

## Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Here's your June 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 leafy **GREEN** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

### June Reflections

I recently saw a news article regarding the Catholic archbishop of San Francisco's decision to no longer allow Nancy Pelosi to receive Communion. This news hit at the same time as I was re-watching the HBO series Big Love, which focuses on a polygamous family, along with their extended families, which include fundamentalist polygamists as well as mainstream LDS (Mormon) members. I'm also finishing Hilary Mantel's trilogy about Thomas Cromwell, who served England's King Henry VIII.

All of which got me thinking about the nature of our reformed faith.

In all of these instances, church authorities have the ability to make big, impactful decisions on their members. In Big Love, there were several instances where characters were expelled (or threatened with expulsion) from their churches, “cast into outer darkness”, unable to worship (or even really socialize) with others from their church, because they did something or believed something with which church authorities disagreed.

King Henry VII spent a good portion of his reign under the threat of excommunication, in part because of his desire to dissolve his first marriage. Excommunication in this instance would have not only removed Henry from the spiritual life of the Catholic Church, but also put his entire country under the threat of war.

As Presbyterians, our reformed theology gives church authorities much less of a role (compared to some of the more traditional practices) in demanding our obedience to a set of views or principles, and leaves it to each of us, as individuals, to decide where to fall on many issues. There seem to be far fewer “rules” to worry about, as a Presbyterian, when compared to some other faiths (or even different Christian sects). So, in some (perhaps superficial) way, it seems a little “easier” to be a Presbyterian.

But on the other hand, having to decide for yourself what’s right vs what’s wrong, what’s sad but understandable vs what’s intolerable, what’s unfortunate vs what’s unacceptable - that required real soul searching, which can be challenging and unsettling. We each are required to make our own decisions, come to our own conclusions. How do we know what God thinks about an issue? How do we come up with an answer to the question “What would Jesus do?”

Most of us don’t like being told what to do or how to think. But it’s a big responsibility that we have taken on, to be the master of our own beliefs. To do it right, we have to be thoughtful and reflective, we have to listen to others’ perspectives, we have to re-examine our views from time to time.

Free will is a wonderful gift that we’ve gotten from God. It’s not always easy, but it’s a gift that we cherish and embrace.

On behalf of the Session,  
Carol Lovell

### **June Worship Schedule**

June 5 : Rev Lynne Trout

June 12: Carol Lovell

June 19: Rev Lynne Trout

June 26: Rev. Paul Grenier

**BE SOCIAL!**

*Live Streaming Worship Services Every Sunday!*

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.

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

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**Pencil it in!** ... a glance ahead at Events for the month of June.



WOMEN'S and SENIOR BIBLE Studies are on break for summer. Classes will resume in fall.

## MUSIC

### **June Music at Covenant**

Calvary Choir will be joining us for a special joint service on June 26 singing "Old Time Religion Medley." Music Director, Greg DiBona will be conducting, and Diana Dohrmann will be accompanying!

After our special joint service, the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir are on summer break and will resume in the fall. The month of June will feature organ and piano music from arrangers such as Joel Raney, Lloyd Larson, Mark Hayes, Martha Mier and more! Greg will be featuring his piano students throughout June and the summer featuring solos from Burgmuller, and arrangements of Puccini's "Nessun Dorma."

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**May was an especially musical month,  
with two great concerts!**

Live music worship with Reprise at Calvary on May 15th.



The audience was extra comfortable, lounging on some of the furniture leftover from the previous Treasure Day sale!





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## and a Spring Piano Duet Concert

Such a treat! An appreciative audience enjoyed a delightful musical tour de force, May 22nd, during a piano duet concert with Covenant Music Director, Greg DiBona and Calvary's Music Director, Diana Dohrmann. The concert raised over \$1,000. to be divided by Calvary and Covenant.



Couldn't make it? Here are a few highlights!





## Celebrations!

Happy Birthday to....



### **June Birthdays**

Marge Jeffries, 1  
Ron Green, 3  
Nancy Perritt, 10  
Rosalie Belcher, 12  
Robin Sutton, 14  
Terri Bell, 18  
Phil Duba, 20  
John Lovell, 24  
Debbie Mulville, 25  
Betty Herskovitz, 26

### **Brunching on a Sunday Afternoon!**

Covenant members - young and old - enjoyed a post-service brunch on Sunday, May 15th.





Faithfully Funny...



In honor of all the hardworking, handy dads! Can we get an Amen?!

**DAD JOKE!**



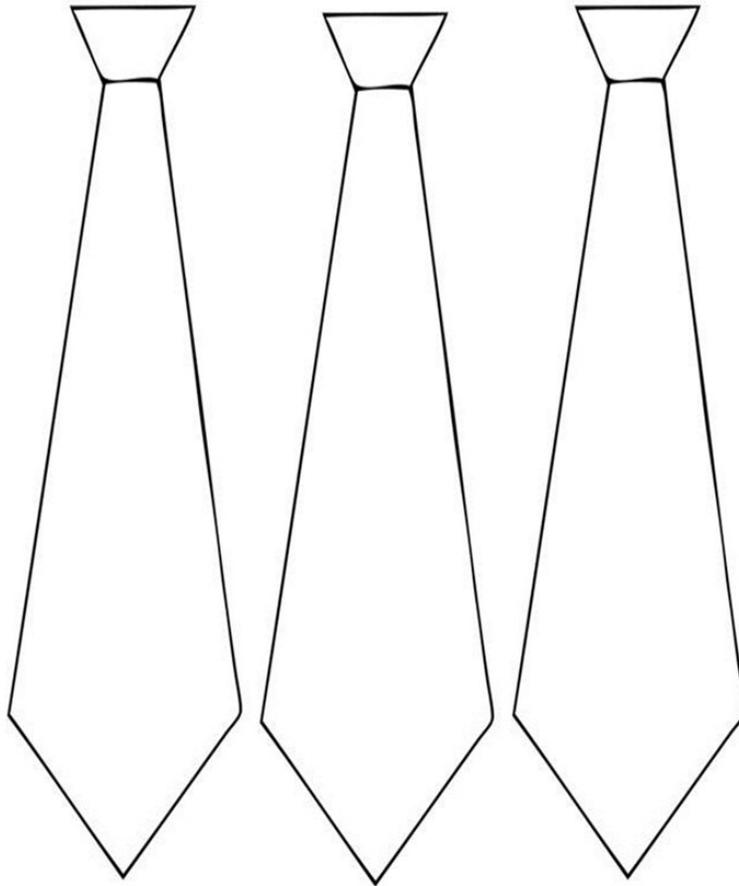
## Fun & Games

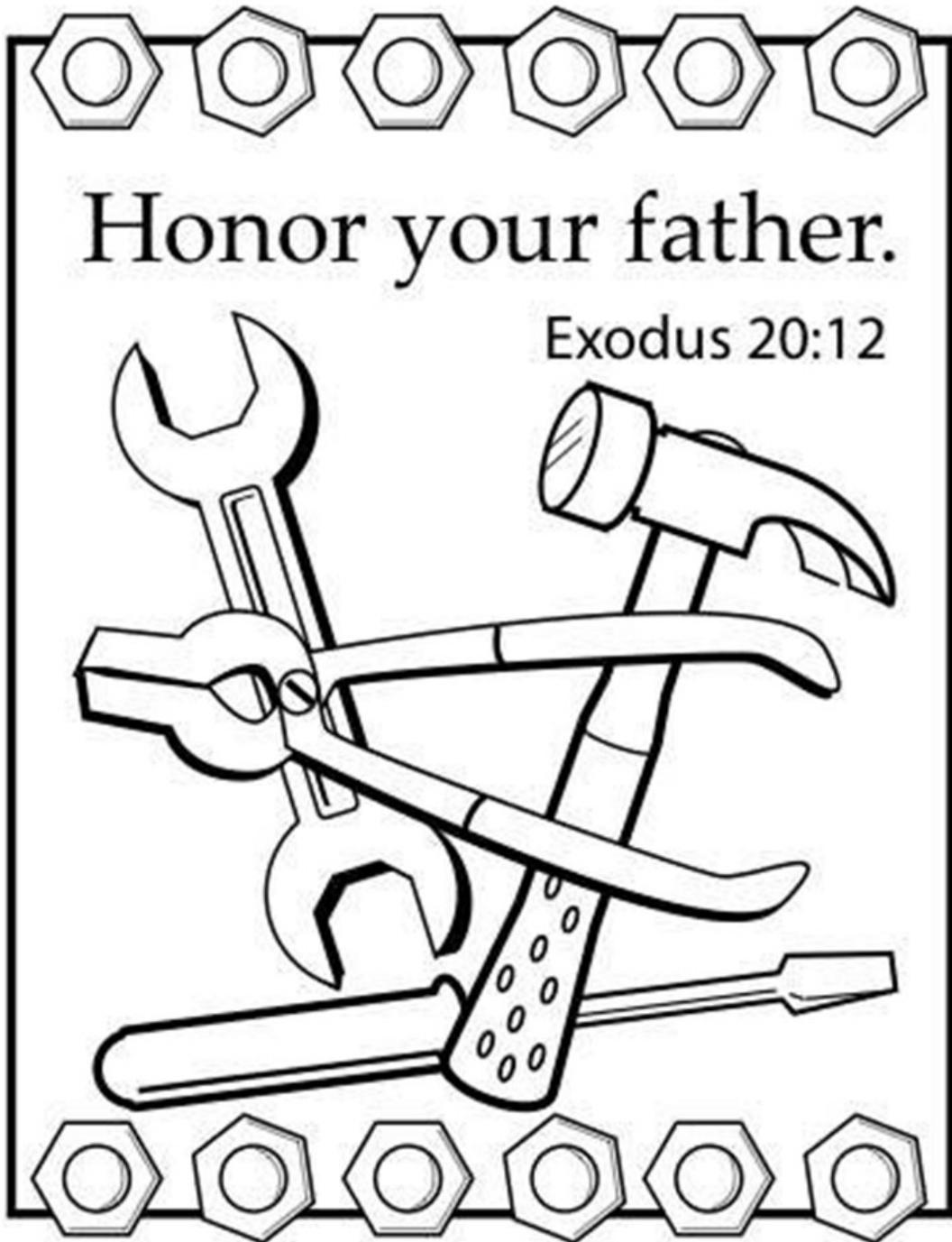
### Kids Korner Activities

Repeat of a favorite! Dad deserves only the best so why not create a special tie just for him? **Simply click on the image below and print out the .pdf coloring sheet** . Then, design your own as a gift for your dad!

# Design a Tie for Dad!

Create your own: you choose your colors, add stripes, dots or patterns!





## Adult Diversion

Click on the puzzle and open the file to print out the word search!

# Fathers Day Word Search

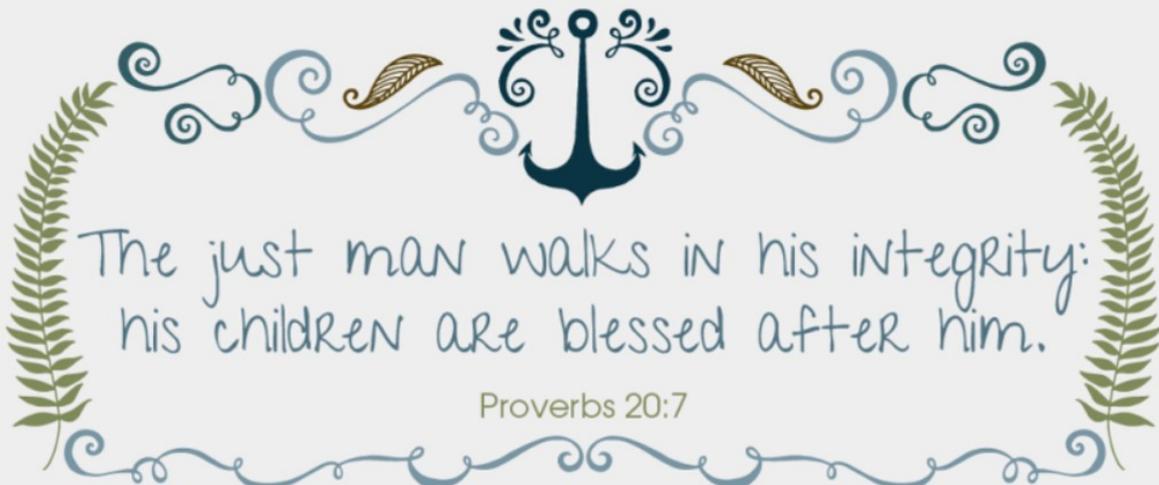
Find the hidden words.

S S D S S R L G Z T X K R L B  
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O O N O E H U U S B T R A E H  
P J N T T G D E V O T E D G V  
S T Y O H U S L S U M O N M G  
F V C T H A W E R O Z O O N W  
V I F E G L I E H Q R L I F H  
D U S I P R T C E T O R P L O  
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F A M I L Y B R A V E P N P Y  
N E R D L I H C Q B B R G S O

BBQ	FATHER	HOLIDAY	LAUGHTER	SPECIAL
BRAVE	FISHING	HOME	LOVE	SPORTS
CARING	FOOTBALL	HONOR	MEMORIES	STRONG
CHILDREN	FUNNY	HUGS	NURTURE	SWEET
DADDY	GIFTS	JOKES	PARENT	THOUGHTFUL
DEVOTED	GIVING	JUNE	PROTECT	TIE
FAMILY	HEART	KISSES	RESPECT	TOOLS

Father's Day is June 19th!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Thanks, dads, for all you do!

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