

This Week  at Covenant

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- ★ **Sunday Breakfast**, \$4. Today, 8 - 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall.
- ★ **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** - Today, 9 am, Music Room.
- ★ **Church School Classes - All at 9 am:**
 - Elementary - D2.
 - Middle/High School - D3/4.
 - Adult Bible Fellowship - F201; Continuing a 6-week study, “*The Apostles’ Creed*” with Dr. Adam Hamilton, with videos.
 - Adult Study Class - F207 - “*The Ridiculous Journey: Following a Nobody from Nowhere*” a poignant Lenten series featuring short videos with Nadia Bolz-Weber, Greg Boyle, Brene Brown, Rachel Held Evans, Richard Rohr and Rowan Williams.
- ★ **Confirmation Class** - Today, 9:00 a.m., F204; Reception, 11:15 courtyard.
- ★ **Sunday Morning Worship** - Today, 10 pm, Sanctuary.
- ★ **Chapel Choir Rehearsal** - Today after worship, D1/6.
- ★ **Pastor’s Lenten Study, Third Session** - Today, 3 pm, F207.
- ★ **Stephen Ministry Training** - Monday, 6:30 pm, F201/205.
- ★ **MOPS** - Tuesday, 9:30 am, F204.
- ★ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Tuesday, 10 am, F207.
- ★ **Men’s Prayer/Book Discussion** - Wednesday, 7 am, Perkins on Summerlin.
- ★ **Staff Meeting** - Wednesday, 11 am, Pastor’s Office.
- ★ **Instrumental Ensemble** - Wednesday, 4 pm, Music Room.
- ★ **Jubilate Ringers** - Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary.
- ★ **Choir Rehearsal** - Thursday, 7 pm, Sanctuary.
- ★ **Annual Spring Concert/Reception** - Friday, 7 pm, Sanctuary/ Courtyard.



Please remember in your prayers these members and friends of Covenant during the week: Coralie Tatum, Ann Cushman, Frank Harlacher, Sue Christenbury, Maureen Bashaw, Ronna Everly, Barbara Hill, Catherine Shackelford, Joan Morreale, Richard Davis, Sue Robinson and Jon Van Emst.

Tickets are Available for L.I.F.E Nehemiah Action March 28

The 2017 Nehemiah Assembly will be on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 pm at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, 12171 Iona Road in south Fort Myers. The Covenant LIFE team is looking forward to a big turnout of Covenant representatives to support them at this important mission to our community. Admission and parking are free; tickets are available following worship today in the courtyard.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Will Be Taken Palm Sunday: *This tradition benefits college scholarships for needy students and provides emergency funds for retired pastors and Christian workers of PC(USA). Information and special envelopes will be provided with the church bulletins.*

Make Stephen Ministry Part of Your Life!

James 1:25: “He who is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed for what he does. The Bible is a mirror that lets us see ourselves as God sees us.”

Our Stephen Ministers are here to help....and care for you! We practice the four Cs - Christian listening, Caring, Confidentiality and Community. Stephen Ministers bring God’s love and care into your life. They’ll listen, encourage and pray with you and for you. If you or someone you know are hurting, contact one of these Stephen leaders today. Being a member of Covenant is not a requirement.

Par Arner: 997-9108 Sarah Jane Essebaggers: 616 - 502-7086

Barb Sheets: 995-8881 Lyn Sisti-Sommer: 656-1595

The Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe: 334-8937

Easter, 2017, Calendar of Events

Pastor’s Lenten Study Series, The Kerygma Study entitled:
:Blessed are You: The Beatitude of Jesus in Scripture and in Life.
Sundays through Palm Sunday, 3 pm, F207.

Palm Sunday Service - April 9, 10 am
Eggstravaganza - April 9, following worship

Maundy Thursday Communion Service - April 13, 7 pm.

Good Friday Prayer Service - April 14, in the Chapel.

Easter Worship Services - Celebrating the Resurrection -
Sunday, April 16, 8 am and 10 am.

*Dr. R. Warren Apple, Director of Music,
and the Choirs and Ensembles,
invite you to the annual Covenant Presbyterian Church*



*Friday, March 31, 2017, 7:30 pm.
Free and open to the public.*

Nine Covenant Students Received Into Membership at Church Today

Nine Covenant young people have worked since September in a course which taught them about God, our faith, and the history and traditions of the church and the Presbyterian denomination. They were received by the Session into membership earlier this morning, and will be welcomed by the congregation during the worship service today.

Each student had the opportunity to write a personal "Statement of Faith."

Teachers during this Confirmation program included The Rev. Jeff DeYoe, Eric Nanz, Stephanie Barclift, Connie Burkert, Pat Arner, Barb Sheets, Megan Schorle and Rick and Ellen Burnette.

Students being confirmed today are Gus Bahruth, Brooke Castner, Connor Childress, Isabella Childress, Matthew Childress, Alexander Maurer, Tatiana Maurer, Kori Myers and Braxton Roberts.

We welcome them into the full fellowship of Covenant Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church (USA)!

Be a Part of this Great Covenant
Lenten Tradition!

There are lots of ways you can be part of Covenant's annual Eggstravaganza. You can bring wrapped candy, trinkets, pencils, coloring books and such to fill goody bags, and/or help set up and take down the play area equipment. You can volunteer to lead children's games - after worship on Palm Sunday; you can help prepare and serve the picnic lunch to the many tykes who will be participating. You can fill lovely take-home Easter baskets with kid-safe toys and goodies for the Covenant and Foster Children who attend. Not only is this a ministry to our church's youngsters, but also this year we will host more than 150 foster children from Lee County homes. So your help will have a dual impact! You may bring your contributions to the church office or to Dawn Castner's office NOW so we can be ready for the great group of youngsters who will be with us on April 9! Sign up on the Connection Station board today!



It's Easter Lily Time Once Again.

Your gift of \$10 will purchase a lovely lily pot to grace the chancel on Easter Sunday, and you may take the plant home following the service to re-gift to a friend or shut-in! Just fill in the blanks below and enclose your check for the total you wish to give. _____ # of Easter lilies at \$10 each. Deadline for reserving plants is April 9.



Please designate it/them as follows:

Donor's Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____