

We Gather Together

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I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

Netherlands folk hymn
 Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1917
 Alt. 1990

KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
 Adrianus Valerius's Nederlandtsch Gebedboekje, 1626
 Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

PSALM 56

Be merciful to me, O God, for men hotly pursue me; all day long they press their attack.

My slanderers pursue me all day long; many are attacking me in their pride.

When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

All day long they twist my words; they are always plotting to harm me.

They conspire, they lurk, they watch my steps, eager to take my life.

On no account let them escape; in your anger, O God, bring down the nations.

Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll—are they not in your record?

Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God is for me.

In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise—in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

I am under vows to you, O God; I will present my thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matt. 16:24

1. “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said, “if you would
 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak
 3. Take up your cross; nor heed the shame, and let your
 4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calm - ly
 5. Take up your cross, and fol - low on, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 soul with vain a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 fool - ish pride be still; your Lord re - fused not
 sin's wild del - uge brave; 'twill guide you to a
 death to lay it down; for on - ly he who

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
 spir - it up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 e'en to die up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.
 bet - ter home, it points to glo - ry o'er the grave.
 bears the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Charles W. Everest, 1833
 Mod.

QUEBEC L.M.
 Henry Baker, 1854

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Heb. 12:1, 2

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Ray Palmer, 1830

CLIVET 5.6.4.6.6.6.4
 Lowell Mason, 1832

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
 FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Ethel & Matt Johnston

Joan Keyt

Gloria Rich

Mary Lisa Vidunas

Expecting

Emily Waltenbaugh (due Sept 12)

Grieving

Freed Family

Pugh Family

Missions

Michael Goodlin serves with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Lehigh University's campus minister. The beginning of the fall semester is finally here, and the Goodlins are excited to see what God has in store for the upcoming school year. They are especially thankful to have three volunteer leaders this year, one of which is a Lehigh RUF alumni who will be helping to lead the music team.

Michael asks us to join them in praying for the following:

- that God blesses their Bible studies and large group gatherings with joy, excitement, friendship, trust and spiritual growth, and that He provides multiple dorm hosts for each of the Bible study locations
- for the mission of RUF, that they would be an outward facing group and have outward facing hearts
- for their first ever Fall Conference (September 2-3), that God would use this to accelerate students' connections to others in RUF and increase their love of Jesus
- that God gives them abundant wisdom and energy for effective first year student outreach, despite some changing circumstances including Michael's summoning to jury duty during the first week of classes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant's clothing exchange is back and scheduled for September 26 to October 1. Please bring gently used presorted clothing to church on Sunday, September 25. Adult clothing welcome on hangers (if possible). Donations may be left in the far narthex under the coat rack. Please sign up in the narthex to volunteer for various roles to help the exchange run smoothly and see *Covenant Update* for hours and more details. Contact Julia Smith or Holly Rorex for more information.

A new women's Bible study on the book *God in Our Midst: The Tabernacle & Our Relationship with God* will begin Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. Please sign up by September 11 in the narthex and indicate if you need a book (which will be provided without cost).

The women's ministry will host a "Seasons of Life" panel on Saturday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m. under the pavilion. We will enjoy food and fellowship, create a fall related craft, and encourage one another with life lessons we've learned along the way. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, September 18 and contact Adrienne Rohrman with any questions.

Today is the last day to sign up for the Senior Fellowship lunch at the Harleysville Hotel on Tuesday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Joan Freed with questions.

Small groups are a great way to get to know other members, grow in the Lord, and engage in prayer, fellowship, and acts of service. If you would be interested in learning more about Covenant's small groups, please contact Pastor Muhlfeld.

Many new books and other materials have been recently added to our library. Stop by any time to find helpful resources for your Christian growth.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, September 4.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 8/28 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday 8/29

Tuesday 8/30 10:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship Meeting

Wednesday 8/31

Thursday 9/1 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 9/2


Saturday 9/3

Sunday 9/4 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Studies

**SUNDAY MORNING
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

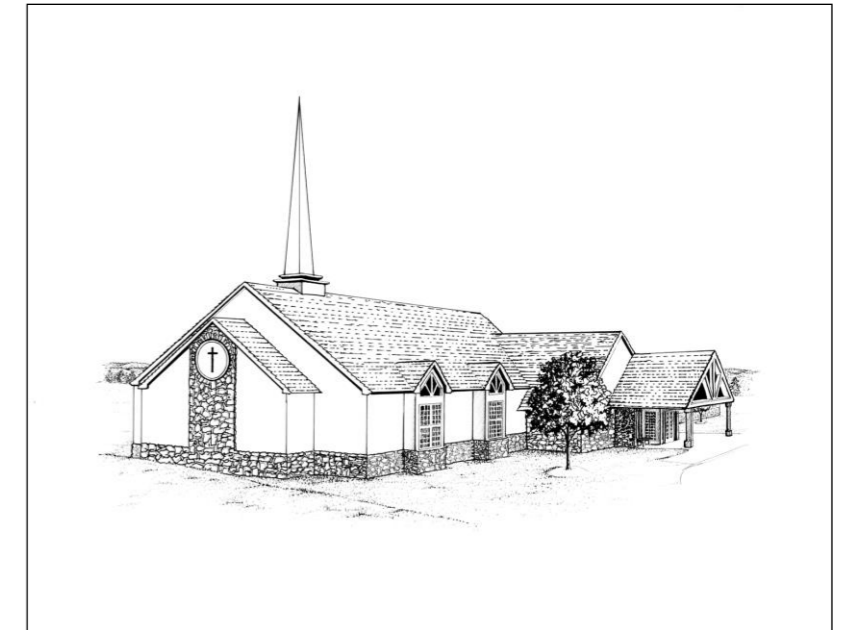
	August 28	September 4	September 11	September 18
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	C. Rutkowski	E. Waltenbaugh	Nancy Hillman	Becky Snyder
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Ashely Benoit	Sandra Phillips	Abigail English	C. Iammatteo
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Caroline Smith Addie Witmer	Barb Nelson Addie Witmer	Diane Dietterich Amy Muhlfeld	Caroline Smith Ruth Clement
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	A. McMillan	Nicole Yates	Alexa Sparks	Cathy Schmidt George Schmidt
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	David & Joy Schmidt	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Steve Rutkowski	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Rachel Myers
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz	A. Rohrman	Ashely O'Hara
Greeters	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski	Larry & Pat Stoner	Ken & Barb Markwalter	Paul & Marie Baldwin
Ushers	Rick Castor Mitch Keating G. Iammatteo Jack Kane John Kane J. Nederostek T. Potgieter Drew Sparks	Ken Markwalter Steve Rutkowski Jim Lowery Byron Phillips Bill Propsner Greg Stine Paul Baldwin	Dan Benoit Mark Kleeman D. Dietterich Andy Ford Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Clair Lucas	Byron Childs George Schmidt Charles Freed Bob Peterson Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Scott Sharadin

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org



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 grow together in the grace of Christ,
 and advance the kingdom of Christ,
 all to the glory and worship of God forever.*