

Covenant News

February, 2018



Covenant United Methodist Church LaGrange, KY

Sermon Series

“Nuts & Bolts”

“Livin’ the Life”

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-16

Matthew 5:14-16



Calendar!



Covenant Calendar

Fri. Feb. 9 Office 9-2

Sat. Feb. 10

7:00 Men's prayer Breakfast

Sun. Feb. 11

8:30 Worship

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

5:00 Knitting

Mon. Feb. 12 Office 9-2

7:00 Boy Scouts

Tues. Feb. 13 Office 9-1

2:30 Tutoring - ARK

6:30 Prayer Group

6:30 District Meeting

Wed. Feb. 14 Office 9-2

11:00 Staff Meeting

3:00 Story Time—ARK

5:15 FUEL Meal

6:00 Studies

6:00 Handbells

6:00 Youth

7:00 Choir

Thur. Feb. 15 Office 9-2

Fri. Feb. 16 Office 9-2

6:30 Parents Night Out

Sat. Feb. 17

7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sun. Feb. 18

8:30 Worship

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

5:00 Knitting

5:30 Friendship Group

Mon. Feb. 19 Office 9-2

Tues. Feb. 20 Office 9-2

6:30 Prayer Group

6:30 SPR meeting

7:30 Ad Council

Wed. Feb. 21 Office 9-2

11:00 Staff Meeting

3:00 Story Time—ARK

5:15 Fuel Meal

6:00 Fuel Studies

6:00 Handbells

6:00 Youth

7:00 Choir

Thur. Feb. 22 Office 9-2

Fri. Feb. 23 Office 9-2

Sat. Feb. 24

7:00 Men's prayer breakfast

Sun. Feb. 25

8:30 Worship

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

5:00 Knitting

Mon. Feb. 26 Office 9-2

Tues. Feb. 27 Office 9-2

Wed. Feb. 28 Office 9-2

11:00 Staff Meeting

3:00 Story Time —ARK

5:15 Fuel meal

6:00 Fuel Studies

6:00 Handbells

6:00 Youth

7:00 Choir

Thur. March 1 Office 9-2

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Issue of Our Daily Bread

Available at the Welcome Center

Please forward or copy to anyone you think might not get the email

Announcements

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covenantunitedmethodist@gmail.com



Most of us are anxious about the future of The United Methodist Church. We are not sure what it is going to look like in the next few years. The Commission on the Way Forward has been meeting over the last year and they have made a preliminary report to the Council of Bishops. There will be a district wide event to discuss the work of the Commission. Bishop Fairley and Julie Hagar Love will host the event on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 PM at Christ Church in Louisville. The event is for clergy and laity, therefore, please invite your laity to attend. There will also be a time for discussion, so plan to sit with the lay persons from your church. If you need childcare please reserve by calling the district office no later than February 1st at [\(502\) 491-7091](tel:5024917091).

Peace,

Gary R. Gibson
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Heartland District
Kentucky Conference UMC
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If you are interested in attending please sign up at the Welcome Center and we will carpool.

Thank You!

Some thoughts about Lent

So often, the question in church circles this time of year is "what are you giving up for lent?" Some choose to give up chocolate, sugar, social media, soft drinks, and the like. I read this article written by Craig Gates the other day and thought it worthy of sharing as we make those considerations this year for Lent.

"What to Give up for Lent"

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.



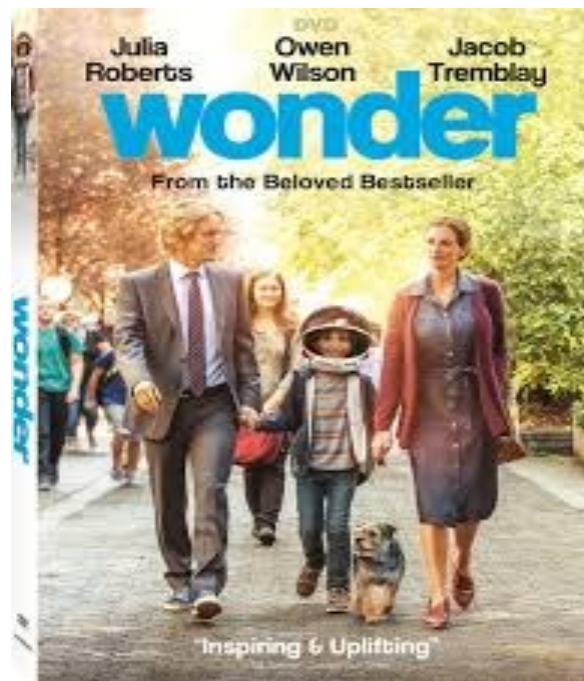
THE SEASON
OF LENT



Big Fish Presents:

“Date Night”

February 16th from 6:30-9:00 pm



Drop off your little ones to see a movie that tackles
the subject of Bullying.

Snacks will be provided.

Cindy Palacios 909-450-9145

F.U.E.L.

Fuel studies

Wed. Feb 7th

Meal 5:15

Classes at 6

If you would be interested in doing a class

We still have a few openings.

Dance, Stand, Run - Caitlin Gentry

The God-inspired moves of a Woman on
Holy Ground

Study By Jess Connolly

We have a few openings!





Home Run for Life - B J Markham

Living Life by God's Game Plan.

Some of the topics we will discuss are, how do you run the bases of life? Figure out what counts, and other Game plan topics.

Hope you will join us! **We still have a few openings!**

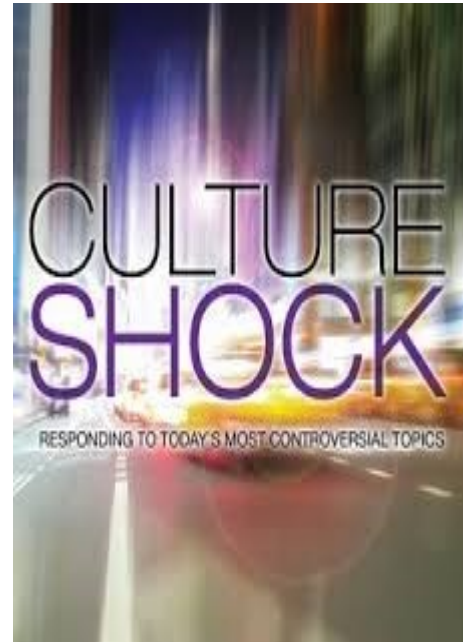
Study by - Kevin Myers

Culture Shock - Pastor Mike and Pastor Mel

Develop convictions in an age of confusion.

Study by Chip Ingram

This Class is full



Crazy Love - Marcy Bancroft

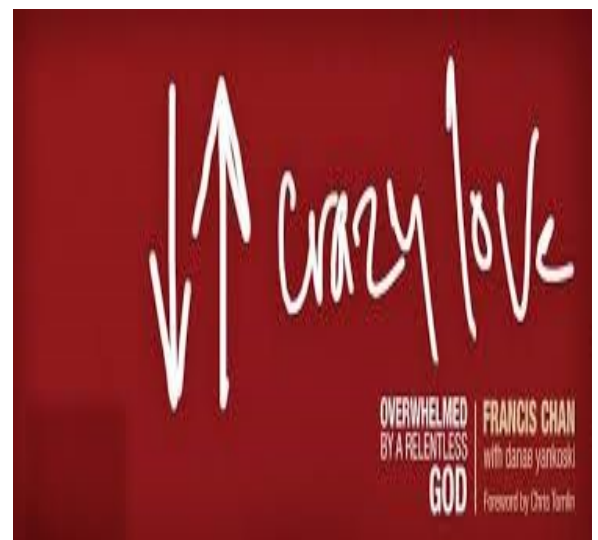
Crazy, relentless, All-Powerful

Love. Once you

encounter God's love you will never be the same

Study by Francis Chan

We Still have a few openings!



Covenant Tutoring Ministry

Covenant Tutoring Ministry exists to help students learn.

Does your child or grandchild:

Need to be retaught a subject

Need remedial help (reading, Math)

Need help organizing work

Need additional help

Need additional understanding

Need help but just won't let you help them

We Are:

Teachers

Retired Teachers

Educational Therapist 6 years

We have been working to help children learn for the past

We have helped students from Covenant and from our Community

If you would like more information, please contact:

Bob and Becky Fishback 502-222-8027





Are you ready for the Covenant

Annual Soup Sale??

This year the Soup Sale will benefit Blessings in a Backpack, so pick out your best recipes! We will pass out containers on;

Sunday, February 18,

and the sale will be

Sunday, February 25.





There is freedom here.

Covenant Riders Meeting has been changed to:

Thursday Feb 15th

6:30 Bob Evans, Springhurst

Just a reminder that Fees are due at this time and tell your friends that

There are still a few spots open for our trip!



Paige Weeks

Minister of Music

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CHOIR PRACTICE

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OUR

INTERIM MINISTER OF MUSIC

MELANIE WILLIAMS 843-252-4104

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Covenant Choir

&

Covenant Bells

Youth News....

Mattalias@mac.com

**Or you may reach Matt at
812-344-3258**



Attention High School Students:

Please join us for Sunday School

9:45 Second Floor, room 201

right outside the Elevator.

Covenant Preschool

(502) 222-9925

www.covenantumc.com



It's consignment sale time! Covenant United Methodist Preschool will be holding our biannual consignment sale **March 22-24th** We are **accepting clothing, toys and books and more.**

Please go to our **web page** below to **consign**, volunteer, or add yourself to future mailings.
<http://www.covenantumc.com> (preschool then consignment sale Spring/Summer)

Donations are being accepted thru March 18th and can be dropped in the preschool office.
If you have large items and need items picked up please call Linda Estes at the church office.

*******We are taking all in style clothing for the Spring/Summer sale!!*******

Consignment Sale Receiving

Monday March 19th 9 am to 2 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm
Tuesday March 20th 9 am to 2 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm

Consignment Sale Pre-sale sellers plus a friend

Wednesday March 21st 4 pm to 7 pm

Consignment Sale

Thursday March 22nd 9 am to 2 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm
Friday March 23rd 9 am to 2 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm

Consignment 1/2 price day Sale

Saturday, March 24th 8 am to 12 pm

Consignment Pick-up

Saturday, March 24th 1 pm to 1:30 pm

Do You Knit, Crochet, or Quilt???



Please join us for our Knitting Circle
Sunday Evenings 6:00
Contact Judy Withrow
502-727-9411
Or Brenda Gentry
502-552-7045



Mission Trip To Red Bird Conference March 1 - 4

Covenant Riders is hosting a trip to Eastern KY to help local churches with repairs. This is a 4-day trip, leaving Thursday March 1 after work to travel down that night, work all day Friday and Saturday, then travel back on Sunday after attending Church with Pastor Jim Savage.

We need help with volunteers to participate, donations to offset costs for materials and travel expenses, and prayers of support and encouragement for the mission team. Our goal is 20 volunteers and \$4,500 to cover costs, including:

- Build a Playset, fire pit and create a safe play area for kids
 - Costs for Wooden Gym: \$2,500
 - Steepleton's: Outback 5 (A) or Lion's Den (A) complete kit
 - Other materials for playground surface, fire pit and fence: \$1,000
- Repair the inside of a church including cutting pipe and repairing walls and ceilings
 - Costs for materials: \$500
- Travel costs for gas, food and miscellaneous: \$500
 - Does not include lodging **

Requested Funds:

- Cost per participant is \$100
- 20 volunteers @ \$100 = \$2,000
- Total Requested Funds: \$4,500 - \$2,000 = \$2,500

** Lodging is available on a "flexible" basis to include private homes, church recreation rooms, and camping – We are assuming we will not pay for accommodations.

What is Red Bird Missionary Conference?

The Red Bird Missionary Conference is one of three missionary conferences in the United States, the other two are: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and Alaska Missionary Conference. A missionary conference serves in an area where local resources cannot meet the needs; therefore mission support from the whole Church is necessary.

Red Bird Missionary Conference is located in the Southeastern Kentucky. It is the most comprehensive mission effort of The United Methodist Church in the United States, providing outreach and services that minister to the whole person (spiritual, physical, social, and economic). <http://www.redbirdconference.org/index.php>

For more information, or to discuss how you can assist with this mission trip, please contact: EagleRider

Joel Covenant Riders

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MARRIAGE EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER

January 2018 Newsletter from The Marriage Education and Resource Center (MERCY)



A Marriage Tip - Rebuilding Trust

If you need to rebuild trust in your relationship, the other person must have complete confidence in what you say and do going forward.

You must:

Be who you say you are

Always speak the truth

Always do what you say you'll do

Upcoming Marriage Events in and Around Our Area

XO Marriage Conference 2018 - February 9-10, 2018

Friday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The following local churches will be airing this simulcast:

Bethlehem Baptist Church

[5708 Preston Highway](#)

[Louisville, KY 40219](#)

Cost: \$17.00 + 1.50 (fee) = \$18.50

[To register or for additional information, click here](#)

Trinity World Outreach

[10307 Seatonville Road](#)

[Louisville, KY 40291](#)

Cost: \$17.00 + 1.50 (fee) = \$18.50

[To register or for additional information, click here](#)