

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERING TODAY are Nancy and Jim Smekal and Ann Williams.
GREETING is Beth Holbein.

Children Are Welcome Here! Children are always welcome to fully participate in worship. We invite children to join us up front in the Worship Center for various activities during the service.

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Thelma Everhart, Willie Green, David Keltner, Rolf (Crunch) Krotseng, Greg Madison, and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound; patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT (AUGUST 12-AUGUST 17)

Summer office hours are weekdays from 9 am until 4 pm.

Tuesday Bible Study is taking a summer break.

Monday: Ministry of Faith Formation Adult Education working group, Office, 7 pm.
Tuesday: Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm. **Wednesday:** 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm.
Thursday: No scheduled activities. **Friday:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm. **Saturday:** No scheduled activities.

FOOD COLLECTION | NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 18 (THIRD SUNDAY)

Next Sunday we collect food for our Food Pantry. This is the third Sunday so food collected can be used in the bags distributed the last Wednesday and Friday of the month. The Pantry is also open Thursday afternoons for students, and for emergencies. **We can use peanut butter, canned meat or Spam, canned tuna fish, corn muffin mix, canned chili, cereal (snack pack size), canned stew, and canned vegetables.**

BELIEVING GOD CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS

Since a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children; 1,186 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 16 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Emanuel John Dennis Golden Jr., Tavion Mante Hollins, Justin Andrew Borra, Ronald James Evans Jr., Christopher Andrew Rago, Dustin M. Ramos, Sharema Denise Hale, Jerry Johnson, Takeyra Collins, Joseph King III, Layzchon Lee-Devon Bradley, Steven P. Myers, Chrystal Mahlar, Joseph Allen Watson Jr., and Alexander F. Royes Jr. Six of those who died were by suicide and one victim was under eighteen. Go to GodBeforeGuns.org to see how to get involved.

CARILLON CONCERTS & TOWER TOURS | FRIDAYS | 12:15 – 12:45 pm

Bring a lunch - bring a friend! Free parking in the Covenant lot.

Tower tour following the concert. Program at ucbells.org.

SEEKING CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

We are seeking volunteers of all ages from our church community to assist our Sunday morning childcare provider. If you plan to be in worship with us, and you are willing to be an additional set of eyes for childcare, please contact Kaori Hongo: khongo@covenantweb.org.

THE MINISTRY OF FAITH FORMATION

Do you have an interest in educational opportunities for adults or children and youth? If you do, the Ministry of Faith Formation (MoFF) has two working groups that would appreciate your help and ideas. Please contact Matthew Garrett for additional information: faithformation@covenantweb.org.

SHARE YOUR BULLETIN IDEAS WITH THE MINISTRY OF FAITH FORMATION

MoFF would like to learn what you like about a worship bulletin. Share your thoughts and ideas with us in a variety of ways:

1. If you have visited a church during your summer travels, share a bulletin with MoFF. Let us know what you liked about the document.
2. If your out-of-town family worships at a church and they like their bulletin, ask them to share a copy (mail, online) so we can take a look at it.
3. Email faithformation@covenantweb.org with ideas about what you like in a worship bulletin.

We will begin exploring collected documents and ideas soon, so consider sharing your thoughts or samples with us as we identify ways to express who we are as a faith community through our weekly worship bulletin. Documents and accompanying notes may be left in the church office (MoFF mailbox is behind the receptionist desk). Thanks for your good ideas and for remembering MoFF during your summer travels!

TUESDAY NOON ORGAN PLUS CONCERTS

Join us Tuesday, August 20 at 12:00 pm, as we resume the organ plus concert series with guest German organist, Rudolf Innig. The coming season of concerts will extend all the way through June 9 of next year, with occasional "Plus" concerts featuring other instruments and vocalists. Look for more detailed information to come soon.

THE REVEREND MARK A. MEDINA

Covenant's Transitional Interim Pastor, the Reverend Mark A. Medina, will start his work with us on September 1st. His Email is: mmedina@covenantweb.org