

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Covenant Update

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Welcome to the NEW Covenant Update, where we hope you enjoy the same informative, community building content in a newly upgraded format!



Sunday School for Children and Adults We will also be offering a weekly adult class starting this Sunday at 9:00 am. Wayne Shaw will present via Zoom on 2 Peter & This Sunday, we will be offering two Sunday School lessons for children via Zoom. Please note that the times are different from last week, but at this point, the plan is for the times and teachers to remain as follows from now on:

- At 10:00 am, Sharon Muhlfeld will provide a lesson for age 3 – grade 2
- At 11:45 am, Charlie Colombo will provide a lesson for grades 3-6

If either of these apply to your children, you should be receiving an email with a link to join the scheduled meeting. If you do not receive an email or you have questions about these classes, please contact Sharon or Charlie. Jude. If you would like to attend, simply click here to add the meeting to your calendar now or to join the meeting on Sunday morning. If you have not already installed Zoom on your device, you will be prompted to do so. You do not need to create an account. Feel free to contact **Wayne** or **John Rohrman** if you have questions about the class or about Zoom.

If you are looking for other options for both children or adults, don't forget that there are **weekly, prerecorded video lessons for children** from Great Commission Publications (along with activity and parent pages) and free audio and video resources for adults from Ligonier Ministries.

A Hands on Way to Help

With schools currently closed, students who would normally receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch have lost access to those meals in the Souderton School District. To help fill this void, a local Non-Profit, **The Bean Bag Program**, has partnered with Penn Valley Church (Telford, PA) and Indian Valley Faith Fellowship (Harleysville, PA) to assemble bags of food items each week and make them available for community curbside pickup every Friday.

Food Donations are being accepted every Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Please see the flyer below for donation suggestions and visit

www.pennvalleychurch.org/acts4good for weekly updates Donations may be dropped off at Penn Valley Church, Indian Valley

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Another way to help is to alert families in need of the existence of this program. Food pickups take place on Fridays from 3-6pm at the two churches. Additional questions may be directed to program directors Donna Halteman, Bean Bag Food Program, Jane Reagan, Penn Valley Church. See the flyer below for pick-up information.

Thank you for considering how you might join fellow believers in showing the love of Christ to our community! Faith Fellowship, or Landis Supermarket (Vernfield or Telford locations during business hours). All CDC guidelines including food quarantine, social distancing, and contact-less distribution are being followed.







Resource Spotlight

Westminster Seminary is producing a video series entitled *Crisis, Christ, and Confidence* to address various aspects of the coronavirus pandemic from a medical, biblical, and theological perspective. The latest episode, *Episode 4: Coronavirus, the King of Conspiracies?* addresses not only the topic of conspiracy theories, but offers a deeper reflection on the virus as a metaphor for sin. Hosts Drs. Lillback, Garner, and Poland offer excellent perspective on how the gospel frees us from both fear and death through the atoning work of Christ. Click <u>here</u> to view the episode or visit www.wts.edu/ccc.

Pastor and speaker Paul Tripp publishes *Wednesday's Word*, a weekly email devotional. Click <u>here</u> for a timely message of hope.

A newly published book, *Where is God in a Coronavirus World?*, is available <u>here</u> from The Good Book Company, and a free e-book from John Piper, *Coronavirus and Christ*, <u>here.</u>



Covenant Trivia

Questions on Tuesday, Answers on Friday A fun way to think through and pray for our church family

Question:

Can you list our 21 Covenant families that have preschoolers and/or babies at home now? As you do, remember to pray for those whose days may have already been long and nights already sleepless (without the added stress of our current pandemic and the loss of support through activities like playdates and MOPS). And then thank God for the joy that young children bring to our church family!



Answer:

The following families have preschoolers and/or babies they are busy raising in the faith:

Barnes Benoit Buhay Detweiler Dieffenbach Dietterich English

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Nelson O'Hara Roberts Schmidt Thornhill Verhasselt Waltenbaugh

A Few Other Things to Note

- Beginning next week, the church office will be staffed Tuesday through Friday. Before stopping by the church, you may want to call to make sure someone is available to assist you.
- Spring Outdoor Maintenance: In lieu of our usual Spring Workday, we have organized a system whereby families or individuals may keep their social distance by signing up for separate work days. Please click here to choose your day.
- This Sunday Pastor Rich will preach from Philippians 2:1-11, and his sermon title is Christ's *Estate of Exaltation*. He writes, "Christians are familiar with Jesus, as the Redeemer of his people, occupying the offices of prophet, priest, and king. But we rarely connect his offices to his estates of humiliation and exaltation. The Sunday following Easter is the perfect time to look at Christ's estate of exaltation, as the biblical writers teach us that his work of redemption entered a new phase, beginning with his resurrection from the dead. And this new phase has important implications for us today."

• <u>Covenant's worship bulletin</u> for Sunday April 19th is available online and <u>here</u> in a printerfriendly format.

We look forward to worshipping with you via live stream this week!

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