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Showing Up and Paying Attention

A Letter from Pastor Charlie

“We do not pray so that we can get God’s attention. We pray so that God will get our attention.”
-David G. Benner, in *Opening to God*

Are you paying attention?

Prayer is a lot more than poetic and theological words spoken on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary.

Prayer is about connecting with God, and that connection can happen virtually anywhere. God is always with us. Are we with God?

I love reading. For years, I’ve had a sense that a good novel feels like prayer, so I was delighted to see that affirmed in a well-respected book on prayer.

“A good novel can immerse you in experiences and perspective that will often leave you pondering – consciously and unconsciously – long after you have set the book down. Make this a prayer by offering these ponderings to God.” (Benner, page 80)

Where in your daily routine can you be more prayerful and more connected to God? Here are some opportunities to pay attention to God’s presence (and be prayerful):

- Going for a walk, giving thanks to God for creation
- Exercising, asking God to help you strong in body and in spirit
- Reading or watching the news, praying for peace, giving thanks for peacemakers
- Giving thanks to God for a meal, asking to be nourished for healthy living
- Asking God to bless a stranger, another driver, a co-worker, a family member

At school, students won’t learn if they don’t show up or pay attention. For Christians, we’ll lose touch with God and our calling if we don’t show up or pay attention. Yes that means Sundays at church – it’s important for us to show up to encourage each other.

But also (and maybe more importantly) it means showing up and paying attention every day. This is why we’re encouraging you to engage with prayer and scripture through our Summer School initiative. Happy summer!

On the journey together,
Charlie



Happy Birthday This Month to...

July 1

Elise Hokanson
Fred Peterson
Christy Straavaldsen

July 2

Theo Fields
Steve Fulton
Maribeth Gettinger
Kelly Kick
Betsy Wilson
Alexa Uselmann

July 3

Joshua Douglas
Erik Hyland
Drew Simon

July 4

Nina Browning
Ronald Duerst
Derek Qastin
Holly Qastin
Stephen R. Resan
Beth Schmaltz
Andrew Taylor
Bob Taylor
Chris Temme
Bambi Wilson

July 5

Jane Antony
Bette Duff

July 7

Chris Gomez Schmidt
Jacob Schmidt

July 8

Dennis McMillen
Ben Stitgen

July 9

Pat Aune
Molly Hinshaw
Doug Rohn

July 10

Karen Nelson

July 11

John Hutchison
Maia Sauer
Tim Sailor

July 13

Vicki Alexander
Lauren Coons

Jim Myrland

July 14

Ellen Lawrence
Cheryl Rebholz
Chris Turner

July 15

GiGi Thompson

July 17

Helen Birkemeier
George Beestman
Lynda Sharpe

July 18

Jerry Holmes
Jane Sebastian

July 20

Joe Hack
Meg Punt

July 21

Sullivan Donnelly
Rebecca Byrd

July 22

Deborah Morris

July 23

Marguerite Potter

July 24

Joe Hanauer

July 25

Steve Resan

July 26

Mary Ircink
Friedemarie Farrar
Beth Rasmussen

July 27

Joe Mace

July 28

Jan Morse
Gary Navis

July 29

Guy Mueller

July 31

Blake Hutchison
Jacque Leadley
Kate Sargent

July Worship Schedule

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Sunday, July 3

Holy Communion

(Please have bread/juice available if worshipping from home)

Charlie Berthoud | "Transferred to the Kingdom" |

Colossians 1:13-14

Sunday, July 10

Chelsea Cornelius | "Homegoing" | Ruth 1:6-18

Sunday, July 17

Charlie Berthoud | "Church Clothes" |

Colossians 2:6-10

Sunday, July 24

Jo Wiersema | "Childlike Faith" | Luke 18:15-17

Sunday, July 31

Melissa Hinz | "Christmas in July" | Isaiah 9:2-7

***Unless otherwise noted, all Sunday
worship services are at 9:30AM.**

Joys, Cares & Concerns

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Prayers continue for the following Covenant families
and friends mourning these loved ones:

Roy Yeazel, Covenant member; and **Carrie
Laubenheimer**, mother of Ann Larget.

Congratulations to Kris and Tom Bauer on the birth
of their granddaughter, Chloe Donna Marie Bauer,
who is the daughter of Gretchen Bauer and Marquis
Phiffer and sister of Mekhi.

Congratulations to Janna and Skye Doney on the
baptism of their daughter, Elvia Anne Doney, who
was baptized at Covenant on June 12th.

***If we missed your birthday, we apologize! Please contact the church
office and we'll add yours for next year. Thank you for understanding!**

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids

(3 years old through 1st grade)

Kaleidoscope Kids worship education meets during 9:30am worship immediately following Children's Time in room A111. Come join the fun and learn all about what it means to worship! **Note: there is no Kaleidoscope on July 3.**

Sunday Worship

On Sunday mornings, we invite families into worship! For your convenience, we offer **Family Worship Bags**, a selection of **Children's Bibles** to read during the service, and a **Children's Time** that explains the morning's scripture lesson. Our **Nursery** is open from 9:15-10:45 for children under age 3.

Note: the Nursery is closed on July 3.

Sunday School

Sunday School is on hiatus until the Fall.

For more information, please contact Children's Ministries Coordinator Jo Wiersema at jwiersema@covenantmadison.org.

Steve Royalton Retirement

After 26 years of youth ministry at Covenant, Steve Royalton is retiring as of early August. We are grateful for Steve's faithful service over the years. In a memo to church leaders, Steve wrote:

As the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." I will be retiring from youth ministry in early August of this year. My decision process to retire from youth ministry and think more specifically about the "when" began last August and continued into the fall. My decision is based upon what is best for my wife and I at this time in our lives.

With gratitude for his service, we will hold a celebration on **Sunday, August 7 at 10:45am**. If you're interested in helping with this, please contact the church office or Pastor Charlie. The Personnel Committee and the Session are working on short-term and long-term staffing for our youth ministry.

Youth Connection

Middle School Youth Connection (MSYC)

Serve at Second Harvest

We will take part in making a difference in the lives of families in south-central Wisconsin through our work at the Second Harvest Food Bank on **Saturday, July 9 from 12:15-3:30pm**. Space is limited to 8 youth who have completed grades 6-8. We will meet directly at Second Harvest at 2802 Dairy Drive. We will be packing food from the large bins into servings that go out to the area food pantries. It's a warehouse setting. We will not have contact with the client receiving the food. **Please sign up by Wednesday, July 6 at 8:00pm.**

Canoeing Lake Wingra

We will gather on **Saturday, July 23** at Wingra Boats at 824 Knickerbocker Street at **10:30am**. We'll do a couple of hours on the water then have lunch in the adjoining park. Bring your own lunch! Bottled water will be provided. We'll wrap it up at 1:30. Cost is \$10. **Sign up by July 20**. Life jackets will be provided and wearing them is mandatory.

High School Youth Connection (HSYC)

Serve at Extended Hands Pantry

We will serve at Extended Hands on **Friday, July 8 from 10:30am-12:30pm**. This is a new opportunity for us! The outdoor pantry is located at the Lighthouse Church at 6402 Schroeder Road, just west of Vitense. Space is limited to the first 4 youth that contact Steve.

Serve at The River Food Pantry

We will serve at The River on **Friday, July 15, from 11:15am-1:30pm**. The clients will stay in their cars as we hand out food. Some will be working indoors preparing hot to-go meals. Space is limited. **Sign up by July 13** with Steve. The River is located at 2201 Darwin Road, near the airport. We have a long history with The River and it's all good!

For more information, please contact Youth Ministries Coordinator Steve Royalton at sroyalton@covenantmadison.org.

Adult Education - Summer 2022

At Covenant, we take a break from Adult Education classes in the summer. However, we like to keep the church engaged with other Christian Education opportunities.

Summer Sunday Scripture Study (SSSS)

Summer is here, and that gives us an opportunity to focus together on the Bible text for the Sunday's sermon. These scripture studies will continue through **August at 8:45-9:25am** in Bradfield Hall. Each Sunday will be an informal group who read and discuss the scripture passage of the day. A different person will facilitate each week, opening with prayer, reading the scripture passage, and asking a couple prepared questions to initiate the discussion.

Scripture comes alive when we gather together to read, share, and ponder the message God wants us to hear. Come join us!

For more information on Adult Education at Covenant, visit covenantmadison.org/adult. You can view resources from past classes and/or view videos from past classes as well.

Spiritual Stroll

Sunday, July 24, 2:00pm

Hoyt Park, Madison



Join us for our next Spiritual Stroll on **Sunday, July 24 at 2:00pm!** Join family and friends from the church for a stroll through [Hoyt Park](#), which is located at the intersection of Regent St and Larkin St in Madison. The entrance is immediately west of Hoyt School parking lot.

These Spiritual Strolls are part of a Covenant program called *CONNECT*, a program of events sponsored by the deacons of Covenant Presbyterian Church with the intention of fostering connection within the congregation and community.

Church Picnic

Sunday, July 10, 11:00am-1:00pm

Come join us at Rennebohm Park on **Sunday, July 10 from 11:00am-1:00pm** for some fellowship and good food! We will provide brats/hot dogs (and veggie/vegan/gluten-free options), beverages, and utensils. Bring a side dish or dessert if you are so inclined! If it rains, we will move the picnic to Bradfield Hall at Covenant. Melissa Hinz is putting together a band for the picnic to provide some live entertainment! If you are interested in participating, please contact her. Please note that worship will take place as normal at 9:30 indoors at Covenant on this Sunday.



Mission Spotlight

The Miller Mission Project

Covenant has a long history of supporting International mission co-workers. Through the Presbyterian Church-USA (PC-USA), we are currently helping to fund people working in Guatemala, Indonesia, Peru and South Sudan.

Eric Miller is a Presbyterian Pastor and member of John Knox Presbytery with a long-standing relationship with Covenant. He actively participated in our church in the 1970s and 80s, teaching Bible studies, serving as an advisor for a youth Montreat trip, etc. He considers Covenant his “sending church” or home base. For the past 40 years, Eric has worked in Nairobi, Kenya, teaching university students and pastors, working in the slums of Nairobi, serving as Dean of the Faculty at Berean Safari Institute, focusing on scripture engagement and leadership development. After teaching online during the pandemic for the past couple of years, Eric is very happy to be back in Kenya! He has recently taught a Hermeneutics seminar to about 80 pastors (see photo with Eric in the middle).

If you would like to connect with Eric, contact the church office for his email address.



Refugee Volunteers Training

As we move forward with the new ministry for refugee families in Madison in partnership with Jewish Social Services, a training of all prospective volunteers will be conducted here at Covenant Presbyterian Church in July, with more information to come on the time of this meeting. Anyone interested in serving in this ministry is welcome to join this training. If you have questions, please contact Jo Wiersema or Friedemarie Farrar.

Library Corner: *Covenant Brothers*

Written by Daniel G. Hummel | Reviewed by Eric Wendorff



[Excerpt] In 2020 Daniel Hummel presented a fascinating adult education class on the role American evangelicals have played in U.S. – Israeli relations. If you want to delve deeper into the subject, read his book *Covenant Brothers: Evangelicals, Jews, and U.S. – Israeli Relations*, which is available in Covenant's library.

Two academic reviewers have characterized Hummel's book as "deeply researched," "extraordinary primary research," "compelling and path-breaking" and "the definitive study of American-Christian Zionism for a long time to come." Over a thousand footnotes (many with substantive comments) extending over fifty-five pages support this assessment.

Read more here: covenantmadison.org/post/book-review-covenant-brothers

Session Report

Laurie Jones, Clerk of Session

The July Caravan was assembled prior to Session's June meeting, so a report is not available this month. A full report will be available in the August Caravan.

Ukraine Benefit Concert

A Program for Peace

Sunday, July 17, 3:00pm

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 17 at 3:00pm**.

"A Program for Peace" will be a benefit concert for Ukraine here at Covenant. It is sponsored by Covenant, Westminster Presbyterian and Christ Presbyterian churches. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music to support our Ukrainian neighbors who are still in dire need of aid. Freewill donations will be accepted for relief efforts.



MOVE4BGC

Saturday, July 16, 7:30am-2:00pm

Donate or participate! The Presbywheelians are assembling a bike team as they do every year for the MOVE4BGC fundraiser for Boys & Girls Club of Dane County (formerly known as BIKE4BGC. Visit bit.ly/presby2022. To join, click 'JOIN TEAM' and follow instructions. To donate, click 'DONATE'. On the next page, you have the option to select a specific fundraiser (optional). See announcements bulletin board for a QR code to scan for easy access to the above link.



Members from Covenant are also taking part in a 50k Walk for Boys & Girls Club on **Saturday, July 9**. Join them in the middle of their walk downtown for a Black History Walking Tour at **9:00am**! For more info on that, visit classy.org/team/424399. You can donate to the cause or join the 1-mile walking tour downtown.



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