



Happening This Week

Thursday, August 29

Thursday Morning Bible Study: 9:00-10:30 a.m., Room 204. All women are invited to join this study that began today. We will be reading through *Immerse Messiah*.

Sunday, September 1

Roundtables: Will not be meeting this week. Glenn Paauw will resume the series, *Between & Between: Crossing the Bridge from the First to the New Testament*, on September 8.

Worship Service: 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Children will remain in the service. Nursery is available in Room 104.

Monday, September 2

The church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 3

Old Guys Breakfast: 7:00 a.m., IHOP, 8065 N. Academy Blvd.

Wednesday, September 4

Awana: 6:00 p.m., Family Room. Find out more and register [here](#).

Middle School: 6:00 p.m., Room 208/209

Thursday, September 5

Grilled Cheese Lunch: First lunch is from 10:00–11:30 a.m. and second lunch is from 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Stop by on Thursday if you are interested in volunteering or contact [Sarah Boatright](#).

Announcing Covenant's Next Pastor

Reverend Jeff Kintner was elected as our next installed pastor on Sunday, August 18, 2019.

After much hard work and discernment by our Pastor Nominating Committee, Pastor Kintner preached and led Communion for Covenant. Following worship, after a presentation by the PNC, questioning of Pastor Jeff and discussion, the congregation elected him as our next pastor. The vote was overwhelming and the excitement was palpable.

August 25, was Pastor Jeff's last Sunday at First Presbyterian Church in Rapid City, South Dakota where he was senior pastor since 2012. Please pray for the Kintner family and the people of that congregation.

Pastor Jeff will officially begin his ministry at Covenant on October 1, 2019. His first Sunday worship service as pastor is October 6—World Communion Sunday. Pastor Jeff and the session have asked Pastor Steve Nofel to overlap with Pastor Jeff for two weeks. Steve's last day will be October 15.

Please keep the Kintner family in your prayers during this transition time, including all the hard work of moving. As Angela said, this is a very joyous time for them, mixed with a bit of sadness in leaving their home of the last seven years.

Celebrating our Stained Glass Windows

Someone recently told me that the wonderful banners that hang in our Sanctuary are our "stained glass windows." They give us beauty and add color and warmth to our worship space. More so, they constantly point us toward the Holy Spirit and give us our marching orders as a congregation.

As you may know, the six banners are based on the *Six Great Ends of the Church*—those things we are supposed to do and live out.

- The proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind,
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God,
- The maintenance of divine worship,
- The preservation of the truth,
- The promotion of social righteousness,
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of God to the world.

During the month of September, Pastor Steve Nofel will focus our Sunday messages on those great ministries to which we can devote ourselves.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFFS

Middle School
September 4, 6:00 p.m.

High School
September 8, 5:00 p.m.

Both are meeting in Room 208/209



KIDS, GET READY TO BLAST OFF

Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

September 8, 15, 22, and 29

Preschool – Room 107

Kindergarten–Second grade — Room 105

Third–Fifth grade — Room 106

Blast Off into Four Spiritual Habits:

Spending time with God

Spending time with others

Using your gifts

Sharing your story

Nursery available in Room 104.

BLAST



9:00 a.m. Learning Communities for Kids

On September 8, we are launching new classes for preschool and elementary age children at 9:00 a.m. Preschoolers will meet in Room 101. Kindergarten through second graders will meet in Room 105. Third through fifth graders will meet in Room 106. Nursery will be available in Room 104.

Growing Our Children's Team

This year we are *Growing* on Sunday mornings in our Children's Ministries and we need to grow our team of leaders. Youth and adults who are interested in helping children grow during the 9:00 a.m. learning communities or 10:15 a.m. classes, please contact [Sarah Misleh](#).

Begins Wednesday, September 4

Find out more and register [HERE](#).

Awana Clubs™

If you would still like to volunteer
or have questions, contact
[Sarah Misleh](#).

New Adult Class Coming Soon

Beginning in September, there will be a new class added to our 9:00 a.m. Community Hour for adults. This class will meet in Room 204 (the Library). It will be a study of the book, *Can I Ask That?* by Jim Candy, Brad M. Griffin, and Kara Powell. It is from Fuller Youth Institute and published by *Sticky Faith Research*.

According to research done by the publishers, it is not doubt or hard questions that are toxic to faith—it is silence.

This book is designed for small groups to ask and discuss the following hard questions:

- Why does the Bible contradict itself?
- Can I be a Christian and believe in evolution?
- Does God discriminate against women?
- Is Jesus really the only way to God?
- What does the Bible say about being gay?
- Does God endorse violence?
- How can I follow a God who would let Christians do such bad things?

This will be a place to feel safe to express struggles and move into a stronger faith. All are welcome to join the class.

Update From Pastor Steve Nofel

I will continue as interim pastor until Tuesday, October 1, at which point I become consultant and support person for Rev. Kintner and the staff.

My last sermon for Covenant will be on September 29, though I will attend worship on October 6 and 13.

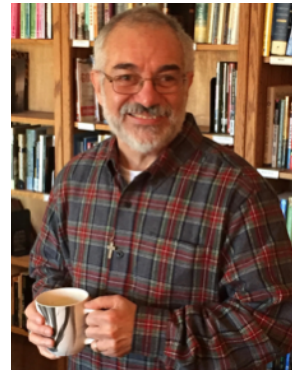
I am in deep discussions with several churches in the Midwest. I ask for prayers for discernment of the churches and the Nofel family.

Our PCUSA denomination and Pueblo Presbytery have rules and structures in place for former pastors. I respect those structures. I will not return to officiate at funerals, baptisms, weddings, or special services. My official contact with members of the church will be limited. This should be easy to do, since all the churches I may serve are in the Midwest.

We will continue to move forward as a congregation over the next six weeks, and prepare our hearts, minds, souls, and church for the opening of a new era in the life of Covenant.

I thank you all for all the love and support. I will always be "sinfully" proud of this congregation.

Grace and Peace,
Steve Nofel



Pray Now

August 22

Rochelle Fralick: Pray for Rochelle, her mother, and their entire family on the sudden loss of Rochelle's dad.

Patrick and Bev Carrigan: Pray for strength for their son Geoff and daughter-in-law Cassie, and newborn grandson Caleb as Caleb continues his fight at Children's Hospital in Denver.

Maggie Warren: Pray for continued healing and less nausea and pain.

Karla Coughlin: Pray for health issues.

Lisa Craig: Pray for her sister and brother-in-law, Denise and David, who both have multiple health issues.

John Bystroff: Pray for hip replacement surgery on September 4. Continue to pray for his mother Sally who is in hospice care.

Hope LaRue: Pray for health and healing. Hope participates in Awana.

Stephanie Wilcox: Pray for her father David's health and for transitioning to the best care facility for his needs.

The Hough Family: Pray for the entire family.

Kate Gosling: Pray for Kate, her father, and her entire family.

Diane Wisdom: Pray for her mother who is in hospice care.

Springstons: Pray for easy pregnancy for daughter Rachelle.

Gayle Sjoerdsma: Pray for a full-time job with benefits.

Steve Skiba: Continue to pray as he battles cancer.

Pray for those grieving the passing of loved ones.

Pray for those caring for family members.

Pray for Pastor Jeff Kintner and family.

Pray for marriages at Covenant.

Pray for safe travels during the Labor Day weekend.

Pray for the Russia mission team as they travel and minister.
Pray for the orphans they will be working with.

Pray for students, parents, administrators, staff, and teachers at the start of this school year.

Praise Now

Praise God for:

- the excitement of Pastor Jeff and family joining our church family.
- Pastor Steve's continuing ministry.
- our music director Ed Melendez and his fiancée Sharon, who are getting married this weekend.



Mercy's Gate is in need of the following items: boxes of macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, coffee and tea, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, flour, and sugar. Place items in the wooden bin outside the kitchen/Family Room at Covenant.

Giving Update

August 25: \$4,093 Current Weekly Need: \$10,328

You may [donate online](#).

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