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the COMPASS

“Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths.” Jeremiah 6:16

“Look for the Helpers . . .”

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It's not what I was going to write to you today. But given the recent events in Boston, I'm compelled to reflect with many of you on the impact of yet another act of violence. As was the case with the shooting in Newtown, MA, I find the most encouraging words to be those of our old friend, Mr. Rogers. In that gentle, pastoral voice of his, he would encourage us all in times like this to “Look for the helpers.”

In watching some of the video footage, some have pointed out the astonishing number of people caught on film **running toward the disaster**. Their first thought was not survival, safety or security, but “What can I do to help? How can I be of service?” It's that picture that gives me hope in the face of such darkness and violence. That's why I have hope for humanity in spite of some small piece of evidence to the contrary. Mostly, we are an awesome bunch, loving the world and loving each other.

I want to lift up and celebrate a few helpers around here. (Note the transition to what I intended to write about today). In making plans for my absence due to sabbatical this Summer, (June, July and August) we are drawing on the gifts and graces of some of our own very talented folks to make sure there is a dependable and consistent pastoral presence. Don Hiscox, Sarah Hughes and Susan Guy have agreed to serve in a variety of roles to provide a staff presence. Don and Sarah will each share preaching responsibilities. Don and Susan will share pastoral care responsibilities. And Sarah will provide a consistent presence in the office covering a number of administrative/pastoral duties.

They will each be paid an agreed upon stipend for their part-time work. Others have stepped forward to serve in a volunteer capacity.

Thank you all for your willingness to serve, offering with that same gesture:

“What can I do to help? How can I be of service?”

Grateful for the helpers all around. Peace, Paul Witmer

We are spiritual seekers working to grow in our love of God,
 deepening our connection to each other and
 sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

...journey in...deepening our connection



SPRING CLEAN UP

On **May 4, 2013**, there will be a clean up at the church!

- We will be raking chips, washing windows inside and outside.
- We will be laying bricks on the north side of the garage.
- We will be cleaning out the garage.
- We will be cleaning the grounds.
- If this sounds inviting to you, please come and join us.
- Bring a rake - Bring some gloves.
- Start time - 9 a.m.
- We will work until noon.

Thank you in advance for your participation!
 Questions – contact Margo Whiting or Ron Stookey

Stewards of the Earth Sunday

On **April 28**, Covenant Christian Church is hosting a combined Earth Day/Stewardship Sunday event geared toward our older youth. We have invited youth from Urbandale UCC, St. Stephens Lutheran Church, and Aldersgate United Methodist Church to join us.

We hope to see you there!

Newton – Christian Camp and Conference Center News

A lot is happening starting this year to replace the old swimming pool and 2 (maybe 3) new cabins and then a plan for future phases for additional growth projects at the conference center. The plan is called the "Our Path Together" and building will only happen as the money comes in (no loans, no debt). For more information on the program and how to help out, as well as the 2013 camp schedule and camp forms see Linda and Tom Small.

...journey out... sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

Birthday Quarters for Heifer International – Our Church Giving Acknowledged...

... and is now posted on the bulletin board --- Together, our Church family gave over **\$960 to Heifer International in 2012**. (...over \$530 was from Paul Witmer's fun birthday party). What a wonderful way to share the joy of your Birthday and those you honor (a quarter per year). Thank you.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand
 Paul Ratashak
 Shirlee Holmes
 Donna Wilcox
 Jo Sohn

NOTES & NEWS

- Dear Covenant Christian Church: Thank You so much for your gift of 3 hymnals. Our Easter service was glorious! We appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we heal and move forward. Sincerely, FCC, Owensboro, KY. *(Covenant sent them 3 hymnals in response to a plea following a fire which devastated their property.)*

Faith Sound in Worship May 5, 2013

We are happy to welcome Faith Sound, the group of young musicians who will lead worship on **May 5** as they have done in past years. We will join them with a potluck following worship. Please join us and bring a dish to share!

SPLASH Meals

Journey In Team is looking for five people to provide meals for every Wednesday in May: Kids' and Adult Splash on May 1 and 8 (30 people each night); and for Adult Splash on May 15 & 22 & 29 (15 people each night). **Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board** or let Sue Stookey know.

Camp 2013

Check out the bulletin board upstairs for info on summer camp. Covenant will help pay half of your registration if you're interested in going! Registration forms are in the church office. For more information, see Linda and Tom Small.



Senior Recognition Sunday

Senior Recognition Sunday will be **Sunday, May 19**, following worship. We will be celebrating the graduation of Tyrone Hastings and John Isaacson from high school this year.



May

BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Beck	5/8	Joanna Stookey Walker	5/17
Jonah Guy	5/18	Margo Whiting	5/21
Helen Heckert	5/23	Marty Martin	5/27
Don Hiscox	5/29	Jennifer Roberts	5/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Dale & Donna Schnorr	5/19
Bob & Donna Avaux	5/24
Paul & VeeAnn Cartwright	5/28