



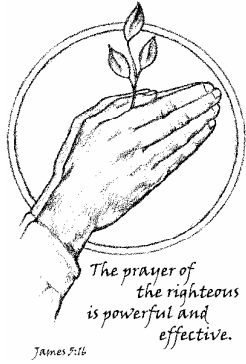






**OUR SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST** - We are pleased to welcome violinist Lauren Kiggins to our worship service this morning. Lauren is in 9th grade and attends the Butler Intermediate High School. She is currently studying violin under Roy Sonne in Pittsburgh.

**THE PRAYER CORDON (20 years of service)**

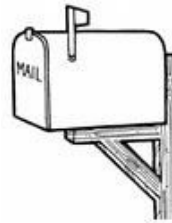


Congratulations to Covenant Church’s Prayer Cordon, celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of offering intercessory prayers on behalf of members and friends! The Prayer Cordon invites you to be a part of this vital and rewarding ministry by joining them any Tuesday.

An important note: School resumes next week and to avoid bus traffic and enforcement of the parking regulations, the Prayer Cordon will meet earlier on Tuesdays at 12 Noon in the church library starting this Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Keep Watching Your Mailbox.**

A letter to all members and friends of Covenant will be arriving (or may already have arrived) in the mail, describing a *special opportunity for giving* (for those who are led by the Spirit to respond.)



Obviously, the painting of the church and the replacement of gutters is quite costly, and while funds have been and will be drawn from our endowments and investments to meet this need, we dare not deplete these accounts. Please read the special appeal for capital improvement donations that you will be receiving, and consider prayerfully whether you may be in a position to help. Thank you.

***TIE A YELLOW RIBBON ROUND THE OLD OAK TREE !***



Our beautiful oak tree in the front lawn by the Sanctuary doors is in danger of splitting. (A ribbon has been tied around the tree to mark it.) We would like to save the tree and believe—with the help of a professional arborist—we can continue to enjoy its majesty and beauty.

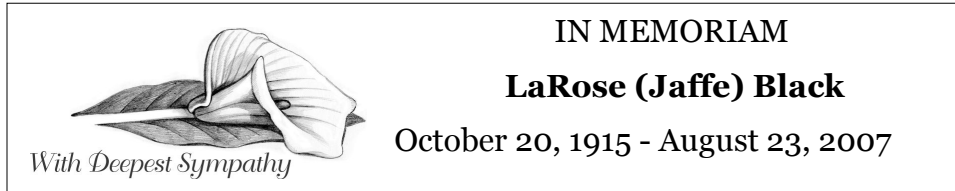
If you have had experience and success with saving a tree in your own home and or know of a reputable and certified “tree doctor,” please contact the church office.

## *In The Life of Our Church*

*Prayer Concerns:* Joan Moore, Zachary Kupec, Herb Enyeart, Ellie Walchesky, Dorothy Hitchcock, LaRose Black, Muriel Thompson, Brenda Keith, Pastor Jim, Sarah Pfabe (Grace Sechler's granddaughter)

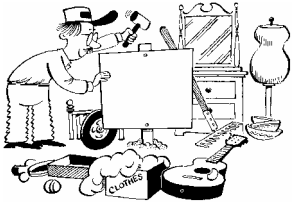
*Celebrating birthdays this week:* Frank Bruno - August 27

### *In Sympathy:*



The love, prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Sheila F. Black and Terry L. Black and their Families upon the death of their mother, LaRose J. Black who passed away on August 23, 2007. (Please remember to sign the congregational card in the Assembly Room.)

## **Annual Rummage Sale & Bake Sale**



**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
9 am - 2 pm (Fellowship Hall)**

Charity begins at home... while you are in the process of cleaning your home, garage, apartment, yard, camp, etc. and before you throw it out or give it away—*save it and donate it* to our church rummage sale.

### Checklist:

- ✓ donate any item in good, working condition
- ✓ limit clothing donations to 1 bag per family unit
- ✓ Baked goods: bring to the church the day before the sale  
(*A sign-up sheet is posted on the Assembly Room bulletin board.*)

If you have questions about the rummage sale or need help transporting heavier items, please contact Nancy Hitchcock at 724-285-9881.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** *Please see Nancy Hitchcock if you can help with the rummage sale. Volunteers are needed from Monday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> through the day of the rummage sale on Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.*

Looking forward to the new church year!



## Welcome Back Sunday September 9th

9:00 am - Continental Breakfast  
(Assembly Room)  
9:30 - 9:45 am - Youth Sunday School  
9:45 am - Seekers Sunday School Class

### Seekers Class Speaker:

Professor Kang-Yup Na of the Religion Department at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. will lead the Seekers Class. Professor Na teaches courses on the Bible and Reformed Theology. His area of specialty is the New Testament (Paul's letters in particular).

11:00 am - Morning Worship Service  
Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson, preaching  
Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Return of the full choir with Beverly Antis, director  
12 Noon - Welcome Back Luncheon (Assembly Room)

Looking forward to seeing you &  
Sharing this special day of celebration with you!



### SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY TO PRESENT SPECIAL SPEAKER ON DARFUR

A very special speaker is coming to our area. His name is Rev. Sam Childers, and he may be known to you through his ministry on Christian television and his recent appearances on Dateline NBC, and various well-known talk shows.

Sam Childers is known as the "Rescuer of Darfur", a Christian who has risked his life over and over again to help the children of Sudan being maimed and raped by the Lord's Resistance Army (L.R.A.), headed by Joseph Kony.

Sam Childers will be appearing on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room of the Student Union at Slippery Rock University.

- For more information about Rev. Sam Childers' ministry, you can visit his website at [www.boyerspond.com](http://www.boyerspond.com)
- For more details about the event at Slippery Rock, visit [www.abbachristian.com](http://www.abbachristian.com)



**Covenant Cupboard for September:** catsup, mustard, & mayonnaise (*Baskets for your donations are located in the front hallway. Monetary donations are always appreciated and needed. Please make checks payable to Covenant Cupboard.*)

ATTENTION ! CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS !

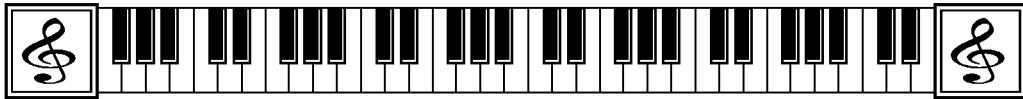


Choir Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and continue each Thursday throughout the church year.

**New choir members are always welcome!** If you are not presently a choir member but are interested in joining, please feel free to attend any rehearsal. Beverly Antis is the Choir Director. If you have questions, please contact her directly at (h) 724-282-7915 or (c) 724-991-8240.

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## Special Musical Performance



### “ Tre Claviers ”

Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm

*Keyboard Trio featuring—*

**Beverly Antis, Marguerite Bostonia and Krista Shinew**

- **Krista Shinew** most recently performed here at Covenant at the Lenten Recital on March 31st. She completed her doctoral studies in organ at WVU in May, 2007, and is currently serving as Music Director at Holy Family Parish in New Brighton, PA.
- **Marguerite Bostonia** is a doctoral student at WVU, and is on the keyboard and theory faculty at West Virginia Wesleyan College.
- **Beverly Antis** is the Organist and Choir Director here at Covenant, and is retired from her music position with the Butler Area School District.

Tre Claviers' name is a combination of two of the languages that can appear in music: the Italian word for “three,” and the historically generic designation “clavier,” which applies to all keyboard instruments. The French pronunciation is preferred.

**The program for the recital has an Americana theme.**

1. We will open with John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever (one piano, six hands!)
2. Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings and a transcription of an organ setting of Kum Bah Yah will be next.
3. The major work of the afternoon is Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring.

**August 26, 2007**

"There is no failure in God's will,  
and no success outside of God's will."

*~George Washington Truett*

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