



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

SYMPATHY TO:

Debbie Mason on the loss of her mother, Odell Gass.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Are you a guest visiting with us today, or did you meet a guest this morning? We encourage all our guests to stop by our Guest Kiosks in any of our lobbies after worship. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We also have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card.



We have officially kicked off the Envision Capital Campaign! We hope you pick up either a booklet or a brochure and a pledge card to learn more about the many upgrades and changes we hope to accomplish through Envision! Both the booklet and the brochure have pledge cards that can be used and submitted. We will have an Envision pledge card Sunday on May 2, 2021. Pledge cards can be turned in at any time in the offering boxes located inside the sanctuary by the main exits on the south, north and main parts of the sanctuary. We encourage you and your family to take time to pray how you might be able to contribute to the Envision Capital Campaign.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ENVISION OR WANT TO LEARN MORE?

All are invited to attend one of the Town Hall meetings to learn more about the Envision Capital Campaign. This is a great time to come to learn more and ask any questions you might have. Town Halls are on the following dates:

- Sunday, April 18, immediately following the 10:45 am worship service in the Book Nook
- Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 pm via Zoom
- Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 pm via Zoom

If you would like to attend one of the Zoom Town Halls, please contact Elizabeth White at ewhite@christcovenant.org for the link.



MEN'S RETREAT MAY 14-16, 2021

What gives you heartburn? For most men it's stress over work, paying bills, chasing success, their marriage, or how their favorite sports team is performing. Luke tells us that when two followers were with Jesus on the Emmaus road their hearts burned. There are many things that may cause us heartburn, but there's only one person our hearts should burn for. Join us on the Men's Retreat to learn how to free our hearts to burn for Jesus with Pastor Tom Groelsema as the speaker and Gavin Billings as the worship leader.

Two nights is \$144 and a one-night stay is \$100. Rates include a shared room, four meals (3 meals for a one-night stay), planned group activity, and a bonfire. Hotel-style accommodations. Registration is open! Register and learn more at christcovenant.org/mensretreat2021. Registration deadline is May 7.



ENVISION LOGOS

Have you seen the new Envision Capital Campaign logos? Both logos have a drawing of our steeple and specific numbers. The number 25 is there to celebrate 25 years of Christ Covenant being in the Worship Center. The number 40 is there to celebrate 40 years since Christ Covenant was particularized.

CONSTRUCTION IS HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

The protective fencing is up and now surrounding the areas of construction on our campus. For your safety, we ask that you do not cross the construction fencing.

The entrance to the North Lobby will be blocked off by construction fencing, so when you are coming into the worship center, please use the main entrance, the south entrance, or the back entrance. The restrooms on the south side are closed, but the restrooms on the north side are open. Also, you will still have access to the children's check-in, to the North Lobby, and the restrooms on the north side of the worship center.

IN-PERSON WEDNESDAY CLASS “RESOLVING EVERYDAY CONFLICT”

We all have conflict. Over the past year conflict in our culture has escalated all around us. Conflict can take the shape of a tense conversation, or difficulties with a colleague, or online disagreement, or, more seriously, marital or inter-personal strife. Regardless, we look for answers and practical solutions to these challenges. Utilizing material developed by Peacemaker Ministries, this course unpacks through teaching and discussion what the Bible has to say about conflict and relationships, covering: the root cause of conflict; when to overlook an offense; what makes a good apology; what forgiveness really means; how to deal with difficult people; and more. This class is in-person Wednesday nights meeting April 14-May 26, from 7 - 8 pm in room 110 of the Covenant Day High School with teachers Wade Byrum and Ray Gillis. Please enter the high school through the main doors.

NEW ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to offer a new online Sunday School two-week series taught by Jason Helopoulos, Senior Pastor of University Reformed Church in East Lansing, Michigan. The two online classes are “A Neglected Grace: Family Worship in the Christian Home” and “Let the Children Worship: Including Children in Corporate Worship.” We hope you will enjoy these classes about family worship. These classes can be found online at christcovenant.org and all our social media platforms this Sunday, April 18.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Pastor of Evangelism & Mobilization
- Pastor/Director of Youth Ministry
- Lead Receptionist – Part Time

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN WITH NANCY GUTHRIE | APRIL 23-24

Christ Covenant is excited to host the Biblical Theology Workshop for Women with Nancy Guthrie! All ladies are invited to attend this workshop on Friday, April 23, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm and on Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. The workshop will be held at Christ Covenant, but is open to the community and has a limited number of tickets. To learn more and to register, visit christcovenant.org/womens-ministry.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Please consider participating in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, April 27. There are two ways you can participate. One is to come in-person* for your prayer time in WC105 from 7:30am-9:00pm. Prayer prompts are provided in the prayer room. Another is to pick a time slot and pray where you are, whether that's home or work. The day is divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign up and pray for supported workers and for the needs of the congregation. You can select the time that best fits your schedule at ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer or by signing up at one of the tables in the lobbies to help us cover the day in prayer.

We also hope you will take time to submit your confidential prayer requests either online at ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer or by email at prayer@christcovenant.org. Physical prayer cards may be found in the lobbies and may be turned in at one of the offering boxes located inside the sanctuary by the main exits. Your pastors and staff are continually praying for you!

NEW MEMBER CLASS IS MAY 7 - 8

The New Member Class is for adults and students 9th grade and above who wish to join Christ Covenant Church. Our Pastors teach this class, which reviews Christ Covenant's philosophy of ministry, the reformed faith, the Presbyterian form of government, the vows of church membership, and other topics pertinent to church membership. This class is required for those seeking to join Christ Covenant Church. This spring we will have a special two-day New Member Class on May 7-8, 2021. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at christcovenant.org. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

THIS WEEK (APRIL 18-24, 2021)

- Apr 18 • In-person morning worship at 9:00 am*
- Apr 18 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am*
- Apr 18 • Envision Town Hall in Book Nook at 12:30 pm
- Apr 18 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
- Apr 21 • Link/Epic at 7:00 pm*
- Apr 21 • Envision Town Hall via Zoom at 7:00 pm*
- Apr 22 • In-person Sunday School at 7:00 pm*
- Apr 22 • Envision Town Hall via Zoom at 7:00 pm*
- Apr 23 • Senior adults Thursday school at 4:00 pm*
- Apr 23-24 • Nancy Guthrie Women's Conference

* Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2 • Envision Capital Campaign Pledge card Sunday
- May 7-8 • New Member class
- May 14-16 • Men's Retreat

WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision throughout 2021.

| <i>Inflow 1/1/21 – 4/11/21</i> | <i>Actual \$</i> | <i>Budget \$</i> | <i>Difference \$</i> | <i>% (-) or +</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Budget | 1,801,929 | 1,633,000 | 168,929 | 10.3% |
| Faith Promise Budget | 166,621 | 107,700 | 58,921 | 54.7% |