

**July 27**

Open/Close Church	Hal Rusk
Provide Bread	Ray & Helen Heckert
Comm. Preparation	Olin & Jane Shane
Greeters	Gretchen Pope
	Susan Guy
	Addison Chambers
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Diaconate	Hal Rusk
	Susan Guy
	Jay Sohn
	Erin Hiscox
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Chris McAtee 669-2025

**August 3**

Open/Close Church	
Provide Bread	
Comm. Preparation	
Greeters	Carolyn Ratashak
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Diaconate	Marsha Ratashak
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	
Sunday School Teacher	Lynn Heuss
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3
Christmas In July	Office Closed	Paul Returns	Centering Prayer 12:00-12:30 p.m.	Bike Night 5:30 p.m.	CFUM Supper	Men's Group 8:00 a.m.  Shofar 3-10 p.m.	Summer of Love: Beatles Celebration  Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m.

*Our flowers are given by Beverly Beck in memory of her husband, Glen.*

**Financial Notes**  
July 20, 2014  
Total Deposit \$3,300.00

# covenant christian church



july 27, 2014

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.

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come journey together...

July 27, 2014  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

**A WORD OF WELCOME**

(Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.)

**PRELUDE** “Joy to the World” Handel/arr Wolaver

**\*GATHERING HYMN #490** “Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Don Hiscox

**A fish cannot drown in water,  
A bird does not fall in air.**

In the fire of its making,  
Gold doesn't vanish:

**The fire brightens.**

Each creature God made

Must live in its own true nature;

**How could I resist my nature,**

**That lives for oneness with God?**

*(from the writings of Mechtild of Magdeburg, 13<sup>th</sup> c.)*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Let us welcome one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Don Hiscox

**\*PRAYER THROUGH SONG #490 verse 1**

**Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** “Gesu Bambino” Martens/Yon

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG** “Christmas in July”

*(Please join us in supporting the local food pantry with your gifts.)*

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** Luke 11:27-28 pg. 73

Don Hiscox

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

**MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD** “Surrender: Opening to Grace” Sarah Hughes

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #130** “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

(We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence.

If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.)

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING

Don Hiscox

COMMUNION PRAYER

Erin Hiscox

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY “Believe” (from Polar Express) Ballard/Silvestrine

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift of communion and make your gift in response.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT** “Canticle of the Turning” (see insert)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Joy to the World” Handel/arr Hayes

*Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.*

**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister  
Judith Henry, Music Director**