



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Covenant Update

October 9, 2026

Operation Christmas Child

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Each shoebox costs \$10 to ship. Any monetary donations to help cover shipping Covenant shoeboxes would be appreciated. Checks can be made payable to Samaritan's Purse and can either be placed in Sandy McIntyre's mailbox or brought to the packing party.

Please see reverse for more information...



National Collection Week runs from Monday, November 16 through Monday, November 23.

Please prayerfully consider individually contributing shoebox gifts apart from the packing party. Each shoebox gift reaches 8–10 people (family, friends, and neighbors) with the gospel message. It's all about Jesus!

If you are unable to shop, please consider **packing a shoebox online** (www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline). These boxes are shipped into closed countries in plain boxes, with shoebox items that are acceptable for the local culture. For \$30, you can select the items for the gift and cover the cost of processing & shipping. The gifts will be created at the processing center.

Another way to contribute is to donate \$10 per shoebox to help cover shipping costs for the church shoeboxes. The \$10 donation covers collection, processing, *The Greatest Journey* booklets, training of local churches, and shipping to over 100 countries.

Shoeboxes will be available for pick-up in the narthex after the annual meeting on October 16. Please pick up boxes at either door. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to cover shifts during collection week. Please contact Susan Zachmann or Katelyn Reist if you have any questions. Please check your mailbox for instructions on how to pack a shoebox.

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Into the Amazon
with Shoebox Gifts and the Gospel

In the jungles of Peru about 100 miles from the closest town, Operation Christmas Child hosted the first of many outreach events for the children of a community rife with alcohol abuse and ancestor worship. Known as the Chapra, this ethnic group lives isolated from the outside world.

Chapra boys and girls riveted their attention on the colorful posters Samaritan's Purse had brought on the weeklong journey upriver to illustrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ—a message that had only recently reached their region. The team surprised each child with their own shoebox full of toys and other fun items as well as *The Greatest Gift* Gospel booklet—the first printed resource in their language.

A Chapra father and son, Maorashi and Moises, had recently learned about Jesus Christ through a missionary. Giving their hearts to the Lord, they wanted the 31 Chapra communities around them to have that same life-changing hope. Maorashi began pastoring, but his message started to multiply exponentially when Operation Christmas Child helped him produce a Gospel resource in his own language!

One Chapra mother said the Gospel booklet helped her daughter, Kati, share the Good News with others. "She tells her friends about Jesus," the mother said.

In less than a week, Operation Christmas Child hosted 15 events in 12 Chapra communities. As a result, 1,058 children received a shoebox gift and a copy of *The Greatest Gift* in their own language. Follow-up discipleship lessons for the boys and girls are now being held in these communities.

"Having the opportunity to have the booklet *The Greatest Gift* translated into their language is something that is incredible," said a missionary partner of Operation Christmas Child who helped with the translation. "It's something that will transcend generations."

For more of the Chapra story, scan or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ-peru

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Please check your mailboxes for a flyer sharing the story of one shoebox and offering instructions on how to pack your own box.

Officer Meet & Greet This Sunday

Please join us for an officer meet and greet this Sunday 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 16.



The list of three candidates may be found [here](#).



Congregation Connection

Senior Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch

The Senior Fellowship will gather at the church on Tuesday, November 10 at 11:30 a.m. for a turkey lunch followed by a presentation by Rev. Steve Ford. Please sign up in the narthex by November 1 and indicate the dish you would like to contribute.

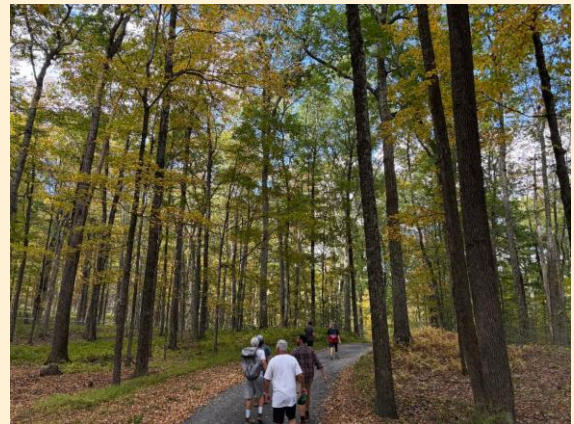


An offering will be taken for donations to support *The Greatest Journey* Discipleship Program of Samaritan's Purse. Christmas cards are appreciated for Chaplain Jim Rich and his wife, Lori. Please contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions.

Men's Retreat at Spruce Lake

Here are a few photos from a wonderful time in the Poconos.







Reminders:

- **Men's breakfast at Henning's Market** - NOT meeting this Saturday, October 10
- **Fall Workday** - Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Harvest Fest Volunteers Needed:**
 - **Three drivers (with pintle hooks)** are needed to pick up and return the light towers for Harvest Fest. Pick up is around noon on Friday, October 23, and they need to be returned in the morning on Saturday, October 24.
 - Volunteers are needed to **help with set-up** of the tents, generators, lights, etc. starting around 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 23 and throughout the day.
 - Please contact Bob McIntyre at rkmcintyre@stonehillcontracting.com or 267-354-1438.

If you have a question or need assistance, the office is here to help!

Please contact our church administrative assistant Kimberly Roberts at 215-256-1007 or information@covpreschurch.org during office hours (Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.), and she will respond to you as soon as possible.

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

Current Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:15 a.m. (September 20–November 1):

- **Romans 11–16: Doxological Discipleship** - Sanctuary - led by Stuart Balmer
- **Important Topics in Parenting** - Room 107 - led by various teachers
 - 10/11: College Decisions - led by Fred Putnam
 - 10/18: Encouraging Your Children at Different Ages - led by Dan & Ashley Benoit
 - 11/1: Handling Conflict with Your Children - led by John & Sharon Muhlfeld
- **October 25 - Combined Adult Sunday School - Reformation Sunday** with Dr. Todd Rester, Associate Professor of Church History Westminster Theological Seminary

October

- 10/11 at 11:45 a.m. - **Officer Meet & Greet** - list of candidates [here](#)
- 10/13 at 11:00 a.m. - **Senior Fellowship Trip to The Museum at Hoppenville**
- 10/16 at 6:00 p.m. - **Annual Dinner & Meeting** - copy of annual report [here](#); copy of September 2026 congregational building update [here](#)
- 10/17 from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. - **Fall Workday** - to do list [here](#); rain date October 24
- 10/23 from 6:00–9:00 p.m. - **Harvest Festival** - list of food and serving opportunities [here](#); postcard to share with friends and family [here](#); sign-up link for youth group volunteers [here](#)

November

- 11/8 from 2:00–4:30 p.m. - **OCC Packing Party** - more information [here](#)
- 11/10 at 11:30 a.m. - **Senior Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch** - sign up in the narthex by November 1
- 11/16–11-23 - **OCC Collection Week** - collection hours [here](#)

This Sunday Pastor Muhlfeld will preach from **2 Corinthians 1:12–2:4** and his sermon title is ***A Matter of Trust***. He writes, "Trust is an essential element in all relationships,

including our relationship with God. The Corinthians were experiencing trust issues with Paul that made it more difficult for them to trust the God whom he proclaimed. Paul addressed their concerns directly so that they might look beyond the servant to the Savior whom to trust is eternal life. God's word calls us to trust in the same Savior today, resulting in godlier relationships with one another, as well."

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

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