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 (Disciples of Christ)
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Financial Notes	
Aug. 19, 2012	Total Deposit \$3,181.40
Aug. 26, 2012	Total Deposit \$1,242.00
Sept. 2, 2012	Total Deposit \$5,587.00
Sept. 9, 2012	Total Deposit \$2,542.00
Sept. 16, 2012	Total Deposit \$976.00


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Attendance	
Sunday, Sept. 2	Worship 50
Sunday, Sept. 9	Worship 75
Sunday, Sept 16	Worship 45

The next newsletter will be mailed on
Wednesday, October 17, 2012
 Articles to be submitted by
Monday, October 15.



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

progress not perfection

“The point is, that we are willing to grow along spiritual lines. The principles we have set down are guides to progress. We claim spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection.”
Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 60

These lines from the rich treasury of the 12 step tradition remind me of the journey of faith we are on here at Covenant. When I ask people about change and transition at Covenant, what I generally hear is something like, *“We’re making progress. We’re not there yet, but there is progress.”*


And I’m reminded, *“progress* wisdom of the principles ap-laws and proposed changes in *“guides to progress.”* As instructive, but they are not more than once at our Revival, adjusted as needed over the tion.

Journey Team Meetings After Worship
 October 7: Physical Plant
 October 14: Journey Up
 October 21: Journey Out
 October 28: Journey In

not perfection.” I also think the plies here as well. The new by-organizational structure are, guides, they will be useful and ultimately definitive. As was said these details will be tweaked and coming months of implementa-

For now, please continue the journey by showing up for one of the team meetings to learn more about the unfolding shape of things, and more importantly, to offer your insight, ideas and vision to the way things can happen around here! Thanks for your work on the journey!

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 September 19,
 covenant
 christian
 church
 sunday
 worship
 10:00 a.m.


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

...journey in. . . deepening our connection
 to each other.

OUTREACH

Thank you for your participation in IHN and Meals for the Heartland!

August was a busy month for Outreach activities. Thank you for those that participated in the IHN week August 19th - 26th to prepare or serve a meal, tear down and return rooms to original status, stay overnight, do laundry or transport families.

The Meals for the Heartland Annual Hunger Fight was held on August 29th – August 31st. Three teams consisting of 19 congregation members completed shifts. In all, 47 boxes consisting of 1692 packaged meals were prepared by members of our teams. Way to go Covenant!

Reconciliation Ministry Offering 2012

Planting the Seeds of Hope is the theme for this year's Reconciliation Ministry Offering. Included is a little bit about the vision for this offering.

It is the vision of Reconciliation Ministry to build just communities by breaking down the walls within our church which separate us. We claim a new reality in which we live into God's realm by celebrating our unity, affirming the cultural traditions of each member of the body of Christ and working together for justice to ensure radical welcome and access to God's abundant resources. We envision a Church in which all communities are accountable to one another and God.

Please consider giving to the Reconciliation Ministry Offering through the envelope provided in your newsletter or during worship September 30th and October 7th.

CFUM Supper Club

It is Covenant's turn for CFUM Supper Club on Friday, October 5th. If you would like to help by preparing a casserole or serving the meal, please contact Dana Schock at mrmrsshock@msn.com or 334-5647. Ingredients for the casserole will be available for pickup in the Narthex following worship on September 30th.

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Poetry as Spiritual Practice

A Retreat with

Jim Autry

October 13, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Covenant Members: \$30.00

Join us in October as we welcome Jim Autry leading our next retreat exploring poetry as a spiritual tool. We'll have time for quiet reflection and sharing as Jim leads us through a day of poetry. Lunch is included.

Jim Autry is a former Fortune 500 corporate executive, author, speaker, and poet. His eleventh book, Choosing Gratitude; Learning to Love the Life You Have, was published in June 2012.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand
 Paul Ratashak
 Shirlee Holmes

Notes and News

- We are happy to welcome **Sarah Hughes** as our new Education Coordinator. Sarah will be working about 10 hours a week developing programs for children and youth.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** is back in full swing. We will be studying the book of Acts through the fall. Join us **Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Journey Teams** will meet on a rotating basis following worship through October. Feel free to sit in on team meetings to learn more about the new ministry plans at Covenant.

Route 66

Two Shows!
October 5-6

Buy your tickets (\$15 each) and **sell** more tickets so we can have two sell out performances of this great, family friendly show featuring lots of great music.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. both nights. Contact Kristin Warwick for more information: 515.205.4852.

SAVE THE DATE!



Open House **Couples**
 Wedding Shower!
 For Megan Wharff &
 Nicholas Kavanaugh

Saturday, October 20, 2-4 pm
 Covenant Christian Church,
 Urbandale IA

Please contact Donna Rusk if you can help with the shower—provide desserts, decorate, etc.



October

BIRTHDAYS

Derek Nash	10/2	Don Kavanaugh	10/3
Corby Roberts	10/3	Dale Schnoor	10/5
Paul Cartwright	10/9	Max Pauley	10/11
Joe Nash	10/12	Deanna Hart	10/13
Howard Sohn	10/13	Gwen Graham	10/15
Gale Holmes	10/16	Shirlee Holmes	10/18
Anne Twombly	10/21	John Isaacson	10/26
Julie McClatchey	10/31	Paul Ratashak	10/31