

VISITORS WELCOME

If you are a 1st time visitor, welcome, and we have a gift for you! See the table in the Narthex by the church office, or visit The Hub to get your copy. We hope you find this book informative and inspiring. See you next week!

FREE BIBLES

CCPC has free Bibles for anyone who would like one. If you don't currently have a Bible, or if your only Bible is ancient, we would like to give you this gift, no questions asked! Pick up your copy at The Hub!

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream. You can also view archives of past services and sermons.

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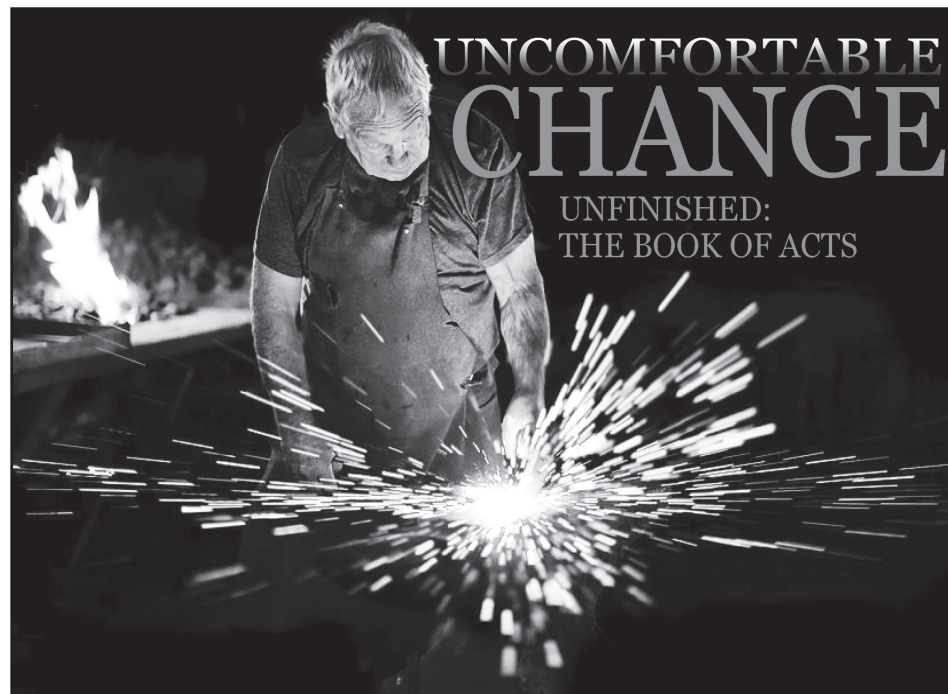
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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
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— NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020 - 10:00 A.M. —

UNCOMFORTABLE CHANGE: MAJOR DECISIONS

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church
1806 Weston Avenue in Schofield, WI
New Member Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 - 10 a.m.
Uncomfortable Change: Major Decisions

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week in the Unfinished brochure or on our website.

Announcements VISITORS: Please fill out a connection card found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Lighting of the Candles: "Glorify Thy Name" Men of Praise

Call to Worship: Acts 15:16-17

After this I will return,

And I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;

From its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up,

So that all the other peoples may seek the Lord – even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called.

***Hymn:** "Lift High the Cross" #826

***Call to Confession:**

Peter reminds the church that we have never been successful at obeying the law of God. Even this week, we have been reminded of our inability to be faithful on our own. Confident that Christ's faithfulness is sufficient, we come together to confess our sin and claim his forgiveness.

Connection Card. We'd also like to announce our Auction Shoe Sale 2020! Join us for incredible deals on name-brand, new shoes so generously donated! Friday, March 6 (5-7pm), shoes are \$25 (3 pairs for \$60), with boots running \$45 a pair. On Saturday, March 7 (during the auction from 4-7:30pm), shoes are \$10, with boots running at \$30 a pair. Spread the word and bring the whole family (sizes are limited).

CAR RIDES TO COVENANT—If you are in need of a lift to and from worship, or would like to participate in providing this service, please consider signing up for "Car Rides to Covenant" at The Hub. If you have any questions about this service group, please contact Bill Rhodes at 715-803-0025 or billrhodes6514@gmail.com.

RESTOCKING HEARTS OF HOPE—We are in need of waterproof gloves and mittens (all sizes), as well as double-layer knit hats, and underwear (all sizes) to help restock our Hearts of Hope ministry for next year! Please contact Sarah Luedtke (sluedtke@sluedtke.com) with any questions.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH—Our men's Bible study and lunch continues *THIS* Tuesday, February 25 at 12pm, and continues every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We are spending the year studying the Book of Revelation with lunch being served each week. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost if you plan on eating. Contact Jim Gates with questions!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SERVING IN KIDS MINISTRY—There are three new ways you can be involved in Children's Ministry without having to teach a lesson or commit a lot of time! *Crazy About Crafts:* Help preparing crafts and activities for children's programming. *GO to Gamer:* Leading and organizing games for Kids Worship. Great for someone with high energy, an athlete or student. *Drama, Drama, Drama:* Organizing and performing skits for Kids Worship. Please contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) for more details.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP—Salt and Light Youth Group continues *THIS* Wednesday, February 26 at 6pm in Bouldin Hall for all 6th through 12th grade students. Don't come alone; invite your friends to experience it with you! If you have any questions, please contact Dan Frost at dan@covenantcommunitypc.org.

DYSTOPIAN NIGHT—Join us for a unique, Leap Year night (*THIS* Saturday, February 29, 6-8pm) in which we will seek the truth when life's events get difficult and push us out of our comfort zone. Come and enjoy solving a puzzle of who to trust and who to side with! All middle school and high school students are welcome to participate! Please contact Dan Frost at dan@covenantcommunitypc.org if you have any questions.

OTHER NEWS

BUY SCRIP-DELIVERY TODAY!—All Kwik Trip orders placed this month provides a profit of 10% instead of 5%, plus an additional 5% for in-store purchases (non-gas). ***That's a potential of 20% for our church community! We will place one last special order from today's orders!*** Stop by the Scrip table to learn more! Over 750-plus national merchants means so much to choose from! Find out more and get all your questions answered by seeing Pam Higgins (715-573-8067) or Kate Lillie (715-581-9666).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION— Emily Johnson will be sharing a presentation on Climate Change *TODAY*. All are welcome to attend this approximately 30-minute session in the Bouldin Hall conference room after worship!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE— *THIS* week, February 26 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. Join us as we begin the season of preparation for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Worship begins at 6pm and there will be nursery care for children two and under.

INVITATION SUNDAY— Please consider inviting a friend, coworker, neighbor, or family member to our service *NEXT* Sunday, March 1 as we begin our new sermon series, "On the Road Again." Invitation cards for you to give will be handed out as you exit the sanctuary after worship today, or pick them up at *The Hub*!

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS— Please prayerfully consider participating in our Lenten small groups. These groups of 6-12 people will meet in homes or at church for conversation and Bible study, twice a month for two months. You can sign up on the back of the Connection Card during the month of February. Groups will launch in March. Please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

NEW MATCHING GIFT FOR CCPC!— Don't forget about our new matching gift for \$25,000! Every new dollar given or pledged to reduce our mortgage will be matched with an additional dollar. This opportunity to double your gift will last until *THIS COMING FRIDAY, February 28*. To give towards this matching gift, you can write a check to CCPC and simply put "Matching Gift" on the memo line. You can submit a new pledge on our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>.

CCPC 101—Interested in learning about our church family and the process of becoming a member? Do you know someone who might? Join us immediately following worship on Sunday, March 8 in the Bouldin Hall meeting room! Food and childcare are available for this session, which will end around 1:45pm. Please mark your interest in the class on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Drew Bouché at drew@covenantcommunitypc.org if you would like to attend.

SERVICE AND MISSIONS

PINE RIDGE, SD MISSION TRIP— We're heading to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota from Saturday, July 25 through Saturday, August 1, 2020. This trip is open to youth and adults, with rising 6-8 graders needing a parent or guardian accompanying them. The cost is \$400 for adults and \$300 for youth. If you are interested in attending, please see the back of today's Connection Card to be contacted for further information. You can also pick up a registration form at *The Hub*. *Note that we need you to be signed up, with a \$100 deposit by THIS Saturday, March 1!*

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPERS NEEDED— Volunteers are needed to pickup food orders from Aldi's and/or Dollar Tree and stock our shelves in the Food Pantry area. You can sign up for one or more months. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Gebauer (715-573-6477 or gebauerr@charter.net). *A sign up sheet is available at The Hub.*

MISSION AUCTION & DINNER/SHOE SALE— If you would like to contribute items or services to our 24th Annual Mission Auction and Dinner on March 7th, please see the table in the Narthex for a form. *We would like ALL donations delivered by NEXT Sunday, March 1. Tickets for the dinner are now available at The Hub!* Adult cost is \$16, with children under 12 being \$7. Children 3 and under are FREE! *If you are able and willing to volunteer for the event, please see the back of today's*

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord our God, you gave your law as a gift to us, revealing how to rightly love you, and love one another. But it also is a mirror, reminding us how often we fall short of the standard of rightly ordered love. Forgive us for our sins this week, and for every way that we have not loved you or loved one another.

We praise you, O Lord our God, for the gift of grace we know in Jesus. Because of his life, death and resurrection, we are more than forgiven; we are made one with you. We are adopted as your daughters and sons. May our worship and our lives honor you today, for you have done great things for us and for all your people.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection.)

***Assurance of Pardon:**

Acts 15:11

Peter says, "We believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." Believe the gospel; we are forgiven, redeemed, and restored to God through the grace of Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Amen!

***Gloria Patri:**

#581

Children's Message:

[Children may come forward for a short lesson and prayer.]

**NOTE Children ages 2-3rd grade are invited to Kids Worship in the activity room downstairs. Parent pick up is required after worship. Kids in 4th grade and up will participate in main worship; there are activity bags or sermon notes in the Narthex.

***Period of Fellowship:** *Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you.*

***Hymn:**

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" (vs. 1,3,5)

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Please fill out top portion of the connection cards found in your bulletin

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"Give Us A Vision"

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Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "We Are One In the Spirit" #300

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "When Morning Gilds the Sky" *Marcy Fehrman,*
Les Fraaza

***Doxology**

Welcome New Members *Brett Bixby*
Lois Pelot

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Apostles Creed*

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Welcome Song:** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1) #306

Those participating in the Children's Choir are dismissed for practice downstairs.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 5) #326

Postlude *Les Fraaza*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, and coffee.

Brett Bixby: *Brett spent his childhood in Texas and California, while also living in Massachusetts for several years before moving to Wausau. He works in the HR department at Greenheck Fan. Brett is an avid reader, loves being outdoors, is a football fan, and enjoys movies almost as much as Jim Gates.*

Lois Pelot: *Lois has been worshipping with us at CCPC for some time and loves the community, Biblical truths being taught, and opportunities for growth.*

Welcome to Covenant Community!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk *
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary
- † Hearing devices are available in the orange box in the Narthex.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH—The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here.

THANK YOU—to all who help make this morning's Worship and Fellowship meaningful: Worship Leader **Deb Tice**; Elder Greeters **Bob Gebauer & Kari Kufahl**; Fellowship Hour **Carol & Tom Anklam**; Gatekeeper **Kyle Shinkle**; Projection Team **Drew Bouché & Jim Fuls**; Live Streaming Operator **Jared Fuls**; The Hub **Cheryl Matthews**

PRAYER REQUESTS—**Dorothy Swazee** (Mountain Terrace), **Bess Vick** (The Benedictine), **Charlotte Zyduck** (Home), **Cheryl Lenz** (Colby), **Dee Jenkins** (Home), **Greg Falkowski** (Home), **Tom Scott** (Home), and **Don Hawkins** (Home) were in the hospital recently or reside in assisted-care.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY	11:15 a.m.	Climate Change Presentation
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Book Club
	7:00 p.m.	Dartball (Home)
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study & Lunch
Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Sheepshead
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group "Dystopian Leap Year"
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Institute of Discipleship (I.D.)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice