

JUNE 2021

# The Caravan

ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

In-Person Worship Resumes  
Sunday, June 6!



**CELEBRATE  
CHURCH**

BETTER TOGETHER

**9:00 & 10:30 am**

Limit 85 people per service.

Sign up for June in-person services at [covenantmadison.org](https://covenantmadison.org)  
or call the church office.  
(Online worship will continue)

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## Letter from Pastor Charlie

FINALLY!

Since mid-March 2020, we have not been able to safely worship together in-person, but now we can! I am very excited. I spend time in the sanctuary every week by myself. I look forward to being there with other people!

I'm also aware that not all Covenant people are ready for in-person worship, and that's OK. We will continue to have our video worship every week, so you can connect with God and the good people of Covenant in whatever way works best for you. Additionally, on the 4th Sunday of each month, the 9:00 service will be held in the parking lot.

Whether you join us in person or not, now is as good a time as any for you to recommit yourself to God and to faithful Christian living. If you've gotten off track, now is a good time to get back on track. God continues to call us and claim us. Are we listening and following?

As we continue this unprecedented journey, I ask for your continued **patience and kindness**. None of us have come out of a pandemic before, and we are doing the best we can. If you have a question, a suggestion, or a concern, please let us know so we can figure things out together.

I remain grateful for the hardworking staff and members of Covenant who have helped us all through this challenging time. We really are on the journey together.

With gratitude and hope,  
Charlie

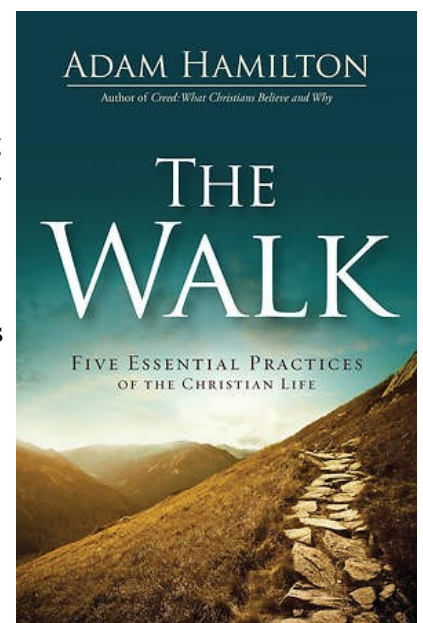
## June Session Update

By Laurie Jones, Clerk of Session

Your session met on May 25 for their regularly scheduled meeting. The focus of the meeting was to discuss *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton. The Elders were divided into groups, each discussing one of the five essential practices of being a Christian. These include worship and prayer, study, service, giving, and sharing. This exercise was done as we begin to discern what God is calling Covenant to be and do in the coming years.

In other business, the Session is looking forward to in-person worship. The church leadership and staff are doing what they can to be sure the experience is meaningful and safe. The Baptism for Eddie Jung was approved, as was the expenditure of funds from Gifts, Memorials, and Bequests for cameras and equipment to livestream worship services so that online worship remains an option into the future.

As we work together as a church community to follow God's will, may we be reminded of the gifts God gives us each day; gifts that are not meant to be hoarded but rather to be given away freely.





## Happy Birthday This Month to...

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| <b>June 1</b><br>Nicole Curtis<br>Dick Jones<br>Jim Locher                            | <b>June 18</b><br>Ann Athas<br>Claire Von Bergen                              |
| <b>June 3</b><br>Lloyd Southwick<br>Jim Spilburg                                      | <b>June 19</b><br>Dale Myrland  |
| <b>June 4</b><br>Barb Eikenberry  | <b>June 22</b><br>Joannie Carter<br>Eli Mace<br>Maya Mace<br>Larry Poppelbaum |
| <b>June 5</b><br>Alaura Diaczun<br>Katherine Moore<br>Sophia Gibson<br>Heather Potter | <b>June 23</b><br>Winfred Byrd<br>Chelsea Cornelius                           |
| <b>June 6</b><br>Piper Cook<br>Marsh Finner   | <b>June 24</b><br>Jack Carter<br>Tony Cattellino<br>Heather Douglas           |
| <b>June 7</b><br>Susan Goebel<br>Megan Munson<br>JR Schmidt                           | <b>June 25</b><br>Max Cook<br>Archen Parchment<br>Heather Schroeder           |
| <b>June 8</b><br>Tyler Lenius   | <b>June 27</b><br>Cheryl Wise   |
| <b>June 10</b><br>Avery Leonard   | <b>June 28</b><br>Jacky Jugenheimer   |
| <b>June 11</b><br>Lynn Vande Sande  | <b>June 30</b><br>Ella Krebs  |
| <b>June 12</b><br>Ethan Hack  |   |
| <b>June 13</b><br>Mary Cole   |   |
| <b>June 15</b><br>Marilyn Unruh<br>Rosemary Jones                                     |   |
| <b>June 16</b><br>Katherine Masden  |   |
| <b>June 17</b><br>Barb Besadny<br>Owen Gibson   |   |



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

## June Worship Schedule

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### Important Notes:

- Although we are returning to in-person sanctuary worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am on Sundays, online worship videos will continue to be offered.
- On the 4th Sunday of each month, the 9:00 service will be held in the parking lot.

### Sunday, June 6

2nd Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion (Please have bread & juice available if worshipping from home; Communion will be provided in sanctuary worship)

Pastor Charlie | "The Church is More Than a Building" | Psalm 122:1

### Sunday, June 13

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff | "To Whom, For Whom?" | Matthew 25:31-46

### Sunday, June 20

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Charlie | "One Body, Many Parts" | Romans 12:3-8

### Sunday, June 27

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Parking Lot Worship at 9:00 am

Sanctuary Worship at 10:30 am

Pastor Charlie | "We Are Better Together" | 1 Corinthians 12

## Joys, Cares & Concerns

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Prayers continue for the following Covenant families mourning the deaths of these loved ones: **Rachel Bakken**, granddaughter of Lois Menninga; **Father Clement Njewel**, maternal uncle of Emilie Songolo; and **Mwenge Safi Mwenelokole**, niece of Aliko Songolo; **Keith Wilkinson**, brother-in-law of Jane Stark; **Ellie Haverkamp**, friend of Ann Perry.



## Children's Ministries

### Drive-Thru Donuts + Heifer International Celebration

Thank you to all the children, youth, and adults who donated to Heifer International during the May 16 Drive-Thru event! **We collected a total of \$4,178.18!** The animals Heifer gives to families produce milk, eggs, wool, and other products that give families the stable nutrition and income they need to become self-sufficient. We have been supporting their incredible work for 28 years. Click [HERE](#) to see more adorable photos!

In addition to donuts and donations, we shared some pretty great animal jokes:

Where do sheep go on vacation? **The Baaaahamas.**

What do you call a sad cow? **Mooo-dy.**

What do you call a cow in an earthquake? **A milkshake.**



### NEW! Summer Church Carry Out for Families

#### Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness

Explore what it means to have compassion for ourselves, others, and the world.

- For 3 year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- One church carry out bag; five lessons to do at home, on vacation, in your backyard, or on Sunday mornings
- Each lesson includes Bible stories, create & play, movement, recreation, and coloring pages
- Order your carry out bag [HERE](#).
- Watch your email for pick-up times in June.



### Family Worship Bags for In-Person Worship

Families attending in-person worship should stop by the table in the gathering space for a Family Worship Bag. Items in each bag will be custom-made for each family and include colored pencils, fidget toys, paper, a children's bulletin about the scripture for the day, and other surprises.

#### At Home Worship with Children

Are you looking for ways to engage children in virtual worship?

Click [here](#) for a PDF of at-home worship ideas!

#### Mobile Ministry for Families Web Page

Check out the Sunday School lessons, ideas, and resources on the Mobile Ministry for Families website.

Visit [covenantmadison.org/mobile-ministry](http://covenantmadison.org/mobile-ministry).

For more information, please contact Children's Ministries Coordinator Donna Monson ([dmonson@covenantmadison.org](mailto:dmonson@covenantmadison.org)).

# Youth Connection

## Middle School Youth Connection (Grades 6-8)

### **MSYC Sharing Flowers!**

On **Sunday, June 13** we'll gather in the courtyard for pizza at high noon. We'll then be putting together small potted flowers for residents of the memory care units of St. Mary's Care Center. Unfortunately, we won't be able to have the youth deliver the flowers in person this time around. The service activity wraps up at 2:00.

### **MSYC at Second Harvest Saturday, June 19**

Up to 8 youth will be helping fight hunger by working at the Second Harvest Food Bank located at 2802 Dairy Drive on the east side from **12:15-3:30**. Closed-toe shoes are a must. No sandals. We will be packing food that will be shipped to area food pantries. Clients will not be at Second Harvest. Sign up in advance with Youth Ministries Coordinator Steve Royalton.

### **MSYC Gardening to Fight Hunger June 26**

Grab some gloves and solid shoes and join us on Saturday, June 26 from **11:45-2:00** at the Forward Gardens located at 7492 West Old Sauk Road in the Town of Middleton, west of the beltline and part of the Pope Farm Conservancy. We worked at this community garden last fall and the group had a great time! Space is limited, so you must sign up by June 25.



**MSYC  
Playing  
Footgolf &  
Enjoying Ice  
Cream  
Together**



## High School Youth Connection (Grades 9-12)

### **HSYC at Second Harvest Wednesday, June 23**

Up to 8 youth will be helping fight hunger by working at the Second Harvest Food Bank located at 2802 Dairy Drive on the east side from **12:15-3:30**. Closed-toe shoes are a must. No sandals. We will be packing food that will be shipped to area food pantries. Clients will not be at Second Harvest. Sign up in advance with Youth Ministries Coordinator Steve Royalton.

### **HSYC Sunday June 27**

We'll fire up the grill for a tasty supper and then dig into some good stuff on this evening from **6:30-7:45**. For meal planning purposes, it would help if those planning on attending would let Youth Ministries Coordinator Steve Royalton know by the day before.

### **HSYC Grilling at The River!**

We will be grilling the finest in tubular meats at The River Food Pantry on **Tuesday, June 29!** The River is located at 2201 Darwin Road, near the airport. In addition to grilling, we'll be handing out a lot of other groceries to clients coming through the drive-thru service. Clients stay in their cars the entire time. The activity runs from **10:45-1:00**. Sign up in advance with Steve Royalton as space is limited. There is a dress code which will be shared in advance with those who sign up.



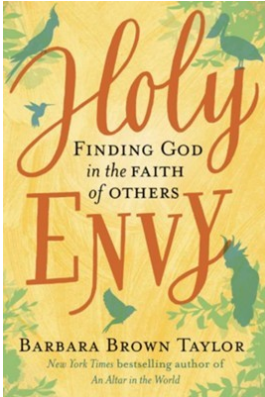
**HSYC Serving at  
The River**



**For more information or to sign up for any of the Youth Connections events, please contact Youth Ministries Coordinator Steve Royalton ([sroyalton@covenantmadison.org](mailto:sroyalton@covenantmadison.org)).**



## Library Corner: *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*



Written by Barbara Brown Taylor and Reviewed by Covenant Member Jean Spilburg

Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopal priest, a professor of religion at Piedmont College in Georgia, and the author of several acclaimed books such as *An Altar in the World* and *Learning to Walk in the Dark*.

In her book *Holy Envy*, she shares the insights into her Christian faith that she has gained through introducing her students to other religions of the world.

In this memoir she explains how trips to other houses of worship, and encounters with those of other faiths, have enhanced her faith and that of her students. She shares these insights in a very readable, thoughtful and engaging manner.

In today's world where we see the importance of diversity and inclusion, hers is an inspiring voice. For me, this is a book that begs to be read again.

Check out *Holy Envy*, and many other books, from the Covenant Library!

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## Presbywheelians Ride Again on July 17<sup>th</sup>!

Members of Covenant Presbyterian, Pres House, and other Presbyterian denominations have been putting together teams for Bike 4 Boys & Girls Club since 2012. In total we have raised \$72,441 for the charity. We will be fielding another team for the ride at McKee Farms Park in Fitchburg on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Boys & Girls Club is active in our community and making a difference every day. Our local chapter does a lot beyond the great work of providing after-school activities. In 2021 and beyond, BGC is developing a Skilled Trades Training Center to mitigate the opportunity gap and provide long term skills training for youth. Our offering supports a brighter future for youth in our community.



**Runners and walkers also welcome!** There are many options for participating in this event. You can register for an 8-mile, 20-mile, or 50-mile bike ride, or for a 2-mile walk/run or a 5-mile run. Register **[HERE](https://www.classy.org/team/354312)** ([classy.org/team/354312](https://www.classy.org/team/354312)) and make sure to join the Presbywheelians team.

Not comfortable with large groups just yet? Pastor Jeff will lead a smaller group that same day on a more socially-distanced ride or walk through the UW Arboretum. Contact Jeff for more details. ([jfoxlkine@covenantmadison.org](mailto:jfoxlkine@covenantmadison.org))

Feeling more adventurous? To raise awareness for the ride, as well as for issues of racial justice in Madison, there will be a pre-event 50 mile walk on **Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**. The walk will start and end at the Sun Prairie club and touch every Boys & Girls Club property in Dane County. Steve Whayland and Eric Girard will be representing the Presbywheelians and Covenant Presbyterian on the walk. Others are welcome to join for all or part of the walk. Contact Steve Whayland ([swhayland@tds.net](mailto:swhayland@tds.net)) or Eric Girard ([ericdavidgirard@gmail.com](mailto:ericdavidgirard@gmail.com)) for more information.



# CELEBRATE GIVING

WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE EVERY MONTH!

## HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

**\$4,178.18**

Your generosity at our 2021 Heifer International Celebration will help Heifer International end hunger and poverty by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities across the world. Visit [heifer.org](https://heifer.org) to learn more.

## PENTECOST OFFERING

**\$1,256**

To date, Covenant has raised \$1,256 through our Pentecost Offering to support the PC(USA)'s mission of nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come: children, youth, and young adults. 40% of this offering will support our local mission partner Briarpatch Youth Services, which offers a broad array of services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth ages 12-17. See [specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/](https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/) to learn about the Pentecost Offering, and visit [youthsos.org](https://youthsos.org) to learn more about Briarpatch.

**This offering is ongoing. Please continue to give via [covenantmadison.org/give](https://covenantmadison.org/give).**

## COVID OFFERING

**\$53,367.82**

Through our COVID Offering, Covenant members have shared \$53,367.82 with numerous community and global partners over the course of this challenging year. Most recently, \$5,619.93 was given to each of the following organizations: Cook it Forward ([cookitforwardmadison.com](https://cookitforwardmadison.com)), Porchlight ([porchlightinc.org](https://porchlightinc.org)), and Friends of the State Street Family ([friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org](https://friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org)). \$14,000 of the offering has been shared with the Lussier Center ([lccemadison.org](https://lccemadison.org)), one of our local mission partners. Our offering has gone toward distributing over 90,000 pounds of food and to forming a new Support & Solidarity Network (SSN) that offers immediate support to people facing unemployment and eviction crises. Additionally, Covenant recently donated 460 pounds of essential needs supplies for Lussier families. Lussier sends many thanks!

**This offering has ended.**

# YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.





Have you snagged a Covenant t-shirt yet? We'd love for you to show your Covenant pride! Click [HERE](#) to purchase, or visit our website or call the church office.

**Deadline for purchase is Sunday, June 6.**

**NOTE:** Adult Ed is taking the month of June off, but is hoping to come back in July with more wonderful Bible study opportunities!

## INTRODUCING THE COVENANT quarantine cookbook

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This cookbook is a monument to the year that was... These recipes are more than just food, they're a story of an era of pandemic.

They're stories of time spent inside; they're stories of fear and hope; they're what nourished our bodies and souls when we were unable to share meals together.

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**Visit [covenantmadison.org/cookbook](https://covenantmadison.org/cookbook) for the PDF link!**



**Join Pastor Jeff for a Zoom Cook-Along on June 24 at 5:30pm!**

The Recipe of Honor will be Kim Huff's "Couscous Yumminess" (p. 46).