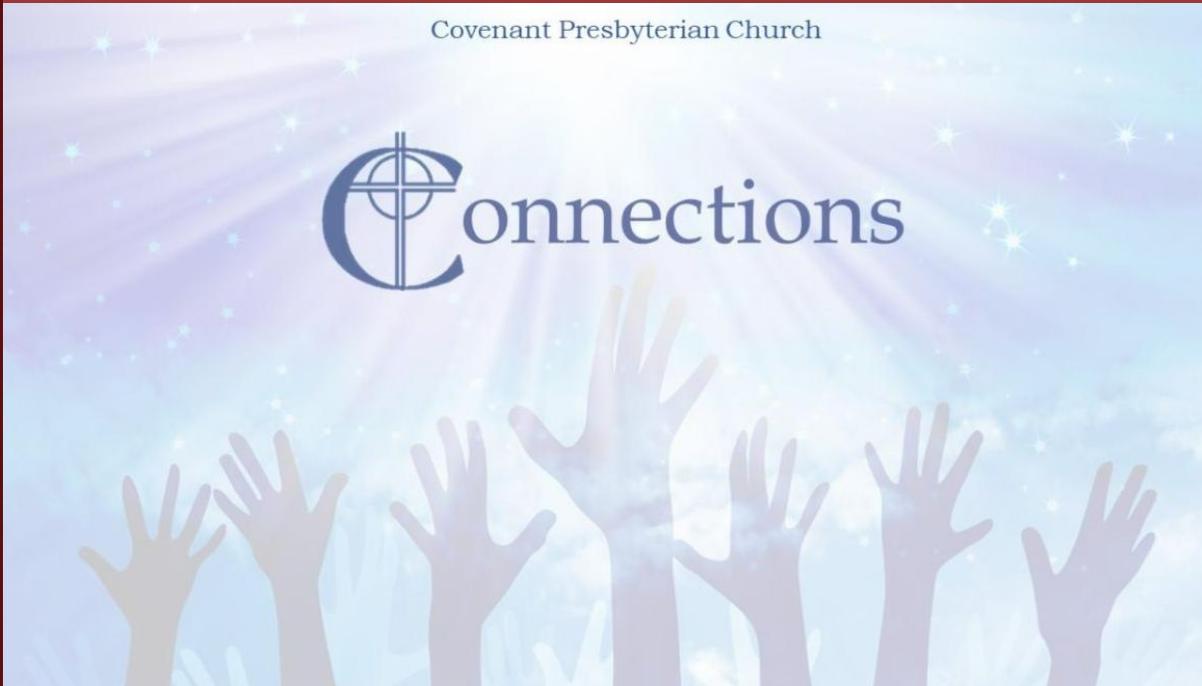


# Covenant Presbyterian Church

*A Loving Community to Support you on Your Faith Journey!*

Covenant Presbyterian Church



## Connections

Where did summer go? We're here with your September issue of Connections! Please remember: be sure to click OPEN when your email provider delivers your newsletter so you don't miss any content.

While you are reading this month's newsletter: if you see a word or phrase in **bold** and **wine** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

### From the Desk of Your Session...

#### **FIND THE TIME**

Prayer and studying God's word is an essential part of Christian life, but too often we rush into our day with a 'to do' list that requires more hours than we have in our day.

We are devoted to our families. We work to support them and ourselves. Add Church and community commitments, various meetings, personal care, home maintenance....doctor appointments, health concerns...the list is long.

It is a challenge to make time for prayer and Bible study, but it needs to be a priority.

It is an unfathomable privilege to talk to God and even more amazing that He listens and will answer.

The Bible instructs us on how God wants us to live and assures us of His love, forgiveness of sins, blessings and gifts.

**Karen Schwartz**

## THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day.  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me and heavier came each task.  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered, He said "But you didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me, He said "But you didn't ask."  
I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided "My child you didn't knock"  
I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

Author Unknown

### A Word from Communications... **BE A DIGITAL DISCIPLE!**

While you may not all use social media or question the effectiveness, please consider...if the disciples were around today, they'd be using these digital platforms - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, even Tik Tok, Instagram and email - to spread the word of God! Social media is the modern-day equivalent of standing on the mount or on a soap box in town square, preaching the Good Word!

Every Sunday we stream our services, which are then archived on YouTube so that more people can join in on our worship. Sharing church events and news on your own pages, using social media, is a way for you to literally evangelize and get the word out about your church - and the Word. And, the more people that are familiar with Calvary, the more may be inclined to visit and become members!

If you are already on social media, why not share photos of your engagement in church activities - VBS, Animal Blessing, Silent Auction, Easter Bunny, Live Music Concerts, dinners and fundraisers, the upcoming Fiber Festival - and all of the other great things that Calvary does! You have the power to actively make a difference and be a 'disciple' for Calvary! Sharing word of these things from your computer is most impactful.

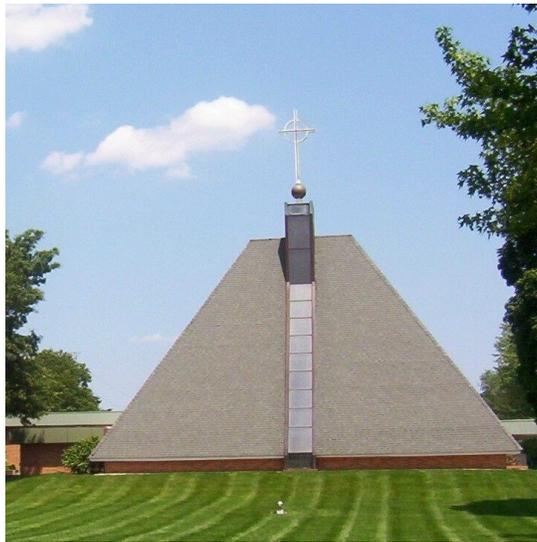
Remember, our posts on Calvary's FB page alone will not get the news out. Social media can reach hundreds and thousands - but only if people share. In this way, our posts about events and the church can go beyond our immediate membership, reaching and being seen by the community-at-large.

If anyone is unsure how to post or share, please let me know. I am happy to show you how it's done! Don't have a FB account? Share via email, text it, print it out and hand it to a friend. Plenty of ways to help!

**Carol McCarthy**

## **Don't be a Stranger. Be Social!**

Links to Facebook pages, Live streaming services, YouTube and Church Websites all in



Don't miss out on staying connected to your church family. Use the links below to worship with live streaming services on Facebook. Our YouTube channel is a repository for past services and events.

You can access videos, websites and streaming services right from this email! Just click on the buttons for a direct link!

[Visit the Covenant Facebook Page](#)

[Visit Covenant Website](#)

[Visit the YouTube Channel](#)

## Music at Covenant this Month

### Music at Covenant for September

#### CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Choir rehearsals will begin in September. Please continue to check the announcements for the start date! We will be singing all different styles including gospel, classical, jazz, and hymn arrangements. You will also be accompanied by violinist, Ruth Kiang and flutist, Elisa Muzzillo.



#### CALLING ALL BELL RINGERS!

Bell Choir will be starting again! Please check the announcements for the date of our first rehearsal. We will be playing arrangements of all of your favorite hymns and more!

**Greg DiBona**

## September Worship Schedule

September 4: Mary Lou Newborg  
September 11: David Watts  
September 18: Chuck Rosica  
September 25: Pastor Paul Grenier

## Your Church at Work in the Community

The Deacons at Covenant are continuing to deliver groceries to the **Christian Caring Center**. Please drop off your food donations at the church.

Thank you for helping Covenant's Deacons continue this tradition of feeding our neighbors!



Christian Caring Center

## REMINDER: Relay for Life Needs YOU!



On September 24th, 2022 Covenant will be participating in Cinnaminson's Relay for Life. We had a great turn out last year and enjoyed the fellowship during the event. We would love for you to join our team! We will be fundraising to provide much needed money towards cancer research and patient services. The COVID-19 pandemic has made this need even greater. We hope that you can join us in representing Covenant to the community and providing support to those whose lives have been impacted by cancer. Please use the links to sign up, and contact Mandy or Julia with any questions. Thanks!

Can't make the walk? We also have a donation page.

Sign up to walk here: **I want to WALK!**

If you can't make the walk but want to donate: **I want to DONATE!**

Questions? Contact **Amanda Rosica** or **Julia Slater**

# Our Church Family



**Happy September Birthday to you!**

## **Covenant Birthdays**

Treva Grunigen 1  
Adam Lambersky 2  
Betty Graham 11  
Bob E. Seither 12  
Sara Minieri 12  
Grace Raymond 14  
Jack Lambersky 17  
Jim Bender 19  
Dave Sutton 23  
B. Ann DuBois 24  
Marilyn Davidoff 24  
Cheryl Cinque 24  
Christy Jeffries 27

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**Fall Tea Raffle Basket Collection**

*Women's Fall Bounty and  
Blessings Tea and Basket Raffle*



Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Doors open at 1 pm. Tea service begins at 1:30 pm  
Ticket sales begin September 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Tickets \$20



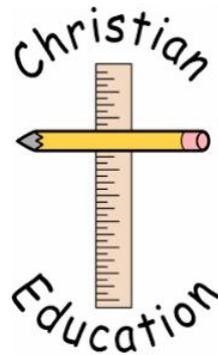
The Women's Tea Committee is collecting items for raffle baskets for our October 15th Fall Tea. These materials can include lightly used kitchen or household goods. Contact **Ann Rosica** for donations.

Tickets for the event will go on sale, September 4th!

**COMING! this Fall: In Person Sunday School!**



Please join us for Sunday School!  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Ages 4+  
During the 10am Church Service  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>



Calling all children ages 4 and up: We will be having Sunday School one Sunday per month beginning this Fall. This will include fun activities, crafts, lessons, and games! The dates for Sunday school: October 9th, November 13th, and December 18th during the church service. Please contact **Amanda Rosica** or **Bonnie Cain** with any questions.

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## MINISTRY FOR THE INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERGENT AUTISM

Christ Episcopal Church in Palmyra is in the process of establishing a ministry called MINA (Ministry for the Inclusion of the Neurodivergent and Autism) with the intention of providing an opportunity for worship and socialization for individuals who have difficulty participating in traditional services due to special needs or disabilities. They are in the process of trying to make connections with religious communities in the area who may know people that are currently not attending services and would benefit from a ministry such as this. Christ Episcopal Church would like to establish how much interest there might be, as well as specific needs and necessary accommodations needed within these communities. If you know someone who would benefit from this type of service, please, contact **Deacon Freddie Paiva**, at **[MINA@christchurchpalmyra.org](mailto:MINA@christchurchpalmyra.org)**

# Fun & Games!

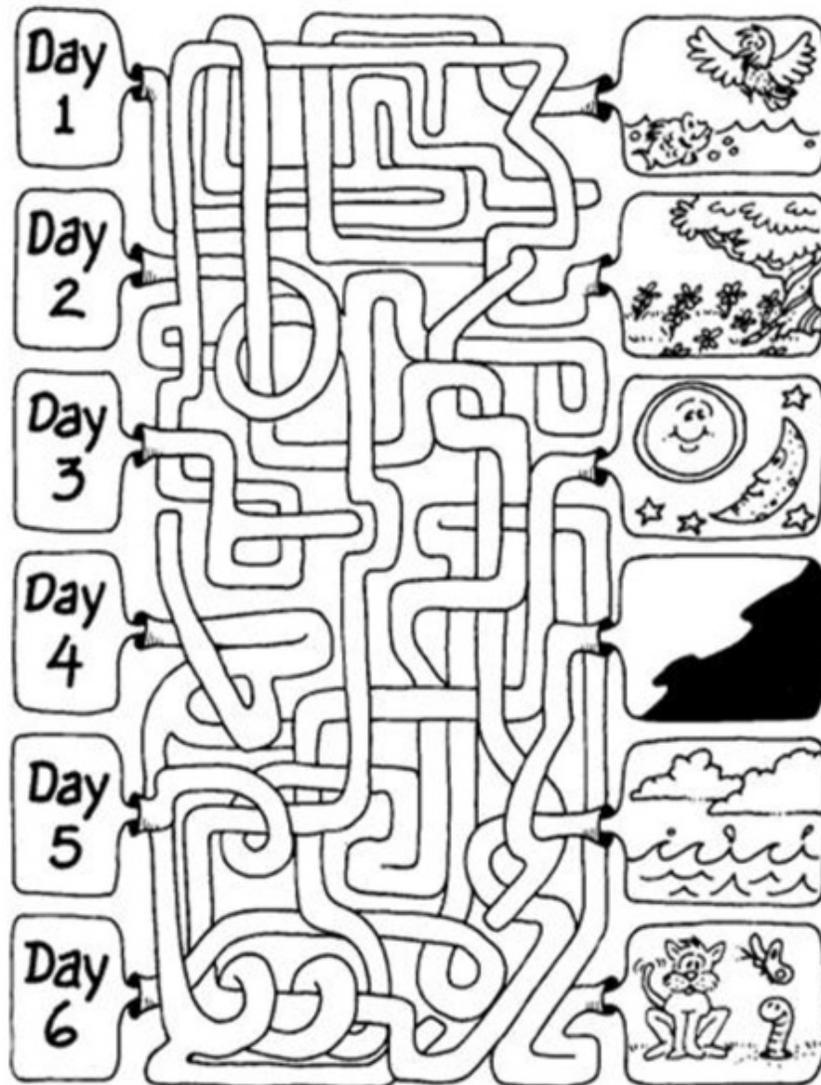
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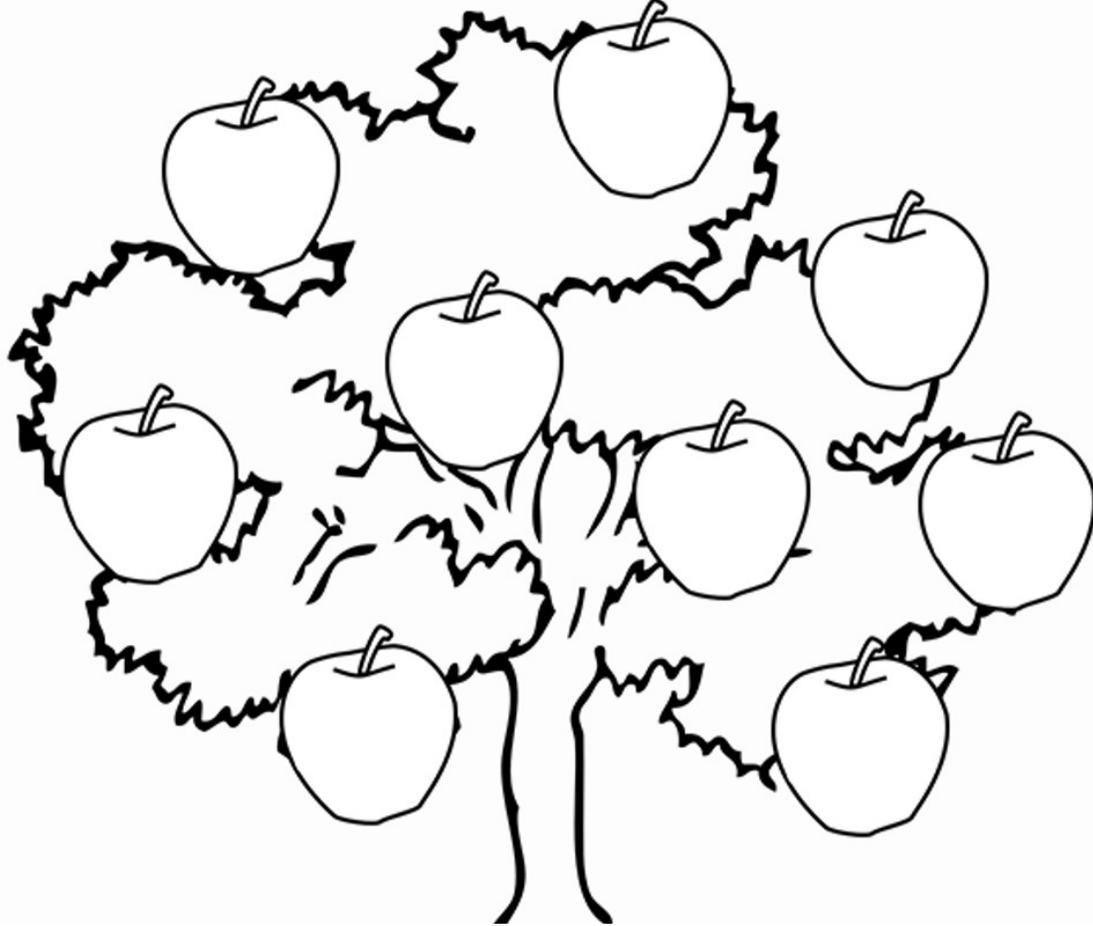
## Kids Korner Activity

### IN THE BEGINNING

*Genesis 1:1-31 – 2:3*

Read Genesis 1:1-25. Starting with Day 1, find the correct path through the maze to the things that God created on that day. Do this until you have matched all the days with the correct pictures.





What are the Fruits of the Spirit? In Galatians 5:22-23 we are told “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Write a Fruit of the Spirit inside each apple on the tree. Color it!

## **Adult Diversions**

Click on the activity sheets to open printable versions.

V K E J S A C T Y A Y O V Z Y O C L I Z  
 Z B Z T E R Y Y I Z G B R H G P N V V A  
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 Nineveh  
 Samaria  
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## Places in the Bible

# Fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 says the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

How can we apply these to our daily lives? Read the scenarios below and write the correct 'fruit' that applies to the situation.

The Holy Spirit produces wonderful characteristics in a person's life.

1. **Waiting** in a very long line **without complaining**
2. **Believing** in someone or that an event will happen
3. Being **calm and tenderly** toward others
4. Treating others **fairly**, thinking **positively**
5. Discussing issues **instead of fighting or having wars**
6. **Giving** to the poor, feeding the hungry, etc.
7. Smiling, **laughing**, sharing happiness
8. Sitting and completing assignments **instead of being noisy and disruptive** when the teacher is absent from the classroom
9. **Caring for people** even if you are strangers or enemies



Remember to live by the  and share the Fruit of the Spirit. Luke 6:31.

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Arise, **SHINE**

for your *light*

has come, and the glory

of the Lord *rises*

upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

**Faithfully Funny...**



A back-to-school reminder! Can we get an **AMEN**?!

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