

Prayer Concerns

- Military –J.D. Blank, Jake Braymer, Rick Matulja (Johnna Simon’s husband), Dan Eschenbaum
- Hospitalized: Heritage Valley: Howard Robb; Sharon: Karen McCrumb; Allegheny: Randy Veccia
- Recuperating at Countryside: Bill Vodenichar

Nursery & Little Lambs

During Sunday school & worship for infants through age 2 ½, the crib nursery is provided. For children 2 ½ to 4 during the worship service, kids will be able to learn lessons about the Bible in a manner tailored for their age range, located around the corner from the crib nursery.

Caring for Someone This Week

Please pray for this person & send a card to brighten her day: Eleanor Johnson, 52 S. Mercer Ave. Apt. 801, Sharpsville, PA 16150

Elder Hospital Visitor This Week

Wim McConnell

Financial Update

Weekly giving amount needed according to the 2012 budget:.....\$7,406
Giving amount received last week:.....\$5,636

Youth Group Reunion – Interested?

Would you come to a youth group reunion open to anyone of any age that attended youth group at Covenant? If interested, please respond to the question on FACEBOOK or the website. Please respond before March 15th.

Communications from Rev. Mathewson

He will send a weekly devotional via email as well as special communications. There will be copies at the back of the sanctuary for those without email. If you have an email address and would like to receive these via email, please contact the church office.

Office Hours with Rev. Mathewson

Rev. Mathewson’s regular office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to 1pm. If you would like to make an appointment with him, please contact Michelle to schedule a time.

From the Office

If you have changed your address/phone/email, please contact the church.

Phone – 724-981-3535

Office email – office@cpcsharon.org

Website – www.cpcsharon.org

Facebook – join our group

Rev. Christopher Mathewson –

pastorchris@cpcsharon.org

Michelle Krouse – covenant@verizon.net

Jon Dennis – jdennis@cpcsharon.org



Children's Church During Worship

Children’s Church is for ages 4 years old through 5th grade. Children will be dismissed during the service and a leader will be at the back of the sanctuary to take them to the Kiddie Korner area. Following worship, parents need to retrieve their children from the big room. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help run this program, please contact Anne McGowan at 724-346-2904 if you are interested.

Would you join a Church Softball Team?

Jon Dennis has been asked by a few folks to look into the possibility of joining a church softball league. Before he does, he wants to make sure we would be able to field a team, so if you would be interested in joining the church team, please call the office or respond to the question on FACEBOOK or the church website.

Helping the Homeless

Annie Baker wishes to thank everyone for the donations of items for her trips to New York. She will be returning there shortly. If you have any men’s casual clothing, socks, boots, blankets or travel toiletries, please take them to Annie’s shop (up the street from the church).

NEW BEGINNINGS

CHURCH

Covenant Presbyterian Church

10:30am February 19, 2012

We Gather Around the Word

Prelude

Garry Adair

Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Let’s get to know one another. Please sign and pass the blue Friendship Pads found at the end of the pews.

* Call to Worship

Ephesians 1: 18-21

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

* Moments of Praise

Open the Eyes of My Heart and Holy, Holy, Holy

See insert

* Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we ask that you open the eyes of our heart to see the hope you have called us to through Jesus Christ. We spend most of our days looking through our own eyes of selfishness and shortsightedness. We see the world as we want to rather than how you call us to: we see the world for our own sake, rather than for the sake of Christ. Forgive us for our sin; Restore our sight to see ourselves in light of what Christ has done, and Renew our sense of call to work in the world in Jesus’ name and for His sake. Amen.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Dismissal of Children ages 4 years through 5th grade are dismissed to join the leader at the back of the sanctuary to attend children’s church. Parents may pick up the children after the service from the Children’s Church Area.

Anthem

Changed

Chancel Choir

We Hear the Word

Scripture Readings

I Peter 2:4,5

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Sermon Church Rev. Christopher Mathewson

We Respond to the Word

* Hymn Sanctuary No. 655

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Receive Special Offering for the Malawi Mission Fund TrueNorth
Designating money for the Malawi Mission...Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church and all the funds collected with be sent to Dr. Hopkins. Place your donation in a white pew envelope, mark it Malawi Mission and place it in the offering plate.

* Doxology No. 815

* Prayer of Thanks

* Moment of Praise Everlasting God TrueNorth

* Benediction

* Choral Response Chancel Choir

* Postlude Garry Adair

* denotes to stand, if possible

Combined Adult Sunday School Class

Through April 1st In the MPR

What does it mean to be “saved by grace”? Many believers are confused and intimidated by the doctrine of salvation, and as a result are missing out on the freedom of God’s grace. Michael Horton reminds us of the Reformation’s radical view of God and his saving grace, the liberating yet humbling truth that we contribute nothing to our salvation. *Putting Amazing Back into Grace* clearly lays out the Scriptural basis for this important doctrine and the implications of this message for a vibrant evangelical faith. Horton’s accessible treatment of who does what in salvation will inspire a fresh amazement at God’s grace.



Applications have been mailed to last year’s campers. If you did not receive one, please visit the church website at www.cpcsharon.org for an application. Please remember that to receive a scholarship from the church you must participate and do memory work during Sunday School.

Special Offering to be Collected Today

From Rev. Dr. Joe Hopkins



When I was in Malawi, 1979, 1988-92, I established the Malawi Mission Fund to assist pastors, students, and church projects in this impoverished African country.

Several years ago, at the request of their pastor, I began to assist 3 orphan children whose parents had been shot and killed by bandits in Uganda’s capital city, Kampala. One of the 13-year-old twins was sent to South Africa for a life-saving heart operation, financed by the MMF.

The oldest girl, Ruth, is now a sophomore at Kampala International University. The twins, Kevina and Elizabeth, have followed Ruth as students at a Christian boarding school, the Kawempe Mixed Boarding Senior Secondary School.

The children have no home (their family’s house is in disrepair and not livable), and the Christian officials at both institutions permit the girls to stay in their dormitories during vacations.

Last year I managed to raise over \$9,000 to pay their fees plus living expenses. But to do this I had to divert money from Malawi projects to add to special gifts from donors.

For 2012 I need \$10,000 and only two \$1,000 gifts have been made in response to my appeals. To these I have added \$1,000 (in addition to our investments in Malawi).

Our New Wilmington church will give another \$1,000. And the First Presbyterian of New Castle has designated their budgeted annual gift of \$3,000 (paid quarterly, so only \$750 is available now). As of today I am only \$3,710 short of the \$10,010 goal.

Please consider assisting our former Visitation Pastor, Rev. Dr. Joe Hopkins, with a donation to the Malawi Mission Fund. If you wish to write a check please make it payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church and all the funds collected with be sent to Dr. Hopkins. Place your donation in a white pew envelope, mark it Malawi Mission and drop it in the offering plate.

A Kiss for Roblealto

For the month of February, we have our Club 252 Sunday School kids collecting donations for our mission to support the kids in Roblealto. The kids will be at the main exit, the State St. exit and the balcony exit the next two Sundays after the service to collect your loose change and other monetary donations. We call this our "Kisses for Roblealto" campaign and we will be sending our monetary donation as well as a card from our 252 kids to their kids at the end of the month. In return for your donation feel free to take a Hershey's kiss out of one of the baskets held by the kids. Thank you for your support.

Annual Community Music Festival



Join with our choir and other church groups on Sunday, Feb. 26th at 3:30pm at Grace Chapel (Lamor Rd. Hermitage) for a declaration of unity in worship for our valley.

SPRING LUNCHEON

Sunday
March 11th
following worship
Mark your calendar

Mark your calendars...Our next prayer time will be Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 7pm.