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From the Pastor's Desk:

*“Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”*  
*Philippians 4:8*

I am sure you remember my article for the May 2009 issue of *The Cornerstone*. You don't? Good, because I don't either. But I have an advantage...I looked it up. The truth is, I really do remember it because I seem to be stuck in the same frame of mind that I was in at the end of April.

In that article, I spoke of how I was tired of the long and hard winter that was just ending. I was complaining about how I wanted hot (not warm) weather. It couldn't come quick enough for me because I love hot summers. So here I am, having lived through a very cool and wet June and then to top it off, July has not been the best “summer weather” either. I have been complaining too much. I thought my solution in April and May was just to look forward to what was coming, a hot and sunny summer. Guess what, it really hasn't happened. There have been some beautiful summer days lately but I “know” that it won't last. I sure need an attitude adjustment.

Just thinking that tomorrow will be better has not been the solution. So I have been praying about it. That is a good place to begin because God does answer our prayers. And so He did. Here is His answer to my prayer (my apology to those who receive this in black & white)...



It happened when I was walking through the Memorial Garden in front of our church last week. What do you see? Do you see beautiful vibrant colors and lush green plants? Do you see a clearly defined contrast of colors between the plants, the black earth, and the different paths made of stone and brick? Do you see plants that are healthy and thriving?

Or do you see a very cool and very wet June and July? Do you see gloomy overcast weather? Do you see a disappointing summer with very little beach weather?

I have always enjoyed the beauty of the garden every year but for some reason (God answering prayer?), it looked more vibrant and beautiful than ever before. But it wasn't just my vision. It really is more vibrant and beautiful than it usually is in the middle to late July. Normally, the hot weather, intense sunshine, and lower rainfall of July would have “killed” the beautiful flowers by now. But not this year. It is incredible! What a wonderful gift from God (and hard work from the gardeners)!

So the solution is not just looking to a better tomorrow. It is seeing the good of today and not the negative. It is so easy to find something to complain about but when we start to look through God's eyes, we see the good. We see the beauty of the garden and not the overcast sky.

I guess God knew what He was talking about when He told us in *Philippians 4:8* to think about whatever is: “*true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy.*” Notice God said to do this all the time, not just when things are “sunny.” So what are you thinking about these days? I know what I would rather think about.

It really does change one's attitude. It really is a better way to live. It really is more of God.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### August 2009

John Baker	1
Thomas LaValle	1
Tom Carrigan	2
Erica Reilley	5
Curt Sawyer	5
Adam Carr	8
Kyle Carr	8
Kim Humphrey-Kiger	8
Rebecca LaValle	9
Gabrielle Olson	10
Jeremy Babin	13
Jeanne Bell	14
Hal Smith	15
Shirley Bolinder	16
Joann Cousin	16
Beth Stewart	16
Callie Caylor	18
Bert Guaraldi	19
Marilyn Gray	26
Stephen McCarthy	26
Robert Fredlund	27
Veronica Reilley	27

### WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE?

*Encouraging Words Ministry*

**Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am**

Would you like to make a small difference in someone's life within our church community? Are you able to offer encouragement and support to someone undergoing difficulty? How about giving someone a pat on the back for a job well done? Is that something you think you might be able to do for one hour per month?

The Stewardship Ministry Team is offering that opportunity on the first Saturday of August, from 9:00 to 10:00 am in the Church Library. Our Encouraging Words Ministry sends cards to the above mentioned people and more. For questions, please talk to John or Beth Miltner. Hope to see you there.

## PERIMETER PRAYER WALK

**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> following worship**

Help surround the children and staff participating in this year's Vacation Bible School with the love of God and the power of prayer!

Meet in the sanctuary following worship on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for this special prayer walk.

See Dolores Bergstrom for details.



### “CROCODILE DOCK” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**August 3-7 9 am to 12 noon**

It's not too late for children to come to “Crocodile Dock,” this year's Vacation Bible School.

Adults can bring children any morning this week for onsite registration. Children do not need to attend for the whole week.

### POOL & BEACH PARTY DATES ANNOUNCED

⇒ Grab your bathing suit, towel and picnic lunch, and join others after morning worship on **August 9<sup>th</sup>** for a pool party at the home of Carol and Tom Parenteau, 90 Forest Drive, Bridgewater.

Grills will be available for those who wish to cook their lunch. Come and enjoy a lazy, hazy afternoon of fellowship.

### Beach Party and Church Cookout

⇒ **August 30<sup>th</sup>** at the summer home of Beth and Lee Stewart on West Island, Fairhaven.

Watch for more information in the “So You Know.”



## OFFICE UPDATE

- Our Administrative Assistant, Donna Costa, will be on vacation from August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and on August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Pastor Olson and family will be on vacation from August 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
- The office will be closed on August 12<sup>th</sup>

## FALL FAIR PAINTING DAY

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sandy Brown, Dottie Hallam and I will be meeting to paint Christmas tree ornaments. If you have some experience with painting craft projects and wish to lend a hand, please join us from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. Paint supplies and a light lunch will be provided.

If you have a craft project that you need help with, please feel free to bring it.

*Blessings, Phyllis Swirka*



The Leadership Team would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the Long Range Planning Committee. With Lee Stewart's leadership and efforts, the Long Range Planning Committee has completed several building projects that have enhanced our House of Worship. Praise God!

## CORNERSTONE DEADLINE

The deadline for the September  
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is August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Items can be mailed to or dropped off at the office. If possible, please submit articles in electronic form by e-mailing to:  
[office@communitycovenant.com](mailto:office@communitycovenant.com).

If sending by e-mail, please save as word or text document with no formatting.

## NOTES FROM MISSION AND OUTREACH

### BRIGHTER CITY DAY CAMP

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you to all who volunteered to go to Brighter City Day Camp on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We now have enough volunteers!

Our group will provide lunch for approximately 100 children from the inner city. You can still help by donating funds to purchase hot dogs and chips, or by providing some of the needed food items:

- 100 hot dog rolls (with a split in the middle)
- 100 "Capri Sun" juice packs
- Seedless grapes
- Homemade brownies. Please bring in a 9x13 pan on Sunday or Monday (August 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>). Do not cut the brownies, and no nuts or frosting, please.

See mission bulletin board for updates on what is needed. Volunteers should meet at church on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.



### SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP

**August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Booked solid!**

Well, Nancy Ohlen did a really good job of promoting this one day mission trip to Boston, so good that we may now have 2 days of mission trips. We have not been to NESM in at least 2 years due to lack of volunteers. Now we have many volunteers.

A call was made to the Seafarer's Mission to inquire as to how many volunteers can come on one day and the answer was 8-10. For August 28<sup>th</sup>, those who signed up on the board are IN for that date. But we CANNOT take any others beyond those who already signed up

A suggestion was made that we book another day with them as we have an abundance of volunteers. At this time, Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is open.

There is a sign up sheet on the mission bulletin board for those interested in the October 9<sup>th</sup> trip. Thanks for all the wonderful interest.

*Karin O'Connor for Missions*



## **REV. SUNG MOVING TO NEW POSITION**

Howard Burgoyne, Superintendent of the East Coast Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, announced on July 8<sup>th</sup> that Rev. Peter Sung, Associate Superintendent of the East Coast Conference, has accepted an appointment to serve as the Director of Church Planting in the Department of Church Growth & Evangelism for the denomination, beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>.

In his letter of resignation to the Superintendent and the Conference Board, Sung wrote "For about a month now I've been living with this decision and it continues to feel right, and others continue to affirm this new call. My mixed emotions remain. I have been in the east coast my whole life; the Conference has been wonderful to my family and me; I believe in what God is doing in the Conference; I believe Howard is the man for the season. I am certain that the Conference and I will always have a special relationship, and I am willing to fill in the gap from August 1<sup>st</sup> until the Conference hires a replacement, if you so desire. I will be watching and participating in all that God is going to do in and through the Conference and her churches. I am privileged to have seen what I have seen over the past year."

"Peter has established a strong foundation and established incredible momentum within the past 15 months in church planting," reports Superintendent Howard Burgoyne. "While I am mourning our loss here, I am delighted to see Peter extend his influence, vision, and abilities to the larger work of the Covenant in North America. He will continue to work closely with us in our church planting initiatives, not only coaching our pastors but also assisting the next Associate Superintendent in continuing our implementation of Vision 2020. As we navigate and adapt to what God is doing, we know we will continue to thrive in the mission of Christ here in the East Coast Conference."

Rev. Sung has served in the East Coast Conference as Associate Superintendent since May 1, 2008. Prior service included being a church planter and founding pastor of Highrock Covenant Church, Somerville, (now in Arlington) Massachusetts, and Queenswest Covenant Church, Long Island City, New York. In agreement with David T. Olson, Executive Minister of Church Growth & Evangelism for the Covenant, Peter will devote about 30% of his time to the Conference over the next few months during the transition going forward to secure a new Associate Superintendent for the Conference.

The Sung's will make plans to relocate over the next year to Chicago, Illinois, but first on the agenda is the anticipated birth of their fourth daughter in late August, joining mother Susie and sisters Madelyn, Emelyn, and Sophia.

## **ABITIBI PAPER RECYCLING**

In April 2009, Abitibi Paper Recycling filed Chapter 11 because of financial difficulties. Since the change in the economy, there is very little financial value in recycled paper. Due to the status of Abitibi, our church has discontinued our contract with Abitibi and has requested the recycling bin to be removed from the parking lot.

We are thankful for your use of the paper recycler over the past several years and in helping our world become more "green." We are also thankful for the money that has been raised for our Camp Squanto Fund through this service.

Therefore, we encourage you to recycle your paper items through any other means available.



## **RECYCLE OLD CELLPHONES**

Covenant Women Ministries supports the Good Deed Foundation as it provides lasting solutions for women and families in poverty, and for climate change. We can all take part by recycling cell phones and accessories.

Please deposit used cell phones and chargers in the green and white collection box in the narthex. Community Covenant Church women who attend next year's "Triennial Conference" will report back on the total number collected.

*Sue Bolinder*

# Looking Ahead

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sept. 9th at 7:15 pm - Choir practice resumes  
Sept. 13th - Sunday morning schedule changes
- Sunday School 9:45 am
  - Worship Celebration 11:00 am
  - Fellowship Time 12:15 pm

## SAVE THE DATE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday Night, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
"Narnia – Prince Caspian"

Rated: **PG**

for epic battle action  
and violence



One year after the incredible adventure of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," Peter, Edmund, Lucy and Susan Pevensie return to Narnia to aid a young prince whose life has been threatened by the evil King Miraz. Now, with the help of a colorful cast of new characters, including Trufflehunter the badger and Nikabrik the dwarf, the Pevensie clan embarks on an incredible adventure to ensure that Narnia is returned to its rightful heir.

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Fellowship will not meet during July and August. Monthly meetings will resume on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. All women are welcome!



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will resume on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for further details in the Real Mens Newsletter.

## SAVE THE DATE for the FALL FAIR October 10<sup>th</sup>

Plans continue for our Church Fall Fair to be held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. This Fair is being held to help raise funds for renovations and repairs for our kitchen.

Please continue to pray for Sandy Brown, Dottie Hallam and all those who have most generously volunteered to help prepare for this project. Please continue to watch for opportunities to lend a hand. Notices will be posted!

If you would like to volunteer your time or talents please contact Sandy, Dottie or myself.

*Blessings, Phyllis Swirka*

## TIME FOR WORSHIP

Over the past several months, the Worship & Music Ministry Team and the Leadership Team have been discussing our Sunday Worship Celebration. It is our responsibility to oversee and review all of our ministries, including worship, on a regular basis. Part of this discussion has been about the time frame for worship.

After much discussion and prayer, we affirm the current time frame for our worship celebration. Specifically, we will continue to plan worship that will be approximately one hour to one hour and fifteen minutes in length. In our tradition, we believe this is the time frame that we need to create meaningful worship.

We recognize that often there are other time commitments that one has to keep. Therefore, if you need to make plans after worship, you can anticipate that worship will be concluded by 11:15 a.m. during the summer and 12:15 p.m. during the school year. There might be an occasional Sunday that worship will go longer than one hour and fifteen minutes because of something special happening in our worship celebration.

Hopefully, knowing this will help you in scheduling your time commitments. We pray that this will encourage you to claim this worship time for God every week. As Rev. Michael Green said, "The number one hindrance to meaningful worship is clock watching." We hope that knowing that worship will conclude by quarter after the hour will set everyone free to worship God fully with no distractions of time. For God is worthy of our full attention and praise.

Let us worship the Lord!

***"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.' " Psalm 122:1 (KJV)***

# Prayer Calendar August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Women to Women Encouraging Words Ministry
2 Pastor Olson Shepherd's Rock "Bringing My World to Christ"	3 Vacation Bible School Rachael Stewart Jackie Briggs Debbie Warrender	4 Vacation Bible School Violet Brides Mark Fitzmaurice Robert Johnson	5 Vacation Bible School Choir Charlie Dillingham Susan Reilley	6 Vacation Bible School Children/Youth Attending Camp Squanto	7 Vacation Bible School Bernice Bond Pastor Swanson	8 Pilgrim Pines/ Camp Squanto
9 Pastor Olson and Family on Vacation Teen Challenge Nursery/Toddler Care	10 Harworths, Japan Cathy Campobello, Columbia Prudeles, Czech Republic	11 Brighter City Day Camp and those serving at this ministry today	12 Bruckners, Alaska Dr. Jen Hall, Ivory Coast Roberta Peabody, Japan Janelle Johnson, Camereroon	13 Barbara Swanson, Missionary to Belgium & The Mosaic Project Sara Page, retired Jody LeValin, retired	14 Pioneer Clubs Ruth Carrigan Joble LaValle	15 Health Advocate: Marie Syverson Victim Abuse Advocate: Sarah Stewart
16 Pastor Olson Baptism of Kaylee Rose Price Shepherd's Rock God's Word for God's Children	17 Committees: Human Resources Long Range Planning Ministry Support Team	18 Leadership Team Church Co-Chairs: Donna Halleran Frank MacLean	19 Ministry Teams: Christian Education Finance Properties Fellowship	20 Ministry Teams: Congregational Care Evangelism Worship/Music Stewardship	21 Administrative Assistant: Donna Costa Prayer Chain Leader: Candl Keith	22 Marion Schall Alice Lovell Marilyn Anderson
23 Pastor Olson Baptism of Addison Marie MacNevin	24 Missions and Outreach EB Food Pantry Science with a Mission: Alyne MacLean	25 People who are: • Homeless • Unemployed • In Need	26 Cromwell Children's Home Welcome Baby Project	27 Those ministered to in Honduras: Norma and Rosabell	28 N.E. Seafarers Mission and those serving on today's mission trip	29 Peace World Leaders Our US Military Alexander Miltner
30 Pastor Olson Search Process to Hire Child Care Coordinator	31 Students/Teachers Preparing to Return to School					
<p><b>PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME EACH DAY TO PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE, MINISTRIES AND NEEDS.</b></p>						

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