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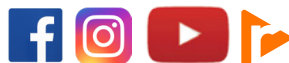
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

HOLY SPIRIT & UNITY: GREATER SPIRITUAL GIFTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our world encourages us to divide into the smallest possible affinity groups, to distrust and dislike the others, and even to pursue opportunities for self-isolation. The church has sometimes reflected the culture in this regard. Paul, in writing to the church in Corinth, encourages a different virtue – unity. As we reflect on the call to be United to Christ and to each other, consider what might be the next step in your own journey from division to unity in your life and relationships today.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 1 John 4:16

Love is patient; love is kind;

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

And God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

***Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 1,2) #82

***Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 13:2-3

In the Christian life there are many gifts of the Spirit, but none have value without love. "If I do not have love, I am nothing ... if I do not have love, I gain nothing." We can easily too highly esteem our own gifts, or the gifts of others, and forget the "still more excellent way" of love that Paul shows us. Mindful of this temptation, we make our prayer of confession together.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Holy Spirit, we know that faith, hope and love are the most important spiritual gifts, and that the greatest of these is love. Your gift of love, as modeled by Jesus, is wanting good for others at our expense. Forgive us for anytime this week when we acted without your kind of Christ-like love.

We are thankful for all the gifts you have given to us, but most of all for our faith, hope and love. Grow these sacred virtues in our lives until they become an inseparable part of who we are and how we serve.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENT MEETING — There will be a meeting discussing our October 21 program on Anti-Human Trafficking in the Bouldin Hall Conference Room *TODAY* after service. All are welcome to join us as we gear up for this state-wide, multi-church event that will be led and livestreamed right here at CCPC. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Wrysinski (715-409-0582) or Joanne Lapinski (715-845-6783).

PREPARED MEALS FOR THE HAGAR HOUSE — CCPC will be partnering with The Hagar House in the month of September to provide pre-made, frozen meals for the families in residence. A signup is available at The Hub for those interested in making your best recipes for these single mothers and kids (looking for 10 people). The Hagar House staff will then bring all the pans, labels, and recipe cards (in case the families love your dish and want to make it again later) on a Sunday morning in September. The following week they will return to pick them up here at the church. Each volunteer will fill two of the pans provided, equaling one meal for the families.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Summer Youth Group continues with rising 6th-8th graders meeting from 5:30-7pm on Wednesdays, and rising 9th-12th graders meeting after from 7-8:30pm. **NOTE: Our Youth Group will start a new schedule on September 13!** Middle School Youth will meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth will meet from 6:30-8pm. We'll do separate Bible study times for MS and HS but combine for our crazy games. Join us on the 13th for the beginning of this new pattern! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH & KIDS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON — The Youth and Kids Leadership Annual Luncheon is *NEXT* Sunday, August 27th following the 10am service. This is a great time to connect with your teaching team and build friendships with other leaders as we share in the vision we have for our kids and youth. Join us in Bouldin Hall for a great meal and encouragement for the upcoming year!

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. MISSION #6 — It's almost time for Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. mission #6! We are looking for Jr. Agents (rising 4th-12th graders) and Secret Agents (adults). Each Secret Agent will be paired with a Jr. Agent to exchange letters from October through March, at which time we will celebrate with a Reveal Party! Online registration is *NOW OPEN* on our website, or you can sign up at our "Recruiting Station" in the coming weeks. Signup will also be available at the Ministry Fair on September 10. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH JUNE 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$283,458**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$275,827**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$288,308**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$273,390**

AUGUST 13 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **171**
AM Livestream Total: **70**
PM In-Person Total: **22**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPIRITUAL GIFT INVENTORY — We invite ALL members of our faith family to participate in a Spiritual Gift Inventory. This is a wonderful opportunity to identify your spiritual strengths/gifts and see how they can be applied to serving within our community! You can fill out a hard copy version located on the table in the Narthex, or feel free to do it digitally by clicking the link in tomorrow's email. If you have any questions, please speak with Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

ENDOWMENT MATCHING GIFT — We have been give a \$25,000 matching gift challenge towards our CCPC Endowment. Every dollar you give to the Endowment from now until September 30 will be doubled until we reach that \$25,000 goal! You can give towards this match by placing a check in the offering plate, giving online, or by contacting the church office with questions.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE APP DEVOTIONAL — Join us as we continue to study the Bible together through the Bible App from YouVersion. The Bible App is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. We are continuing a study on the Book of Revelation. You can join the study and conversation by clicking the link provided in Monday's email, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to get involved.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — Celebrate Recovery Ministries is a Bible-centered, recovery ministry that meets every Tuesday at 6pm in Bouldin Hall. It is for those who struggle with ANY hurt, hangup, or habit... from a grief and depression, to addiction and emotional struggles. Meetings are open to anyone... from our church or any other walk of life. It is a community group. Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

CHURCH PICNIC FOOD & VOLUNTEERS — There are plenty of opportunities to serve at this year's Fall Kickoff Picnic! We will need help with setup, cleanup, food preparations, and more (contact the church office if interested)! If your last name starts with A-P, we would love for you to bring a salad or side dish. If your last name starts with Q-Z, please bring a dessert to share. The meat and grilling items are provided. If you have any questions regarding the food, please contact Lakia Hanson (lakiarhanson3314@gmail.com) or Stephanie Smith (stephanie.smith@sentry.com).

HOPE IN THE PARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — There are volunteer opportunities at the "Hope in the Park" event! This year's artist will be Steven Curtis Chapman on Sunday, August 27th at Marathon Park. If you would like to help out, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAC22A1FDC25-hope4>

YOUTH & KID'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — As we get closer to the kickoff of the church calendar year in September, we are looking to grow our team of Kid's and Youth Ministry volunteers. This includes, but is not limited to, leaders and assistants for 9am I.D. classes, 10am Children's Church, 6pm service leaders and assistants, Wednesday evening 6pm classes, as well as Confirmation sponsors. If you are interested in taking part, please mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Isaiah 61:1*
Jesus defined his ministry by quoting Isaiah, saying "the Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed ... and to proclaim liberty to the captives." Thanks be to God that the Love embodied in Christ Jesus is good news and liberty to all who believe. Amen.

***Congregational Response:** "How Great is Our God" See Screen

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "There is a Redeemer" (vs. 1,3) #443

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-2* Page 691

Special Music: "Leaning" Deb & Kent Perrin

New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 13* Page 175

Sermon: "Holy Spirit & Unity: Greater Spiritual Gifts" Jay St. Clair

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 1,2,3) #366

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Think About His Love" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 4) #366

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
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

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!

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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

And 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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Elder Greeter: Joy Briggs
& Shelby Waraksa

The Hub: Terri Goldsworthy

Live Stream/Slides: Jared Fuls

Gatekeeper: Brian Haack

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

Fellowship Hour: Luke Coenen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema
(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

Tom Scott
(Aspirus)

Ruth Reinicke
(Wausau Manor)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PLANNING MEETING 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP		6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	3PM FOOD PANTRY 5:30PM MS YOUTH GROUP 7PM HS YOUTH GROUP
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM YOUTH & KIDS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.