

# ECHOES

July/August, 2019

**We Invite  
We Welcome  
We Nurture  
We Serve**



## From the Pastor's Desk...

By Pastor Quentin Wallace

*I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. (1 Cor. 3:6)*

Recently I read a book entitled, *Dying to Grow: Reclaiming the Heart for Evangelism in the Church* by Nathan Lorick. I want to share this quote with you.



"We were spending our time planning to attract people, when we should have been out ministering to people. We were investing in programs and methods, when we should have been utilizing our resources to meet needs and share the gospel."

A few days ago I was thinking about how to pay off my home mortgage sooner, and the more I reflected on that I felt the solution was to earn more income. But while pondering this I ran across an article that suggested how focusing on money would never lead to earning more money. It then suggested that the solution is to focus on blessing and investing in more people and the rest would take care of itself.

As congregations seek to survive, sometimes they feel as if it's their job to bring in more members, not necessarily to lead them to salvation and discipleship, but for the purposes of sharing the workload and lessening the financial burden. While desiring to preserve the church is admirable, it has a flawed motive and may displace the congregation's focus.

In the book *Start With The Why*, Simon Sinek discusses right motives for success using companies like Apple and Southwest Airlines as examples. Each became successful by focusing on the why more than the how or what when creating their businesses. Apple's why was they wanted to improve information access for all people, and the why for Southwest was centered on affordable transportation for all. The why for followers of Christ must involve leading people to salvation, period.

Nathan Lorick in the book *Dying to Grow* used the above quote to describe how his congregation needed to change direction from seeking strategies and plans to grow the church to simply finding ways to bless more people.

To me this is synonymous with Paul's explanation to the church of Corinth that God has a process, and He and other followers of Christ each contribute to the building of the kingdom. The Apostle Paul uses the analogy of planting seeds in a garden with the expectation of a harvest. As we plant by fasting, praying, and creating new venues to share our life-changing faith with others, we do it trusting God will send the increase.

Have a great rest of your summer!

## Sidelights

### COVENANT'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision Statement: **Bringing Christ's Light into the Community and Beyond.**

Our Mission Statement: **We Invite, We Welcome, We Nurture, We Serve.**

Pastor Quentin's theme for 2019 is **Preparing for Increase.**

Please be in prayer for Covenant Church.

### JAZZ-GOSPEL CONCERT SCHEDULED

You are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of jazz by the group Salt N Light on Sunday afternoon, August 18, in Bethany Hall at 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Invite family, friends and neighbors to come enjoy this Christian band that embraces the musical styles of jazz, neo-soul, funk, and gospel—a truly unique sound that blends the various musical backgrounds of the individual musicians and vocalists. Their sole purpose is to praise the Lord through the ministry of music.

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

A newly formed security team is looking to compile a list of first responders, EMT's, and nurses from the congregation. Please call the church office (717-393-1561) with your contact information. At a later date you will be contacted by the security team for ways in which to support security at Covenant Church. Thank you

## Sidelights

### SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

The conference offers wonderful opportunities for our young people to get outdoors and fellowship with other young Christians within the safety of our Christian camps. There are four options in our conference: Gretna Glen, Camp Innabah, Pocono Plateau, and Carson Simpson Farms. Partial Scholarships are available for Covenant's children and youth. Please see Minister Brenda if interested. Additional information about each camp as well as the weekly offerings can be found at epaumc.org.

### JOB POSTINGS-HELP WANTED

Covenant is looking to hire two part-time office staff, one with primarily administrative duties and one with primarily financial duties. These are paid positions of approximately 20 hours per week. If interested (or if you know someone who might be) please contact Carol Brower, Cindy Smith or Greg Smith for details.

Covenant is also searching for a Music/Worship Leader to help lead contemporary worship and direct the praise team for that weekly service. This part-time position also includes recruitment of children and youth for their participation in vocal or instrumental music once a month in the contemporary and/or traditional services. Sylvia Frey, Mary Lou Hill, or Bonnie Miller for more information .

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Outreach Team needs your help! Occasionally church members call for transportation to doctor's appointments, medical treatments, etc. Pastor Sally is the coordinator for meeting these needs. If you are interested and willing to provide transportation as available, please let Pastor Sally know, and she will contact you as a need arises.

## We Worship Together

**Sunday Services**      **9:00 am - Contemporary Worship**  
**10:20 am - Traditional Worship**

### July 14, 2019—5th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Quentin will bring the message at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. services. Special music at the 10:20 a.m. service is John Darrenkamp and the Men's Quartet.

### July 21, 2019—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Quentin will bring the message at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. services. Special music at 10:20 is musician, John Hamilton.

### July 28, 2019—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at both the 9:00 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. services. Special music at 10:20 will be provided by vocalist, Kathy Seaber.

### August 4, 2019—8th Sunday After Pentecost

#### Holy Communion

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at both the 9:00 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. services. Special music at 10:20 will be provided Minister Brenda Wallace and Michelle Drumheller.

### August 11, 2019—9th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at both the 9:00 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. services. Special music at 10:20 will be provided by Sue Kresge.

### August 18, 2019—10th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at both the 9:00 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. services. Della Limbert will sing at the 10:20 service.

### August 25, 2019—11th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at both the 9:00 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. services. . Special music at 10:20 will be provided Minister Brenda Wallace and Michelle Drumheller.

### September 1, 2019—12th Sunday After Pentecost

#### Holy Communion

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at both the 9:00 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. services.

## July/August Volunteers

### July 14

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Cindy & Bob Hean;  
10:00 - Youth  
Anchorite: Marilyn Keener

### July 21

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mary Lou Hill; 10:00 -  
Sandy & Rev. Carrigan  
Anchorite: Glenn Miller

### July 28

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mee Schuler; 10:00 -  
Harold & Janice Ulmer  
Anchorite: Carole Horn

### August 4

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Ruth Neuman & Brenda  
Roth; 10:00 - Lori Brown & Tina Butler  
Anchorite: Ruth Neuman

### August 11

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Cindy & Bob Hean;  
10:00 - Youth  
Anchorite: Cindy Dale

### August 18

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mary Lou Hill; 10:00 -  
Sandy & Rev. Carrigan  
Anchorite: Lois Neidermyer

### August 25

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mee Schuler; 10:00 -  
Harold & Janice Ulmer  
Anchorite: Nancy Grau

### Summer Ushers

Head Usher will recruit ushers each Sunday.

# Leadership Communication

Hello again from your leadership team. Our last report to the congregation was in November. Boy, does time fly, and a lot has happened that we would like to share with you.

In order to fulfill our Vision and Mission:

*We will bring Christ's Light to the community and beyond. &*

*We Invite, We Welcome, We Nurture, We Serve*

we have implemented the following:

Have you noticed the return of the Welcome Desk in the foyer off the parking lot? Our greeters will continue to greet in the foyer area; however, the Welcome Center now has current Covenant brochures and maps. We are also able to promote special programs and activities with flyers at the Welcome Center. When we are able, we have guests/visitors complete a registration card before coming into the sanctuary, allowing us to acknowledge them and follow up when desired.

What is a Flock Watcher? Well, Jesus is our shepherd and we are all his flock, so.....what happens when one of the flock is missing? We search. We have members of the congregation assigned to "watch" for someone who has been missing for more than 2 Sundays. Then our flock watchers let the pastors know so we can reach out to them and bring them back to the fold when possible. If you notice someone who sits near you who has not been attending recently, feel free to reach out to them and/or notify Pastor Sally or Pastor Quentin.

The Leadership Team does NOT meet in a bubble. In addition to our annual Saturday morning retreat in January, we meet with the Chairs of all the church committees quarterly. This helps us to keep the lines of communication open and make sure our Vision and Mission are supported by all.

To fulfill the "We Invite" part of our mission we have created a Marketing Team. While we are a team in our infancy without a budget, we were able to put one mailing together to invite people during our Lent/Easter season. We hope to come up with a comprehensive plan that will include print, social media, and other creative ways to invite people to Covenant.

A new Church Safety Committee is meeting to look at preparedness for an emergency such as fire or illness, and a Membership Committee was formed to reach out to members on the rolls who have not attended for a while.

Our other church committees have also been busy this year, to mention a few:

Nurture has invited Covenant and the community to First Friday events.

Outreach has updated the hallway bulletin board, so you can find a way to fulfill our "We Serve" mission.

Evangelism had a special Lenten study focused on sharing our faith journey.

SPRC and Trustees are busy with way too many things to mention here. Keep them in your prayers as they hold our church building together and manage our church staff.

Finance continues to keep us all up to date with our financial picture with bulletin inserts.

Worship continues to provide us with the wonderful spoken and musical Word to promote the worship of our Father God and Savior Jesus.

This is a year of increase with 5 new members (so far). Praise the Lord!

As you can see there is some moving and shaking going on; so thank you for your prayers and continued support.

The team: Darwin Tyson, Cheryl Lichty, Stephanie Schall, Cindy Dale, Lois Neidermyer, Jenny Engle and Chris Kimmich, with Pastor Quentin and Lay Leader Cindy Smith

## Sidelights

### GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of **Mike Krow** from William and Roxann Hillyard.

In honor of **Linda and Lou Henning's 50th Wedding Anniversary**, gifts to the Dolly Kepner Fund from Sally Ott and Harold & Janice Ulmer.

In memory of **Arline Rutt**, a gift to the Dolly Kepner Fund from Thomas S. Buter.

### NOTES OF THANKS

**Kylie Stemmer** and her parents, **Bill and Kristen**, would like to thank the congregation, Minister Santa, confirmation leader, and Patti Willard, confirmation mentor, for celebrating Kylie's Journey to Christ through Confirmation on Sunday June 9, 2019. What a blessing to share this dedication with so many wonderful Christian friends and family. Thank you also to the Nurture Team for the potluck luncheon you provided, so we could fellowship with everyone following the service. Blessings to you all from the Stemmer Family.

### SUMMER NEWS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our children and youth programming will shift for the summer. Both Children's Sunday School and Connect! will take a summer break beginning June 16th. They will resume on September 8th. Minister Santa will lead a Children's/Youth Worship service at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The nursery room will remain open at 10:20 during the summer. If you would like to join our team of teachers and/or nursery workers for the upcoming year, please see Minister Brenda.

## Sidelights

### UMW READING PROGRAM

The UMW Reading Program was in full swing after our January Winter Breakfast. Thank you to all the ladies who started to read. Now we need you to continue and return any books that you have finished. All the books are on a separate shelf in the Library (on the wall with the windows). The sign up sheet is there. Remember to read a *Response* magazine that is also on that shelf.

At this year's Annual meeting we would like to submit a list of women from Covenant who have completed the program by reading one book from each category and the *Response* magazine. There are papers on the UMW shelf to help you track your reading. All reading lists must be returned to Chris Kimmich or Cindy Smith by Sunday, September 15th. Happy Reading! .

### JOIN A PRAYER GROUP

The Wednesday prayer group is not meeting over the summer, but it will return in September. The conference call prayer group, however, continues to meet every Friday morning at 6:00 a.m. via the phone. Just dial 1-605-313-5107, and enter the code 202700#.

### GROCERY CARDS

Support our Outreach Team and Outreach Ministries by purchasing a grocery card at the table in the lobby. Cards can be purchased on the first and third Sunday of each month. By using the card, a percentage of your purchase price returns to the church.

### NURSERY AVAILABLE

The nursery is now fully staffed during our 10:20 service. Please feel free to bring your infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to the nursery on the 2nd

## 2019 Eastern PA Annual Conference

From June 13 through 15, approximately 700 clergy and lay delegates met at the Expo Center in Oaks, PA, for the 233rd Session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference with Bishop Peggy Johnson presiding. The theme for the conference was "Tell To the Coming Generation," based on Psalm 78:4. A worship service opened the conference with holy communion. Other meaningful services during the conference recognized recent clergy retirees, memorialized church clergy and laity who have joined the church eternal, and celebrated the ordination of new deacons and elders. In line with the theme of the conference, a campus minister as well as director of the Florida Conference's Campus to City Wesley Foundation addressed the assembly regarding ministry to young adults.

The business of the conference was conducted throughout the three days, with voting for delegates to the 2020 General Conference and the 2020 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. **A summary of the voting results and the resolutions acted upon is included on a separate page as an addition to the Echoes.** Attending on behalf of Covenant Church were Lois Neidermyer as Lay Member to Annual Conference and Pastor Quentin Wallace, who was unable to be at every session due to his daughter's hospital stay.

**COVENANT CHURCH is Bringing Christ's Light into the Community and Beyond AND Preparing for Increase in 2019.**

## Covenant Members in Business

### Aunt Sandy's Attic

Sandy Leonard  
Antiques, Collectibles, Books, Art, etc.  
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717-426-5091

### Conestoga Innovations Promotional Products

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# Financial Update

The Finance Team wishes to keep the Covenant Family up to date on the state of our church finances. Please review the information carefully and use it as you prayerfully consider your stewardship—your time, talents, and resources—in support of Covenant Church. If you have questions regarding the report, please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Team.

Below are Income and Expenses for May 2019 which represents 42% of the year			
	Budget	May YTD Actuals	Percentage of Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Envelope Offering	\$305,000.00	\$120,582.75	40%
Plate Offering	\$3,000.00	\$1,156.25	39%
Special Offerings	\$8,850.00	\$4,428.75	50%
Trusts	\$18,600.00	\$7,672.30	41%
Parking Lot	\$23,000.00	\$14,392.00	63%
Use of Bldg	\$1,500.00	\$625.00	42%
Day Care	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	30%
Miscellaneous	\$5,500.00	\$1,090.50	20%
BB&T	\$120,486.00	\$0.00	0%
	<b>\$495,936.00</b>	<b>\$152,947.55</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Missions & Benevolence	\$53,268.00	\$21,795.10	41%
Evangelism	\$600.00	\$0.00	0%
Christian Education	\$3,100.00	\$484.67	16%
Outreach	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0%
Worship	\$2,385.00	\$476.19	20%
Program Administration	\$23,150.00	\$11,017.70	48%
Personnel	\$293,451.00	\$119,813.50	41%
Property	\$118,482.00	\$51,115.37	43%
	<b>\$495,936.00</b>	<b>\$204,702.53</b>	<b>41%</b>

# Here's To Good Health!

The topic this month is one that people really don't want to talk about, so I'll put it in writing and trust it will help someone who has this problem, or to help ensure you don't have it.

Bad breath or halitosis comes from bacteria feeding on food particles in your mouth.

How can it be prevented? Here are some tips you can try:

Brush your teeth at least twice a day. If you can, brush after each meal. If that can't happen, swish with water or mouth wash. Chewing sugarless gum can also help.

Clean your tongue. Yes, brush your tongue. Odor causing bacteria thrive on the rough surface of your tongue, especially at the back. Gargling with mouthwash also may help.

Drink lots of water or chew sugarless gum. Saliva and water wash away good particles that feed bad breath.



If you have persistent dry mouth, talk with your doctor. Dry mouth can be caused by some medications or certain diseases.

Watch what you eat, drink, or inhale. Tobacco, garlic, onions, and coffee can cause temporary bad breath.

Talk to your dentist if bad breath doesn't respond to these changes. It could be a problem with gum disease or an abscessed tooth.

Don't forget to brush your dentures. Brush

them before soaking them at night and before putting them back in.

Here's to a happy, sweet smelling mouth!

Cindy Smith

Wellness coach

# JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

**Regular Events (Unless Otherwise Noted)**  
Prayer Group, Fridays, 6am

**7/9, Tuesday**  
MOOS board meeting, 6pm  
Leadership Team meeting, 7pm  
Opera Lancaster Chorus rehearsal, 7pm

**7/16, Tuesday**  
Worship Team meeting, 7pm

**7/18, Thursday**  
Finance Team meeting, 7pm

**7/20, Saturday**  
IMPACT! Missions workday, 9am

**7/22, Monday**  
Church Office closes at noon

**7/23, Tuesday**  
Church Office closes at noon  
SPRC meeting, 7pm

**7/24, Wednesday**  
Church Office closes at noon

**7/25, Thursday**  
Church Office closes at noon

**7/26, Friday**  
Church Office closed

**7/27, Saturday**  
Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 7:30am

**7/30, Tuesday**  
Opera Lancaster Chorus rehearsal, 7pm

**8/3, Saturday**  
Care & Share breakfast, 8:30am

**8/6, Tuesday**  
Opera Lancaster Board meeting, 6pm

**8/13, Tuesday**  
Leadership Team meeting, 7pm  
Opera Lancaster Chorus rehearsal, 7pm

**8/14, Wednesday**  
Opera Lancaster Chorus rehearsal, 7pm

**8/17, Saturday**  
IMPACT! Missions workday, 9am

**8/20, Tuesday**  
Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm

**8/24, Saturday**  
Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 7:30am

**8/27, Tuesday**  
Care Team meeting, 9:30am  
Outreach Team meeting, 6:30pm

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