 starting Oct. 23^{rd} . If you are interested, please email at <u>me101class@aol.com</u> or call Chris and Sandy Kidd at 387-3882 by October 16th.

Covenant's On Facebook --- Check Us Out!

Become a Fan! Check out "CovenantChristianChurch-Cary.org" and "Our Life" page; scroll to the bottom and 'become a fan' if you want more info about Covenant & what's going on!

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Calling All 20 & 30 Somethings...

Do you LOVE Covenant? Are you looking for ways to get to know each other better? Have we got a group for you!

This year Covenant wants to engage its young adults by offering activities and classes that cater to our specific needs. One of our first events will be a "Casting Crowns" concert @ the RBC Center - Thursday, November 5th.

We need at least 15 people to secure group pricing (\$17.50/pp). If not, the price jumps to (minimum of \$23/pp). Please contact the church office for more info/reservations: covenantcc@bellsouth.net or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net.

But we must know of your interest no later than Sunday, October 18 if you are interested in joining us for this event! This is an absolute RSVP deadline!

Invite your family & friends - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Be on the lookout for future Young Adult events...

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Welcome New Member!

Sunday, September 20, we welcomed Cindy Magliocca. She is the sister of Roxie White. The address & phone # for Cindy and her two adult sons, Thomas and Joseph: 1310 Boxwood Lane, Apex NC 27502; 303-4722. Alan Wilkinson is her Shepherding Elder.

Please offer Cindy your own words of welcome to our church family!

Love & prayers are with: Bob & Karen Nolan & family in the recent death of his father; Catherine Sisson in the recent death of two cousins; Lynn Wright in the recent death of his cousin...Nicole Nystrom in the recent death of her roommate's father, Henry Stancil...

Recent: Vicky Vanderford; Karen Nolan's mother, Anne DeHart; Jay Baker...

At home: Elgin Fry; Dave Deardorff; Nelson Wakefield; Mary Toney; Betty Johnston; Deb Nystrom...

Continuing Prayers: The Downs Family; Art & Hazel Brothers...

Husband of:: Renié Palmer. Parents of: Mark Huncik ; Mothers of: Betsy Mebane; Cathy Downs; Ann Hall; Phama Larsen Johnston; Teresa DeMartin; Vicky Vanderford. Fathers of: Megan Larsen; Debbie Miller; Daughters of: Ken & Glenda Hoffman; Sally Shelly Sons of: Jim Johnston; Kathy Smith; Grandfather of: Jon Gaffney Grandmothers of: Vicki Wilkinson; Greg Stelmack; Carolyn Allen; Sisters of:: Darla Baldwin; Jack Reilly; Gerry Tokanel; Hazel Brothers. Brother of: Art Brothers .Aunts of: Ann Washington; Larry Linguist. Uncle of: Jeremy Hopkins.Niece of: Betsy Mebane; Nephews of: Melanie Bunn; Darla Baldwin; Gerry Tokanel; Joe Busby; Terry White. Great-Nephew of: Barishes; Cousins of: Terry White; Jeff Miller; Glenda Hoffman; Mary Lou Jackson, Elaine Fry; Brothers-in-law of: Elaine Kennel; Patty Cole; Sister-in-Law of: Hazel Brothers;

Remembering Others: Magen Rollins, Pam Wood & Mildred Davis; General & Regional Church Leaders; NC Disciples new church starts.

Contact the church office: 481-4715 or <u>covenantcc@bellsouth.net</u> if you want any of the above names to remain on the list after 2 weeks...

A Note of Thanks: Art \notin] want to thank all of you for the many cards, food, gifts, prayers, and visits over the last few months. You all mean so much to us and to know you are thinking of us at a time like this, warms our hearts.

Sincerely, Art & Hazel Brothers



This Sunday, October 4, the annual Cary CROP Walk will begin and end at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 1 PM, the walk/run begins at 2 PM. Last year Covenant raised just over \$800 last year which is a wonderful feat, however, our goal this year is to surpass the \$900 mark. Be a Walker! Be a Runner! Can't do either? Then consider sponsoring Covenant's walkers and runners. Make your checks payable to Covenant Christian Church and earmark it: CWS/CROP Walk. Contact Randy to let him know if you're planning to walk, run or sponsor: <u>randy-ccc@bellsouth.net</u>



Calendar for Children & Youth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Birthday – Joey DeMartin	2	3
4 CROP Walk – Cary, NC (Chi Rho/CYF) 1 P	5	6	7	8	9	10 Birthday – Lillian Linquist
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Craft Fair – Youth Booth Covenant
18 Chi Rho/CYF: 5 P -6:30 P	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Trunk Or Treat! 4:30 P – 6:30 P	26	27	28	29 Birthday – Katherine White	30	31 Birthday – Tavares Carter









Are you trying to find a way to "fit in"? Are you seeing all the cool things happening in Children's Worship & Wonder and saying "I wish I could be a part of that?" Here's your chance! WE NEED FAITH PARTNERS (AKA - <u>Greeters</u>) to help with our Worship & Wonder ministry! As a Greeter you will be right in the middle of all the

action! Your commitment is minimal - one 2 hour training on **Saturday**, **October 10**, **9-11a** and a scheduled rotation for Sunday mornings! No teaching or prep-work required! If you are interested in becoming a greeter, or want more information, please contact Randy at the church office: 919-481-4715 or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net

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We wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of those involved with making Children Worship & Wonder possible. This new ministry was a huge undertaking for Covenant, however, we were up to the challenge. Thanks to <u>Kevin Sloop</u> and his wood-working skills our shelving units were manufactured, installed, and ready to go for our Sept. 13th Kick-off Sunday! The shelving fits the room perfectly and provides a setting our children can easily use and appreciate.

Also, our women's group "<u>NO IDLE HANDS</u>" created the beautiful wall hanging which will teach our children how the church tells time! Those involved in putting this magnificent banner together were <u>Elaine Fry, Jeanne White & Ann Taska</u>

Thanks again to all of you -without your commitment and dedication our task would have seemed insurmountable at best!

God Bless, Worship & Wonder Team





Who's Ready for Trunk Or Treat?

Covenant's annual "Trunk or Treat" Festival will be Sunday, October 25, 4–6:30pm. All Covenant and Community children are welcome.

<u>Join us for</u>

*Food (Hamburgers & Hot Dogs) – \$3 per person or \$10 per family *Cake Walk (\$\$ raffle) *Pie throwing contest (Smash the ministers in the Face) *Whack the Pinata



*Treasure Chest *Costume Parade *Face painting *Lots & Lots of CANDY/Prizes *Other SPOOKY Treats



BRING YOUR FRIENDS & Family. ALL ARE WELCOME! Wear your costumes and come prepared to have a frightfully Fun time!

...And We Also Need Your Help!

We want to kick "Trunk or Treat" up a notch! We're looking for a dunking booth, popcorn machine, inflatable slide or bouncer, or cotton candy

machine to add to our already stellar line-up. Also, we are looking for VOLUNTEERS who are interested in helping with this event as well. There will be several booths set up and we'll need help covering each one. We are always open to other suggestions and new ideas - so, if you have any of the above equipment or you are willing to help in some way, contact Randy at the church (919) 368-2428 or e-mail him at randy-ccc@bellsouth.net.

"Trunk Or Treat" is a big event that draws quite a crowd. We want to build it up even more and really show the Covenant family and its surrounding community that we are here to serve & love others by offering fun, fellowship, & food for everyone.

Women's Ministries News...



The 1st Quarterly Breakfast was a great program year! Jeanne Robertson, the 2007 Worldwide Representative for Bosnia/Croatia, she reflected on the many experiences of her the sharing of your time and your talents to How good it was to see an expansion of our circle!



beginning for our new Woman-to-Woman captured our attention as travels. Thanks to all for help make this day special.

Fun(d) Raising Saturday is quickly approaching! Saturday, October 17, 8a-2p

All types of baked goods that do not require refrigeration (Hazel Brothers reminds us that we always run out of brownies ©), handmade crafts, yard sale & antique sale items & 'regifts' are needed. You can begin to bring yard sale & antique sale items October 3, to put in the POD in the back parking lot. Set up is Friday, the 16th. Come when you can to help! This is a major fundraiser for Women's Ministries and the church. We look forward to working and playing together for a great cause.

QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY (QA) June 23-27, 2010 * Registration is now available online *

Quadrennial Assembly, an international event for the Disciples Women, involves women from around the globe. In 2010, North Carolina is the host! QA will take place at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Never before has the QA been so accessible for the women of our Region! We encourage everyone to be a part of this special gathering! Scholarship funds are available at both the local and the regional levels. Visit our website <u>www.quadrennial.org</u> for more information.

*2010 - Spanning the Generations! *

Do you have a daughter or granddaughter that you would like to share the QA experience with? Young women who have just completed the 11th or 12th grade may apply as a *Steward:* and college age may apply as a *Team Leader*. Application info can be found at: <u>http://www.quadrennial.org/uploads/Quad_Application.pdf</u> Applications need to be submitted to our Regional Office in Wilson (rather than Indianapolis as indicated on the form) by November 30. Make your plans now! Want a more personal perspective? Robin Miller is a former Steward and would be happy to share her story!

Bible Study-A new time slated for our '09-'10 program year!

Our 1st study meets October 25th directly after our 11am Worship as a (BYOL)-bring your own lunch. The study theme is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith and l*esson one, *Who is the God of Joshua?*, is based upon Joshua 1: 1-9. *C*ontact Ann: <u>annpw@hotmail.com</u> if you have not yet received a study and want your own personal copy. These are available for \$6.00. Come join us! Ann Washington and Marilyn Williams, Co-Chairs

Outreach Ministry News

GREEN TIPS.....FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Alternative Cleaning Supplies - Easy , gentle and green! Recipe for all-purpose cleaner:

1 gallon hot water ¹/₄ cup borax ¹/₄ cup vinegar 2 T. liquid soap Elbow Grease!!

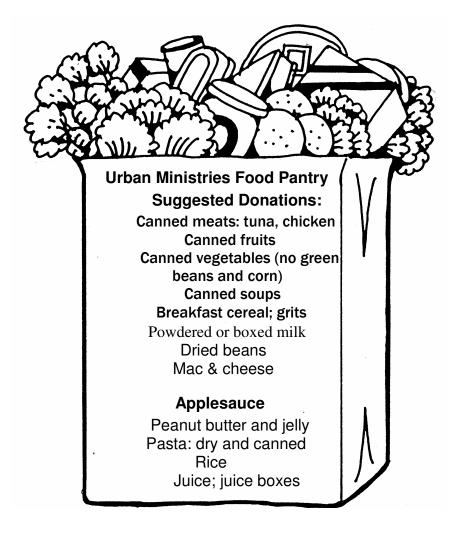
Glass Cleaner:

Mix equal parts water and vinegar for glass cleaner.

Use undiluted to remove mildew.

Scouring Powder:

Baking power, simple as that...well, don't forget the elbow grease 😊





LOOK INSIDE URBAN MINISTRIES – THE FOOD PANTRY

Urban Ministries are in their 28th year of operation and for those 28 year they have been helping to alleviate poverty and to strengthen family stability by providing basic needs – medical care, food and shelter – for for the economically disadvantaged residents of Wake County.

Over the years their Food Pantry has been an integral part of their assistance to families, serving an average of 15-20 families a day. Although folks are only able to come for help once every three months, when they do come they are given food for their family members for one week.

Currently the Food Pantry is facing a crisis. They just can't keep up with the demand! After issuing a cry for help from area churches over the summer, their shelves were filled....but because of the unprecedented numbers needing help the cupboards are already empty again. **The Pantry is now serving an average of 50 families a day!** It is hard to imagine how painful it would be to have to ask for help feeding your family....but not as painful as not being able to provide food for them!

We at Covenant have done a wonderful job of responding to the call for food donations over the summer....but now the need is even greater. We need to not only continue that effort but to do even more!! Please make a copy of the "grocery list" ...and when shopping, fill a canvas bag for the Food Pantry at Urban Ministry.

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THE GREEN FUND

Are you looking for a special way to honor a friend? Maybe you want to celebrate an important occasion ...an anniversary or birthday. Or you want to give a gift in memory of a loved one. THE GREEN FUND is an excellent way!

A special **GREEN FUND** was established to help Covenant begin to reduce our carbon footprint as well as our energy costs. (Thank you to the Men's group for their initial grant of \$500.) This fund allows the Green Team to take our slogan "Caring for God's Green Earth" from just words to action steps that truly make a difference!

Please indicate your support by remembering the fund c/o Covenant Christian Church and earmarking regular or special contributions for "THE GREEN FUND."

Your Outreach Coordinators, Marian jimarian@nc.rr.com & Ro <u>rthompsonct@aol.com</u>

A Note from Your Treasurer -

Fall is upon us and many more of us are returning to regular attendance in worship. During the summer months the church budget takes a hit and we spend the next few months trying to play "catch-up." Look at our July & August receipts below, and you'll see what I mean. Please consider what you can do to help us meet our operating budget needs through the end of the year:

For the period	July, 2009	August 2009	Year to Date
General Fund Receipts	\$ 12,140	\$ 18,777	\$ 137,393
General Fund Disbursements	<u>\$ 17,891</u>	<u>\$ 19.258</u>	<u>\$ 142,686</u>
Net increase (decrease)	\$ (5,751)	\$ (481)	\$ (4,812)

Please keep in mind that Covenant's ministries continue when you're not here! Please consider mailing your contributions when you are going to be absent. Better yet, arrange for an automatic draft to your bank account (see below); and you won't have to trust to memory to write that check!

Thanks for your generous support for Covenant's ministries throughout the year.

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

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Automatic Bill Pay...A Convenient Way to Regularly Make Your Tithes & Offerings

We also want to encourage any members/guests to setup **automatic bill pay** with their bank so that a check is sent to us each week or month, whether or not you are able to be in worship. The information that you need when setting up an automatic payment is as follows:

Biller Name: Covenant Christian Church Account number: GENERAL FUND Biller Address: 2911 SW Cary Parkway Biller City, State, Zip: Cary, NC 27513-8902 Biller phone number: 919-481-4715 The account number can be GENERAL FUND/NEW BUILDING FUND/or MEMORIAL FUND. Questions? Contact Kathy Smith, Treasurer <u>ekathys@gmail.com</u>

Now Here's a Word from Mary Lou...

Updated Membership Directories are always available via email... just let me know and I will send you the attachment...or you can pick up a copy on the table outside the church office.

Attendance Counts! We need to know when you're here for worship; church school; meetings and events here at Covenant...Please remember to sign the attendance registry and pass it down your row even if the Worship Leader forgets to ask you to do so...The names of our guests are important to Invitation Ministry too!

AND...the usual, "one more thing"...All Staff, Officers, Leaders and Ministry Chairs:

Please have your November Newsletter articles to me by **October 16, 2009**.