



# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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## Covenant Update

September 5, 2025

## Promotion Sunday

This Sunday, September 7, the Sunday School hour will be devoted to Covenant's annual Promotion Sunday. The program will begin at 9:15 a.m., but instead of staying in the sanctuary the whole time as we've done in past years, we're adopting an Open House format where adults will get a chance to visit students in their classrooms. Everyone will gather in the sanctuary at the beginning, but after a short introduction, we'll dismiss the students to their classrooms, followed by the adults a few minutes later. At 5-minute intervals, we'll ring the bell, and adults can switch to a new classroom. For the last 10 minutes, students will have a chance to meet with their teachers for the upcoming year, and when everything is finished, we'll serve refreshments. Join us as we rejoice in what the Lord has taught our students over the past year and to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to our congregation.

### Sunday Morning Children's Ministries at Covenant

To assist our parents as they bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Covenant provides nursery facilities and Junior Church ministries each Sunday.

#### Nursery

*Emily Waltenbaugh, Children's Ministry Coordinator*

**Sunday School:** 9:15–10:00 a.m.

Infants to 2 years: Room 120

**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.

Infants: Room 120

1s & 2s: Room 123–125

3s & 4s: Room 122

#### Sunday School

Classes meet at 9:15 a.m.

Age 3 - Kindergarten	Room 123 & 125	Grades 5&6: Junior High:	Room 109 Room 106
Grades 1&2:	Room 112	High School:	Room 108
Grades 3&4:	Room 110		

#### Junior Church

*Emily Waltenbaugh, Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Mid-way through the worship service:

Age 5, Kindergarten, & Grade 1: Room 112

Grades 2 & 3: Room 110

Children may exit for Junior Church during the last stanza of the hymn before the sermon. Activity bags are also available in the narthex to assist children during the service. Parents are invited to pick up their children at their room immediately following the service.

Please see other side for classroom map

Our first grade students will also be presented with Bibles during the announcements before the worship service - a very special moment in the life of our church. Thank you for your prayers for all our students, teachers, and parents!

Click the image to learn the location of your child's Sunday School and Jr. Church classrooms.



## Congregation Connection

**Adult Education Classes**  
September 2025 - February 2026



Please check your church mailboxes for the newest Adult Education Classes brochure. Classes begin September 14 at 9:15 a.m. You may also review the brochure by clicking [here](#) or visiting our website.

Thank you for your prayers for the two classes beginning September 14:

## **Marriage — Men & Women**

***Dave Fenchel, Scott Sharadin,  
& Sharon Muhlfeld***

### **Sanctuary**

Using Paul Tripp's book *What did you expect?* as a guide, this class will explore the commitments that we need to make as Christians to bring God's powerful, transforming grace and his life-rearranging wisdom to our marriages. Each session will begin with the introduction of the week's topic to the whole group, followed by separate discussions among the husbands and among the wives. Please feel free to join even if you are not married.

## **Key Old Testament Themes**

***Jason Clement, Michael Nowling, &  
Mike Roberts***

### **Room 107**

The ideas and themes of the New Testament do not begin there. God has acted in history, and He has given us a unified story of redemption, beginning in the Old Testament and finding its culmination in the New. Therefore, to better grasp the various themes of Scripture, we must begin with Old Testament revelation. With guidance from William Dyrness' book *Themes in Old Testament Theology*, this class will look at selected Old Testament themes in order to give us the biblical foundation that is necessary to understand God and His purposes, as they are unfolded in the New Testament's witness to Jesus.

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## **Adult Choir Singers Welcome**

As the leaves begin to fall, we are reminded that a new choir season is upon us. All adult singers are welcome to join us as we sing praises to our God. Practices begin in the



sanctuary after church on Sunday, September 14. No long-term commitment is necessary, and altos are especially needed. Covenant musicians will resume playing during the service on Sunday, September 14 as well. Let us use music to praise our God from whom all blessings flow.

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## Officer Meet and Greet September 21

Please join us for an officer meet and greet on Sunday, September 21 following the worship service in the far narthex. Candidates for elder and deacon will be present for informal conversation, questions, and encouragement before standing for election at the congregational meeting on October 17.

The list of three candidates may be found in mailboxes, the narthex, and [here](#).

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## Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group Resume September 21

The Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, and Youth Group will resume Sunday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. These ministries encourage lifelong friendships centered on Christ, with the hope that strong Christian bonds will play a key role in our children's spiritual maturity.

Sonflower Girls is for all young women in Kindergarten through grade 6  
- contact Kimberly Roberts with questions

Trailblazer Boys is for all young men in grades 1-6  
- contact Jonathan English with questions

Youth Group is for young people in grades 6/7 to 12  
- contact John Rohrman or Juan Estevez with questions



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## Audio/Visual Technician Volunteers Needed

Additional assistance is needed in the rotation of volunteers who operate our livestream and soundboard. If you would be interested in learning more about this opportunity for service, please speak with Steve Bikle or Tyler Delk.



## Upcoming Events

Please check [past Covenant Updates](#) for additional information on items below:

**OCC Items of the Month: August/September** - Pencils, Erasers, Notebooks (*flexible covers*), Colored Pencils, Sharpeners, Scissors, etc. (full list [here](#))

**Promotion Sunday - Sunday School** - Join us in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. for a brief introduction, followed by an Open House format where students and families can visit classrooms.

## September

- 9/6 at 9:00 a.m. - **Women in Prayer** resumes - more info [here](#)
- 9/7 at 12:00 p.m. - **Annual Congregational Picnic**
- 9/9 at 11:30 a.m. - **Senior Fellowship Lunch at Harleysville Hotel**
- 9/13 at 7:30 a.m. - **Men's Breakfast** at Henning's Market
- 9/14 at 9:00 a.m. - **Heart Hiders** resumes - more info [here](#)
- 9/14 at 9:15 a.m. - **New Membership Class Begins** - sign up in narthex by August 31
- 9/14 at 11:45 a.m. - **Adult Choir** practice resumes
- 9/16 at 7:00 p.m. - **Women's Bible Study** begins - sign up in the narthex by September 7
- 9/19 at 8:00 p.m. - **Young Adult Outdoor Movie** at Childs' home
- 9/21 at 11:45 a.m. - **Officer Meet & Greet** - list of candidates [here](#)
- 9/21 at 6:00 p.m. - **Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group** resume

## October

- 10/3 to 10/5 **Men's Retreat** in the Pocono Mountains - registration forms in the narthex and [here](#) are due September 21; more information [here](#)
- 10/24 at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - **Harvest Festival**

We continue to praise God for His provision through the giving of His people. Praise the Lord for His abundant blessing! Please click on the image to open the **August Financial Statement**.

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY August 2025

The total budget for 2025 is \$983,431.93. We thank God for His provision through the faithful giving of His people.

Contribution Analysis	Mth	Ytd
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 81,952.66	\$ 655,621.28
Actual Receipts	89,162.13	684,936.58
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 7,209.47	\$ 29,315.30

Spending Analysis	Mth	Ytd
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 81,952.66	\$ 655,621.28
Actual Expenses	84,234.06	737,549.71
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 2,281.40	\$ 81,928.43

Cash Flow Summary	Mth	Ytd
Actual Receipts	\$ 89,162.13	\$ 684,936.58
Actual Expenses	84,234.06	737,549.71
Positive (Negative)	\$ 4,928.07	\$ (52,613.13)

Building Fund Summary	
Balance Amount in Reserved Fund - July 31, 2025	\$ 485,661.63
Budgeted Funds	20,833.33
Contributed Funds	5,080.00
Expense to Building Fund	
Total Amount Reserved in Fund - August 31, 2025	\$ 511,574.96

Average Live Attendance: 308  
Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 107



This Sunday Pastor Muhlfeld will preach from **2 Samuel 17:15–29** and his sermon title is ***Preserved by God***. He writes, "It's frightening to realize how little control we have over our very lives. We are all just one illness, accident, or assault away from facing our earthly end. Yet the Christian may rest secure in the sovereign preservation of God. The One who has loved and redeemed us through the blood of His Son will never leave or forsake us. Even when our earthly mission is complete, God will receive us into His glorious presence for eternity. David experienced the preserving hand of God and so may every believer who trusts in David's far greater Son, Jesus Christ."

[Live Stream](#)

[Worship Bulletin](#)

*We look forward to worshipping with you  
this week!*

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