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Total Deposit	Dec. 16, 2012	\$3,976.09
Total Deposit	Dec. 23, 2012	\$10,669.00
Total Deposit	Dec. 24, 2012	\$1,327.00
Total Deposit	Dec. 30, 2012	\$1,310.00
Total Deposit	Jan. 6, 2013	\$4,100.00
Total Deposit	Jan. 13, 2013	\$3,654.00

Attendance

Sunday, Dec. 16	Worship 51
Sunday, Dec. 23	Worship 70
Sunday, Dec. 30	Worship 30
Sunday, Jan. 6	Worship 41
Sunday, Jan. 13	Worship 33
Sunday, Jan. 20	Worship 49

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Visitors

Dorothy Small
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The next newsletter will be mailed on
Wednesday, February 20. Articles to
be submitted by Monday, February 18.

the COMPASS

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

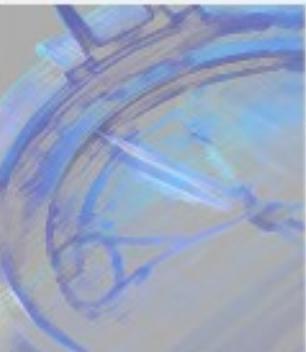
the lengthening journey

We are approaching the season of Lent in our liturgical calendar. Did you know we get the word “Lent” from an old word (lencten) which means lengthen? The word is used in reference to the gradual lengthening of the days as we approach the Spring Equinox around which Easter is centered each year. So, welcome to the lengthening journey of Lent where we can welcome more and more light into our lives with each day.

We have several ways to welcome the light in our journey of faith at Covenant, and I invite you to use these tools for the journey that you travel!

Weekly Lenten gatherings begin February 6 which will include adult Bible Study opportunities as well as a fellowship meal. (See inside for more details)

Our retreat ministry has two retreats that should invite and encourage you on the journey. **February 9** offers an opportunity to learn more about the ancient practice of praying the scriptures called “*Lectio Divina*.” This ancient practice has gained great popularity among modern disciples because of its contemplative way of entering scripture. And our **March 9** retreat is already proving to be a popular one with 15 pre-registrations. This will be a dynamic day blending spiritual practice with creativity featuring visiting artist Melanie Weidner, MDiv from New Mexico. I hope you will consider lengthening your faith journey with us this season!



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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 up. . . to grow in our love of God.

Intergenerational Lenten Study and Fellowship! Beginning February 6 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Join us for an opportunity to explore our faith and gather for table fellowship on Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning early this year on February 6. We'll begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study for adults and separate learning activities for kids.



Don Hiscox will be leading the Adult Bible Study with a discussion of the book, The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominick Crossan. This book takes a close look at the events of Holy Week leading up the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Books are currently available for purchase at the church for \$11.00.

This kids will be invited to share learning activities separately following the shared meal together.

If you are able to volunteer to provide a meal, please see the sign up schedule at church. We are scheduled to meet each Wednesday, beginning **February 6** and concluding on **March 20**. (seven weeks)

Looking Around for God (LAG)

Thursday, February 21, 6:00 p.m.

Our next LAG outing is scheduled to meet at **Felix and Oscars West**, 4801 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. Childcare will be provided at the church. Come join us for a meal out with stimulating conversation about life and faith!

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

Sharing Brings Joy...

Together, our Church family gave over \$850 to **Week of Compassion** in 2012. Can you imagine what it would be like to never give? Never reach out, lend a hand, or give of oneself? Through **Week of Compassion**, we experience the joy of giving not only because it is a blessing, but also because our offerings literally change lives. By giving to those who suffer and are in need, we give back to God.

God created a world where there is more than enough. In the sharing of our resources, we put our faith into action. We transform lives. We offer courageous compassion with our gift --- and whatever it is, brings joy to our God.

We plan to collect our offerings for **Week of Compassion** on **Sundays; February 17 and 24** to experience this Joy of Giving.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand
 Paul Ratashak
 Shirlee Holmes
 Karen Hart

NOTES & NEWS

- We are pleased to welcome **Susan Guy** into the fellowship of Covenant Christian Church, she transferred her membership from Highland Park CC on **December 9**.
- Many thanks to the Lair family for sharing the beautiful **Manger scene** that inspired us in worship throughout Advent and Christmas!
- We share our prayers of support and sympathy with **Jane Shane's** family upon the death of her mother **Katherine Vincent**.
- Thank you all for the wonderful and generous Christmas gift this year. It was especially nice to take to Disney and share with my kids on our family trip this year! Thank You, **Paul Witmer**
- Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness - **Betty Lou Lundy**

POWER BREAKFAST

Interested in helping a young person to master reading? If so, ask Hal Rusk about **Power Breakfast** at **CFUM**.

Through **Power Breakfast**, volunteer reading mentors visit a student for one breakfast period each week. **Power Breakfast** was created in partnership with Children and Family Urban Ministries (CFUM) and takes place on Wednesday mornings from 7:00 – 8:00 AM at the CFUM location (1548 8th Street, Des Moines).

Don't have time to volunteer, **Power Breakfast** always needs new or gently used (1-2 years) books for K through 6th grade.



February

BIRTHDAYS

Merlene Dickinson	2/2	Jerry Warwick	2/5
Drue Cavanaugh	2/9	Andy Sohn	2/10
Jackie Benson	2/11	Lori McCurdy	2/13
Cassie Burden	2/14	Linda Yeoman	2/17
Jay Sohn	2/22	Tommie Warwick	2/23
Dana Etzel-Wharff	2/26		