



### *Reflections*

As I write this, we are seeing summer come to a close and yes, football ready to begin. Some wondered what would we do without it while I suspect others (maybe a few spouses), thought they just might get some of those little jobs done that conveniently are overlooked during the season of gladiators. But this isn't just any ordinary fall for the Church of the Covenant. It is a homecoming of sorts in many different ways.

Reflecting on our time at Harkness Chapel, there were some learnings that will serve us well. Attendance was reasonable for summers in Cleveland, but it appears that air conditioning, although a wonderful addition for those attending and those leading worship, did not increase our numbers. What was special was the congregation's singing, the closeness of seating, and the seeming enjoyment of folks sitting in different places with different people, changing from their normal habits in our sanctuary. This is something we all need to take note of when we return. All said, a very special thanks to Case Western Reserve and its music department for making the transition time both enjoyable and accommodating.

Now it's homeward bound. An interesting opportunity presented itself in late May when a Mr. Richard VanOsKeuls, traveling from his home in Silver Spring, Md., asked Mildred if he could make an appointment with me. He had something we might like. A delightful visit followed with a gift: the original chandeliers from our narthex. It seems Mr. VanOsKeuls, a retired architect, attended Covenant while at Case Western Reserve University and played the carillon before George Leggiero arrived on the scene. He also sang in our choir for five years. At some point during that time the church's custodian decided to clean out the undercroft (something that probably hadn't been done again until two years ago). At this time Mr. VanOsKeuls acquired those lamps no one wanted. He stored them in his basement all these years until he happened to see our web site and noticed our the restoration project. Now they are on their way home, completely restored by our lighting experts in their plant in Lynchburg, Va. Yes, another homecoming!

Which allows me to segue that we will move back into our sanctuary on August 28. We will remember in a special service the ten year anniversary of 9/11 two Sundays later, and September 18 we will rededicate our sanctuary. Make it a point to offer the gift of your presence to your church, your fellow members, and to the present generation. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It is the new beginning of the Church of the Covenant and you are the most important ingredient in that future.

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### **Service of Caring Resumes on a New Day**

**Wednesday,**  
**August 24, at 4:30 pm**  
*(see page 7)*

### **Welcome Bash Sunday, August 28**

Enjoy a free picnic to the sounds  
of the CWRU Jazz Quintet  
Climb the Carillon  
*(see page 5)*

### **All Church Picnic Sunday, September 4**

Hamburgers, hot dogs &  
drinks provided  
*Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert*

### **Inquirers Class Sunday, September 11 11:30 am**

**Saturday Tutoring**  
**September 17~Orientation**  
**September 24~Tutoring**  
*Call Linda Wilson at 216 421-0482*  
*[http://tutor\\_me.tripod.com/](http://tutor_me.tripod.com/)*

### **Rededication Sunday Sunday, September 18**

Breakfast beginning at 8:30 am  
Festive Worship 10:00 am  
Adult Forum 11:30 am  
*(see back cover for details)*

### **Jason Callahan to Preach Sunday, September 25**

*(see page 4)*

**The Cleveland  
Ecumenical  
Institute for  
Religious Studies**

Brochure enclosed  
[www.ceirs.org](http://www.ceirs.org)



The rest of the fall looks every bit as exciting. I had the wonderful opportunity to meet Dr. Fred Rothstein, president of University Hospitals, a real prince of a person committed to the care of patients first. During our conversation I recounted the story of the baby found in our back pew in 1979 and how we revisited that event a year ago with communication from that baby all grown up. "Those are the special heartwarming events you love to hear," was his reply, and we agreed, given our long history that our two institutions can do much together in the future. He was pleased to hear about our service of caring, now moved to Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, and was amazed to see how "Covenant" is reflected in the new cancer center.

What moved me the most on that day was when I left the hospital through Lerner Tower rather than my usual exit onto Cornell. As I walked out the front doors I was breath-taken, as I am told are many visitors to the hospital, to see our church in her full expanse. And now there is the healing garden across the street with an open invitation to us. Likewise, there is also an open invitation to patients, families, and staff to use our sanctuary for a place of prayer and healing of the things medicine cannot address. To that end I now have a luncheon scheduled by UH with all the heads of caregiving with the opportunity to explore the future of our institutions' relationships.

I want to say a special thanks to Willie Parker, Orlando Rios, and Fred Malone Jr. for all their extra work cleaning the hammer beams, the reredos, and the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Construction has been amazing. The workmen have performed their duties as if this were their own home and with a cognizance that they are contributing to the next one hundred years of a place of worship. They will all be invited to the rededication service as were the workmen who first built Covenant invited to its 1911 dedication. To give you some indication of the scope of this project: 11,000 pounds of water-damaged plaster were removed and then replaced on the walls of the chancel, and 12 tons (yes, that is correct) of rubble were removed using five-gallon containers from the balconies. The chandeliers are magnificent! You will actually be able to read the bulletin and hymnal, and see previously hidden beauty of our space. The floors are pure magic, and I think everyone will be amazed at the sound of our worship.

Now we look to the future with the saints who have gone before us having now given us a new and wonderful opportunity. It is up to us.

See you in church!  
Love, Peace, and Great Joy,  
bert



### Join the "Tushie Club"

Interested in joining the "tushie club"? There are some who deeply desire and others who truly need some padding when the restored pews return. So we are initiating individual cushions for those individuals. They will be available through the ushers as you enter church. We will begin with a limited number and expand as needed. Such pads are lovingly call "tushie cushions" in the pew business. If you have the need or interest and would like (but are not required) to make a contribution toward these cushions, you may do so with a contribution labeled "cushion fund." Thanks to Cathy Miller, some will be available for our first service in the sanctuary August 28.

## In the Covenant Family...

Individuals we have remembered in prayer in recent weeks include Isaac Anthony, Paul Begany, Cynthia Conkling, Jim Howson, Phyllis Koons, Marilyn Krotseng, Maggie McDaniel, Pat Owen-Keltner, Kimberly Voss, Barbara Thatcher Williams, and other Covenant members or friends who are struggling with illness, or are homebound.

We celebrated with Kristine and Dan Urban on the birth of their daughter, Gwendolyn Reese Urban, on June 18; and Lee and Bryan Zelinski on the birth of their daughter, Josephine Margaret Zelinski, on July 24.

The sympathy of the congregation was extended to the family of Jo Morris, who died June 25; Gayle Barry (Mildred Russin's daughter), who died June 25; Nancy Gore, who died July 1; Eithene Hilliard (Jenny Conner's grandniece), who died July 8; Eugenija Mackevicius (Dalia Baker's mother), who died July 19; Gloria Hack, who died July 23, Regis Hack (Russell Hack's father), who died August 5; Marion Boyce, who died July 25; and Donna Hughs, director of UPCaM, whose father died August 5.

*Please let the church office know when you have prayer requests.*



Pews being refurbished.  
David Hagen, Photographer

Old lighting.  
Myles Nicholich  
Photographer

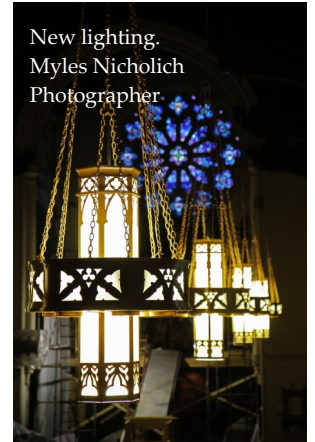


## Rededication Sunday September 18

On Sunday, September 18, we will rededicate our sanctuary, newly renovated to fit it for its next century. The morning begins with a breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by a festive worship service featuring the Covenant Choir along with brass, organ, and timpani. The morning culminates in a seminar on sacred space with Doug Hoffman, supervising architect of our interior renovations. Mr. Hoffman has authored the new book, *Seeking the Sacred in Contemporary Religious Architecture*, which mentions such local architectural landmarks as the Park Synagogue in Cleveland Heights. There will also be a Student Brunch at 11:00 am, and you can join the “out-to-lunch” bunch who will be going out to

lunch at 12:30 pm following the forum. Please take this opportunity to meet and greet some of the architects, woodworkers, stonemasons, structural engineers, electricians, plasterers, and others who have so wonderfully implemented our grand plans. See the archival case in the reception room for a new display of photos showing views of the sanctuary’s first century.

New lighting.  
Myles Nicholich  
Photographer



### Time Travel—All Aboard !

Well, we cannot actually propel you bodily into the future (yet), but we can save your very own thoughts for Covenant members to read in 2111 (yes, 2111). This September, as we conclude our year-long celebration of our building’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will place a “time capsule” in our beloved church’s old stone walls.

Our forebears left us lists of materials they enclosed in our cornerstone, laid in 1909, and in the eastern wall after the merger of 1920, but all we found last autumn when we looked was dust and rocks. So we are making every effort toward perfect preservation. For several Sundays this fall, acid-free cotton rag paper and archival-quality pens and pencils will be available after worship either in the Harkness foyer or the Covenant reception room. The results of your work will be preserved in a sealed time capsule on Consecration Sunday, November 13.

We have no earthly idea what the readers of our remarks will look like, what their names will be, or where they will come from. Think about it. A hundred years ago, our pastor was Alexander McGaffin, who immigrated to the U.S. from Ireland at age fifteen. Members arrived for worship in Ford Model Ts or by streetcar or on foot. They dressed in clothes of wool, cotton, or linen that we only see on theater stages and in costume dramas. They wore hats! They could not possibly have anticipated minivans and stretch denim any more than routine airport security screening or space shuttles.

So how can we imagine life in the world of 2111? How will they be doing outreach, or what some of us call mission? Following our last mission study, we Covenant members of 2011 continually ask ourselves, “Are we doing the right things, and are we doing things right?” What will Covenant members of 2111 think when they look back on what we have done with our time and talents and money? What will their leaders look like? What language will they be speaking, or what accent will their English have?

What do you think they should know about us that isn’t found in the cartons of committee minutes and office correspondence and other records maintained in Covenant’s archives? Why not tell them why you are here? What Covenant means to you? What does it feel like to come here? What do you hope for the Covenant in the future—the community, not just the building? Give them a chance to learn more about the legacy they have inherited.

#### Please let the office know any of the following:

- If you cannot get to church, so that supplies may be delivered to you and picked up for inclusion.
- If writing is a problem for you, so that someone can serve as your scribe.
- If you are a Covenant Caller or Stephen Minister who knows of someone needing assistance.
- If you are willing to volunteer to make deliveries and pick-ups or write for someone.

*If Covenant’s members of 2111 could do so, they would thank you!*

## Deacons Corner

### "Second Sunday" Breakfast September 18 Rededication Sunday



Second Sunday Breakfasts resume on Sunday, September 18 (the 3rd Sunday) in the Dining Room, beginning at 8:30 am. Chef Willie and his Deacon assistants will prepare a wonderful breakfast to enjoy before the service. A small fee will be charged. Hope to see you there!

### Juice Bottles Needed!



The Deacons are asking that you save your rectangular-shaped juice bottles for the Sunday flower arrangements. The flower oasis we use fits the shape of these bottles very nicely, as opposed to round bottles, which we can't use. Examples of juice brands sold in this shape of bottle include Ocean Spray and Heinen's brand. Please bring your juice bottles (rinsed out, please) to the Deacons flower bench located in the lower hallway. We appreciate your contributions!

Flowers from the sanctuary arrangement are given to members for special birthday recognitions, get well wishes, in sympathy, and other milestones. **If you would like to volunteer to help deliver flowers, please call Mildred Russin, 216-421-0482.**



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### Covenant's Own Jason Callahan

### Graduates from Union Presbyterian Seminary



Check out the graduate on the left, who is our own Jason Callahan (son of Nancy Acree & grandson of Dolores Acree). Jason graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia in May. He is currently enrolled this summer in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Richmond. Jason is an inquirer under care of the Covenant Session and of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, and will be seeking ordination in our

denomination. **He will be preaching at Church of the Covenant on Sunday, September 25.**

### "Out to Lunch" Bunch is Back Sunday, September 18 12:30 pm Wolfgang Puck Express Seidman Cancer Center.

*Out To Lunch* is back again on September 18. We won't have to go far, because we are lunching with the neighbors across the street. Wolfgang Puck Express has opened in the Seidman Cancer Center. Wolfgang emphasizes delicious food that is fresh, all-natural, organic and locally grown.



Shirley Thompson, Jim Greene and David Keltner were Covenant's advance team. They report that various options are available, including daily duos (soup & salad, sandwich & soup, pizza & salad) for \$8.00. The menu also features Wolfgang's classics, such as oven roasted salmon, bacon wrapped meatloaf (the executive chef's favorite), ricotta ravioli, and spaghetti Bolognese, topped off with a fresh baked, Belgian chocolate brownies or crème brûlée with fresh berries.

So let's have lunch together. Everyone is welcome. You'll have a great time and get to know your Covenant neighbors better!

*Sponsored by the Membership Committee; David Keltner & Shirley Thompson coordinating. Sign up in the church office.*

# Musical Opportunities Abound

If you are looking for a musical opportunity at the Church of the Covenant, there is bound to be something for you to do. Our music program offers a diverse array of vocal and instrumental activities.

## Special Opportunities

If you are not able to participate in one of our ensembles on a regular basis, please consider joining us for special events throughout the year, like the Giving Tree Orchestra and Choir (Advent), Vesper Services (new this year), Service of Caring, Case Collaboration Concert, or occasional instrumental solos.

If you are interested, please contact Jonathan Moyer by email at [JMoyer@CovenantWeb.org](mailto:JMoyer@CovenantWeb.org) or call the church office, 216-421-0482. For more information, visit the music page at [CovenantWeb.org](http://CovenantWeb.org).

## Rehearsal Start-up Dates

<b>The Handbell Choir</b> (adult)	Thursday, September 1, 6:30 pm
<b>The Covenant Choir</b> (adult)	Thursday, September 1, 7:30 pm
<b>Chapel and Psalter Choir</b> (grades 1-8)	Sunday, September 11, 11:30 am
<b>Youth Handbell Choir</b> (grades 9-12)	Sunday, September 11, 12:15 pm

## Pre-K Music Education



8 Sessions beginning  
Saturday, October 1  
10:30–11:00 am  
In the Crèche

## Covenant on Campus

### Welcome Bash!

**August 28**

(following worship)

Share gourmet hot dogs, watermelon, giant cookies, and iced tea with students, visitors, and university staff.

Eat to the tunes of the **CWRU Jazz Quintet**

See the Circle from the Top! At 12:30 pm, climb the carillon tower with George Leggiero.

### Who's That with the Hoe?

Know any Ohio farmers? Not many plant new gardens in August. But this is the month our most numerous neighbors return to the campus that surrounds us. And Covenant sows seeds of hospitality and support for the scientists, musicians, economists, and social workers that will soon steer this nation.

This year new seedbeds are sprouting. Student service of senior meals at **Abington Arms** will continue. But a new student team volunteers monthly at **The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland**. On November 16, Covenant students prepare and serve dinner at **Hope Lodge** on Mayfield. **Would you like to join us?**

**Graduate students** receive invitations to the **Pre-K Music Education**, our **Fall Carnival**, and the **Crèche**, where nursing students have also been invited to interact with toddlers. Our **Service of Caring** appears on all our new student

flyers. Covenant's Student Ministries garden is growing, as has summer **student attendance, nearly double that of last year** for the same period.

And **THIS YEAR** Covenant is represented at the **Undergraduate Student Government Activities Fair**—an opportunity to reach all new entrants during their first week on campus! And then, we feed them. Student Brunches continue, and you can join us!

Got some seeds of your own to plant in the **Student Ministries "garden"**? Let us know; we'll help you dig up a spot. The Student Ministries Advisory Committee now includes Mary Anne Bromelmeier, Kathy Farkas, David Keltner, Ashley Myers, Dan Myers, Lou Salvator, Jim Tomaszewski, Ann Williams, and Eileen Vizcaino. **And You??**

The collage features several flyers:
 

- Hope Lodge:** "DINNER FOR CANCER OUTPATIENTS" at 11422 Mayfield Road. Includes details about temporary housing and volunteer opportunities.
- Free Clinic:** "FREE CLINIC" at 12201 Euclid Ave. Lists services like sorting medications, creating syringe kits, and entering patient data.
- Grad Student Events:** "GRAD STUDENT EVENTS" including Pre-K Music, Fall Carnival, and Service of Caring.
- Service of Caring:** "SERVICE OF CARING" on Wednesdays 4-8 PM, featuring music, quiet sharing, and hope.

## A first year EfM seminar group is being enrolled for January 2012

Have you wanted to dig deeper into the Christian faith? Study the Bible, church history and theological ideas more thoroughly? Reflect on connecting faith with your life experience? And do so with others in a small group that meets weekly for study, prayer, and reflection? If so, Education for Ministry (EfM) may be what you are seeking. Mentored by the Reverends Laury W. Larson and Rosalind Y. Powell, EfM provides a comprehensive, experiential education in the foundations and message of the Christian faith for laypersons.

A theological education by extension program of the School of Theology of the University of the South (Episcopal), EfM takes four years to complete, but participants commit one year at a time to meet weekly, January through May and September through mid-December. Participants are given assignments to study with the help of resource guides, but are responsible for setting their own learning goals. They have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them in the weekly seminar group meetings. More than 50 Covenant members have completed EfM since it was inaugurated here in 1994.

**A first year EfM seminar group is being enrolled to begin in January 2012.** The seminar group will meet Saturdays from 9:30 am to noon in the Herrick Room of the church. Because the EfM program is subsidized in the church's budget, tuition is a modest \$150 a year and can be paid in installments.

Interested in enrolling in EfM, or want more information? Talk with Laury or Rosalind, or any of the currently enrolled participants: Venerine Branham, Sara Gresh, Bob Hanson, Ann Harlan, Deni Horstman, Willie Howard, Rod Keen, Pam McKinley, Ron Neill, Judy Orinin, Carol Roe, Sharon Simmons, Jim Tomaszewski, and Harriet Wadsworth. If you know someone who might be interested in EfM, but is a member of another congregation, or of no congregation, please tell them about this extraordinary opportunity and assure them of a warm welcome.



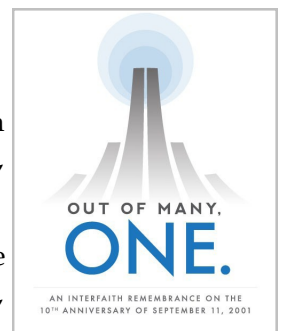
**First EfM class (1994-1998)**

Sitting: Fred Mailey, Marilyn Demeter, John Marsh (insert), Dolores Acree; Standing: John Yafanaro, Bill Rice, Fred Busch, Mary Thomas, Ed Laylin, Betty Dowd, Renee Boykin, Laury Larson.

### ***Out of Many, One* ~ Sunday, September 11, at 3:30 pm An Interfaith Remembrance on the 10th Anniversary**

Leaders and congregants from a wide and diverse cross section of Greater Cleveland's faith communities will gather in the atrium at 200 Public Square (former BP Building) on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 3:30 pm in remembrance of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Titled "Out of Many, One"—the translation of our nation's motto, *E Pluribus Unum*—the event will feature representatives from a wide array of faith traditions, including Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Unitarian Universalist, and will incorporate elements from those traditions in the service of remembrance. "We invite people of good will to come together, to remember the horrible events of 10 years ago and reflect on ways people of all faiths can work together to build a stronger community," said Sr. Donna Wilhelm, an event organizer. "This is an opportunity to acknowledge our shared humanity and the strengths that unique religious traditions bring to our community." The remembrance is free and open to the public. **If you are interested in carpooling from the church's parking lot, please sign up in the church office or contact Willie Howard at 216-421-0482 x229 or [whoward@covenantweb.org](mailto:whoward@covenantweb.org) by September 5.** InterAct Cleveland and the Church of the Covenant are among the many event sponsors.



# Mind, Body, Spirit

## Sunday Adult Forums

*A brochure is being mailed  
to member homes in late August.*

### *Appreciating Diversity:*

#### *From Many, One*

**September 11**

Shemariah Arki, Senior Program  
Director, The Diversity Center

### *Markers of the Sacred*

**September 18**

Douglas Hoffman, AIA  
Weber Murphy Fox, Inc.

### *The KJV at 400*

**September 25, October 9 & 16**

David Shriver, PhD retired  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Robert Fowler, PhD  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Timothy Beal, PhD  
Case Western Reserve University

### *Journey to the Common Good*

**October 23 & 30, November 6 & 20**

David Odell Scott, PhD  
Kent State University  
Walter Brueggemann, PhD, Emeritus  
Columbia Theological Seminary  
David Krueger, PhD,  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Hugh Burtner, PhD, Emeritus,  
Baldwin-Wallace College



## **“My So-Called Enemy”**

**Sunday, August 28 ~ 1–2:30 pm**  
*(panel discussion to follow)*

**CWRU’s Strosacker Auditorium**  
**\$10 non-students; students free**

This award-winning documentary film follows a group of teenage Israeli and Palestinian girls over a seven-year period as they work to forge friendships and pursue peace.

## *Service of Caring*

### **Resumes Wednesday, August 24**

**4:15 pm Music ~ 4:30–5:00 pm Service**

*A time of quiet meditation and reflection.*

The Service of Caring is resuming on Wednesday afternoons, beginning August 24. This service is open to all. In addition to patients and family from our surrounding medical institutions, a number of Covenant members have found this a welcome time of quiet. It’s also ideal for students who would like a time of reflection.

Covenant pastors and the Service of Caring Work Group have been reaching out to University Hospitals, CWRU, and will be contacting the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the VA Hospital. To provide a welcoming community, the Service of Caring Work Group is hoping for about fifteen Covenant members and friends at each service. To get an idea of the number attending, the Service of Caring Work Group invites you to mark your calendar and sign up in the church office. Signing up is not required, however! Contact Flo Worth (florenceworth@gmail.com) or Jonyrma Singleton for more information.

## **Women’s Bible Study**

**Beginning Wednesday, September 7, at 9:30 am**

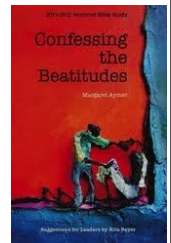
*All are Welcome!*

### *Confessing the Beatitudes*

By Margaret Avmer

1st Wednesday of each month through May.

Call Mildred Russin, 216-421-0482, to reserve a book.



## **Healing Circle**

**Sunday, September 5, at 12:30 pm**

**Sonia Golden Room**

*1st Sundays*

Experience energy work for aches. Relieve stress. Learn simple techniques for taking care of yourself. Talk with Jonyrma Singleton or Ed Laylin.

## **University Circle Bible Study**

**Tuesdays, 12–1 pm**

**Covenant Library**

Live or work near University Circle? Study the scripture for the coming Sunday. The Rev. Laury Larson facilitating.

## **EfM Grad Group I**

**Sunday, September 18, at 1:30 pm**

*3rd Sundays*

A DVD-based post-graduate study opportunity for EfM graduates.

## The Church of the Covenant

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
Church School 10:15 am

The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Campbell, *Pastor*  
The Rev. Laury W. Larson, *Associate Pastor*  
The Rev. Jonyrma R. Singleton, *Associate Pastor*  
Eileen Vizcaino, *M. Div. Dir. Student-Community Ministries*  
Dr. Jonathan W. Moyer, *Organist & Director of Music*  
The Rev. James F. Dowd, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00 am — 4:00 pm

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jewelry, toys, & more. Great items for your dorm!

Mail Date: August 19; Next Deadline: September 9

*Many thanks to Karen Burt for updating our mailing list!*

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## Sanctuary Rededication September 18

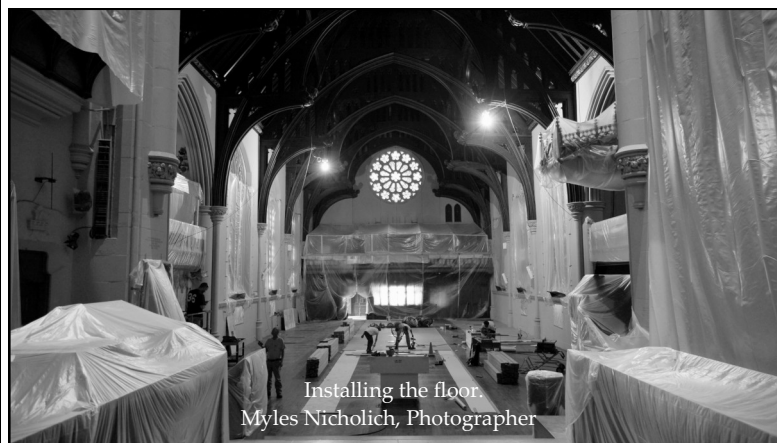
8:30 — 9:30 am Buffet Breakfast

10:00 am Festive Worship

Featuring the Covenant Choir with brass, organ, and timpani.

11:30 am Markers of the Sacred

Douglas Hoffman, AIA, Weber Murphy Fox, Inc.



Installing the floor.  
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Protecting the Reredos  
Myles Nicholich, Photographer

**Hungry?**

1:00 pm Student Brunch

12:30 pm "Out to Lunch" Bunch

Many thanks to CWRU  
for the use of Harkness Chapel  
for worship