



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Zac and Kate Leach
on the birth of their son,
Barnabas Jude Leach.

Allen and Abby Minnick
on the birth of their daughter,
Sophie Elisabeth Minnick.

SYMPATHY TO:

Jane Blythe on the loss of her
mother, Bobby Tracy.

Marge Davis on the loss of her
husband and our member,
Richard Davis.

Rob Fitzgerald on the loss of his
mother, Carol Fitzgerald.

Jim Haigh on the loss of his
mother and our member,
Marty Haigh.

Emory Simmons on the loss of his
mother, Jean Simmons.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

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. Our next New Member Class will be held during Sunday School beginning August 27. The class will be twelve-weeks long meeting from 9:00 am – 10:20 am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org to register by August 21.

VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



In May we shared our prayer that God would provide the 250+ volunteers that we need for this coming year by July 31. God has done amazing and has sent us over 200 volunteers already! Would you pray with us that the last 40 people we need would be identified in the next two weeks? If you think you might be one of the people we still need, please email Abigail at acerrato@christcovenant.org today!

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 either the main or north lobby. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card. You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the online guest card. There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary you can fill out and place in the offering. If you do not have a Bible, we invite you to take a Bible from one of the pews to take home with you today. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION

Women's fall Bible study registration opens on Tuesday, August 1, 2023! There are options for daytime and evening studies as well as weekly and monthly studies. Childcare is offered for certain daytime studies. Visit the Women's Ministry webpage at <https://christcovenant.org/womensbiblestudies/> to learn more.

MUSIC MINISTRY KICKOFF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Join us Wednesday, August 16 for food, fellowship, and a hymn sing! Plus, we will preview new music. Each year we look forward to learning contemporary music alongside the classics. The fall is a great time to jump in as we begin to prepare for the Advent season.

Auditions begin on August 1 for all orchestral instruments, choirs of all ages, and contemporary instruments. These informal auditions give Pastor Nathan George an opportunity to get to know you, your heart, and your musical interests.

Please email Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org for more information or to schedule an audition.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER POP-UP WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Join Children's Ministry staff with your family and kids at the next Summer Pop-Up on Wednesday, August 2, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am, at Crooked Creek Park in Indian Trail. Join us for time at the park and the splash pad as we enjoy the summer together! This is a great time to bring friends for a time of fun!

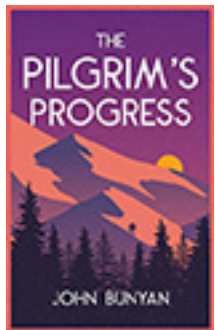
NEW ARRIVALS IN THE BOOK NOOK

Have you looked through the new arrivals we have in our book nooks located in the main and north lobbies? If you are looking for a great book for summer reading, we encourage you to stop by one of the book nooks for your next book!



Little Pilgrim's Big Journey box set can be found in our north lobby. This beautiful cloth-bound box set includes both Part I & Part II of *Little Pilgrim's Big Journey*. Part I follows the classic story of Christian as he journeys from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Part II is the heart-warming sequel, which follows Christian's family as they encounter new challenges and learn many new lessons along the King's Path.

Children ages 2-10 will learn timeless truths in an engaging way through these heirloom-quality books.



The Pilgrim's Progress can be found in our main lobby. One of the most widely read books of all time, John Bunyan's timeless classic has inspired readers for centuries. Considered to be one of the most important books in the history of English Literature, Bunyan's heroic Puritan tale has been in print since he first penned it while in Bedford jail for preaching the gospel in 1678. This version, skillfully updated so that it is accessible for the twenty-first century reader, follows the story of Christian, whose pilgrimage takes him through the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair and the Delectable Mountains before he finally reaches the Celestial City.

MAXINE PANGLE: CHRIST COVENANT'S OLDEST MEMBER CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY



Few churches can say that they have a member who reaches 100 years. We celebrated Maxine's brother, Bob's, 100th birthday two years ago. He was our oldest member and when he went to heaven, the mantle was passed down to his sister Maxine, who reached this milestone on Saturday, July 22. She has been a member at Christ Covenant for twenty years.

Growing up in a preacher's home, she came to know the Lord and follow him early in her life. Besides being a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a great-great grandmother, she has a ministry of encouragement that is expressed in sending notes and cards. Two years ago, at the age of 98, she completed writing a 300-page book about her family's history!

Happy Birthday, Maxine!

LADIES OF REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WELCOME DINNER MONDAY, AUGUST 21

All Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) wives and female students are invited to a special welcome dinner with Christ Covenant Women's Ministry! Join us for dinner, fellowship, and to learn how to get connected at Christ Covenant. We will gather on Monday, August 21, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2 (CLC). The dinner is free, but we do ask that women register by August 16 at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444AAAF2EA2FC1-women1>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES AUGUST 27

Save the Date! Sunday School will resume on August 27, 2023 at 9:00 am. We take a break during the summer to allow a rest for our teachers and volunteers, especially in the children's area. We are looking forward to gathering together at Sunday School classes soon! Class information is forthcoming.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares special events and various weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar of what is coming up this week, along with additional announcements.

- July 22-29 • Atlantic City Mission Trip
- July 26 • Middle and high school summer Bible study
- July 26 • 18/22 Fellowship
- August 1 • Registration opens for women's fall Bible studies
- August 1 • O Nights - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
- August 2 • Children's Ministry Summer Pop-up
- August 15 • O Nights - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
- August 20 • Youth ministry open house and breakfast
- August 20 • Prayer for our Covenant Children during evening worship
- August 21 • Women's Ministry Welcome dinner for RTS ladies
- August 23 • Music kick-off
- August 27 • Fall Sunday School Kick-off

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 2023.

Inflow 1/1/23 – 7/16/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,685,764	3,422,700	263,064	7.7%
Faith Promise Budget	303,709	178,928	124,781	69.74%