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Announcing an October Sermon Series:
"Water, Water, Everywhere?"

This past summer I was blessed once again to attend a week at the Chautauqua Institute. The weekly theme was, "Water Matters." When I first learned that was the theme for week I admit I wasn't all that sure that the worship, lectures, music, etc would be all that interesting. I couldn't have been more wrong. The daily science lectures were presented by a series of National Geographic photographers, scientists and journalists...teaching us, reminding us and cautioning us about what it means to be good stewards of this important natural resource...and it was all wonderfully refreshing!

The inter-faith presenters also taught us so much about the reverence and importance of water to some of the world religions. And the daily preaching about the role water plays in our own Christian tradition was presented by one of my favorite preachers/writers, Barbara Brown Taylor. What a mind-stretching/mind-blowing week it turned out to be!

Every time I drive out of the Chautauqua gate at the close of my week, I always want to be able to share all that I learned and experienced with each of you. Realistically I know this is nearly impossible. But the few weeks after my return home, I still couldn't let it go...

So, because of the impact of "Water Matters" has had on me, I decided one way to do this was to share some of my week with you through a sermon series on Water found in two stories from the Hebrew Testament and two stories found in John's gospel...

"Water, Water, Everywhere?"

Sunday, October 7 World Communion Day/CROP Walk

"The Call of the Deep" Genesis 1: 1-10 In the beginning was the water

Sunday, October 14

"River Water" Exodus 2: 1-10 Infant Moses drawn out of the water

Sunday, October 21

"Well Water" John 4: 1-5 Jesus meets the Woman at the Well

Sunday, October 28

"Basin Water" John 13: 1-9 Jesus washes the feet of his Disciples

Come, "Dive Deep" with me as we explore God's refreshing gift of life-giving/life-sustaining/life-saving water through some of our most meaningful stories of scripture

Blessings, Rev. Joanne

From The Moderator:

Thanksgiving isn't for another month (thank goodness!), but I am feeling especially thankful these days, so I am trying to cultivate an attitude of thanks-giving everyday. Some days I'm more successful than others!

Of course, as the source of all we are and all we have, I thank God for all the ways God continues to provide for us. With more than we need and pretty much everything we want, we are truly, truly blessed.

But I am also reminded that we owe each other some gratitude, too. And as we look toward the end of 2012 and begin to build the 2013 budget, I think it's time we give ourselves a big pat on the back. So, on behalf of your church family, ministers, staff, and greater church and community, let me express deep gratitude to each of you....

- Because of your generosity with your God-given resources, our deficit at the end of August was about \$3000 rather than the projected \$9000. Thank you!
- You have been faithful in attending and inviting people to worship, building a stronger sense of community in our congregation and expanding our ministry in ways we may never fully know. Thank you!
- Our congregation continues to give generously to Disciples Mission Fund, with gifts of over \$12,000 so far this year supporting higher education, leadership ministries, and regional and national ministries and outreach. Thank you
- Our outreach is not limited to the greater church. From Week of Compassion to school supplies to donations of food to caring for each other, you continue to live out the true meaning of Christ-like living in taking care of others. Thank you!
- And, on a personal note, you allow me to serve alongside you as moderator for this wonderful community of faith. It is truly an honor to be in ministry with you. Thank you!

Darla Baldwin, Moderator

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Disciples 101!

Sundays 10a Beginning This Sunday September 30

And October 7 & 14!

Want to learn more about who we are as The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and how we "do Church" here at Covenant? All interested members and guests are invited to meet together in the choir area at the front of the Sanctuary at 10a for these fun & informative sessions led by Rev. VerBurg. Sunday School for Youth, Children (3yrs-5th grade) and the Nursery for infants & toddlers are available. Hope to see you there!

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Dedication of 2013 Estimate of Giving Cards

This Sunday, September 30

9a & 11a

As we **VISUALIZE ABUNDANCE** as individuals and as this faith community, we can readily see how blessed we are; knowing that all that we have is a gift of God's grace offered to each of us. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider sharing out of your abundance so that through Covenant's ministries we may continue to be faithful to God's vision for us. If you haven't already submitted your Estimate of Giving card, please bring it to 9a or 11a worship this Sunday. If you are unable to be with us this week, you can mail it to the church office or send it to the secure email: cccsteward@gmail.com

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So, What about That Pictorial Directory??

After over a year of work, we have learned that Olan Mills has been purchased by Life Touch Photography and has declined to complete our photo directory after having lost our information approximately six months ago. While we are sorry to have to report that the Olan Mills directory will not come to pass, please be assured that there are other options being explored. Stay tuned, and thanks for your patience!

"Amazing Grays" Luncheon

Thursday, October 18, 11:30a

Mahoney's Iris Pub

Corner of Tryon Rd & Cary Pkwy, facing Tryon

RSVP Church Office by October 15

Let's Clean Up Our Act!
Fall Property Ministry Clean-Up Day
Saturday, October 6 - 7:30a-Noon

The Property Ministry invites you to help us get the grounds looking great for the fall. Come out for just a little time or a lot any time from 7:30 AM until Noon. There's so much to be done to make it all look beautiful but more than that, to increase once again, our visibility from the Parkway.

Some of the items on which we plan to focus our efforts include:

- Cutting any new growth that has come up in the buffer area along Cary Parkway.
- Cleaning up The Garden
- Trimming bushes along the drive.
- Pulling any weeds in the natural areas.
- Cleaning out the area where the pipe goes under the parking lot.
- Hauling any cuttings into the woods at the end of the parking lot.

From that list, you can see the things you may need to bring. They include:

- Hedge trimmers
- Pruning saws
- Loppers
- Rakes
- Gloves
- Spades
- Weed Eater

If you would rather work on the inside of the building, there will be indoor projects too!
Questions? Call Dick Reaves at 919-467-7712. *Dick Reaves, Property Ministry Co-Chr.*

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Announcing a New Small Group: Job Seekers Support Group

Don Brooks & Tim Stiles are excited about forming and leading a support group for those who are currently seeking employment. It's a great opportunity to meet other job-seekers and to gather strength from them; compile and share resumes; practice with mock interviews; and to know that there are many others who walk this path with you. Job Seekers Support Group (JSSG) meets the 1st & 3rd Monday evenings at 7p at the church. The group is open to any and all among us and we welcome any friends and acquaintances outside of Covenant members & guests.

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Diversity Lunch Bunch

Just like the return of your favorite television programs, the Diversity Lunch Bunch begins again with its monthly lunch plans. We will begin meeting again on the first Sundays of each month from now thru May, 2013. Plan now to join with us Sunday, October 7. Please look for Nancy Jones on Sunday, October 7 to converge and choose a favorite spot to have lunch after 11a worship.

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It's That Time Again...Time for the NC State Fair!

Over the past couple of decades Covenant members & friends have helped our sister congregation, St. Paul's Christian Church (DoC) in Raleigh staff their restaurant booth at the NC State Fair: October 11-21. It's part of our fund-raising efforts and Covenant receives income for every person and work shift filled. All Adults, Youth & Children (10-12yrs accompanied by an adult) are invited to fill one or more of the shifts at this full-service restaurant offering Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. It's a lot of fun getting to know our friends at St. Paul's as we work together helping with food prep and cooking; serving the meals; taking orders; washing dishes; bussing tables, etc. You receive a free entrance pass for your efforts. Consider working a shift and attending the Fair before or after your shift.

Want to help? Contact the church office: 919-481-4715 or covenantch@bellsouth.net or go directly to: www.stpauls.net and click the picture link at the bottom of the welcome page. Remember to type COVENANT in the MY COMMENT box when you sign up for a morning, mid-day or evening shift.

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Welcome to our Newest Members:

Fred (Rita) Cabbage who united with us Sunday, September 2: 1025 Kingsway Dr; Apex, NC 27502; 919-363-8928. Ted Glasener is their Elder.

Bettyann Christopher who united with us Sunday, September 9: 136 Chatham Wood Dr, Cary, 27511; 919-624-3900. Rocio Anderson is her Elder.

Please extend a warm Covenant welcome to Fred, Rita & Bettyann.

Our love & prayers are with: Patricia Mills & family in the recent death of her sister-in-law, Ola May Palmer; **Kevin McHarg** & family in the recent death of his aunt's husband...**Kim & Bill Rivers** & family in the recent death of Kim's aunt, Geneva Strickland.

Recent: Bettyann Christopher; Elgin Fry now at home; Bettyann Christopher's granddaughter, Annabella

Continuing Prayers: The Grennan Family; Jeff Miller; Paul Kessel...the continuing unrest & violence throughout the Middle East...

At Home: Ann Messick; Deb Nystrom; Larry Monteith; Vicky Vanderford...

Family: Kathy Smith; **Mothers:** Jeremy Hopkins; Ann Hall; Don Brooks; Vicky Vanderford. **Father:** Debbie Miller;

Daughter: Maryanna Myers; **Brother:** Joe Busby; **In-Laws:** Renié Palmer; **Grandmother:** Vicki Wilkinson;

Grandfathers: David Williams; Jasmine & James Cowan. **Grandchildren:** Cathy Teague; The Hoffman's;

Sally Shelly; **Sister:** Patricia Cadle. **Aunts:** Jeff Miller; Patricia Mills; Cathy Downs; Marilyn Williams;

Uncles: Jeff Miller; Angie Ballard; Marilyn Williams; **Niece:** Misty Mowrey. **Great Nieces:** Betsy Mebane;

Nancy Jones; **Nephews:** Stelmack; Misty Mowrey. **Great-Nephew:** Barishes. **Cousins:** Jennifer Beaufort; Jerry Hall; Mary Lou Jackson;

Remembering Others: Westbrook family; Theodore Harvey; Joey Ernst; Brian Storck; Connie Johnston & mother; Andy Waldrop; Revs. Raye & Daniel Feltner-Kapornyai; Rev. Patricia Talley; Crumpton family; Loretta Ramos; Becky Baker; Leary family; Boyd Lawrence; Pat Davis; Taylor Robinson; Hudson Mimplitch; Ryan Woodyard; Ron Walters; Jacob Stallings; Suzanne Newell; General & Regional Church Leaders; DoC new church starts...

Our Current Financial Information

YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL:

General Fund Contributions through August 31	\$130,299
Fundraisers and Other Income through August 31	<u>10,558</u>
Total Income through August 31	\$140,857
Total Expenses through August 31	<u>\$144,123</u>
Balance as of August 31	\$ (3,266)
Lazy Days Net Gain	\$ 4291.25

Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Contact Kathy Smith: 363-6313 or ekathys@gmail.com



Covenant's SCRIp Update

We had several households make their first purchases during the month of September - thank you! As of the end of September, we have earned over \$1500 with the SCRIp program. Don't forget to check out the SCRIp poster. It has up-to-date information on what retailers are running specials, new or discontinued retailers, how much Covenant has earned, and ideas on how you can participate in the SCRIp program. With schools back in session and the holiday season approaching, many retailers are offering specials so keep checking the display board for the latest information.

Even though it is only October, it is not too early to start planning Christmas presents and how you could use SCRIp to help with those gifts. Travelling for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Don't forget that gas stations, hotel chains, airlines, and rental car companies also participate in the SCRIp program. And double check your calendar for those October and November birthdays and anniversaries. You can place an order with the SCRIp volunteers located in the hallway across from the office after either service on Sunday or you can purchase SCRIp from one of our 16 retailers that we keep in inventory each week. If you place an order, it is available to be picked up by the next Sunday. The SCRIp volunteers are also available to answer any questions you may have about the program in general, about the online portion of the SCRIp program, how you specifically can participate, or to help you check to see what retailers participate in the program and in what denominations. You can also contact Robin Miller, Covenant's SCRIp Coordinator at doghowse@msn.com or 919-852-3986. *Robin Miller, SCRIp Coordinator*

Women's Ministry News

Bible Study For Women

Several of the women of Covenant have expressed an interest in an evening Bible study and we find that the Office of Disciples Women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis, IN has produced a study resource called "Just Women." The study for this year focuses on **the New Testament books of 1 and 2 Peter, 1-3 John and Jude** and is titled: "Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles."

These letters were written:

- To be shared and read aloud in early Christian communities.
- To teach us what it means to live in community.
- To teach us what it means to belong to the household of God.

These letters were meant to inspire and comfort the faithful in first-century Asia Minor, and they continue to speak to us today as we grapple with how to live in community as disciples of Christ.

The monthly study will start mid-October and last for nine sessions.

Please reply to kdnolan@bellsouth.net by October 1 if you are interested and choose your 1st and 2nd choice for evenings that best fit your schedule:

_____ Sunday

_____ Monday

_____ Tuesday

_____ Wednesday

Thursday (will not be an option as it is choir rehearsal night)

_____ Friday

_____ Saturday

Karen will call you the first week of October to discuss the chosen date, and the time and place for the study. If you have further questions feel free to call Karen Nolan at 919-467-4507.

Annual Fun-D Raising Day! Covenant's Craft Sale; Bake Sale & (Possible) BBQ Lunch Saturday, November 10 - 8:30a to 2:00p

Our September Women's Ministry Breakfast and Crafting went so well that we already have more than two dozen items for our craft sale! **Won't you please add to our display of Covenant's talent?** Here are some suggestions on how you can help make one of our important annual fund raising events most successful.

Sign up to help! Email Nancy Jones at covenantccwomen@yahoo.com or contact the church office. If you can't craft or bake, we still need you! Here's how:

- **Setting up the sanctuary** – starting Sunday, November 3rd and concluding on Friday, November 9. Chairs will need to be stacked and tables will need to be assembled for the crafts and baked goods.
- **Craft items and works of art** – such as knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidery, wood working, jewelry, cross stitch, items for the home, garden, office – use your imaginations!
- **Baked goods** – we will need cakes, pies, cookies (bagged by dozen/half dozen), cupcakes, candies (bagged and ready for sale), and breads.
- **Cashiers and hosts;**
- **Clean up crew** – the "Market Place" will need to turn back into our beloved sanctuary by Sunday morning, and your help will be so appreciated, especially by those who have worked the sale all day.

If we also have the BBQ chicken luncheon that day, we will need more volunteers – people who enjoy cooking, and people who are willing to make deliveries of boxed lunches for businesses. There will be more information to come, so please watch your Sunday bulletins, home emails, and next month's newsletter.

Nancy Jones, Women's Ministry Coordinator

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Disciples Men Beginning Fall Programs

**Our next Saturday morning breakfast will be September 29 at the church at 8:15 AM.
Plans for our Fall study program will be presented.**

We have also committed to purchasing new lightweight circular and rectangular tables for the church. We also sent a card and gift to Camilla Mills celebrating with her as she received her white coat at the annual White Coat ceremony at Morehouse Medical School in Atlanta, on September 21. Congratulations to one of our longtime members making a career for herself.

Ted Glasener - Pres.

Bob Kennel - Sec.

Outreach Ministry News

Reconciliation Offering to be Received Sundays September 30 & October 7

The theme of the Reconciliation offering this year is "Planting the Seeds of Hope." The offering will be collected on Sunday, October 7. "We are reminded in Romans 5 that our hope is in God, who gave us the good news in Jesus Christ. It is this Good News that we proclaim in the witness and ministry of Reconciliation." (Reconciliation Moment for Mission) Please prayerfully consider the amount of your gift and place in the special offering envelopes inside the Sunday bulletins on October 7.

Feeding the Hungry...

Urban Ministries of Wake County Food Bank

We continue our effort to feed the hungry in Wake County and the surrounding area. Please remember to pick up a few of the following items EVERY WEEK to put in the food baskets in the entryway:

- Canned meats: tuna, chicken;
- Canned fruits; Canned vegetables (NO green beans/NO corn)
- Canned soups; Canned beans (black, kidney, pinto)
- Breakfast cereals; grits; Powdered or boxed milk;
- Dried beans; Mac & cheese; Peanut butter and jelly; Pasta: dry and canned pasta meals; Rice;
- Juice; juice boxes

Dorcas Ministries Food Pantry

In addition to the continuing need for Urban Ministries food items, there is also a great need for food and hygiene items by Christian Community in Action's Dorcas Ministries located right here in Cary. Beginning the first Sunday in October, we will begin collecting hygiene items for, men and women (soap, deodorant, shampoo etc. Please place your donated items in the basket in the entryway marked DORCAS MINISTRY. Thanks for your continued support of these outreach efforts.

CROP Walk

The CROP Walk is fast approaching...Sunday October 7 beginning at 2p. All Covenant Walkers will gather at 1:30p at Christ the King Lutheran Church: 600 Walnut St. & Tanglewood Cary. We've got 11 Walkers—the most in a very long time! We appreciate everyone's generosity as you continue to give, give, give and walk, walk, walk!

Upcoming Event

Angel Tree

Can you believe it??? Fall is upon us and before you know we will be celebrating Christmas. As always, we will be supporting the Angel Tree this year. We will be asking you to pick your Angel(s) in early November. So...Get Ready !

SERRV Info...

We will be placing a wholesale order on Oct. 10 with delivery at our Fall Craft Fair on Nov. 4. If you're interested in ordering any items, please go to www.serrv.org and view their catalog, then either call (919-387-0737) or email (stiles.becky@gmail.com) Becky Stiles to order. All items will be discounted by 25% and if we can get a \$250 order, there will not be any shipping charges. It's a great way to get some early holiday shopping done while at the same time helping to build sustainable communities around the world. Thanks for your support of this worthwhile cause.

May you be filled with God's love and grace...Renée Palmer, Outreach Chr.



TRUNK OR TREAT!

Are you ready for a treat? On October 28th @ 4:30 PM, Covenant will be hosting it's annual Trunk Or Treat! Join us in your best Halloween costume and enjoy hot dogs, games, tattoos, CANDY, raffle(s), a cake walk, hit the minister with a pie contest, & of course TRUNK or TREATING! You won't want to miss this event – bring your friends, neighbors, & family members for a night of family-friendly fun.



***hot dogs, chips, drink, & dessert - \$3 per person (or \$10 per families of 4 or more)**

***Cheesecake Raffle Tickets - \$1 per ticket**

***Cake Walk Tickets - \$1 per ticket**

***Smash The Minister In The Face With A Pie Ticket - \$500 per ticket**
(Actually they are only \$.50 – but I think they should be \$500)

For more information regarding this event, please contact the church office or email Randy @ randy-ccc@bellsouth.net.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS..

On Saturday October 27th, we need YOUR help! Covenant's CYF (High School Youth) will be holding a Fall Fundraiser to raise money for our Summer 2013 Mission Trip! This year we are "FOR HIRE". Do you have any chores around the house that need attention or a garage that needs cleaning out? Do you anticipate having to rake leaves or yard work? If so, let us know – we can help! 100% of the earnings will assist our youth with their upcoming mission trip. For more information please contact Randy @ (919) 368-2428 or email him at randy-ccc@bellsouth.net Mark your calendars and be ready to get those Fall chores out of the way!



Also, beginning Sunday October 28th, our 6th - 8th graders will be selling "Butter Braids" just in time for the Holidays! The middle school fundraiser will conclude during the Women's Ministry Fun-d Raising Day, November 10th. Be sure to contact the church office, visit one of Covenant's middle schoolers, or join us for the Fun-d Raising Day to place your annual order. For more information please call Randy at the church office or email him at randy-ccc@bellsouth.net.



Children/Youth News - Calendar!

JYF (3rd-5th Graders)

September 30th – Program @ Church – Join us! It's time to start something special!

October 14th – Covenant Time – Craft Wreaths! 12-2 PM.

October 28th – TRUNK OR TREAT!! Join US – 4:30 – 7 PM

November – December – Weekly Christmas Play Practice – No further activities during this time.

CHI RHO (Middle Schoolers)

October 5th-7th – Chi Rho Retreat – Camp Caroline!!!

October 20th – Chi Rho trip to the "NC State Fair"! 9 AM – 1 PM. Bring a friend!

October 28th – TRUNK OR TREAT!!!! Join US – 4:30 – 7 PM. We need your help!!!

November 2nd – 3rd – Chi Rho Camping Trip – Jordan Lake! Join us – 4 PM (Fri.) to 3 PM (Sat.)

November 17th – Camp Caroline Work Day! – 8 AM – 6 PM.

CYF (High Schoolers)

October 12th – 13th – Asheville Trip! More Information In Your Inbox! Join Us.

October 27th – CYF Mission Trip Fundraiser – Youth For Hire. 9 AM – 6 PM!

October 28th – TRUNK OR TREAT!!!! Join US – 4:30 – 7 PM. We need your help!!!

November 9th – 10th – CYF Lock-In! Join us – 7 PM (Fri.) to 9 AM (Sat.)

November 18th – CYF Canoe Trip! 1 PM – Bring a Friend!