

September 6

Bring Bread & Prepare	
Communion	VeeAnn Cartwright
Greeter	Sue Courtney
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Donna Rusk
Deacons	Drue Cavanaugh Hal Rusk Lynn Heuss
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean	Donna Rusk
Fellowship Refreshments	Donna Rusk
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk

September 13

Bring Bread & Prepare	
Communion	
Greeter	Carolyn Ratashak
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Deacons	Tom Small Linda Small Linda Yeoman
Communion Prayer	Drue Cavanaugh
Fellowship Set Up/Clean	Lynn Heuss
Fellowship Refreshments	Lynn Heuss
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk

Sept. 6	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13
Adult SS 8:45 a.m.	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Congregational Gathering 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Book Club 11:30 a.m. 11th Step Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Friday 6:30 p.m.		Adult SS <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Family Promise With UCC <u>through Sept. 20</u> Family Fellowship at Conf. Center 4-7:00 p.m.

Becoming a Church of Welcome and Grace
Wednesday, September 9
The Theology of Welcome and Grace
Wednesday, September 16
The Picture of Welcome and Grace
Wednesday, September 23
The Practice of Welcome and Grace

Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and conversation and exploration to follow.

<u>Financial Notes</u>	
August 30, 2015	
Total Deposit	\$482.00



Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

covenant christian church



september 6, 2015

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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September 6, 2015
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.
Please see the video slideshow for announcements of upcoming events at Covenant.)

PRELUDE *“All Things Bright and Beautiful” 17th Century Melody*

***OPENING HYMN #464** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

***GATHERING PRAYER (Responsive)**

Donna Rusk

O God, your word tells me that,
whatever my hand finds to do, I must do it with all my might.
**Help me today to concentrate with my whole attention on whatever
I am doing, and keep my thoughts from wandering and my mind
from straying.**

When I am studying, help me to study with my whole mind.

When I am playing, help me to play with my whole heart.

Help me to do one thing at a time, and to do it well.

This I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(William Barclay)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Donna Rusk

Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER (Sung, #307)**

**Our Father, which 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 our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 THROUGH MUSIC *“Better is One Day”* Redman

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD **Mark 12:28-34** pg. 49 Donna Rusk

LOVING-KINDNESS MEDITATION

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD **“Practicing Self-Compassion”** Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #501 *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

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

Donna Rusk

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY *“I Will Sing of the Mercies”* Filmore/arr Leatherman

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 #261** *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

***POSTLUDE** *“Peace Like a River”* arr Keveren

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following worship. (Upstairs)

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

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.