



# The eNewsletter

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## From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

### Looking Ahead...

April 22

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Rehearsal

April 23

Ladies' Monday Morning  
Bible Study

April 25

Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

April 27

Taters & Tubesteaks

April 28

Ladies' Tea  
HS Youth Movie Night

April 29

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

April 30

Ladies' Monday Morning  
Bible Study

May 1

Mother's Encouragement  
Group

May 2

Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

May 5

Men's Breakfast  
Women's Ministry Teacher  
Training  
5th Grade Promotion Party

May 6

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School

May 7

Ladies' Monday Morning  
Bible Study  
Ladies' Monday Night Luke  
Bible Study

May 9

Wednesday Night Activities

May 12

Youth Car Wash

May 13

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Sunday Evening Service  
Youth Group

At Covenant Presbyterian Church, we regularly, corporately, and publicly declare that *the communion of the saints* is a fundamental truth we hold (cf. Apostles' Creed). What do we mean by these words?

Well, **saints** are those believers from all ages who have been set apart and consecrated to God through the sacrificial death of Christ. Especially in the New Testament, saints are synonymous with the people of God, the church. Its Old Testament antecedent implies the idea of being separated for and devoted to God as well as conformity to God's likeness through the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit. The making of saints is purely of God, and is not just those viewed to have lived exemplary lives and performed special feats. Saints are ordinary brothers and sisters in Christ by God's extraordinary saving grace.

How should we view **communion**? Perhaps a good way to speak of the word communion is by looking at another word(s)...koine. Koine Greek was the language of the era in which Jesus lived. It was common Greek. Attic Greek was the high Greek, the Greek of Plato, Aristotle, and the great Athenian playwrights. Koine was down-home. It was the dialect of the market place and the shared language of the common folk. The word koine means that which is shared, familiar. Koininia, a word that comes from koine, has the meaning of communion, fellowship, partnership, and relationship. It too has the root idea of sharing or holding something(s) in common. So, when we confess **the communion of the saints**, what we're stating is a conviction that those people, who have been called into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, uniquely have in common a fellowship, partnership, and relationship.

What do we have in common? Primarily, we are united in Christ and share in the

amazing graces, the very real suffering, the once and for all death, the powerful resurrection, and the yet to be revealed glory of our Redeemer King. This is the staggering vertical dimension of our being united to the Son. And, secondarily, we share in the love of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We participate in each other's gifts and graces. We are concerned for the mutual well-being of each member in the family of faith. This is the comforting and obligatory horizontal dimension of being united to the Son...and to all who belong to Christ.

In the past several challenging weeks, we have seen demonstration after demonstration of this previous truth. The CPC community has surrounded our brothers and sisters who have suffered lost. We have in real ways shared in their pain and sorrow. We have practically supported and sought in every way to meet needs. In heart-felt ways, the Lord has used so many to send His solace and strength. What an encouraging thing to witness!

Oh that we would never lose the richness and requirements of such a phrase because of our familiarity with it.

May I encourage you in one other way? The congregation is encouraged to supply the financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons through giving to the Diaconate Fund on the stated observances of the Lord's Supper.

This is yet another way that we demonstrate our belief in **the communion of the saints**, an aspect of the spiritual significance of the sacrament, as these funds are used primarily to assist CPC family members. The funds, also, may be used for those outside CPC's membership. Diaconate Fund gifts are offerings in that they exceed the tithe and are outside of the church's budget.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 22

**Front Desk**  
Sherry Baierl

### Worship

**Infants**  
Joyce Trask  
& Diana Bowers

**Crawlers**  
Gerald & Donna Schreiner

**Toddlers**  
Nathan & Alayna Bowers

### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Jay & Susan Helton

**Crawlers**  
Dusty & Rachel Kemp

**Toddlers**  
Luther & Shirley Allin

### LADIES' TEA

Ladies, you are invited to the Ladies' Tea on Saturday, April 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for girls (10 and under), with a family maximum of \$20. Nursery (for ages up to 36 months) and Childcare (ages 3 to 5) are available by registration only. Tea registration forms are available at the Women's Ministry table in the Lobby. Sign up by Sunday, April 22.

### TATERS AND TUBESteAKS

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, April 27. The hot dog dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost remains \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Due to the increase of ticket prices, we need a more accurate headcount than previous years. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office.

### HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

High School Youth are invited to a *Movie Night* in the Youth Suite on Saturday, April 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided, bring drinks and treats to share. Contact Abby Horton for details.

### PROMOTION PARTY

All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders, you are invited to a Promotion Party on Saturday, May 5, at Duane and Mindy Horton's house from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is provided. Don't miss out on this fun, family evening to celebrate moving into the CPC Youth Group. Make sure your kids wear their swimsuit and bring a towel, so they can enjoy a giant slip-n-slide. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Lehmann.

### COVENANT KIDS PARTY

Covenant Kids Children, ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you are invited to enjoy a giant slide and ice cream sundaes on Wednesday, May 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This party will be our last class until fall and will reward the kids for their hard work throughout the year.

### MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is June 4-8. Kids from kindergarten through entering the 6th grade are invited to join us for a week of music, drama, crafts, Bible, and fun! This year's musical is *What's Up, Zak!* Cost is \$30. Please register on our church website or fill out a form in the Lobby.

To volunteer to help with Music Camp, please use separate registration forms found outside Jeremy Gaines' office.

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 27, is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, or doctorate programs. Please email the church office with the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of school, and date of graduation.

### CAR WASH

The youth are hosting a car wash on Saturday, May 12, at noon at Advanced Auto Parts on East Brainerd Road. The car wash itself is free, please help by planning to get your car washed or by sponsoring a CPC youth.

### CALENDARS

The May Birthday/Anniversary calendar is available at the Welcome Center.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are served from 5:30 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and under eat for free, and the maximum family donation is \$15.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 25	Baked Ziti and Caesar Salad
May 2	Taco Bar
May 9	Pigs in a Blanket and Baked Beans