



Connection

Mission Covenant Church

June 2021

So, What's Next

On May 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening, we had a wonderful night of worship and the opportunity to have a farewell party for Pastor Carey and his wife Jennifer to celebrate their twenty-nine years of faithful service to Mission Covenant Church. It was a glorious night of praise to God, testimonies about God's faithfulness and a journey down memory lane to recall what God has done in this church through His servant Pastor Carey. Many thanks are due to all the worship team members who put a lot of time into making this worship service a reality; special thanks are due to Grace VanderMeiden who organized all of it and to June Gant and Michelle Thompson who put together and organized everything for the farewell portion of the service!

So, what's next now that Pastor Carey has moved on? Well, for the next eight weeks, we have a summer-intern here, Crystal Taylor, who will be leading our worship services. In August, once Pastor Nathan is back from his sabbatical, he will lead worship services weekly for the remainder of August. Once Youth Group begins in September, Pastor Nathan will lead two worship services per month and volunteers will lead the others. Pastor James will also be assisting with the traditional worship services. To assist our staff in lining up worship teams, music, schedules, etc. Michelle Kephart will pick up some extra hours to handle these administrative tasks. Michelle Kephart will also be adding to her work hours to teach Pastor Carey's confirmation class Wednesday afternoons after school as well as picking up some extra hours working in Children's Ministries in the absence of an Assistant Children's Ministry Coordinator (to date we have not received applications for this job). The anticipation is that Michelle would be working with her current hours and these additional ones up to thirty hours per week.

One piece of the puzzle that is still unsolved is finding someone to teach Sunday morning confirmation since Pastor Nathan will no longer be able to do it with needing to lead worship twice a month. Please be in prayer for our church as we both search carefully for Pastor Carey's replacement while carrying on the ministry at the same time.

Romans 8:31-32, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?"

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Darrell L Nelson

Reflecting back on this past school year of ministry, I am humbled to see all of the ways that God was at work. In my 8 years as a youth pastor, I have never seen the youth so open to Christ. This year has brought great trials, but it has also presented great opportunity. This year was refreshing to me as I got to see the youth challenging themselves to know Christ and be vulnerable with each other. There was a hunger to be together and to have fellowship. We maintained a steady group of 60 youth every week and well over 80 different youth that came each month. We had our biggest youth event of my time here with 100 youth at the All Night Blitz, and our Fall Kickoff had 75 youth in attendance. It really blessed my soul, not because of numbers, but to see joy on the faces of the youth as they finally got to be with their friends and learn from Scripture together. We did lose some youth due to the changes Covid hit us with, especially since we could not pick up the middle schoolers directly from NMS, but somehow 25-30 junior highers found a way each week to get a ride to youth group at 3:30. The group was so consistent. I think parents stepped up to the plate big time this year and recognized the need for their children to be involved in church, so they sacrificed to make it happen. We also had numerous decisions for Christ this year, and many youth were disciplined and mentored.

Looking to this summer, I will be starting my sabbatical in late June and go through early August. We will have some youth events before and after my sabbatical. I look forward to that time of rest, and I am confident that God will use it to launch me into ministry again with a focused passion to see the youth in our community come to know Jesus!! Thank you for taking care of me in this way; it means so much to me and my family. I know that God will use this refreshment in my life to advance His work for the kingdom in the years to come, and I am excited for all that God has in store for the youth in our community!

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan





MISSION KIDZ!

“Partnering with families to help children discover Jesus and learn how to live for Him”

Mission Kidz! is a ministry for children 6 weeks through 4th grade.

Mission Kidz! is currently being dismissed during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services for children ages 2½ years old through the 4th grade. Our Large Group Leader will be meeting the children by the MMC doors to walk them down to the classrooms.

A nursery is provided during the 10:00 a.m. service for children ages 0-2. During the other services, parents are welcome to bring and watch their own children. Video of the services will be livestreamed into the Mom’s room.

June Bible Lessons

The Paralyzed Man
Sermon on the Mount
Parable of the Sower
Rescued at Sea

Looking Ahead

In July, the children will remain in the service. We will provide activity packets for each child and we will all enjoy the Children’s Messages each week. Nursery will continue throughout the summer for children through 3 years of age.

Job Posting!!!!

Applications/resumes are wanted for the **CHILDREN’S MINISTRY ASSISTANT COORDINATOR** position. Please see the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for a job posting, application, and job description.



Our children are collecting an offering to support our World Vision Sponsored child from Nicaragua, Itza Jahaira Rivera Mercado. World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian organization. They partner with children, their families, and communities to help them reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.



**Yearly Goal:
\$500**

**Offering total so far for 2021:
\$290.88**

Prayer Request

Please be in prayer for Vacation Bible School June 14-18! Pray that God will show up in big ways and that hearts will be turned to Him!

Financial Update

General Fund Actual Income through **Apr:** \$183,590
General Fund Budgeted Income through **Apr:** \$186,091

General Fund Actual Expenses through **Apr:** \$169,403
General Fund Budgeted Expenses through **Apr:** \$179,105

General Fund Actual Surplus through **Apr:** \$14,187
General Fund Budgeted Surplus through **Apr:** \$6,896

Missions Fund Actual Income through **Apr:** \$42,862
Missions Fund Budgeted Income through **Apr:** \$34,532



All men are invited to join us for an hour of Bible study and Christ-centered fellowship every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSION KIDZ!

Current Schedule: During the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, Mission Kidz! is offered for ages 2-4th grade.

Nursery for ages 0-2 is staffed for the 10:00 a.m. Service.

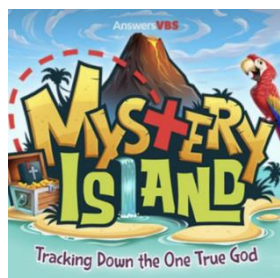


Did you miss Mission Kidz!?
No Worries...

A recorded session of Mission Kidz! is available online each week.



June 2
Last day of
Youth Group



Vacation Bible School
June 14 - 18, 2021

Adult and Youth
volunteers still needed!!

Registration is open for kids entering 4K-5th Grade!

Sign up for both on the church website or at one of the Vacation Bible School bulletin boards. Children may also be registered from 8:45-9:00 a.m. June 14-18.

First-time volunteer meeting: Sunday, June 6 at 10 a.m. in the Mission Kidz! Headquarters.

Meeting for ALL volunteers: Sunday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Clean plastic containers (mayonnaise size) with lids are needed for a VBS Craft; please drop off in the Mission Kidz! hallway.



June Sermon Schedule

June 6: "Be a Bridge Builder"

Part II – Beyond Shame and Guilt
Ezra 9:5-8 Lamentations 3:22-23

June 13: "Be a Bridge Builder"

Part III – Confession and Forgiveness
James 5:16 Matthew 6:14-15

June 20: "Be a Bridge Builder"

Part IV – Restoring Relationships
2 Corinthians 5:16-19

June 27: Pastor James preaching

Join us for **PICKLEBALL** at Mission Covenant Church. In June we will try to play on the outdoor courts in Lake Nebagamon. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at church. This is an extension of our SAM Ministry, but all adults are invited to play. We have the equipment – so come out, join the fun and bring a friend!



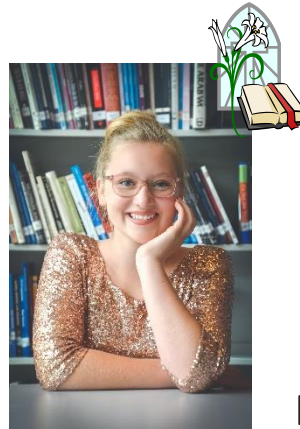
Monday & Wednesday
from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



SONGS & HYMNS OF INSPIRATION

Come worship with us

Tuesday, June 1 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
First Covenant Church
3311 Hammond Ave. Superior WI



Congratulations to
Lucie Landwehr
for being awarded this
year's
Sally Richards
Memorial Scholarship

We will be having an All-Church Pot Blessing meal on Sunday, June 6 right after the 11:00 service. We will be having a special guest, Lorraine Green, our team missionary. She is retiring and we want to celebrate together. We look forward to having this time of fellowship with one another; bring a dish to pass!



Men's Ministry Golf Tournament

Join us at the Iron River Golf Course on June 12. Registration, coffee, and treats from 7:00-8:00 a.m. followed by a Shot Gun start at 8:00 a.m. We will golf 18 holes followed by a good meal of steak, baked potatoes, beans and dessert. The cost of \$40 includes a cart and prizes.

Bob Coleman will be sharing a devotional. We need you to sign up at the Welcome Center by June 6. If you have questions, please call Dennis Wedan at 715-919-4103 or Virgil Nelson at 715-364-2274



CPBC OPEN HOUSE



June 26, 2021
1 p.m.-6 p.m.

A free afternoon of fun for all ages.

Come enjoy open swimming beach, pontoon rides, wagon rides, the climbing wall and zipline, a giant slip-n-slide, frisbee golf, basketball, volleyball, live entertainment, and a picnic dinner provided by camp.

Lakeside Lodge Dedication Service at 1:15pm.

See Family Getaway Weekends for overnight option for Thursday and Friday.

Save the Date



Family Camp

Covenant Park Bible Camp Family Camp
July 30 - August 1, 2021



Don't forget to sign up for transportation

CPBC Registration open!

Coupon Codes

- POP100 (\$100 off full-week camps)
- POPDAY (\$15 off day camp)
- POPMINI (\$50 off mini camp)
- POPADV (\$50 off adventure camp)

Camp Dates for 2021

- June 27-July 1: Trailblazer (grades 4-6)
- July 7-9: Mini Camp (grades 2-4)
- July 11-16: JH/SH (grades 7-Grad)
- July 7,8,9 Day Camp (grades 1-3)
- July 18-23: JH (grades 7-9)
- July 25-30: SH (grades 10-Grad)
- August 2-4: Adventure Camp (grades 4-6)
- August 9-13: Backpacking (grades 7-12)

Other Covenant Park Activities

- June 26:
Open House 1:00-6:00 p.m.
- July 30-August 1:
Mission Covenant Family Camp
- September 11-13:
Women's Retreat



Senior Adult Picnic



Thursday, June 24; Arrive at 11:30 – Lunch at Noon

Jack and Dorothy Lundberg's, 11467 East Wangerin Road, Lake Nebagamon
(Maps are provided at the Welcome Center)

Fish for frying, brats and hot dogs will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center for a side dish/dessert to share. Bring jackets, lawn chairs, sun screen, etc. There will be a devotional time and pontoon rides on the lake. A shuttle will also be available from the parking area to the picnic area. Questions? Call Jack or Dorothy at 715-374-2519.

We will also be having a fishing outing from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in providing a boat and/or participating in the outing, sign up at the Welcome Center as well.

Associate Pastor Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has been meeting in full swing: drafting, discussing, and praying. In May, we reviewed all the comments submitted from the congregation—thank you for sharing your suggestions. We finalized the job description and agreed to the title Associate Pastor of Worship. We also developed a job posting that will go out to various area colleges and church-specific posting sites.

Our current task is finishing our church's profile for the Evangelical Covenant Church's CovConnect resource which connects pastors to churches within the denomination. The church profile outlines the congregation's location, size, financials, history, culture, ministries, and practices. This is the last step before we will post the position for applicants.

We anticipate posting the Associate Pastor of Worship position in June. The posting will remain open for three months. Interested applicants, please watch the church website for the complete job posting and application instructions to come soon.

Please remember Mission Covenant Church and the Search Committee in your prayers during this time of interim. If anyone has any questions for the Search Committee, feel free to contact me.

Submitted by,
Laura Wolden
Pastoral Search Committee Chair
laura.wolden@gmail.com



The Search Committee for our Associate Pastor of Worship has started meeting to begin the process of finding our new Associate Pastor.

Please be in prayer with us as we are on this journey together.



Righteous Rabbit Trails.

A Sunday conversation group

O LORD, LISTEN TO MY CRY; GIVE ME THE DISCERNING MIND YOU PROMISED." PSALM 119:169

What is in a name? I chose the name "Righteous Rabbit Trails" to describe the type of discussion group I would like to see develop. Throughout my time as a Christian and in ministry, I have led many Bible study and topical study groups. Many of them used a well-defined curriculum. The studies had a linear aspect moving along in an orderly fashion to a predetermined end. Occasionally the group would get off track, and the discussion would focus on something, perhaps related, but all-together different from the plan for that meeting. I call these diversions "Rabbit Trails." Over the years I have noticed that often when we have been on these "Rabbit Trails," God is at work in the heart and mind of someone seeking an answer to one of life's big questions. I think it is exciting to be a part of a group when God is at work and someone takes a step closer to being at home with God, so the whole point of the group is to get at the questions and fears that hinder the development and deepening of your faith and its application to life today.

Where do you turn to find the answers to life's big questions? Sadly, for most of us the first place we turn is Google. Sometimes we never even get to the big questions because our media and the academy have already told us what the answers are. But I would point you to Phillipians 2:12 where Paul tells us to "continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling." Ultimately it falls to each of us to find the answers to life's big questions for ourselves. So what do we do?

When I was in seminary, there were a number of Methodists studying with me. Have you ever wondered where Methodists got their name? That's right, the Wesley brothers developed a method to find the answers to life's big questions. This method based its teaching on four sources as the basis for finding truth, God's Will. These four sources are Scripture, tradition, reason, and Christian experience, with Scripture above all else. If you ask, very few Methodists know anything about the method. But, there is something to the method, so I propose we use it to find those big answers. I need you to reason with me, to share your understanding of the tradition of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the greater Church, share your Christian experience and pour over the Scripture with me.

Each week we will have the opportunity to respond to and dive deeper into the morning's sermon, while it is still fresh on our mind. We will also be able to move the discussion in a direction that will scratch your itch. Most of all we will be able to enjoy the presence and power of God. Remember, Matthew told us in his gospel chapter 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

I hope to see you Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting May 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Pastor Zach Crosby

MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Since our ask in March, giving is back on track and support is going out. Please keep our missionaries in prayer as we go through the year. As we in the states see things returning to something closer to normal, that is not the case worldwide. Pray for their health, pray that ears would be open to hear the Gospel.

We support: Evangelical Covenant Church and the Northwest Conference, Covenant Park Camp, Head of the Lakes Youth for Christ, Head of the Lakes Child Evangelism Fellowship, the Kyle Colemans and Aaron Miatke both with Cru, Ben Renfro and Bob Coleman and the Lemp's with InterVarsity.

Internationally we support: Dale Lusk and Alex Velasco with MERGE, Katie and Julio Isaza in Columbia, Craig Wickstrom in Congo, Paul Carlson Partnership in Congo, Steve and Barb Swanson with the World Mosaics Project, Lorraine Green who is coming off the mission field, Larry Williams with YFC, Rob and Sandy Shaffer with ENTRUST Europe, Ana Rosengren in Japan, and Rick Wallace in the Twin Cities.

In Him,
Dan Diamon



Talia Martens Mission: YWAM

On June 17 I am heading out to Lakeside, Montana for 2 months through an outreach organization called Youth with a Mission also known as YWAM. YWAM is an organization with training locations all around the world. Their main goal is to train, support, and send missionaries, and to challenge their students to grow spiritually.

The layout of the program is the first 3-4 weeks we attend lectures, study scripture, and learn how to share the gospel as well as practice with people we meet along the way. We will also gain skills with the outdoors like hiking and camping in the wilderness. Also during this time we will be getting to know the other people within our group and begin a close relationship with them throughout the trip.

Then the next 3-4 weeks we will be going to a foreign country, depending on Covid travel advisories. I was told it would most likely be to a country in Central America, but that will be decided at a later date. Our main goal is to do outreach using the skills we learned throughout the lecture and training phase. Outreach will include helping provide basic needs to the people and sharing God's love.

The best way to support me is through prayer for the duration of the trip!

THANK YOU!



Laryssa Vik Mission: Ecuador

I am excited to let you all know that I will be spending the month of July in Quito, Ecuador. Merge Ministries and the ECC have graciously agreed to take me on as a short-term mission's worker in Ecuador with the Santiago Partnership. Ever since I went to the Bronx, NY, in 2012 with Mission Covenant Church the Lord has been steadily revealing to me that He wants me to love and serve those who require a little bit extra love and service due to their circumstances and situations. Specifically, my heart breaks for those who have poor access to healthcare. In Ecuador, I will be working with the Santiago Partnership, and will be providing care in various forms (medical, spiritual, educational, etc) in settings such as: • The Home for at Risk Children • Local medical clinic • Community outreach programs • Medical caravans • And other settings as the trip details come together

As I prepare to go to Ecuador, what I am currently in need of is • Prayer! Please pray on my behalf as I go to Ecuador; That I would exemplify the love of Christ in every interaction that I have • That I would learn more about how to best care for patients and their families as a nurse • That above all else, I would honor the Lord and be an example of how Jesus can change lives

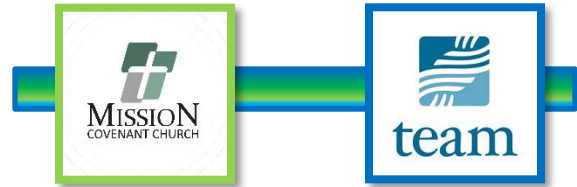
THANK YOU!

To: Mission Covenant Members and Friends

Purpose: To explain the relationship between MCC and TEAM over the last 90+ years. Also to inform new members and friends of the history between MCC families and TEAM personnel

Beginning as early as the 1930's and continuing to the present, MCC has financially supported one or more career missionaries through TEAM. One or more were always serving through these many years.

Thomas J. (T.J.) Bach
Goldye Gustafson
Margaret Waldin
Eleanor Erickson
Roy and Dorothy Erickson
Paul (Pep) and Ilene Peterson
Lorraine Green



These missionaries not only received financial support but were continually the subject of prayer by individuals and in corporate meetings.

Because of the long support of TEAM by MCC and the local missionaries who served through TEAM, upon the retirement of Lorraine Green, the last TEAM missionary MCC supports, it is my desire that MCC Mission Board find another career missionary to support through TEAM. It is a mission board which has experienced great success in winning souls for Jesus.

How MCC and TEAM personnel developed a relationship:

The following discussion is according to my memory with the help of Andrene Johnson. Dates of missionary service were requested from TEAM but haven't arrived. "MCC" after a name indicates membership or attendance at Mission Covenant Church.

T.J. Bach:

T.J. Bach was introduced to MCC when he attended summer services. At the time he was the director of TEAM. Prior to his time in that office TEAM was known as the Scandinavian Alliance mission and had nearly folded. During his term TEAM recovered and became a force in foreign mission. Team has a web page which gives greater details. There is also a T.J. Bach site. There is a biography of him entitled The Little General. He and his family were missionaries to South America.

TEAM owned a retreat cabin on Lake Nebagamon known as "Bethany." This building was purported to have been moved across the ice from the Weyerhauser compound, now the site of Camp Nebagamon. T.J. and Mrs. Bach and their three daughters would frequently retreat to Bethany. While residing there, the family attended MCC. This began in the 1930s. MCC had Sunday school picnics at Bethany. Skip and Irv were married there. Many baptisms occurred in Lake Nebagamon at Bethany.

Daughter Eda married Marvin Anderson MCC who was the son of Paul and stepson of Elsa Bergsten Anderson MCC. Marvin was the brother of Leslie Anderson MCC and uncle of Jim Anderson MCC. He and Eda moved to southern California after he graduated from law school.

Daughter Betty married Alfred Peterson MCC. They lived in Poplar across from the old MCC building. In 1948 they moved to southern California. Al was son of P.A. Peterson and the brother of Clifford T. and Irv. Al and Betty were instrumental in founding Village Covenant Church in West Covina, California.

Daughter Esther married Earl Johnson. Eventually they came into possession of Bethany. Johnsons were always considered part of MCC and Peterson/Anderson families. More about this part of the family later.

T.J. Bach would regularly visit the farms of P.A. Peterson and Paul Anderson, fathers of T.J.'s sons-in-law.

Goldye Gustafson:

Goldye Gustafson grew up in and was a member of MCC. Prior to WWII, Goldye became a missionary to China through TEAM. After the Chinese Civil War, the victorious Communists expelled foreign missionaries. Miss Gustafson became a missionary to Southern Rhodesia. She married a Rhodesian.

Margaret Waldin:

Margaret Waldin was a local girl who became a TEAM missionary to China. Like Goldye Gustafson, she was expelled from Communist China after the war. Margaret's new mission was in Japan where she was a career missionary. Upon retiring to Superior, she developed a mission to Japanese students at UWS. Margaret is the sister of Ruth Waldin, who was a local missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship, and cousin of Steve Staurseth, who was a missionary to Africa and later a pastor in Superior. Pastor Steve's son Phil managed Covenant Park Bible Camp and is now a Covenant Pastor. Quite a family!

Eleanor Erickson**Roy and Dorothy Erickson:**

Eleanor and Roy Erickson are the siblings of Florence Peterson MCC (Mrs. Clifford T.) and aunt and uncle of PEP and Phyllis Johnson (below). They and Roy's wife Dorothy were TEAM missionaries to Africa prior to and following WWII. MCC supported them for many years. Their years in service overlapped with Goldye Gustafson's and Margaret Waldin's.

Pep and Ilene Peterson:

Paul Earl Peterson (PEP) and his wife Ilene were TEAM missionaries to Taiwan Republic of China serving in many capacities at Morrison Academy, a school primarily for children of missionaries. PEP started there as a teacher and later became superintendent. Ilene served as dorm mom and later as school nurse. Their two youngest children were born in Taiwan. Andrene MCC, the oldest, participates on MCC Mission Board. Clifford T. and Florence Peterson were the parents of PEP.

(Everett and Marcelyn Peterson TEAM served at Morrison simultaneously with Pep and Ilene. They are not supported by MCC or related to Poplar Petersons, but she is Kevin Orme's aunt. Small world!)

(Clifford pastored "The Chapel" in Maple for many years.)

Lorraine Green:

Lorraine Green has been a TEAM missionary with a long career as a missionary to Chad, primarily working with women. For the last several years she has served as TEAM director of all Africa. Lorraine is the niece of Carroll and Phyllis Johnson. Phyllis is the sister of PEP.

Earlier in this missive under **T.J.Bach**, you were promised more about Esther Bach Johnson. If this doesn't make sense don't feel bad. It's sometimes hard to believe.

Part of this diatribe has been to explain how TEAM and MCC fit together. You might say they work together. Throw in the familial relationships, and we have quite a story. Here is the currently last piece:

T. J Bach was the father of Esther Bach Johnson who was the mother of Barb Johnson.

Clifford T. Peterson was the father of Phyllis Johnson who was the mother of Lowell Johnson.

The two Johnson families were not related until Barb married Lowell. Now, if you can possibly comprehend all of this, you understand that Lowell was the first cousin of Lorraine Green AND Andrene Johnson (There's that name again) and first cousin once removed of Tom Peterson. Hard to believe!

If you have read thus far, you may have an understanding of my desire that MCC continue to underwrite and support prayerfully the mission of TEAM.

Tom Peterson



JOB POSTING

Mission Covenant Church is accepting applications/resumes

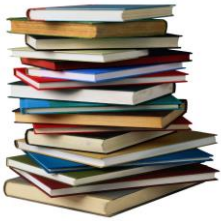
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

This important ministry position requires 5 hours per week (usually on Sunday) with the possibility of an additional 5 hours per week offered when the need arises in Children's Ministries. The position pays \$15-\$18.80 hourly (depending on experience) along with contributions into a 403b retirement fund. According to our Constitution, an applicant must be a member in good standing of Mission Covenant Church, or be willing to become a member as soon as practical.

QUALIFICATIONS:

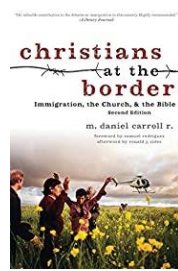
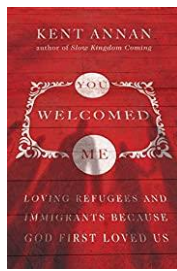
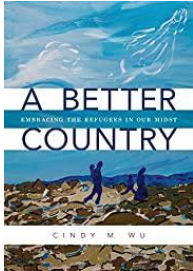
- Whole-hearted Christian whose life is marked by spiritual integrity and a servant's heart
- Understand children's needs and have a desire to provide spiritual and emotional care for them
- Warm and friendly personality
- Emotionally mature with strong interpersonal skills
- Self-starter, willing worker and creative thinker
- Highly organized in terms of knowing what needs to be done, prioritizing tasks and planning necessary steps to accomplish them
- Able to hold to a high degree of confidentiality
- Agree with the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Covenant Church and MCC's Mission Statement and its Interpretation and Core Values
- Agree with the Philosophy of Ministry of our Lead Pastor
- Plan to be a regular participant in the life, worship and ministry of MCC
- Faithful in stewardship of time and financial resources

All applicants are required to submit an application and resume to the church office. A formal interview will be scheduled and Background/reference checks will also be part of this hiring process. Applications and a detailed position of the responsibilities and duties of this position are posted on the bulletin board outside of the church sanctuary, or you can contact the church office to have copies sent digitally. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office, Children's Ministries Lead Coordinator Michelle Kephart, or a member of the Children's Ministry Board at (715) 364-2738.

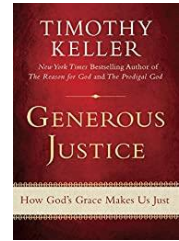


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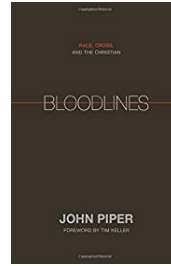
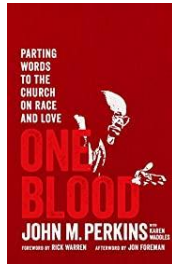
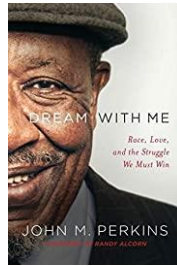
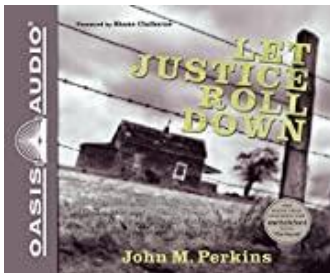
Learn more about how to be a courageous Christian in today's challenging world. Check out our Love Mercy, Do Justice collection. Do you want a Christian perspective on immigration?



Have you pondered the concept of biblical justice before? Let Christian leaders guide you:



Pick the brains of John Perkins and John Piper:



Faith and Fake News

Recently the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Church held their annual meeting virtually. Once business was completed, we delegates had the option to attend an online seminar. I chose Faith and Fake News, (and was delighted to learn our leader is a librarian). Since we've just started our "Courageous Christianity" sermon series, I want to share some helpful tools we received.

Did you know there is an "algorithmic filter bubble" for each of us internet users? This means that as we choose news to look at and items to purchase, all the artificial intelligence makes a profile for us. They don't ask us; they just do it! So we see less and less variety in our searches, and more importantly, less common ground with our fellow citizens. Here's a link to the graphic of this:

https://projectinfolit.org/pubs/algorithm-study/pil_algorithm-study_2020-01-15_algo-figure.png It's well worth a few minutes of your time.

Rachel I. Wightman combines her professional librarian skills and her faith as she guides us to "Read more about how to faithfully fact-check, engage mindfully online, and be a wise consumer of information."

She is concerned that we represent the truth well and read widely and think before we act. Her website is:

<https://www.racheliwightman.com/>

The video of her presentation is available at:

<https://www.northwestconference.org/nwc-2021-annual-meeting-workshop-recordings-now-available/>

A short tip she gives is to compare news sites side by side at: <https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news>

SIFT is a tool Rachel suggests before we reply to any news, post or hot topic. Please check out her website where she summarizes it well. It's a more eloquent version of counting to 10 before you reply in order to reflect the fruit of the Spirit more!

Sharing One's Surplus

Saturday, June 12



We will continue our SOS Foodshare distribution the same as we have the past 3 months with **ONLINE PURCHASES- see link below** and it will be a **DRIVE THRU ONLY service**, where guests will stay in their vehicles and shares will be brought out and loaded into your vehicle by our volunteers.

This process will be as follows:

- **DRIVE THRU ONLY** format so **PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES.**
- You will be directed where to line up your vehicle.
- Please **ONLY** arrive 10 mins before your online registration time slot.
- Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when all shares have been distributed.
- While you are waiting in line, our volunteers will come to your vehicle to confirm your online registration and put a 1/2 or full sign under your windshield wiper.
- When prompted you will pull your vehicle up the side church doors and volunteers will bring your share(s) to your car and load it into your vehicle.
- PLEASE HAVE **YOUR TRUNK EMPTY AND READY TO RECEIVE THE BOXES** CONTAINING YOUR SHARE. Some things may be boxed, but you should also have an extra empty tub or two in your trunk.
- **THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL NOT BE OPEN;** however, you may use the restroom.

In light of the current situation, we will be carrying out this distribution with considerably fewer volunteers. Please be patient with this process as we strive to follow CDC guidelines while we help our community to stretch their food budget during this critical time. We are hopeful that with a little patience and understanding we can make this a safe and successful distribution for those that participate.

Link for online purchases which will only stay open until 12pm Friday!

<https://eventsframe.com/e/tZ94lrs7C/mission-covenant-church-sos-food-share/>

Blessings,

Your SOS Foodshare Volunteers

Dear Church Family,

Several months ago, the Church Council approved the creation of an electronic directory for our parishioners. The new electronic directory is hosted by, “The Instant Church Directory Online.” This program allows us to access our churches directory online via phone app and home computers. We can also print hard copies for those who would so desire. The site is secure, password protected, and only authorized directory participants of Mission Covenant Church can access it. You can share as little or much information as you want about yourself/family.

Information you can share;

Name(s)

Home address

Email address

Phone number

Photo (you will need to email photo the Church office)

Birth and anniversary dates



The advantage of an electronic directory is you can update your information instantly. If something changes it can be updated quickly so the directory stays current.

We understand that some people may want to be included in the directory and others are not interested. So, we are asking that you let the church office know your participation preference & information from above that you want shared. Please contact us via email at, info@missioncovenantchurch.org or call the office 715-364-2738

The administrative team is working hard to be accurate with all the information entered into the directory, but it will require you in phase two of this rollout, to check **your profile** for accuracy and make necessary updates.

What is next?? Please contact church office with your participation preference and the information you would like shared in the directory as listed above in bold.

Thank you, MCC Electronic Directory
Team



JUNE

		TUE Jun 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
		Donohoo, Barry Moss, Hazel Smith, Richard	Crozier, Wayne & Ruth Diamon, Cam Johnson, Shelley	Beede, Warren Hursh, Sylvester Kephart, Michelle Kruit, Lynn	Jamison, Marcia	Coleman, Robert & Karen Kruit, Peter VanAernum, Rylan VanAernum, Scott Woodbury, Nancy
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Hill, Dennis Jersett, Jody	Diamon, Michelle Hildreth, Chad & Misty Hofstrand, David & Briani		Gant, June Green, Jim Gregory, Jim & Donna Johnson, Ben & Laura Paulsen, Kent Woodbury, John & Nancy	Birdseye, Nathan Olsen Johnson, Conrad & Sand	Burfield, Tom & Joni Donohoo, Barry & Jen	Wolden, Caleb & Laura
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Hildreth, Chloe Lubbers, Ramsey Martens, Tim & Janet Monson, Bailey	Hursh, Vince & Shannon Vandermeiden, Grace	Gant, Daniel & Bethany	Smith, Peggy	Deterling, John & Shirley Diamon, Dan Musch, Brielle	Gaffke, Nora Gill, Bryan & Sherry Golly, Bill & Peggy Gunderson, Ron & Luci Nelson, Judy Youngstrand, Faythe	
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Lubbers, Rick & Leah Olson, John Puttonen, Curt & Shelaini	Youngstrand, Lisa	Landwehr, Adam & Becky Moores, John & Ginna Moores, Nick	Anderson, Kraig Bender, Dan & Wendy Gant, Isaiah Hill, Wade Johnson, Abby	DeWolfe-Johnson, Kyla	Anderson, Don & Lorene Green, Jim & Kathy Staffrude, Paul	Gant, Joshua Gunderson, Ron Vik, Pastor Hans & Dorot
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Wisted, David	Bourque, Becky Gaffke, Tracy Greatsinger, Jay & Jen Korhonen, David Korhonen, David & Katl Wisted, Isaiah					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 JUNE	31	1	2 Last Day of Youth Group 7:30am - Men's Bible 9am - Pickleball, MMC 3:30pm - Elevate, Youth 6:15pm - Vertical, Youth	3 6pm - Worship Practice,	4	5
6 8:30am - Contemporary 8:30am - Mission Kidz!, CE 10am - Contemporary 10am - VBS First-Time 11am - Traditional 12pm - Pot Blessing Meal, 6:30pm - Righteous Rabbit	7 9am - Pickle ball, MMC 6:30pm - Elder Board	8 7pm - Council Meeting, CE	9 7:30am - Men's Bible 9am - Pickleball, MMC	10 6pm - Worship Practice,	11 12pm - Liane Dalbec	12 Golf Outing 9:30am - SOS Food Share,
13 VBS Set-Up and Meeting 8:30am - Contemporary 8:30am - Mission Kidz!, CE 10am - Contemporary 11am - Traditional 6:30pm - Righteous Rabbit	14 Vacation Bible School 	15  	16 	17 6pm - Worship Practice,	18 	19  9am - Rural Care & Share
20 8:30am - Contemporary 8:30am - Mission Kidz!, CE 10am - Contemporary 11am - Traditional 6:30pm - Righteous Rabbit	21 9am - Pickle ball, MMC 6:30pm - Elder Board	22	23 7:30am - Men's Bible 9am - Pickleball, MMC	24 SAM'S Senior Picnic 6pm - Worship Practice,	25	26
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