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Introducing the Rev. Dr. Quentin Wallace



Covenant is proud to announce that Pastor Quentin Wallace has a new official title—the Reverend Doctor Quentin Wallace. On May 11, 2018, Pastor Wallace will be graduating from the Doctor of Ministry program from the Palmer Seminary of Eastern University. Pastor Wallace began the doctoral program soon after his appointment to Covenant. His thesis was “Inspiring a Congregation Through Prophetic Preaching and Teaching to Become Missional Witnesses to Neighbors.” His program involved learning new practices for effective ministry in the 21st Century, examining himself as a leader, and understanding the church as a family system. All of this with a goal to enhance the ministry of the local church. We congratulate Pastor Wallace on this important accomplishment in his ministerial career.

In this month’s pastor’s article, he writes:

Hello Church Family,

I thank you all dearly for your support of my doctoral project that I could not have completed without my Covenant family. As a result, I will be graduating from the Doctor of Ministry program on May 11, 2018, from Palmer Seminary of Eastern University. What I have learned, I intend to use to assist our church in spiritual and numerical growth. To start the process moving forward, the Lord has led the leadership team and me to host a two-night revival on June 7-8. The theme for our revival is “Healing From the Inside Out.” Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Louis Butcher Jr. (former pastor of Brightside Baptist church). Services will begin each evening at 6:30 p.m. We anticipate a great turnout of our members. Please pray for and plan to attend this revival and expect God to do great things for our church and community as a result.

Healing Revival Services Set for June 7 & 8

On Thursday, June 7, and Friday, June 8, Covenant Church will host a Healing Revival each night beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Louis Butcher, Jr. will be the guest preacher. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Bill Kepner, will participate. Pastor Wallace and the Leadership Team are seeking a great turn out for our two evenings of Healing Revival. Come expecting God to do great things.



Rev. Dr. Louis A. Butcher, Jr.

A native of Lancaster, Rev. Butcher was educated in the Lancaster School System, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, from the Lancaster Bible College with a Master of Arts in Ministry, and from Lancaster Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree.

He has held various positions in the corporate world, including serving as a sales representative and Corporate Employment Manager for Hamilton Watch Company. He spent nearly twenty years as Executive Director of the County Human Relations Commission. He is an organizer of the Bright Side Baptist Church and was its pastor for thirty-seven years until retiring in 2017.

He has served on numerous community boards, including the United Way, South East Lancaster Health Services, Lancaster Regional Medical Center, the Urban League, Leadership Lancaster, LIVE Green, and the Lancaster General Hospital. He is a former Chairman of the Board of the Bright Side Opportunities Corporation, a nonprofit corporation that operates the Bright Side Opportunities Center.

Pastor Butcher has been married to the former Katie A. Rogers for fifty-one years, and they are parents of four children, seven grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. They were also foster parents for thirty years, helping to raise more than twenty children.

Short & Sweet

NOTES OF THANKS

Tina Gordner sends thanks to her friends and family in God. "Your thoughts and prayers helped me with a speedy recovery," she notes.

Arline Rutt thanks the congregation for the lovely Easter flower she received.

The Anchorage Breakfast Program offers a note of thanks for our Covenant volunteers.

Betty Greider and Family send a sincere thank you to their Covenant friends for all the cards, notes, and prayers on their behalf. A thank you is also shared for those who stay with Martin while I go for groceries or visit with our son whose cancer is progressing.

GIFTS GIVEN...

In memory of **Martha Lehn**, a gift to the Dolly Kepner Fund from Ruth Barr, and a gift to the Memorial Fund from Lois Neidermyer.

In memory of **Andrew Farkas**, a gift to the Memorial Fund from Lois Neidermyer.

In memory of **Terry Herr**, a gift to the Memorial Fund from Lois Neidermyer.

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS

Planning for Vacation Bible School 2018 is underway. More information will be forthcoming, but meanwhile, please mark your calendars for the following dates:

May 5, 6 p.m. -White Elephant Bingo & Silent Auction

July 22-26 -"Shipwrecked" VBS

LET'S REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The Care Team wants to remember our Covenant shut-ins all throughout the year, not just at Christmas time. Therefore, a shut-in address list, with birthdays listed, will be available to pick up in the Gathering Area at any time. Drop a note or send a card to those members who are no longer able to attend church. This will help to brighten their day.

COVENANT WOMEN SCHEDULE PAINT PARTY

On May 12 at 12 noon in Bethany Hall, the women of Covenant will be holding a Paint Party where we will create works of art on canvas. An expert artist will guide us through the process of creating our very own works of art. Artistic skills are not necessary. This will be a time of fellowship and fun. There will be light refreshments as and a creative "mocktail" (Christian cocktail) contest. The cost is \$25, which includes all materials including your artwork to take home. A portion of your contribution will be given to a local charity. We need at least 10 women in order to hold the event. Please see Minister Brenda ASAP if you are interested.

WHO DOESN'T LIKE TO EAT!

Please come and enjoy lunch or dinner at the Centerville Isaac's restaurant on Wednesday, May 16, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and help our Covenant Outreach Team at the same time. All you need to do is grab a flyer from the table in the Gathering Area and take it with you to Isaac's that day. Twenty-five percent of your purchase will be returned to the Outreach Team and used to support a variety of missions.

GET TO KNOW COVENANT'S CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

In our usual tradition, we give our Sunday School teachers a break in the summer. This presents a wonderful opportunity for other members of our congregation to get to know the children in the church. The Nurture Team is looking for members who would like to spend some quality time sharing your talents and love of God with our young people. If you feel led to donate one hour or more over the summer to share with our children, please see Minister Brenda or any member of the Nurture Team. If you are willing, we will provide the support and training that you need to accomplish the task. Please consider this most important chance to be a blessing to our children.

HELP WANTED

We're looking for more volunteer operators to run the sound and computer systems during worship, especially during the 9:00 a.m. service. You don't have to be an expert, we will train! Come to our next training session from 10-12 on Saturday, May 12. Contact Roger Kresge to learn more.
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717-299-4613.

MEAL COORDINATORS NEEDED

We are still looking for a new person or persons to assume the role of coordinator for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Covenant. It is our desire to continue this long standing ministry to our community. If you feel called to serve or would like more information about the role and responsibilities of the job, contact former coordinators Sue Kresge, Greg Smith, or Kathy Smith.

We Worship Together



May 6, 2018— 6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Contemporary Worship (9:00) and Traditional Worship (10:20): Pastor Wallace will bring the message during both worship services. The Chancel Choir will sing at the 10:20 a.m. service.

May 13, 2018— 7th Sunday of Easter

Music Appreciation Sunday

Blanket Sunday

Mother's Day

Contemporary Worship (9:00) and Traditional Worship (10:20): Pastor Wallace will deliver the message at both the 9:00 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. services. The Praise Band, the Chancel Choir, and the Kingdom Kids will provide music at 10:20. There will be a Mission Minute in both services.

May 20, 2018—Pentecost

Contemporary Worship (9:00) and Traditional Worship (10:20): Pastor Wallace will preach during both worship services. The Chancel Choir will sing in the 10:20 a.m. service.

May 27, 2018— 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Contemporary Worship (9:00) and Traditional Worship (10:20): Pastor Wallace will offer the message at the 9:00 a.m. service. During the 10:20 a.m. service, the Chancel Choir will sing.

CLM Roger Kresge Assigned to Mt. Zion UMC



Roger Kresge

We are pleased to officially announce that Roger Kresge has been formally approved as a Certified Lay Minister and assigned by Bishop Peggy to be Lay Supply Pastor at Peach Bottom Mt. Zion UMC in southern Lancaster County effective July 1.

The nine members of the 2018 CLM class will be recognized at a special service with Bishop Peggy Johnson speaking at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 3, at Christ UMC in Lansdale. All are invited to this service.

Roger's assignment is the culmination of a process that started in May of 2010, when he took the Christ Servant Ministry Basic course. Since then he has had over a hundred hours of training and formal preparation, including preaching, leading worship, church technology, church administration and leadership, United Methodist history and polity, the role and responsibilities of lay pastors, plus

both Basic Sexual Ethics and Changing Racism workshops. The process also included interviews with and approvals from our own SPRC and senior pastor, the district superintendent, District Committee on Ordained Ministry, and the Conference Committee on Certified Lay Ministry.

As a Certified Lay Speaker, Roger has been asked to preach at several churches here in the Lancaster area, and at Eastern Pennsylvania Conference events like the annual Laity Retreat and the Academy for Laity.

In order to accept the Mt. Zion assignment, Roger will be stepping down as Covenant's Lay Leader. He will continue to participate in our 9:00 a.m. contemporary service each Sunday, and then travel to Mt. Zion for the 11:00 a.m. worship service there. As pastor at Mt. Zion, he will also participate in the annual Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

We congratulate Roger on his certification and pray for his ministry at Mt. Zion.

Volunteers for May

May 6

Anchorite: 10:20 - Corey Dick

Hallway Greeter: 10:20 - Betty Farkas

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Faye Zechman & Brenda Roth; 10:00 - Lori Brown & Tina Butler

May 13

Anchorite: 10:20 - Lois Neidermyer

Hallway Greeters: 10:20 - Rev. Guy & Sandy Carrigan

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Cindy & Bob Hean
10:00 - Youth

May 20

Anchorite: 10:20 - Janet Seyfert

Hallway Greeter: 10:20 - Mary Bowen

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mary Lou Hill;
10:00 - Sandy & Guy Carrigan

May 27

Anchorite: 10:20 - Cindy Hean

Hallway Greeter: 10:20 - Ruth Barr

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Sara & Alex Cuebas; 10:00 - Janice & Harold Ulmer

MAY USHERS

Dave Beznoska, Head Usher

Bill Grau, Jr.; Meryl Groff;

Dick Galen

JUNE USHERS

Head Usher will recruit each Sunday's ushers.

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From the Board of Trustees...

The Board of Trustees would like to thank several persons who have been very supportive of our work in various ways. Betty Farkas gave a very generous contribution to the maintenance budget of the board in memory of her husband, Andrew Farkas. These funds were used to replace four antiquated thermostats in the church. The board appreciated Betty's very thoughtful way of remembering her husband.

A tattered flag has been removed from the flagpole, and John Seyfert has volunteered to replace that flag with a new one. A big "thank you" is sent John's way. In addition, the board would like to thank Tom Buter for the many times over many years that he has replaced flags for the church.

The board finds it is dealing with a building that, on the south side, is 91 years old, and, on the north side, is 65 years old. In addition, there is an organ that is 91 years old and needs special care. The church is used five days a week by the Child Care Center and one day a week by the congregation. Special events and meetings mean many other uses each week. As a board, we find ourselves focused so much on the major issues with which we deal that we sometimes overlook the minor problems that arise.

Borrowing a frequently used phrase, "If you see something, say something!" If you notice some maintenance or building issue, please mention it to any member of the board. The board is concerned about the care and maintenance of our building, and any member is willing to deal with your issues or take them to the next board meeting. Problems needing immediate action will be cared for as quickly as possible.

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Here's to Good Health



Adult Vaccinations

Did you know there are adult vaccinations? The need for vaccinations doesn't end after childhood. Every year people die or are injured by diseases that could have been prevented.

While the vaccines you need depend on your health, medical history and risk exposure to illnesses, take a look at what are considered routine for most adults 50 and older.

Flu

Flu is caused by the influenza virus; it is a highly contagious viral respiratory disease. This vaccination is recommended for people of all ages. This is an annual vaccination.

Shingles

Shingles is a painful, localized skin rash, often with blisters. Shingles is

the same virus as chickenpox. The virus remains in the nerve cells after a chickenpox infection. If you have had



chickenpox you could have shingles break out. Many of us have had the vaccine Zostavax, but the CDC is now recommending a newer vaccine called Shingrix. The CDC is recommending if you had Zostavax to talk with your

doctor about getting Shingrix. Shingles vaccine is for people 50 and older.

Tetanus

Tetanus is a bacterial infection that develops in contaminated wounds. A tetanus booster is recommended every ten years. If you would have a deep dirty wound, you may need a booster if your last vaccination was more than five years ago.

As always talk with your health care provider about these vaccines and if there are any others you should have.

Stay healthy!

Cindy Smith, Wellness Coach

MOOS Fundraiser

Please join us for "A Night of MOOSic and the Arts," a fundraiser supporting Mornings On Orange Street (MOOS). This event will be held on June 2 from 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster in their Parrot Gallery. The event will feature local musicians, artists, and cuisine, as well as entertainers like hula hoop extraordinaire, Jenny Hill, and Maranatha Productions "Bringing Scripture to Life Through Drama." The night will also include a silent auction showcasing Sight and Sound Theaters, Zoetropepolis Movie Theater, Jimmy John's, and much more!

To catch the early bird discounted rate: \$15 adults and \$5 students (children 5 and under are free), just RSVP before April 20th. Contact Amber Rieger, MOOS Vision and Development Director, via phone at 717-368-7319 or send an email to thomaar05@gmail.com to make your reservations.

Outreach Team Report

The Outreach Team thanks the members of Covenant for supporting the grocery card program and the penny jar. Without these contributions, the team could not continue to support our missions.

With your generosity, we were able to send:

- \$500 to MOOS
- \$500 to Transitional Living
- \$300 to Red Bird
- \$300 to Lancaster County Council of Churches
- \$300 to LUMINA
- \$300 to Love INC

Again, thanks for your support.

Summer Church Camp

There is still time to register for Summer Church Camp, but register soon, as popular camps fill up quickly. All camp details appear in registration booklets available in the church office or from Pastor Don. Covenant Church will pay 1/2 of the basic fee (up to \$220) for each camper from Covenant Church. Scholarships for additional funding are available by talking with one of the pastors. We want to ensure that all children and youth who want to go to summer church camp are able to go.

Laity Academy 2018

I am the church, you are the church. Lay people are just as important to the work of the church as ordained ministers. Sign up for the 2018 Laity Academy and learn how you can better use your gifts and graces to make disciples and build God's Kingdom here on earth. This year's Academy is August 3-5 at Quakertown UMC; you can commute, but discount hotel rooms are also available.



Remember, Paul tells us that we all are given different gifts (which may include administration, preaching, and teaching) but no one gift is more valuable than any other, and we are all to

use our gifts as followers of Christ to build up the body of the church. There's a place for all of us in the race to make disciples.

Our Laity Academy strives to provide the education, the fellowship, and the nurturing for each of us to not only embrace our gifts from God, but to use those gifts to help others in their walk in Christ.

Registration for the 35th annual Laity Academy will open in early April. Talk with Roger Kresge, our church Lay Leader, or use this link to find it at our Eastern PA Conference website:

<https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/lay/>

Youth News

February – Black History Month

The Bright Side Baptist Young Adult Choir along with their Children's Choir blessed us at the 9:00 a.m. service by singing two songs. They also joined Covenant Youth in singing a song led by Minister Brenda.

March

For our extended Sunday, Destiny's mother Carmen Velazquez blessed us with a Taco Dinner. Those Dorito Tacos were amazing. We also had a wonderful time at the Easter Egg Hunt and Party that Minister Brenda organized. We had the opportunity to socialize with other young people. We even had two of them show up for service on Easter.

April

Easter was early this year, falling on the first Sunday of April. For our extended Sunday, the Stemmer's had a potato bar spread. We are ready for a repeat of that.

A few of the Youth visited Gretna Glen for the free youth services in March and April. They do not have free programs during the summer since they are focusing on Summer Camps. We are blessed at Covenant that our youth have the opportunity to attend Summer Camps with the Church paying some of the expenses. If you are interested please contact Minister Santa at the church for details or see the April issue of Echoes for Pastor Don's article.

Please look out for the youth on second Sundays as they serve as greeters in the lobby. They appreciate your encouragement.

Save the date - June 2, 2018, will be our annual Youth Car Wash Fundraiser. We look forward to washing your car. Please come out and support us.

July 22-26 is VBS! The theme is "SHIPWRECKED". We will be having a youth class this year. Please encourage young people to register for this amazing opportunity to get better anchored with the Lord. Registration begins June 1st. You can register on-line at covenant-umc.com.

Heritage Sunday Recognition

On Sunday, April 29, Covenant Church celebrated Heritage Sunday. Listed below are those individuals who have been members of Covenant for 75, 50 and 25 years:

75 Years

Robert King	Andrew Loechner, Jr.
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50 Years

Tina Gordner	William Groff
E. George Killian	Janice McElroy
Frederick Schmid	Ron & Patricia Skrodinsky
David Steele	Steven Troop

25 Years

Jill Arnold Bull	Ryan Dale
Ginny Gross	James Daryl Hartman
Mark Henning	Brian Kluck
Michael & Lori Kroft	Patrick McGary
Kim Shirker	Phillip & Tammy Peterson
Scott Smith, Jr.	

TRASH TO TREASURE



This year's "Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School needs your help! Please considering collecting and donating the following "trash" items to our VBS Program. We will collect the following items until July

1st: empty toilet paper rolls, empty paper towel rolls, empty gift wrap rolls, empty gallon jugs, paper grocery bags, newspaper, wire hangers, empty 16 oz. water bottles, boxes (all shapes and sizes), packing materials (craft paper and bubble wrap), and leftover paint (tans, browns, greens, purples). Thank you.

Reflections from 75-Year Member, Andy Loechner

What event in the life of the church was special to you?

- When I became a member.
- Peg and I were married in the church, July 14, 1951.
- Our daughters, Peggy Sue and Ellen, were baptized in the church.
- Peggy Sue and her husband Paul Diller were teachers.

What area of church life most interested you?

- Special music events
- The committees I was involved in.

What position that you held gave you the greatest satisfaction, or perhaps how did you feel you best served God?

- Counseling young people and friends.

What person/persons in the church most influenced you or had the greatest impact on your life?

- Jack Clare

What is your favorite hymn?

- How Great Thou Art
- I've Just Seen Jesus

What is your favorite scripture?

- John 3:16

What words of wisdom do you have for those who are considering making Covenant their church home?

- We have three key ingredients for a successful church. Best choir in town, a beautiful church, and a great preacher.

What new ministry would you most like to see Covenant Church embrace?

- I don't like changes. Stay with what has been working for years.

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