

*Covenant  
Presbyterian  
Church  
Newsletter*

**May 2023**

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# Message from Session

As a result of discussion and recommendation by Presbytery as well as considerable discussion among Session members, Session voted in February to enter a formal contract with PneuMatrix. PneuMatrix is a paid consultant firm who offers a unique process to ultimately aid churches that have lost Presbyterian pastors in finding new Presbyterian pastors. The PneuMatrix process consists of first identifying a diverse team of 6-8 members within the congregation to participate in six 1.5 hour zoom meetings along with reading a book called "Canoeing the Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger.

The meetings are led by the founder of PneuMatrix who is a Presbyterian pastor. Eight volunteers from Covenant participated in this process along with a moderator from Presbytery. The end result was to prepare the completion of two key documents. A Covenant specific Mission Study and a Ministry Information form. The Mission Study in brief provides a historical background of the church, where we are currently as a church, where we want to be in the future, the demographics of our neighborhood, including their religious preferences, and what we desire in a pastor. The completed Mission Study must be reviewed and approved by Session and once approved by Session submitted to the Presbytery for their review and approval.



**The second document is a Ministry Information Form or MIF. The MIF provides a more detailed vision of the specific qualities that we desire in a pastor. The MIF is completed by the Covenant Pastoral Nominating Committee as part of the process of seeking a new pastor.**

**Covenant in addition to many other churches in the Presbytery are currently struggling to find a pastor. The availability of qualified pastors continues to decrease due to various factors including Covid, retirement and fewer seminary graduates. Thus competition within the Presbytery for new pastors is significant.**

**Hopefully as a result of completing the PneuMatrix process (thanks to the efforts of the team), Covenant will be well positioned and successful in securing a new pastor in the not too distant future that satisfies the criteria identified by the team.**

**If anyone has any questions or would like to know more about the PneuMatrix process please feel free to contact Dave Sutton at [drsutton5@comcast.net](mailto:drsutton5@comcast.net).**

**Elder Dave Sutton**





# Happy Birthday

**1: Carol Lovell**

**3: Emily Busby**

**3: Stephen Mulville, Sr.**

**5: Skye Slater**

**5: James Martin**

**6: Leah Duba**

**17: Pat Wiechec**

**17: Megan Daroshefski**

**25: Naomi Day**

**28: Mike Martin**

## Happy Anniversary

**4: Doug & Debbie Connolly**

**19: Scott & Donna Scioli**

**20: Anthony & Cheryl Cinque**

**21: Doug & Susan Wilhelm**

**25: Chuck & Sue Staub**



# Schedules

## Guest Ministers

5/7: Rev. Seth Kajang

5/14: Rev. Seth Kajang

5/21: Rev. Frank Zeidler

5/28: Rev. Seth Kajang

## Flower Delivery

5/7: Jeanne Martin

5/14: Janette Hutchinson

5/21: Christy Jeffries

5/28: Janette Hutchinson

## Greeter/Ushers

5/7: Bob and Christy Jeffries

5/14: Pat Rothenhofer and Sandi Pascone

5/21: Joy Connolly and Jim Bender

5/28: Carol Ortlip and Mary Lou Newborg





# Music

Covenant's Chancel Choir will be performing for the first three Sundays in May. All are welcome to sing! Rehearsals take place after worship services at 11 AM in the choir room. The last Sunday the choir will be singing is May 21. Then choir will have summer break and return in September. Thank you to all who shared their voices this year!

## Choral Anthems

*5/7: Think of Me and Remember, by Joel Raney*

*5/14: Let Me Ride arr. R. Dilworth*

*5/21: Waters of Grace by J. Martin*

*5/28: Memorial Day, No Choir*

## Covenant's Bell Choir

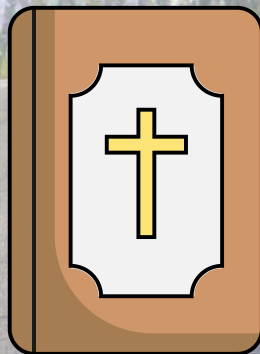
rehearses on Mondays at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to ring. May will be our last month of performing then the ensemble will be on summer break.



**The Bell Choir will be ringing on May 21 with Elisa Muzzillo accompanying on flute. They will be performing:**  
*Holy, Holy, Holy* by Michael Helman  
*Just As I am* by Sandra Eithun  
*Canon of Grace* arr. Linda R. Lamb  
*Our God* arr. Ron Mallory

## **Women's Bible Study**

**Bible study is located in the Lounge on Mondays at 11 AM. The group will be studying the book of Luke. We hope to see you there!**







**Your Participation is Needed:**

**Members are invited to participate in our services. Please contact Bonnie Cain or Greg DiBona if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services. We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard. Please contact the church office if you are interested.**



# Book Club

**Book Club will be meeting at church on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00. We'll be discussing Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Please join us for pot-luck dinner and discussion.**



## Christian Caring Center

**Non-perishable food items may be brought the 1st Sunday of the month and placed in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity.**



# Lunch with the Bunny Highlights!











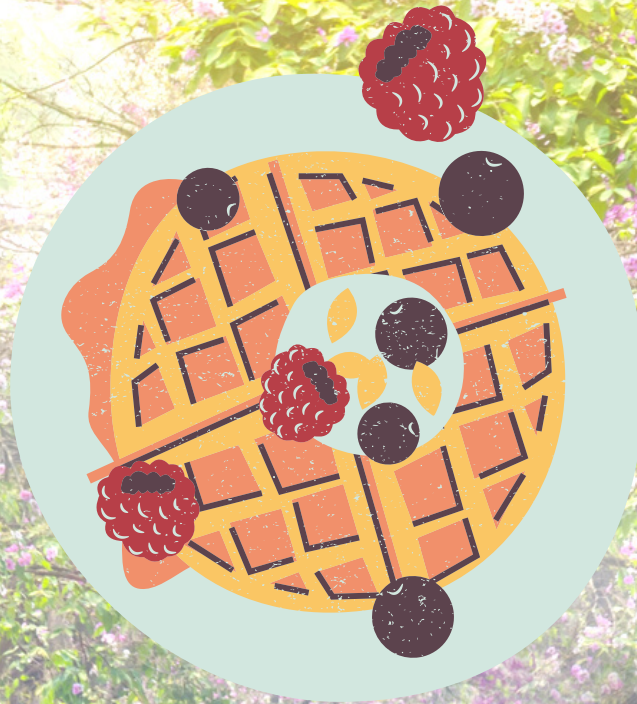






# Brunch

**Covenant will hold brunch following worship service on Sunday May 21. Please place your name on the signup sheet in the narthex.**





# In Memoriam



**Richard A. Craft, Jr., 63, died unexpectedly at home with his loving wife at his side, Tuesday, March 28, 2023.**

**Predeceased by his mother; Rich is survived by his father, Richard Craft, Sr. and his wife Judith of Duncansville, Pennsylvania; his beloved wife, Susan Craft of Camden; his sons, Benjamin P. Craft of Camden, and Joseph D. Craft of Camden; his siblings, Robert Craft and his wife Beth, Douglas Craft and his wife Denise, Susan Staub and her husband Charles, Derek Craft and his wife Cheryl; a step-sister, Dawn Seiger and her husband John; his mother-in-law, Donna Teague of Camden; his brother-in-law Garry Teague of Lynchburg, Virginia, as well as many nieces, nephews and a large loving extended family.**

**Rich was a kind, thoughtful and generous person. His loving nature and great sense of humor will be missed by all who loved him.**



# **MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES**

**Women's Bible Study - Mondays, 11:00 AM, Lounge**

**Choir Rehearsal - Sundays, 11:00 AM**

**Bell Rehearsal - Mondays, 7:00 PM**

**Christian Education (Bonnie Cain and Amanda Rosica) - as needed**

**Deacons - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM**

**Fellowship (Amanda Rosica) - 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM**

**Finance and Stewardship (Mike Martin) - 2nd Monday, 7:00 PM**

**Men's Breakfast - Tuesdays, 7:00 AM**

**Membership (Nancy Perritt) - as needed**

**Mission (Dave Sutton) - as needed**

**Music and Worship (Leslie Todd) - 2nd Wednesday, 1:15 PM**

**Property Care (Chuck Rosica and Bob Jeffries) - determined by  
chairperson**

**Session - 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM**

