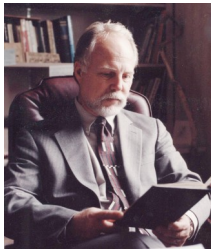




Covenant News

October, 2011



Reflections

Lights, Sound, Action ...that call, initiating the filming of a new movie, maybe a blockbuster and maybe even one of those rare classics, is not downtown at Tower City but right here in the heart of University Circle. That's what it feels like, even now here at the Church with a Conscience. The new lights are still being tweaked but are wonderful. We've been told there are two hundred pages of possible configurations. We have the same system as the Rain Forest at the zoo. And while sometimes it might feel like a zoo, the most important thing is that we can all see the magnificent beauty of the sanctuary as it was first intended. As for the sound, it is still a work in progress. New microphones are in and you can hardly see them. But a lot of work and some additional funds are needed to get it all right. Part of the issue is also adjusting to the new acoustics which now make our church perhaps one of the best performance spaces in the city. As for action, there is plenty to go around.

Student ministry has gotten off to a roaring start, with lots of students in worship, at the church picnic and at the student welcome bash. I found it interesting when reading the remarks of others at the joint memorial service for two of our three founding ministers that student ministry was even then on their mind. *"For years Case School of Applied Sciences has enjoyed the privilege of using the Church of the Covenant. Both of its former pastors heartedly approved and each, on more than one occasion, preached baccalaureate and acted as Chaplain on Commencement day. Their cooperation and sympathetic interest in our work were expressed not only at special occasions but at many other times as well. Both men made deep impressions on the intellectual life of the city, not only on its religious side but on every aspect of its civic interests."* President emeritus Charles S. Howe. Truly an amazing legacy continued.

By the time you read this Jason Callahan, one of the children of this church, particularly because of the efforts of Dr. Harry Taylor, will have preached his homecoming sermon. We will have experienced our 9/11 service, about which many have said was one of the most moving worship services they had been a part of, and we will have re-dedicated our sanctuary to the preaching, teaching and celebration of our God. It was

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**Jason Callahan
to Preach**

Sunday, September 25, 10 am

**Sunday Adult Forums
11:30–12:30 pm, Beckwith Hall**

The KJV at 400

September 25, October 9 & 16

Journey to the Common Good
October 23, 30, November 6, 20

**Pre-K Music Education
Saturday, October 1**

10:30–11 am in the Crèche

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**All Church
Carnival**

Saturday, October 29

5–9 pm

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**Tutoring Opportunities
Daniel E. Morgan**

Wednesdays, 2:10–3:30 pm
Contact Bob Ault (216-751-6094)

**Covenant Saturday Tutoring
Saturdays, 10–12 pm**

Go to SaturdayTutoring.org.

**NOAH Annual
Banquet
Saturday, October 22
6 pm, McGregor Home**



Senator Nina Turner, Keynote Speaker
Contact Bob Ault (216-751-6094)

for more information.

said in Amos 6, "You sit on your fine couches in your fine homes while the house of the Lord crumbles." That cannot be said about you as a generation of faithful members of a great church headed toward a new future.

Stewardship fast approaches as well as Consecration Sunday on November 13 at which time we will lay a new cornerstone; I hope many of you are compiling thoughts to be added. And before that, of course, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday with an additional first evening vespers and our friend Walter Brueggemann. He has said he claims this as a second church home because of the character and ministry of this place, will be with us again for Reformation Sunday. So the action is fast and furious and, yes, I see it to be an Oscar-winning block buster. Don't miss any of it.

See you in church.

Love, Peace and great joy!
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Consecration Sunday November 13 Save the Date!

This has been a very busy and exciting time for all of us here at the Church of the Covenant. We have not only celebrated our last hundred years, but have also returned to our beautifully renovated sanctuary, giving us a great start for our next hundred years. Another important effort, our Stewardship Campaign, is also getting underway. The success of this campaign plays a significant part in making possible these special events, as well as the important work accomplished daily by the members of this great church.

Using the resources, talent and abilities God has given us allows us to be faithful in realizing the potential for making ourselves, our community and the world a better place. Consecration Sunday gives us the opportunity to come together as one body to celebrate what we have accomplished, and to confirm and continue our commitment to the life and work of this Church.

In the mail, you will be receiving a letter about Consecration Sunday, along with your pledge card for the upcoming year. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge. This year after worship, we will have a cornerstone special event – stay tuned for details!

Sharing all of our gifts, both financial, and time and talent, is what stewardship is all about. Our goal is to have everyone in church on November 13 to participate in this very important event.

Please join us!

*Jim Prince, Chair of Stewardship Committee
Ron Eckner, Jerry Harpst, Ron Szafraniec*

In the Covenant Family...

Individuals we have remembered in prayer in recent weeks include Susan D'Arcy, Marilyn Krotseng, Kimberly Voss, Barbara Thatcher Williams, and other Covenant members and friends who are struggling with illness, or are homebound.

We celebrated with grandfather Allen Resch and parents Nick and Michelle Resch Persichetti, on the birth of Claire Genevieve Persichetti, on September 8; with grandparents Marilyn and Chris Langmack, great-grandmother Virgie Langmack, and parents Cindy Langmack and David Goodman, on the birth of Ivy Tenzin Langmack Goodman, on September 11; and with Ryan and Phoebe DeYoung on the birth of their son, Jakob Lee DeYoung, on September 12.

The sympathy of the congregation was extended to the Acree-Smith family in the death of Richard (Stronger) Smith, Jr., who died in Los Angeles, CA; and to the family of Margaret Tripp, Cheri Keys' mother, who died on September 8.

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

**Out-to-Lunch
Bunch
Sunday, October 16
Watch for details!**



**All Saints
Candlelight Vesper Service
Sunday, November 6, 5:00 pm
Covenant Sanctuary**

Time Capsule

to be sealed on
Consecration Sunday,
November 13

Last fall we opened a cornerstone placed 100 years ago by our forebears who left us lists of materials they enclosed in our cornerstone, laid in 1909, and in the eastern wall after the merger of 1920. What we found when we looked was dust and rocks. Now we are preparing to place a time capsule for our members yet to come.

Everyone is invited to share thoughts with our members of the future. For several Sundays this fall, acid-free cotton rag paper and archival-quality pens and pencils will be available after worship. What do you think they should know about us? Why are you here? What does Covenant mean 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? Share with them 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

Covenant Classics

Wednesday, October 19, 11:30 am
Women in the Ancient World

Our speaker, Dr. Jenifer Neils, is the Ruth Coulter Heede Professor of Art History at CWRU. She will share anecdotes about writing her hot-off-the-press book (commissioned by the British Museum), and will tell us what she discovered about the lives and loves of women in ancient times. Dr. Neils is a world-renowned scholar and a lively, vivacious person. Marilyn and Chris Langmack have taken several trips to the Mediterranean with Jenifer as their guide, and they can attest that you are in for a treat! Please come and bring guests. The program in Beckwith Hall will be followed by lunch (suggested donation: \$5.00) in the Reception Room. Sign up in the church office by Sunday, October 16. Read more about Jenifer Neils at www.case.edu/artsci/clsc/faculty/neils.html.



Second Sunday Breakfast

October 9, November 13, December 18 (3rd Sunday)
beginning at 8:30 am in the Dining Room

Chef Willie and his Deacon assistants will be preparing a wonderful breakfast to enjoy before the service. A small fee will be charged. Watch for the menu posting in the narthex and reception room. Hope to see you there!

All Church Carnival & Square Dance Saturday, October 29, 5-9 pm

The Deacons, Membership, and other church committees are joining with the Children, Youth, and Families Ministries to sponsor a family carnival and square dance. Many activities are planned for children and youth of all ages, along with a square dance for all ages. Don't miss this fun event!

More Juice Bottles Needed!

Thanks to those donors who have already dropped off juice bottles for our flower arrangements. The Deacons make three to four arrangements each week from the beautiful spray that is in the front of the church during the service. Please bring your rinsed out rectangular-shaped juice bottles to the Deacons flower bench located in the lower hallway or to the church office. 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. To volunteer to deliver flowers, please call Mildred Russin, 216-421-0482.

Save the dates!

Giving Tree Selection: November 20, 27, December 4;

Giving Tree Celebration: December 11. Details in next *Covenant News*.

Annual All Church Retreat: Chautauqua, NY., March 2-4, 2012

Covenant on Campus

The Power of Welcome It Takes a Congregation

The sermon was "Finding the Angels." The worship setting was Harkness Chapel, for the last time. No, not in our sanctuary as planned. But faith is about the unforeseen, if about anything at all. And as so often happens, Covenant stepped up to the occasion. Met at Harkness' steps by two of the Case Jazz Quintet, members and visitors marched off to Covenant's lawn accompanied by (what else?), "Oh when the Saints. . . ." Lead musician was Paul Ferguson, director of Jazz Studies at CWRU. Paul is also lead trombonist and arranger for the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, and makes appearances with major orchestras, including the Cleveland Symphony.



Cool music, hot dogs, watermelon, and gourmet cookies (donated by Bon Appetit - Eileen has connections) fed the conversation. Thirty-five students learned what a fun place Covenant is as a group climbed the tower to George Leggiero's chiming, and led by a medical student and "carilloneuse," brand-new to Cleveland and CWRU.

But YOU created the hospitality! You stayed for the party despite the clouds, renewed acquaintances and chatted with newcomers - that's what makes a welcome, created in part by some who first came here just three years ago as students. And because of a dedicated crew of Covenant members, students, and staff who set up, served, grilled, and cleaned up, this was the Best Bash ever! We have found angels in each other.



Outreach to Students? Alphabet Soup!

ESS, ISS, KSL, FPB, ITS. Can't guess? See definitions at this article's end.* And THIS year, USG! **Undergraduate Student Government**, to whose **Activities Information Fair** our ministry, Student Community at Covenant, received its **first invitation**. At 10 am, Saturday, August 27, Eileen, **Laryssa** Hess, **Elena** Svenson, all aided by Elena's friend **Stephen**, hiked off to Freiburger Field toting displays, flyers, and enthusiasm. Picture a giant tent with 25 rows of tables, 8 to a row, each vying for the attention of hundreds of new students. Eileen lost her voice but regained it to preach the next day. Her two aides signed up dozens for our volunteer activities.



But **other forms of this ministry have no abbreviations**, only sometimes painful words: "I wasn't going to come back this year. Pray I can be less lonely." Or: "After two years of my work, the chair of my thesis committee has left for another university." There is a lot of work left to do to bring God's love to those who struggle to become the professionals we need for our future. How do YOU feel called to answer? Eileen would love to hear your ideas.

* *Educational Student Services (that puts our information in 1100 new student packets), International Student Services, Kelvin Smith Library, Francis Payne Bolton (School of Nursing), Information Technology Services*

Children, Youth, and Families

Music

October Schedule

Church School Rotation Workshop & Youth Choirs

Sunday, October 2

Grades K-8 in Worship for
Worldwide Communion.

11-11:30 am Mission Fair for K-8
Sponsored by Sr. High Youth.
Choir and Handbell rehearsals.

Sunday, October 9, 16 & 23

Workshop Rotation Unit 2
"Down Through the Roof"
(Luke 5:17-26)

Chapel & Psalter Choirs Sing in
Worship Sunday, October 9

Sunday, October 30

Youth Sunday Preparation:
Rotation # 1

Visit CovenantWeb.org/
Christian Education for
2011-12 calendar

You Can Help!

Our Christian Education
program is only possible
because of our volunteers. We
are looking for teachers and
shepherds. For teaching rota-
tions, call or e-mail **Jim Miller**
at pcrecruiter@hotmail.com
and for shepherding rotations,
call or email **John Marsh** at
marshes@ameritech.net.

Music Rehearsals

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Chapel/Psalter Choirs
(Yost Chapel/Choir Room)

12:15-1 pm Youth Hand Bells

Saturday, October 8

Chapel/Psalter Choir Rehearsal

12:30 pm lunch

1-2:30 pm rehearsal

Chapel & Psalter Choirs Sing in
Worship Sunday, October 9

A Message about Rotation Workshops

Welcome back to the 2011-12
Rotation Workshops. There are a
couple new things this year.

- ⇒ Children have received their
own journals. They will be
writing (or drawing) what
they learn in Sunday school.
Journals are left with the
teacher so they will be
available for the next class.
- ⇒ A "CYF Letter" (Children,
Youth and Families Ministries,
as the program is now called)
updating families on what
is happening in Rotation
Workshops as well as noting
upcoming dates and events
is being sent home with
students most Sundays.
- ⇒ Visit [CovenantWeb.org/](http://CovenantWeb.org/ChristianEducation)
[Christian Education](http://CovenantWeb.org/ChristianEducation) for the
Christian education calendar
and weekly letters.

Jonathan Moyer to participate in Cleveland Organ Weekend

October 29-30

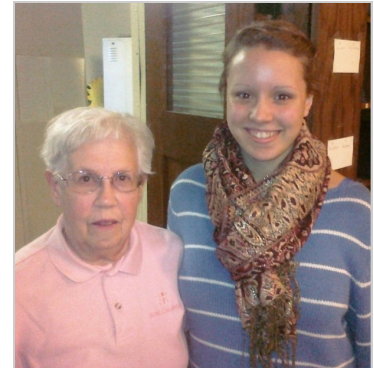
As part of this weekend long
celebration of pipe organs in
Cleveland, Jonathan Moyer will
present a 45 minute recital on
Saturday, October 30, 4:00 pm
entitled "Fête de la Musique:
Music from France."

Covenant Sanctuary
Free of charge & open to the public.

For more information on other
events, visit agocleveland.org.

Save the Date
All Saints Candlelight Vesper Service
Sunday, November 6, 5:00 pm

Covenant Welcomes Rachel Guetling,



We welcome Rachel Guetling to
the Covenant choir as the 2011-
2012 recipient of the Ann Howard
Choral Scholarship. Rachel is a
junior at Lakewood High School.
She has sung with the Cleveland
Orchestra Chorus, The West Shore
Chorale, Apollo's Fire (soloist), and
just began her second season with
the Cleveland Orchestra Youth
Chorus. At school, Rachel is in the
Symphonic Mixed Choir and
Chamber Choir, drama club, and
enjoys being a Rangerette with the
Marching Band. She studies voice
with Covenant choir member,
Lynne Hoffman-Engel, and she
plans to pursue music in college.

Pre-K Music Education

For children ages 3-6

Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 am

8 Weeks beginning October 1

Children learn about the basic
elements of music through
handbells, rhythm instruments,
and so much more!

Free and Open to the Public

Registration required.

Contact Kaori Hongo at

kaoriaki@yahoo.com or

216 421-0482, ext. 231

Mind, Body, Spirit

Service of Caring Wednesdays

4:15 pm Music

4:30–5:00 pm Service

*A time of quiet
meditation & reflection.*

Talk with Flo Worth

(florenceworth@gmail.com) or
Reverend Jonyrma Singleton.

Women's Bible Study

First Wednesdays, 9:30 am

Confessing the Beatitudes

All are welcome!

Healing Circle

First Sundays, 12:30 pm

Sonia Golden Room

Talk with Jonyrma Singleton
or Ed Laylin.

University Circle Bible Study

Tuesdays, 12–1 pm

Covenant Library

Study the scripture for
the coming Sunday.

The Rev. Laury Larson facilitating.

UPCaM Weekly Worship

Wednesdays, 8:15–9:00 pm

Interfaith Chapel

Open to all; light refreshments follow.

Education for Ministry

Enrolling now for new group

to begin January, 2012

Saturdays, 9:30 am–12:00 pm

Herrick Room.

Mentored by the Reverends Laury W.

Larson and Rosalind Y. Powell,

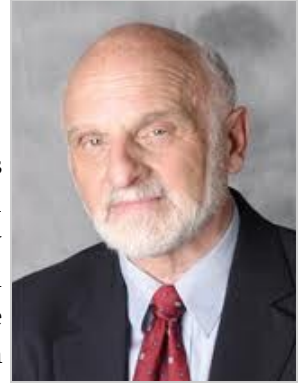
EfM provides a comprehensive,
experiential four-year education in
the foundations and message of the
Christian faith for laypersons.

EfM Grad Group

Third Sundays, 1:30 pm

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

Covenant Welcomes a Return Visit of Walter Brueggemann on Sunday, October 30



Walter Brueggemann, the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and a renowned Hebrew Bible scholar and biblical theologian, will return to Church of the Covenant on Sunday, October 30 to both preach in the morning service of worship and lead an adult forum following the service. Professor Brueggemann's sermon is titled, *The Scroll That Would Not Be Shredded*, and the biblical texts are II Kings 22:3-13, Jeremiah 36:4-8,14-26, and Matthew 23:1-12. His presentation in the adult forum series, *Journey to the Common Good*, is intriguingly titled, *The Food Fight in the Bible: Who Gets What by the Grace of God*.

Prior to teaching at Columbia Theological Seminary, Professor Brueggemann taught at Eden Theological Seminary, where he was also Dean. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he has authored more than 58 books, hundreds of articles, and several commentaries on books of the Hebrew Bible. Professor Brueggemann gave the 2010 Covenant Lecture Fund lecture and we are delighted and privileged to welcome him back into our midst.



Living the

Questions®

The Biblical Book of Revelation, Part I

Wednesdays, October 12, 19 & 26;

November 2, 9 and 16

5:30 – 7:15 PM

Wednesday Living the Questions is a DVD-based small group study experience exploring a progressive re-imagining of Christian tradition, doctrine and practice.

The Book of Revelation is one of the most puzzling of all the biblical books. It is full of strange symbolism and extraordinary phenomena, which many modern readers find mystifying. And the fantastic schemes of forecasting the future which some interpreters profess to find in it are ingenious but so improbable that, for many, Revelation remains a closed book. We will take a look at what this baffling book's blend of religious and political symbolism meant when it was first written and how we might make use of it today.

Following dinner served at 5:30 PM, the format for each group session includes a video segment featuring Brian K. Blount, a renowned scholar on the book of Revelation, and discussion facilitated by Laury W. Larson. Preregistration is requested by October 9 in the church office or email Laury Larson at LLarson@CovenantWeb.org. Dinner is \$5 payable at the door. College students are dinner guests of the congregation.

Come to the Mission Fair!

Sunday, October 2, 11 am-12:30 pm ~ Activities & Dining Room



Daniel E. Morgan



Meet and talk with representatives of Covenant's many mission partners and with members of the congregation who already volunteer with them.

Learn about the vital work each of our partners does in and beyond our community.

Discover how you can volunteer your valuable time and talents to further Covenant's mission through outreach and advocacy in partnership with others.



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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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Our Wonderful Resale Shop

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Mail Date: September 22; Next Deadline: October 7

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Send request and items to David Keltner or Lyn Tomaszewski

All Church Fall Carnival

Saturday, October 29

5–9 pm

Fun Activities

Food

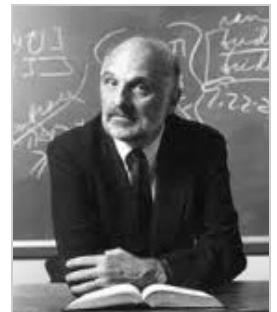
Square Dancing & More!

Watch for more information
on this fun activity
for all ages!

Covenant Welcomes Back Dr. Walter Brueggemann Sunday, October 30

10 am Worship

Sermon: *The Scroll
That Would Not Be
Shredded*



11:30 am Adult Forum

Journey to the Common Good
*The Food Fight in the Bible:
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