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Attendance
Sunday, Apr. 22 Worship 57
Sunday, Apr. 29 Worship 49
Sunday, May 6 Worship 57
Sunday, May 13 Worship 56

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*The next newsletter will be mailed on
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the COMPASS

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

setting the table in new places . . .

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You'll see that the theme for this year's Pentecost Offering is "**Setting the Table in New Places.**" What an awesome thing that is...to think of ways to set the Lord's Table in new places. Here, it refers more specifically to supporting the ministry of new church plants and helping the denomination to think in ways that reach new generations of Christians.

But I read these words and think to myself, "Why let them have all the fun?" What if we joined the dreamers and schemers in coming up with ways to set the table in new places? What would it look like for Covenant to set the table in new places...in Urbandale, Des Moines or beyond?

And what exactly are we talking about here? Worship with communion? Soup kitchens and food pantries that feed the hungry? Offering a ministry of radical hospitality in the world?

Consider this an extension of last month's newsletter with an invitation to dream together around the ministries of, "What If." What if we take our worship, education and other ministries of care and spiritual growth outside the doors of Covenant Christian Church and set the table, spread the feast, offer hope, change lives, shape dreams and create futures!

Notice that's not a question but an exclamation! I invite you to get serious about dreaming and scheming with me now. Let's set the table in new places.

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



**Kids and Dads
 Campout
 June 15-16**

Join us for the 2nd annual kids and dads campout, June 15-16.

We'll head back to Saylorville for camping and Big Creek for some boating and water recreation—weather permitting! Check in with Paul Witmer if you are interested and available for the overnight excursion!

**Vacation Bible School
 July 23-27
 "No Friend Like Jesus"**

Mark your calendars and be sure to watch for a sign-up sheet to help, lead or participate in Vacation Bible School, 2012 with Urbandale UCC! Each night begins with supper and includes activities, crafts and worship for all ages, preschool through adult!

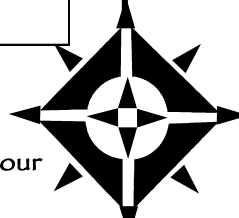
...journey in...deepening our connection to each other

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand
 Paul Ratashak
 Shirlee Holmes
 Cleo McDonald

Notes and News

- Covenant's **Book Club** will meet Thursday, **June 14**, at **11:30 a.m.** Book to discuss is Caleb's Crossing.
- Thanks to **Geoff Wall** for preaching on May 27.
- Save the date! **Vacation Bible School: July 23-27**.
- School for Congregational Learning: **August 25th**, West Des Moines Christian Church.
- Many **thanks** to all the **teachers** and **volunteers** for another great year of **SPLASH** providing learning and fellowship activities for Covenant kids!



...journey out...sharing with the world our



This year's Pentecost motto, "**Setting the Table in New Places**" reminds each of us we are called to take the table to places in our society that don't currently have a Disciples witness. For the past 12 years, the **Pentecost Offering** has been in place to support the planting of new churches. During the period of time God has used the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to start more than 730 new churches who have reached more than 45,000 people for Christ. The **Pentecost Offering** helps support these new churches - half stays in the region where we live and half goes to the general new church office to fund the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church pastors, spouses and core team members. **Pentecost Offering** will be **accepted** on **May 20th** and **May 27th**. Together we take the Table that means so much to us to people who have not yet eaten from the loaf and sipped from the cup.

CFUM Supper Club

It is again getting close to the next **CFUM Supper Club**. We are scheduled to serve the Supper Club evening meal on **Friday, June 1st**. The need is great, we served over 120 adults and children in April. Look for the sign-up sheet during worship on May 20th. There will be opportunities to bake casseroles or cookies, serve the meal, or transport goods. Casserole ingredients will be available for pick-up during worship on Sunday, May 27th (Memorial Day weekend).



June

BIRTHDAYS

Garin Hoover	6/1	Adam Isaacson	6/3
Karen Vroman	6/5	Linda Small	6/8
Rachel Ratashak	6/10	Morgan Hoover	6/11
Brad Lair	6/12	Grant Denny	6/13
Megan Wharff	6/14	Shelby Warwick	6/17
Dana Schock	6/17	Tammy Lair	6/20
Don Twombly	6/26	Donna Wilcox	6/26
Katie Pauley	6/27	Kristin Warwick	6/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Hal & Donna Rusk	6/4
Colin & Breanna Young	6/5
Jerry & Wanda Bane	6/15
Don & Drue Cavanaugh	6/15
Dan & Pat Murray	6/17
Jerry & Tommie Warwick	6/17
Ron & Sue Stookey	6/21
Joe & Gwena Nash	6/21
Dave & Dana Etzel-Wharff	6/29

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