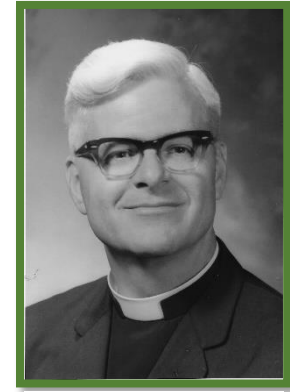


### THE THIRD 25 YEARS (1972-1997)

The **Rev. W. Edgar Cathers, Jr.** (1971-1974) was named as Senior Minister at Covenant succeeding the Rev. Harvey Marsland in the summer of 1971. He attended Dickinson and Lebanon Valley Colleges, was awarded his B.A. degree from the latter, and earned his B.D. degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Covenant, Rev. Cathers served the Bala Cynwyd United Methodist Church for ten years. He also served on many prominent leadership positions in the Annual Conference.



*Rev. Cathers*

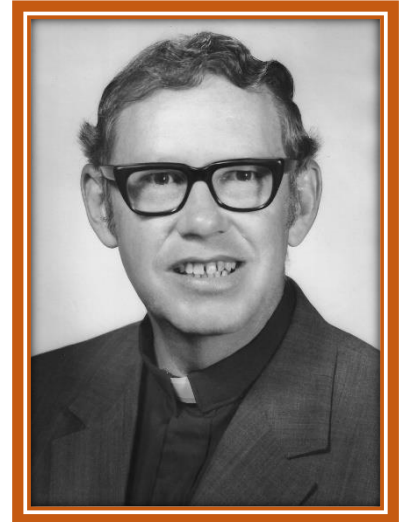


#### **CHURCH STAFF**

L:R (Seated) **Rev. Vance, Rev. Cathers, Rev. Fansler**

L:R (Standing) **David Rake** (Custodian), **Margaret Hansen** (P.T. Secretary), **Linda Miller** (Director-Jr. Bell Choir, Asbury and Wesley Choirs), **Jane Schwarz** (Sr. Secretary), **Jacqueline Robinson** (Secretary), **Carolyn Woodard** (Organist), **John Rake** (Chief Custodian)

Once again there was a void in Covenant’s Music Ministry as well as the Education Department, as **Kenneth G. Fansler** accepted a new position in Corning, New York. Midway in his ministry to Covenant, he assumed the responsibility for the entire educational program, including children and adults, in addition to youth, organized a two-year Confirmation plan, and the Ministry of Education Administrative Council which was unique in the Methodist Church. Over and above his duties at Covenant, Ken spent many hours working toward his ordination, which took place in June 1971.



Rev. Fansler

## COVENANT CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

John F. Fielding, Jr., Chairman  
 Rev. W. Edgar Cathers, Jr.  
 Joanne Corner  
 J. Kendall Cowley  
 Harold L. Gaunt  
 Walter J. Hall, Jr.  
 Thomas E. Kraemer  
 Karen Petre  
 Barbara Stettler  
 Jean Stevenson  
 Lillian C. Williams  
 David A. Woodruff

The celebration began on Sunday, February 13, 1972, with Rev. Cathers preaching, officially marking the beginning of the week’s activities. The theme was *“50 Years of Christian Service.”* A Sunday Night Supper for the congregation took place that evening which was planned by the junior and senior highs. The featured entrée was *“Sloppy Joes.”* Following the supper, the young people prepared a special worship service. On Ash Wednesday, the Handbell, Aldersgate and Chancel Choirs presented an appropriate musical service.

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was held in Fellowship Hall on February 19th which was attended by 450 persons. A staff of 50 ----- women, men and young people cooked and served the dinner. Present and former members of Covenant and the pastors of several Springfield churches were guests at the affair. Mrs. Frank P. Carr, Jr., Covenant’s only remaining charter member, was in attendance. As part of the celebration, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Thomas Kraemer and George W. Weldy, Jr., two of Covenant’s laymen who played a significant role in the development of the Church’s music ministry.

Former pastors, including the Reverends Clinton M. Cherry and Wallace F. Stettler, were present and addressed the audience. The week’s activities ended with a Communion Service on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Desirous of assuming pastoral leadership of a Charge and planning to engage more fully in free-lance writing in the religious field, Rev. Richard A. Vance concluded two years of service as Associate Minister. On June 18, 1972, **Rev. William H. Garrett** (1972-1977) along with **Rev. C. Michael Roney** (1972-1977) were introduced to the congregation and were installed as Associate Ministers to assist Rev. Cathers.



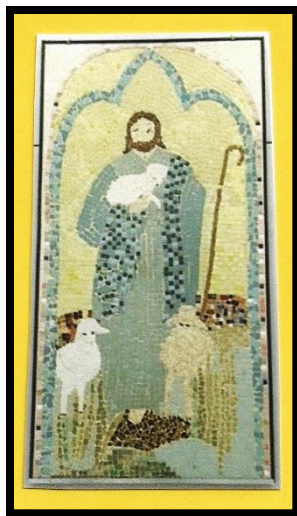
Rev. Garrett



Rev. Roney

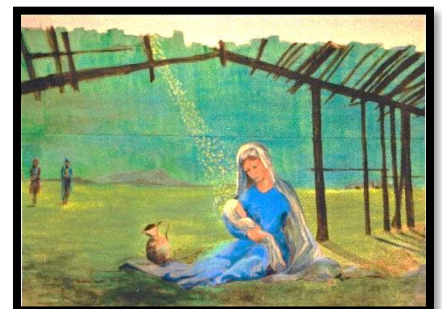
Rev. Garrett was a graduate of Albright College and United Theological Seminary. He served the General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tennessee prior to coming to Springfield. His work at Covenant was in education, music, and creative worship.

Rev. Roney graduated from Western Maryland College and received his Master of Divinity Degree from Crozer Theological Seminary. Rev. Roney’s duties included “Covenant Calling”, ecumenical affairs, mission work, and teenage social concerns.



*The beautiful mosaic which currently hangs on the wall in Fellowship Hall was the work of Vacation Church School students and their assistants, the teachers: Joanne Corner, Kay Fielding, Nancy Johnston, Katie Singley and Phyllis Walter. The original design was created by Carolyn Daltry and the tiles were secured by Jack and Kay Fielding.*

*A Betty Way Sperow painted mural graced the “Epworth” side wall of Fellowship Hall for many years. It was covered over during remodeling of Fellowship Hall in 2019.*





**Mary Murray** for at least 25 years was the volunteer babysitter of “Babyfold” every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. She cared for children while their parents and siblings attended services and Sunday School. Mrs. Murray’s contribution had been to cuddle and care for Covenant’s babies so “the young married people could go to church together.” Many adults who remembered their own days in Mary’s Babyfold Room, came back to her with their children.

Having concerns for the deaf community, the Women’s Club of Springfield did something to improve communications between the deaf and hearing community. Beginning in October 1972 they opened a Community Sign Language Center to anyone with the basic knowledge of sign language. Hearing people came together with deaf people to perfect their signing in order to teach others. The group started with 12 people at Covenant in a room beneath the Sanctuary. Covenant’s Doris Stettler was President of the Women’s Club at the time and was instrumental in this endeavor. In 1977, the **Deaf-Hearing Communications Center** initiated a new service for the deaf community in Delaware County---an answering service for the deaf (installation of a teletypewriter TTY).



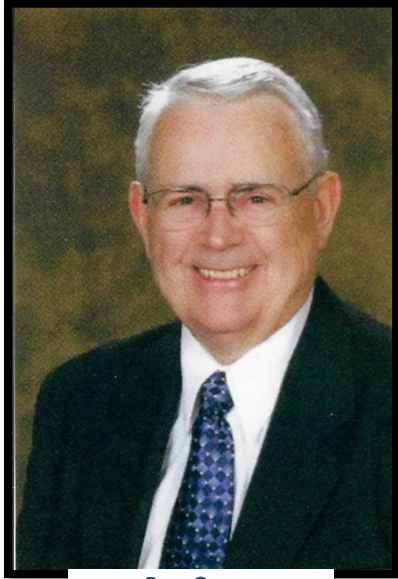
***B'TWIXTERS VARIETY SHOW MARCH 1973***

Messrs. Zoolian, Martin, Adams,  
DeCowsky, Wicks, Swan

*The B'Twixters were couples from age 30 and up who got together for fun and fellowship the first Saturday of each month October to May.*

***In the tradition of the time-honored Methodist procedure, Covenant underwent a change of pastors at the Annual Conference in June 1974. Rev. Cathers, who had served as Senior Minister for the last three years, accepted an assignment by the Bishop as Assistant Administrator at Simpson House.***





Rev. Owens

Appointed as Covenant's new Senior Minister was **Rev. Dale E. Owens** (1974-1979), formerly of the Langhorne United Methodist Church. After graduating from Upper Darby High School, he received a BS degree in Education from Temple University, a M.Div. degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Illinois and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Albright College in Reading (1988).

After Rev. Fansler's resignation in January of 1972 until July of 1974 a succession of musicians, both church members and paid

musicians, capably filled the void until **James M. Bigham, Jr.** (1974-1977) was welcomed as the new Director of Music to serve as organist-director with responsibilities for the four vocal choirs and the handbell choir. He was a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and Union Seminary School of Sacred Music, New York City, where he received the degree of Master of Sacred Music.



James M. Bigham

In April of 1976, an **Organ Task force** was established by the Administrative Board. Many organ fund-raising activities were well underway. A Spring Concert was held in May 1975 in Fellowship Hall with instrumentalists, soloists and the Bell, Aldersgate and Chancel Choirs. Part 1 of the program included sacred songs and instrumental pieces and Part 2 was a production of "Trial by Jury" by Gilbert and Sullivan.



Wesley Choir, Russell Atkinson, soloist (R)



"Trial by Jury" (L: R Frank Berdan, Nancy Hansen, John Christ)

On Sunday, July 4, 1976, the **Bicentennial of our Nation's Independence** in the tradition of early American Methodism was celebrated. Clergy, choir and congregation were invited to attend the service in colonial garb. Covenant sponsored a float in the Bicentennial Parade on Saxer Avenue which won 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**SPRINGFIELD MEALS ON WHEELS**

*It started in March of 1976 at Covenant Methodist Church, said Mrs. Patti Owens, who was the chairman of the local unit, when there was a need to deliver hot meals to someone and thereafter it was developed into a community effort.*

*(Excerpted from The Springfield Press)*

January 23, 1977 marked the end of Jim Bigham's Organist-Choirmaster relationship with Covenant as he had accepted a position in Buffalo, New York. Carmen Lewis filled in as Interim Organist/Director and Peg Brower (Hofberg) directed the bell choirs until **Paul J. Danilewski** (1977-1983) was hired in August. He was a graduate of Westminster Choir College majoring in organ performance and attended Temple University majoring in choral conducting.



Paul J. Danilewski

**MARATHON SING-ALONG**

A marathon sing-along to benefit the Pipe Organ Fund and to break the world record for hymn singing was held in the spring of 1977. Peg Brower (Hofberg), Chairman, with Grant Windsor and Barbara Stettler (Cadge) were the organizers. The World Record of continuous singing totaled 48 hours and 7 minutes. Although Covenant broke this record, Guinness did not bestow the honor. \$3,000 was raised for the Organ Fund

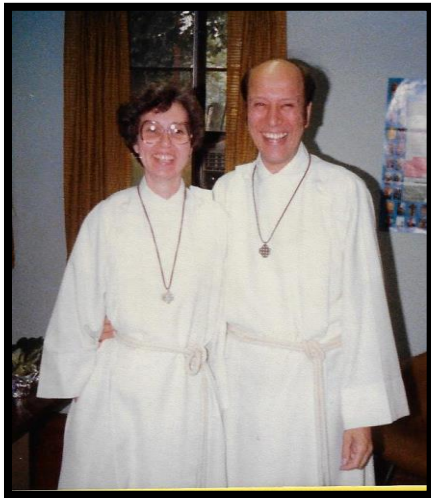
**COVENANT FINISHES SEASON 22-5**

Covenant's **Novice Basketball Team** for boys ages 9-11 finished their 5<sup>th</sup> year in Delco competition with a 22-5 overall record and third place in the year end playoffs. Covenant had compiled records the previous two years of 23-1 and 25-0 and had captured two successive Delco League titles.

**CENTER FOR PASTORAL COUNSELING**

Since the 1970's the Center for Pastoral Counseling, a cooperative ministry of several local churches, has been housed at Covenant. The center offers assistance to people of all faith backgrounds, as well as those with no faith background. Pastoral counselors develop with their clients a holistic plan of care and practical approaches to a wide range of personal concerns.

**Reverends William Garrett and Michael Roney** both expressed their personal plans for the future late in 1976. Accordingly, the District Superintendent was informed of their wishes and they moved on to new endeavors in June 1977 after each completing five years at Covenant. Their decision to leave did not reflect any disenchantment with Covenant as they both wanted the freedom of their own Charge.



*Revs. Susan and Merrill Hassinger*

Married pastors, **Revs. Susan and Merrill Hassinger** (1977-1980), were subsequently appointed to Covenant as Assistant Pastors. Merrill pastored a Methodist Church in Reading Park and Sue had been assigned to a congregation in Fleetwood, a short distance away. Merrill received his B.A. degree from Lebanon Valley College and a M.D. degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Susan also graduated from Lebanon Valley College (where they both met) and received her M.D. degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary.

On Thanksgiving Eve in 1976, Covenant hosted an **Ecumenical Service** of over 500 people, featuring the Protestant, Jewish and Catholic traditions.

**Mother's Morning Out Centre** provided free time for mothers of very young children who did not have easy access to reliable, economical baby-sitting.

Worship Services were held at **Harlee Manor** every 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

A **playground** was installed for use by the Weekday and Sunday School Children.



On the first Sunday of each month canned food was collected for **Southside Center**.



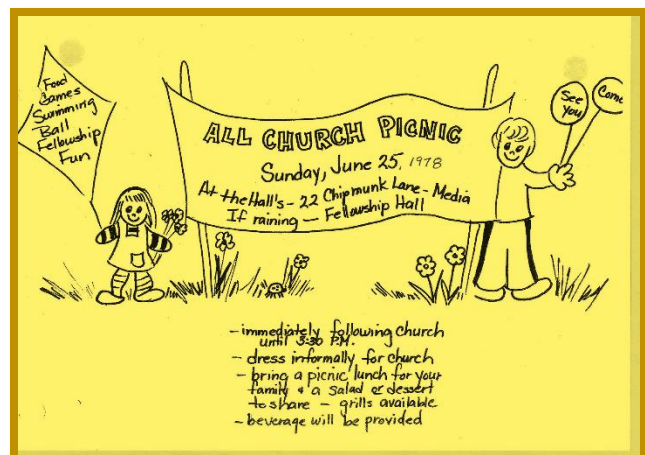
In 1977 the time of Sunday School was changed to 9:30 a.m., sandwiched between two services of worship – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This was to encourage more adult participation in Sunday School. Along with an ongoing adult Bible Class, several informative mini-courses on topics of current social interest were offered as well as summer evening community worship services. At the close of 1977, 1,497 full members were recorded with average attendance of 364 at the weekly worship services.



*Spring Concert May 1978 "Candide"  
Paul Danilewski, Conductor*

### LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM

Beginning in 1978, the Discipleship Work Area introduced a plan to create a Lay Ministry in which telephone-oriented contact would be made to communicate information to the membership and to set up a dialog between members of the church family to grow in mutual appreciation for one another and indirectly strengthening the role of the church.





The following was written by Peg Brower (Hofberg) for the Organ Dedication Services booklet:

## **THE ORGAN PROJECT**

“The story of Covenant’s acquisition of a pipe organ begins in the 1960’s, when it was realized that our electronic organ was unable to meet the needs of our expanding congregation and choir program. We were then embarking on the Kingswood Building project; however, so plans for a new organ were temporarily set aside.

As years passed it became obvious that the old organ was approaching the end of its life expectancy. Therefore, in 1976 an Organ Task Force was formed to investigate the possibilities in securing a new organ. For several months this committee did exhaustive research, listened to different organs, and had lengthy discussions with the guidance of our organ consultant, Mr. Frederick Swann.

The Organ Task Force concluded that a pipe organ should be purchased and it proposed a four-manual organ which was rejected by the congregation by a narrow margin on February 6, 1977. Later that month, a proposal for a three-manual Schantz organ was presented to the congregation and tentatively approved.



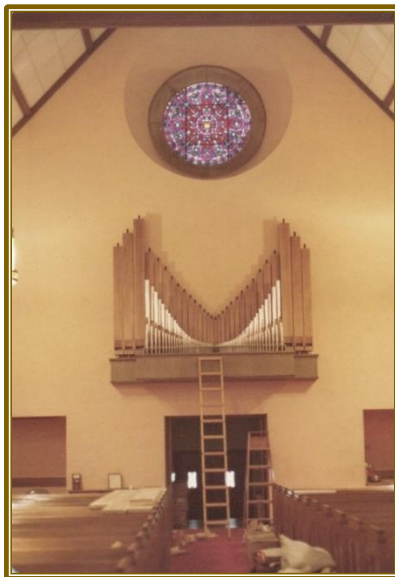
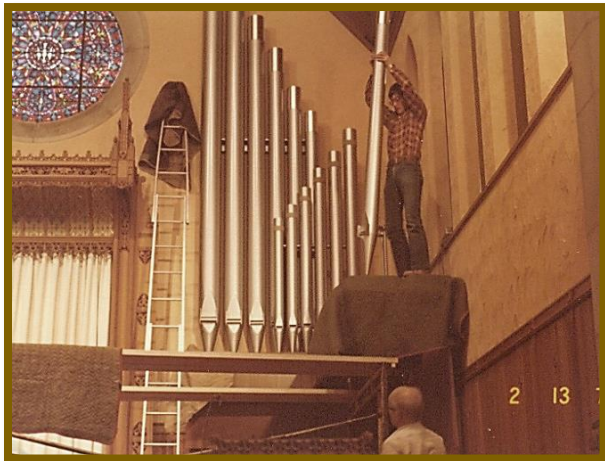
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The Organ Fund, which had been established in 1963, already contained one-quarter of the funds needed for the proposed organ. In March and April of 1977, an Organ Finance Committee led us in a drive to secure gifts and pledges for the remainder.

On May 1, 1977 the congregation voted by an overwhelming margin to approve the Schantz contract. Construction at the factory in Ohio began during the summer of 1978; construction work at Covenant began in December 1978; and installation of the organ took place in February 1979.

Financial support for the organ has been widespread among the members and friends of Covenant. We are pleased to say that this organ has been the gift of not just a few interested people, but the congregation of Covenant United Methodist Church.”

Covenant's organ has 39 ranks consisting of a total of 2,146 pipes. The Schantz Organ has three manuals and a pedal clavier which correspond to divisions of the organ. The divisions are the Great, the Swell, the Nave, and the Pedal. Each manual has 61 keys and the Pedal clavier has 32 keys.



The new Schantz Pipe Organ was dedicated on Sunday, March 18, 1979. At the 11:00 a.m. morning service, Paul Danilewski played the organ in the service for the first time with all choirs participating. At the 4:00 p.m. service, Frederick Swann, Director of Music and Organist of The Riverside Church and Chairman of the Organ Department, Manhattan School of Music, New York City and Covenant's organ consultant played a dedicatory recital. This was the climax of a 16-year dream.

It was a wonderful day....672 people attended the morning service and 750 people attended the afternoon recital.





Excerpted from the January 1979  
Covenant Calling:

“I have recently learned, and shared with the worshipping congregation on Sunday, January 7, 1979, the news that Bishop Ault has asked me to become a part of the management team of our annual conference and plans to appoint me as the Business Administrator-Treasurer for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

This is not an easy decision for me and my family to make; we love it where we are. I did not solicit the position, but feel strongly a part of the itinerant system of our church which reminds us always of the need to be prepared to move on. I was asked and I said---after prayer and thought---yes.

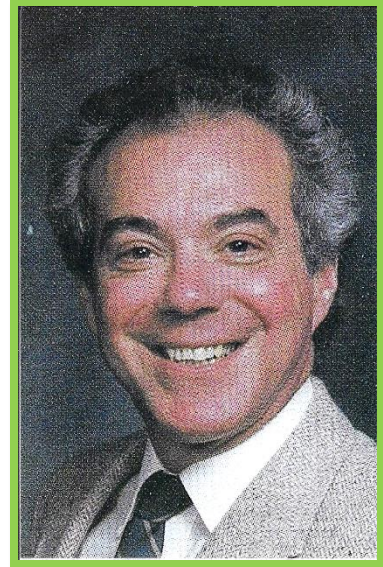
My family and I will have the privilege to continue in your midst until June of this year. We trust that you will pray for us in these days and even in those days that will follow. We shall do the same for you. Please know of our love for each of you.”

God bless, D.E.O. (Dale E. Owens)

This opera was performed on December 2<sup>nd</sup> on a stage built in the chancel area of the sanctuary.

Covenant’s Jay Brower sang the title role and Nancy Hansen portrayed his mother. John Christ portrayed King Melchior, Paul Verner (from Bala Cynwyd UMC) was King Balthazar, and William Yeats (from Swarthmore Presbyterian) was King Kaspar. Kerry Graham was the page, and the Chancel Choir formed the chorus of Shepherds. A repeat performance was held in 1980.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee announced that **Rev. Bruce C. Hazelwood** (1979-1988) would be appointed Senior Pastor as of July 1, 1979. He was a graduate of Eastern Baptist Seminary, studied at Lancaster Theological Seminary and obtained a Th.M.



Rev. Hazelwood

degree in preaching and worship from Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Covenant he had been the pastor of Frankford Memorial United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, and previously served churches in Bristol, Reading, and Coatesville.

### AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS





*Robin Kelly (Moore)*

On September 17, 1979, Robin was welcomed to the work force of the church as a new Secretary, a position she has held for 43 years. Her current title is Senior Administrative Assistant.

The Chancel Choir presented a fully staged production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" on the evening of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 1980. The performance was held in Fellowship Hall to a sold-out crowd.

*It was announced that the Reverends Hassinger would be leaving Covenant effective June 30, 1980. They left to assume appointments at West Side Parish for Merrill and Mount Gretna Community Church for Sue.*

*The Asbury Choir in their new robes*



PROGRAM -- FEBRUARY 29, 1980 -- 8:00 p.m.

GREETING: Rev. Bruce C. Hazelwood  
OFFERING: (to be received during the Entr'acte)  
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H.M.S. PINAFORE

by

W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan  
arranged by M. J. Arnold

Cast

Captain Corcoran	- Winfield Starr
Buttercup	- Patricia Gaines
Sir Joseph Porter K.C.B.	- John Christ
Josephine	- Barbara Stettler
Ralph (Rafe) Rackstraw	- John Fielding
Dick Deadeye	- Kerry Graham
Cousin Hebe	- Irene Atkinson
Boatswain's Mate	- Richard Kromer
Featured Dancers	- Barbara Plank, Betty Kromer, Nan Armond, Ellen Lurwick, Dave Adams, Jim Fegely
Chorus of sailors and relatives	- Covenant's Chancel Choir
Musical Direction/Piano	- Paul J. Danilewski
Stage Direction	- Charles Hicks

Production Committee

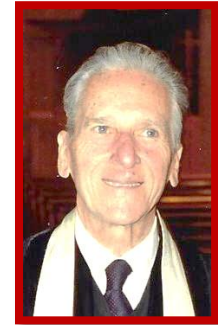
Costumes	- Sue Woodruff
Make-up	- Edward Blake
Sets	- Joyce Adams, Sue Hick, Sue Mearkle, Dave Adams
Publicity and Program	- Nancy Hansen, Peggy Brower
Program Cover Design	- Sue Mearkle



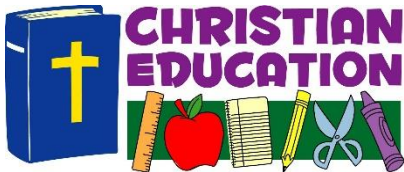
Covenant's **MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM** won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in their first year of playing in the church league. Team members included: Bill Bingaman, Jr., Phil Brown, Don Cadge, Tim Folkomer, Kerry Graham, Dick Heintz, Bob Hemphill, Doug Hintz, Ken Prager and Pete Souders

**Rev. Stephen M. Heilakka** (1980-1983) was appointed to Covenant as Associate Pastor effective July 1, 1980. He was a graduate of the College of Wooster and Duke Divinity School. His duties included education and youth ministries, discipleship and outreach.

Also in July, the **Rev. Charles Yrigoyen** (1980-1984) was appointed Minister of Visitation. In this position, Rev. Yrigoyen shared in the total ministry with emphasis on visitation, membership care and cultivation. He has held many pastorates, among them Arch Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia and has served as District Superintendent.



Rev. Yrigoyen



**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**Mini-Courses**

**"AN INQUIRY INTO MEMBERSHIP"**

Rev. Bruce Hazelwood

**"NUCLEAR ENERGY – SALVATION OR CATASTROPHE?"**

Mr. Donald Cadge

**"SOUND SENSE FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING"**

Ellen Gaunt (Mrs. Harold L.)

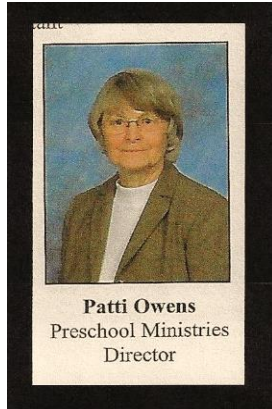


YOUTH RETREAT 1980

**RED CROSS**  
**BLOODMOBILE**  
Covenant Church  
Fellowship Hall

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

All persons whose ages fell between post high school and the B'Twixters held a picnic and softball outing at Memorial Park which was hoped to be an on-going program for young adults of Covenant.



The Weekday School announced that **Mrs. Patti Owens** was named the Director of the Weekday Nursery School to be effective September 7, 1980.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

Started 11 years ago, Senior citizens (55 years or older) met at Covenant each Thursday for an afternoon of sociability with cards, games, speakers' series, and coffee.



**NEW ADULT MINI COURSE**

**Books of the Bible: A Survey of the Old and New Testaments**

Leader: Dr. Timothy Folkomer

A 26-week Bible study where the class learned about all 66 books of the Bible

**CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

On Sunday, September 27, 1981 at 7 p.m. a celebration was held in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christian witness through the Sunday School.

A special Lenten series began on March 3, 1982. The first speaker was Charles Clausen, defensive line coach for the Philadelphia **EAGLES** and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

So many people have enjoyed the covered dish suppers, circle luncheons, parties and special dinners served at Covenant Church and in our friends' and members' homes.

We have gathered together many of those favorite recipes for you to enjoy. We hope in the preparing and partaking of them, you will recall fond memories of happy fellowship.

We thank all of those persons who took time to write out their specialties. A special thanks to Betty Way, who has enhanced our cookbook with her talented artwork.

COOKBOOK PREPARATION COMMITTEE

Nancy Bonadio	Pat Gaines
Nancy Cadge	Pat Hagy

The Rhoda Circle wishes good cooking to all those who will enjoy this book.

The Rhoda Circle  
Covenant United Methodist Church  
Springfield, PA 19064

1981

1982 CONFIRMATION CLASS  
Received into membership Sunday, June 6

Susan Adams	Susan Gaines	Kathleen Note
Michelle Averill	Debra Gluck	Jonathan Owen
Tracie Averill	Deborah Henshey	John Singley
Deborah Beale	James Henshey	Karen Souders
Susan Behenna	Jennifer Jenkins	Brian Swank
Janice Bonadio	Paul Mackiewicz	Melinda Thayer
James Brower, Jr.	Timothy McCoy	Patricia Trakimas
Susan Byrne	Robert Mohr	Teresa Turner
Frank Doyle	Debra Monaghan	Alice Wenzinger



## THE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

In April 1979, senior high youth and adults were invited to participate in an Appalachia Work Camp from July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup> of that year. Persons from Covenant joined others from Drexel Hill United Methodist Church and Croydon United Methodist Church. The place was Clairfield, Tennessee. They worked on homes and/or churches in that area, as arranged by persons already familiar with the needs. This was not an official ASP trip as Covenant was required to apply to be part of the Appalachia Service Project.

In **1982**, Covenant was accepted to participate in the Appalachia Service Project. The first trip was to Carr Creek, Kentucky. The inaugural work group included the following:

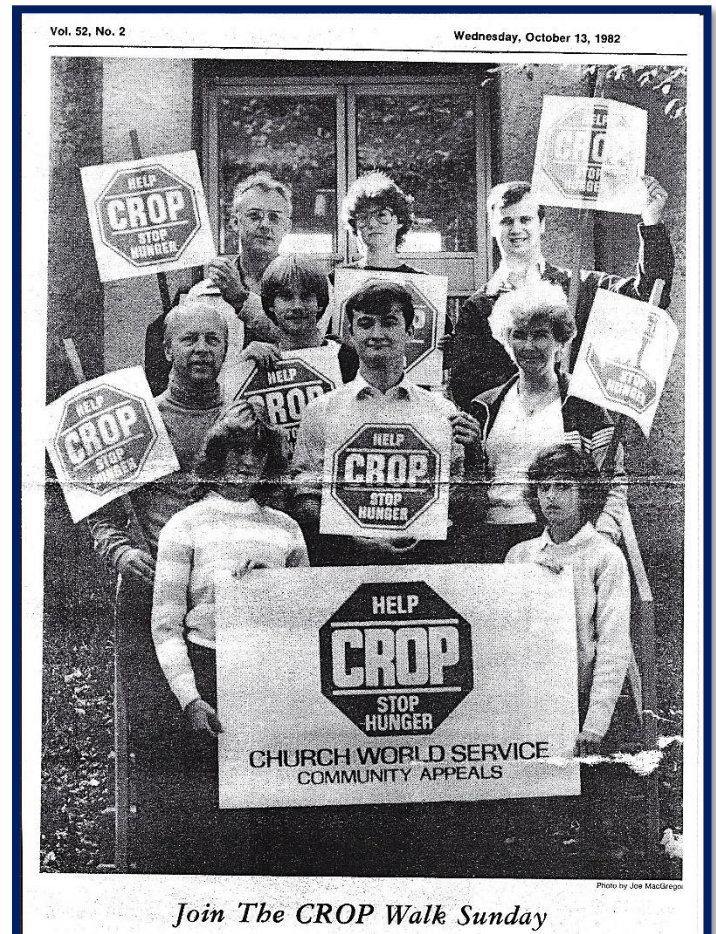
<b>Kerry Graham</b>	<b>Tammie Hazelwood</b>	<b>Dan Miller</b>
<b>Doug Hall</b>	<b>Stephen Heilakka (Rev.)</b>	<b>Joyce Muff</b>
<b>Jeff Hall</b>	<b>Doug Johnston</b>	<b>Dale Owens, Jr.</b>
<b>Dawn Hazelwood</b>	<b>Nancy Johnston</b>	<b>Lisa Owens</b>



The first trip was planned and supervised by Rev. Stephen Heilakka. This project has involved the entire church over the years through many fund raisers and donations. Remarkably a group from Covenant has been sent to Appalachia for **forty plus consecutive years and remains an ongoing endeavor.**

*Musical Program Series  
1981 - 1982*

NOVEMBER 8 4:30 P.M.	HANDBELL FESTIVAL, Donald Allured-Director 14 local handbell choirs in concert.
DECEMBER 6 6:45 P.M.	ADVENTFEST Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent.
MARCH 14 7:30 P.M.	GLAD 5 dynamic young men who proclaim the Gospel of Christ in every musical style.
MAY 2 7:30 P.M.	ST. PAUL – Felix Mendelssohn Combined Choirs of Covenant and First Presbyterian Church. <i>This Concert will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Summit and Cascade Rds., Springfield, PA.</i>



## COVENANT CELEBRATES 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Covenant Church was celebrated on Sunday, October 24, 1982

***8:30 & 11 a.m. Identical services of worship especially written by the staff and Worship Work Area***

***9:30 a.m. Opening exercises for all ages in Fellowship Hall and the burial of a time capsule\*.***

***4:00 p.m. Displays in Fellowship Hall featuring photographs, mementos and artifacts from 60 years of Covenant Church set against a backdrop of a huge rainbow.***

***5:30 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by the play, "A Covenant Carol." The play was written by Ellen Hazelwood and Pat Gaines and featured "actors" from the congregation.***

A pewter-like plate to commemorate the founding of Covenant was available for sale. The plate featured an adaptation of a Don Taber drawing. \*The time capsule was buried in the courtyard.



In 1982, a group of retired men and women and a few of their spouses met weekly to help with the landscaping work around the church grounds. As this endeavor grew and projects of a more substantial effort were accomplished, this group transitioned into the **“Wednesday Willing Workers” (WWW)** as a formal group.



L:R Art Stettler, Bill Naylor, Nelson Hobdell, Clyde Beers, Ralph McConnell, Kerr Graham, Charles Gordon, Len Bachman, Joe Paxton, Lee Sperow

In January 1983, The Staff-Parish Relations Committee announced that **Rev. Stephen Heilakka** would be ending his pastorate at Covenant in June to leave parish ministry to more appropriately fulfill his calling.

**Rev. Patricia Woolover** (1983-1989) was appointed to the staff as full-time Associate Minister effective July 1, 1983. Her education included a Bachelor’s degree in Education from King’s College, Long Island, and a Master’s degree in Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She was a Deacon in the United Methodist Church and Covenant was her first appointment. At the June 1985 Conference, she was ordained an elder. She was known for her puppet ministry.

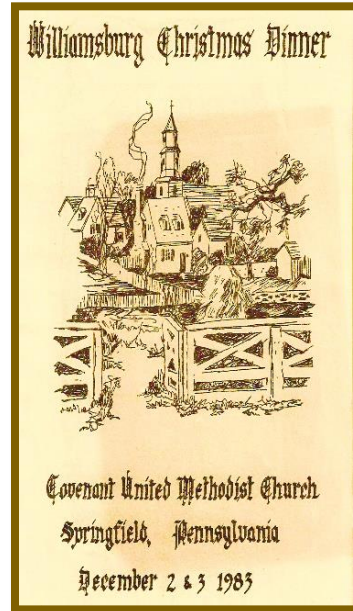
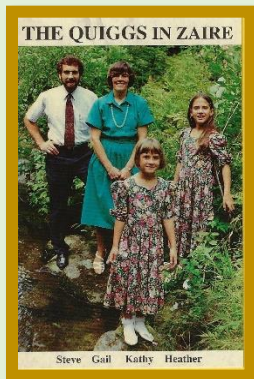
#### GIRL SCOUT HONORS

The congregation was invited to attend a Girl Scout Court of Awards on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Gaines, Jennifer Lurwick and Rachel Upshar were the first girls in Delaware County to receive the Girl Scout’s highest honor, the Gold Award, representing the fulfillment of many hours of challenges, leadership training, and a 25-hour community service project.



Rev. Woolover

The **Quiggs** who Covenant supported through the Thanksgiving Offering visited Covenant in May. They presented a slide presentation showing their aviation ministry in Nigeria.



Seated: Irene Atkinson, John Christ; Back Row: Helen Kain, Dale Owens, Peggy Chance, Doug Hall, Melanie Armstrong, Barbara Stettler (Cadge), Stan Bunting, Rich Jehu

After seven years of excellent music ministry, **Paul Danilewski** felt called to other endeavors at the end of 1983. During the search for a new Organist/Director of Music, four paid musicians at various times filled the void.

*An announcement was read at both services on January 1, 1984 stating that Dr. Yrigoyen requested that he be released from his part-time ministerial staff position effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. In March of 1984, Dr. Yrigoyen celebrated 50 years in the ministry.*

After a seven month search, **Linda Wilberger Egan** (1984-1987) was named the new Organist/Director of Music. Her education included a Bachelor's degree in Music Education and a Master's degree in Sacred Music. She came to Covenant after seven years as Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Swarthmore



Linda Egan



Ruth von Minden

Beginning in 1984 (and possibly before), **Ruth Berdan von Minden** (1984-Present) has been Covenant's summer organist/pianist, substitute organist between Music Directors, and worship pianist. She and her father, Frank Berdan, often played organ and piano duets. She also has been a long time member of the Bell Choir and formerly the Chancel Choir.



Rev. Gould

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee announced the addition of two persons to the ministerial staff: **Rev. Benjamin O. Gould** (1984-1986) and **Rev. Heidi Joos** (1984-1985). Both worked part-time: Ben beginning August 12, 1984 and Heidi beginning July 1, 1984. Ben received a Bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Temple University and also graduated first in his class from the Conwell School of Theology. He served a number of churches until his retirement from full-time ministry. His main duties were visitation, overseeing the Membership Care Work Area and the ministerial representative for the Keenagers.

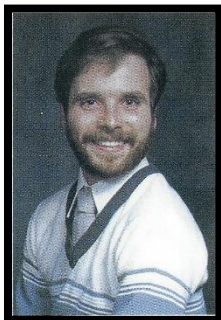
Heidi Joos was a graduate of the University of Maryland, the University of Michigan Medical School and Yale Divinity School. Heidi's duties at Covenant were to oversee the Adult Education Program and to assist Rev. Woolover with the Youth Fellowship Programs, and to act as the ministerial representative for the Outreach Ministries Work Area. Her association with Covenant ended after one year.

### CELEBRATION OF 200 YEARS OF METHODISM

The Bicentennial of Methodism was celebrated at Covenant  
on Sunday, November 4, 1984

- 11:00 a.m. - *A celebration of our heritage using the hymns of Charles and John Wesley. Narration of Methodist history tied the service together.*
- 7:00 p.m. - *John Wesley's service of Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.*
- 8:15 p.m. - *A Tea featuring foods from the era of the Wesleys.*

It was suggested that the congregation wear Colonial Costume.



Marty Hyde

**Martin (Marty) Hyde** (1984-1991) was hired as an Assistant to the Organist/Director of Music. His responsibilities were to direct the two bell choirs, lead the Sunday School music program, and accompany the Chancel Choir when needed. The 5<sup>th</sup> octave of handbells was dedicated on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hyde composed music for the bells and choir which was presented at the dedication.



### COVENANT LENTEN FAMILY GATHERING

Covered Dish Luncheon, “A Visit to Quimper’s Corner”,  
and Hymn Sing

Sunday, February 24, 1985 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Following lunch, Mary Hyde led the group in singing favorite hymns and songs from childhood. Then there was a big surprise.....

Rick Jehu of P.E.P. II (Puppet Evangelism Productions) introduced the crowd to his puppet friends in Quimper’s Corner who presented a production of “Jesus Is Always Around.”

CANTATA 78 JESUS MY BELOVED SAVIOR

EVENSONG AT COVENANT CHURCH

March 17, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.

Nancy Hansen and Edna Graham, Sopranos

Barbara Plank, Mezzo Soprano

Peter Weber and Russell Atkinson, Baritones

Guest Instrumentalists

COVENANT'S CHANCEL CHOIR

LINDA WILBERGER EGAN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Reception Following

Freewill Offering

Nursery Provided

COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
212 W. Springfield Road  
Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064



### Altar Cushions Dedicated At Covenant

Altar cushions, designed by Betty Way and executed in needlepoint by 13 women of Covenant United Methodist Church, were dedicated Sunday, June 16. Mavis Berdan was project coordinator of the project.

The minister commented that the cushions are “uniquely Covenant’s because they were designed and finished by our people. . . and will enhance our worship and enrich our faith.”

Artist Betty Way designed the symbols and background, which were then transferred for needlepoint by Mavis Berdan.

Needleworkers and their projects are Erma Yrigoyen, Book and Candle; Gail Hodge, Crossed Keys; Carolyn Kern, Bread and Wine; Barbara Avery, Lion and Lamb; Eleanor Hobdell, Boat; Martha McKibben, Descending Love; Linda Selm and Mavis Bredan, Loaf and Fishes; Nan Armond, Jonah and Whale; Mary Harrigan, Scales; Dottie Krape, Lantern; Mavis Berdan IHS (Christ); Louise Mannion, Cross and Flame; and Ruth vonMinden, Wedding Kneeler.

The project required three years of work.

### Labor Of Love



**New altar appointments** were also installed later in the year: suspended wooden cross, two new candleholders and two new flower vases.



CHURCH OFFICERS 1985

<b>Administrative Board</b>	George Bonadio	<b>Membership Care</b>	Kerr Graham
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	Gilda Myers	<b>Music Committee</b>	Mary Nelles
<b>Church School Superintendent</b>	Kenneth Baldwin	<b>Outreach Work Area</b>	Russell Atkinson
<b>Council on Ministries</b>	Betty Brown	<b>Property Committee</b>	Leon Sperow
<b>Education Work Area</b>	Donald Wolters	<b>Staff Parish Relations</b>	Leslie Krowchenko
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Robert Hanna	<b>United Methodist Women</b>	Nancy Hall
<b>Lay Leader</b>	Sandra McCall	<b>Worship Work Area</b>	Sue Kirkpatrick
<b>Library Committee</b>	Sherryl Feliciani	<b>Weekday School Board</b>	Margaret Brown

**HANDBELL FESTIVAL**

Twelve Covenant Adult Bell Ringers participated in the Handbell Festival at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Donald Allured was guest clinician. Those attending were Marty Hyde (Director), Ken Prager, Scott Kaysen, Carrie Kaysen, Kay Fielding, Vicki Baldwin, Amy Garton, Jane Swan, Doris Sinclair, Will Rosser, Janet Evans and Linda Egan.

On Sunday, March 30, 1986, Rev. Ben Gould finished his ministry with Covenant as Minister of Visitation. A reception was held in his honor.

Sunday, April 13, 1986 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Covenant Weekday Nursery School.

**BATTER UP!**

Covenant's Men's Softball Team opened its first season in the Community Church Men's Softball League on April 28, 1986. Twenty-one Covenant members and four non-members played on the inaugural team:

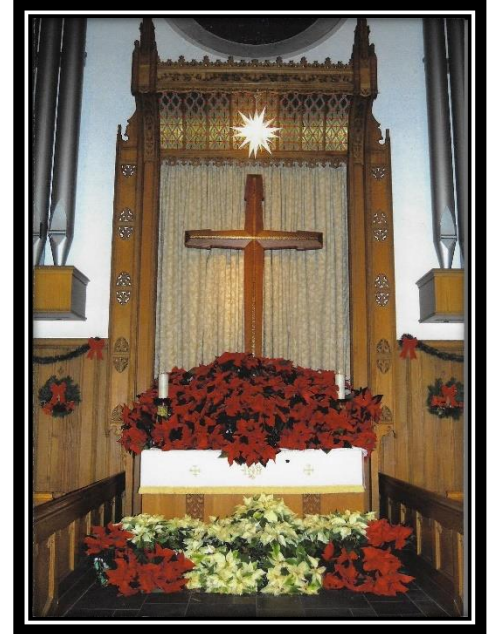
Lane Averill	Harry Johnson
Kenn Baldwin	Joe Landolph
Al Beale	Jim Lanyon
Phil Brown	Mike Lanyon
Don Cadge	George Pagano
Maurice Fatchaline	George Plank
Tim Folkomer	Ray Pope
John Gensel	Ken Prager
Rob Hanna	Andrew Rosser
Jeff Hanna	Jerry Uerrechio
Dick Heintz	Frank Vasile
Rick Jehu	Geoff Waddington
Rob Johnston	

After that first season where they lost twice as many games as they won, they became "winners" for many years thereafter.





*Covenant's Chrismon Trees*



*Covenant Christmas Card*

**SCOUTS** - Covenant provided meeting space for three scout troops each week: Girl Scout Troops #198 and #282 and Boy Scout Troop #227

### OUTREACH

Covenant developed a special relationship with Mother Wortham and her Mission of Care in Chester, Pennsylvania. On April 26, 1987, the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Sunday School classes visited Mother Wortham's Church to join their Sunday School classes which were held around tables in the Soup Kitchen in the basement. The children presented tablecloths and a gift of money to the soup kitchen.

### STAFF CHANGES

**Linda Egan** tendered her resignation as Organist-Director of Music effective August 6, 1987. **Walter J. Yeager** was hired as Interim Organist-Music Director with responsibilities for the Chancel Choir. **Marty Hyde** continued to direct the Bell Choirs and assumed responsibility for the John Wesley and Aldersgate Choirs.

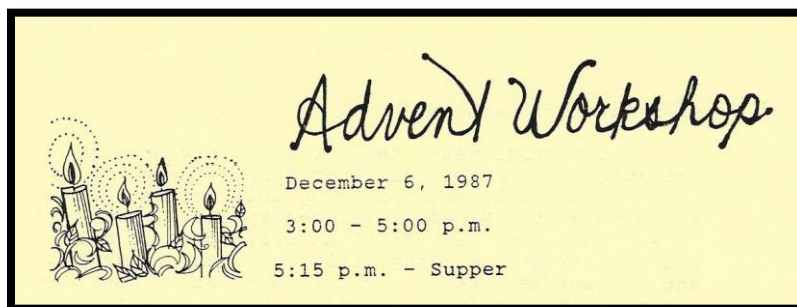
**Mrs. Charlotte DeGregoris** was hired as a part-time Church Visitor effective September 7, 1987.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR FALL OF 1987**

<b>Co-Superintendents Children’s Division.....</b>	Barbara Bunting, Ruthann Burman
<b>Baby Fold Teachers.....</b>	Mary Murray, Chris Foster
<b>Three-Year Old Teachers.....</b>	Sherryl Feliciani, Karen Graewe
<b>Four-Year Old Teachers.....</b>	Alex Turner, Gale Ranalli
<b>Kindergarten Teachers.....</b>	LuAnn Blackman, Barbara Craven, Gail Hodge
<b>First Grade Teachers.....</b>	Barbara Cadge, Barbara Plank, Lynn Buchholtz
<b>Second Grade Teachers.....</b>	Marcia Hickey, Carol Miley
<b>Third Grade Teachers.....</b>	Janet Evans, Sue Wilson
<b>Fourth Grade Teachers.....</b>	Julie Petrellis, Eileen McCauley
<b>Fifth and Sixth Grade Teachers.....</b>	Nancy Cadge, Donald Wolters, Kathie de la Vergne
<b>Seventh and Eighth Grade Teachers.....</b>	Jim Atkinson, Kurt & Barb Dinkelacker, Rens Swan
<b>Ninth to Twelfth Grade Teacher.....</b>	Dawn Cook
<b>Education Work Area Chair.....</b>	Donald Wolters
<b>Children’s Librarian.....</b>	Sherryl Feliciani
<b>Adults’ Librarians.....</b>	Peg Austin, Mary Siegfried, Irene Windsor
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	Phil Brown
<b>Sunday School Music.....</b>	Marty Hyde
<b>Superintendent, Adults.....</b>	Ellen Hazelwood
<b>Adult Bible Fellowship.....</b>	Tim Folkomer
<b>Parents of Young Children.....</b>	Patricia Woolover (Rev.)

**COVENANT BASKETBALL AT THE SPECTRUM**

On Friday evening, November 6, 1987, Covenant Men’s Basketball Team played St. Francis of Springfield before the 76’er season opening home game. Members included Phil Brown, Ken Prager, Jim Lanyon, Bill Bingaman, Brian Bingaman, Jeff Hanna, Doug Johnston, Mark Johnston, and Rob Johnston.

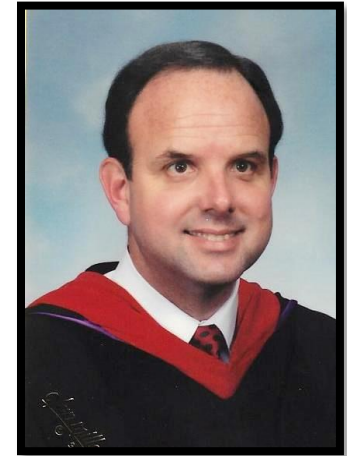


**Valentin Radu, D.M.A.** was Organist-Director of Music for the period January 4, 1988 through April 4, 1988. During the search for another Music Director, Marty Hyde and Ruth von Minden provided music for the remaining Sundays in April and Walter Yeager returned on May 1<sup>st</sup> as interim Organist.



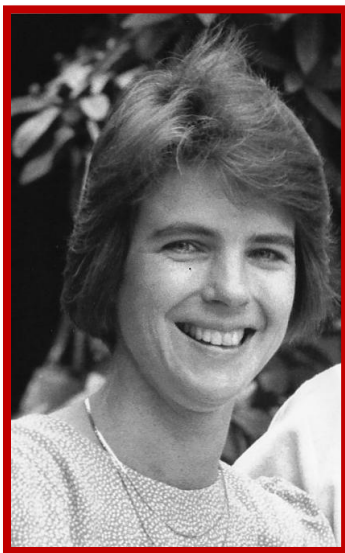
It was announced on January 24, 1988, that **Rev. Bruce Hazelwood** had asked the Bishop for a change in his ministerial duties at the next Annual Conference after almost nine years at Covenant. His new pastorate was Elam Church in Glen Mills, one of the fastest growing churches in the Annual Conference.

Shortly after Rev. Hazelwood's announcement, the Staff Parish Relations Committee announced that **Reverend Robert A. Mongold** (1988-2004) would become Covenant's new Senior Minister effective July 1, 1988. He was a graduate of Radnor High School, Baldwin-Wallace College and Wesley Theological Seminary. Jenkintown United Methodist Church was his previous appointment.



*Rev. Mongold*

**Charlotte DeGregoris**, who had been the church visitor for nine months, finished her work with Covenant at the end of May.



*Sarah Batchelor*

After a lengthy and arduous search involving the screening of twelve applicants, the Search Committee and the Staff Parish Relations Committee announced that **Sarah E. Batchelor** (1988-present) would assume the responsibilities of Organist-Director beginning in late August 1988. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Religion and she holds the degree Bachelor of Church Music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. In addition, at this time, she was enrolled in the Master of Music program at Westminster Choir College.

Beginning September 1988, a **Children's Sermon** was added to the worship service, except Communion Sunday. The children were asked to move up front and after the sermon was given, the children (Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade) departed for Children's Fellowship.



### HARVEST HOME

Worship, Education, and Outreach Work Areas adopted nine families in need throughout Delaware County during Thanksgiving. They filled boxes of groceries to feed a family of four to eight persons for two days.



**Oscar R. Allen** (1988-1991) joined Covenant's staff as Minister of Visitation beginning November 15, 1988. In mid-life he was called to ordained ministry. He, at the time, was a student at Eastern Baptist Seminary.



*Oscar Allen*



*Sunday School Program*

**Rev. Patricia Woolover** announced that she would be moving on from Covenant effective June 1989. A reception was held after church on June 4<sup>th</sup> in celebration of her six years of ministry with Covenant.

### SIERRA LEONE

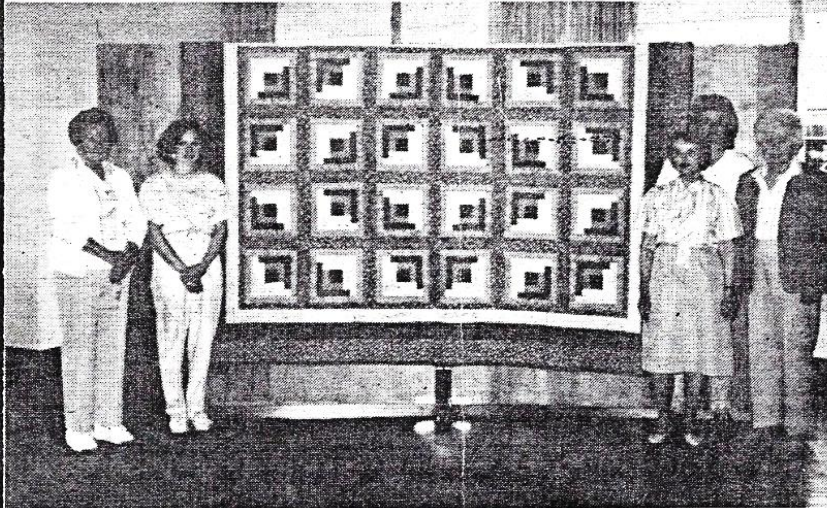
Eight members of Covenant travelled to Sierra Leone, Africa for three weeks in June and July of 1989 to help fight starvation. Jan Gradle, Nancy Hall, Lin Heintz, Nancy Johnston, David McDermott, Dan Miller, Dianne Mongold and Lisa Owens worked in the village of Jokibu at the suggestion of Peace Corps volunteer and fellow church member, Jeff Hall.

**Rev. Richard A. Sutton** (1989-1991) was welcomed to the church staff on July 1, 1989 as Associate Pastor. He was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Methodist Theological School in Ohio and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was formerly the pastor of the Radnor Church in Rosemont for six years. Previously he served churches in Philadelphia and Hatboro.



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# Strawberry festival time



This handmade quilt will be the highlight of an auction at Covenant United Methodist Church's Strawberry Festival tomorrow. Quilters and members of the festival committee include Althea Minatelli, Cindy Morse, Barbara Avery, Mae Truman and Ruth George.

SPRINGFIELD — Members of Covenant United Methodist Church invite the community to their annual Strawberry Festival which will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The festival will be held in the Kingswood Building located behind the church on Saxer Avenue and Springfield Road.

There will be an open auction where the featured item will be a queen size quilt in the "barn raising" design, pieced in the "log cabin" pattern.

The quilting team worked from September through March completing the handmade quilt in shades of pink, mauve and blue. Minimum bid is \$300.

Luncheon will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be a children's bazaar, children's games and dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.

Naturally, strawberries and ice cream will be available all day for \$1.25. Take out service is available for your convenience.

For more information call 544-1400.

## HYMNAL DEDICATION

The new United Methodist Hymnals were consecrated on Sunday, October 1, 1989.



## HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Hugo, the second largest storm of the century (at that time), hit rural South Carolina. Rev. Mongold traveled 650 miles to Summerton, SC with a van full of building tools and children's books and toys donated by Covenant families. The supplies were to be delivered to three tiny churches in Summerton which were housing victims of the storm as they rebuilt their homes.

On **White Tag Sunday**, members of Covenant generously provided 350 individual Christmas gifts for underprivileged families. Members selected a white tag from a Christmas tree with the name of a gift item needed by a specific person. The gifts were taken to St. Daniel's United Methodist Church in Chester for distribution to the homeless. This tradition continues today. Ruth Lawley is pictured.



### NEW BIBLE STUDY ---- “KERYGMA”

Beginning January 20, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. and taught by Rev. Mongold, Kerygma is an in-depth Bible study program taught over a 30-week period. In 30 weeks, students were confronted and acquainted with the message of the Old and New Testament.

### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED

At a volunteer recognition reception, the **Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.** presented a certificate of appreciation to Covenant for support on behalf of the project. They especially thanked Covenant for their care of the women and families who had left the shelter and were now out on their own.

Rain or Shine!  
Indoors or Out - depending on the weather

Join us for a

### CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

on Sunday, September 23

4:00 p.m. -- Games for all ages

5:15 p.m. -- Picnic

6:30 p.m. -- Program

"A Community Council Simulation Game on Appalachia"  
(This is our 10th year of A.S.P.)

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Condiments, and Beverages  
will be provided (\$1 per person donation)

*Please bring:* - a blanket for picnicking (tables also available)  
- dishes and silverware for your own family  
- a covered dish (salads, vegetables, desserts)



### U.M.Y.F Officers Elected

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship elected officers at their meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>:

President

**Steve Mongold**

Vice President (Sr. High)

**Amy Souders**

Vice President (Jr. High)

**Missy Organtini**

Secretary (Sr. High)

**Wendy Cadge**

Secretary (Jr. High)

**Mark de la Vergne**

Treasurer

**Tom Keller**

### YOUTH RALLY

at Covenant Church  
Sunday, November 11, 1990  
5:30-8:30 p.m.  
*for all Jr. & Sr. High Youth*

#### Program

Witness to the ministry of A.S.P.  
and Habitat for Humanity

#### Music

SAY-SO Christian Rock Group  
*Live Performance*

#### Fellowship

Come and see your friends and other youth  
from the South District, from neighboring districts,  
and from other Springfield community churches.  
*Come and bring your friends.*

### PRAYER CIRCLE MINISTRY BEGINS AT COVENANT

Members of Covenant were invited to become part of an organized prayer circle which would carry on an active ministry of intercessory prayer throughout the year.

**HELPING HANDS:** A group of Covenant Members who helped other members of the congregation who had a specific need.





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## CHURCH

# Covenant U.M. plans special Advent service

SPRINGFIELD — The community is invited to attend a special Advent musical worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Covenant United Methodist Church, Springfield Road and Saxer Avenue.

The Westminster Brass quintet will accompany the organist in playing the prelude, anthems and hymns.

The adult Chancel Choir will sing "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham and "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Giovanni Gabrieli.

The children's John Wesley Choir, the Youth and Adult Bell Choirs will also perform. The Rev. Robert Mongold is the pastor and Sarah Batchelor is the organist-director of music.

Members of the congregation contributed 386 pounds of food, 200 bagged lunches and cash on Harvest Home Sunday to supply food for the Thanksgiving dinner at the F.D. Jones Community Center at St. Daniel's U.M. Church in Chester.

Some members of Covenant's Outreach and Education Work Areas assisted St. Daniel's congregation in preparing and serving the Thanksgiving meal to 375 needy and homeless people at the center.

St. Daniel's has an urban ministry that serves the hungry and homeless in Chester with meals,



Members of the Covenant U.M. Church of Springfield were photographed helping to serve a Thanksgiving dinner to needy and homeless people at the F.D. Jones Center at St. Daniel's U.M. Church in Chester.

fellowship, tutoring, counseling and other assistance.

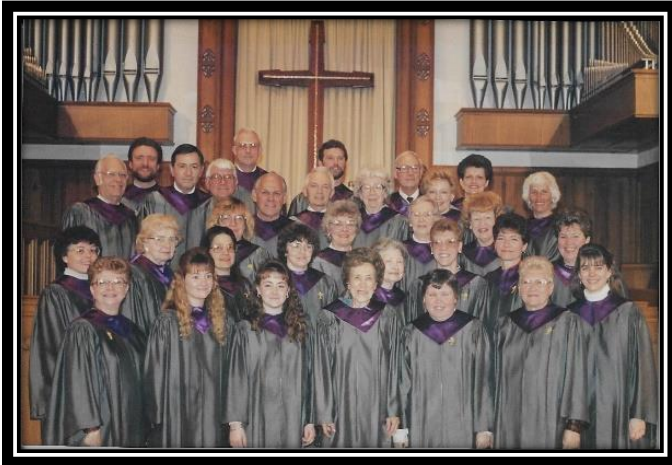
Covenant members will also support families at the St. Daniel's center with Christmas gifts.

Each member selected a name tag from among hundreds hanging on a Christmas tree in the

St. Daniel's sanctuary. Members will bring the gift marked on the tag to church on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Following the service, the gifts will be delivered to St. Daniel's for distribution following a worship service and meal on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.





*Chancel Choir 1991*



*Youth Choir Rehearsal 1991*



*New sign installed at the corner of Springfield Rd. and Saxer Ave. 1991*

**THE A.S.P. SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW**

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 16  
5:30 p.m. - Dinner  
6:45 p.m. - Talent Show

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**PRICE:** Adults and Youth - \$5.00  
Children under 10 - \$3.00



<b>MENU:</b> Spaghetti	Italian Bread
Meatballs	Ice Cream
Savory Sauce	Coffee, Tea, Punch



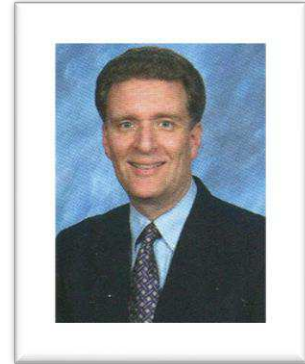
*The Graham Family and John Fielding*

It was announced in March that **Rev. Richard A. Sutton** would be moving to the Glen Moore Church in Chester County effective July 1, 1991.

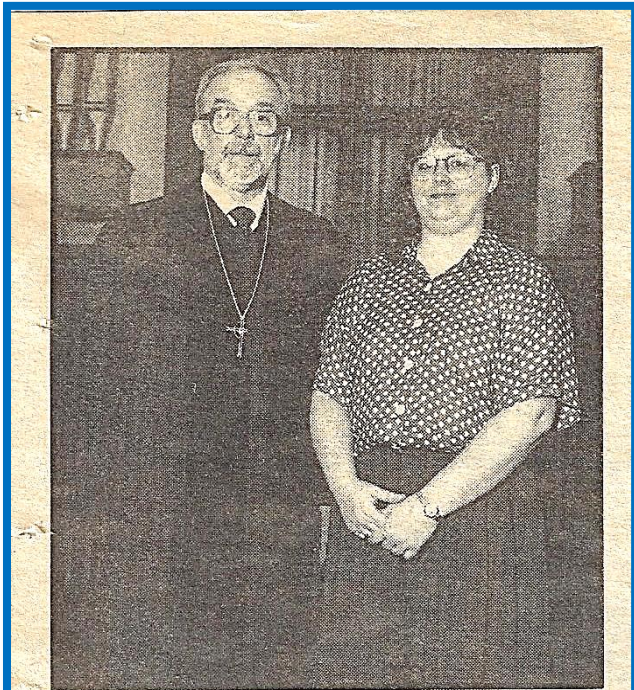


**Russell Atkinson** was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church on June 8, 1991

In October, the Staff Parish Relations Committee announced the addition of **KIRK SCHNEIDER** (1991-present) as Director of the Bell Choirs, replacing Marty Hyde. Kirk brought much bell choir and musical experience to this important ministry of music at Covenant.



*Kirk Schneider*



Rev. Oscar R. Allen, minister of education and pastoral care of Covenant United Methodist Church, Springfield, recently was ordained a deacon in the UM Church by Bishop Susan Morrison. NancyJo Fielding, the youth director of Covenant UM Church, was commissioned in youth work by Bishop Morrison.



*The musical "Silent Night" was presented by 22 children and 4 adults with Sarah Batchelor directing. Adults L:R: Kirk Schneider, Irene Atkinson, Rens Swan, Dale Owens.*



*A new creche scene was given by Marcia Martin in memory of her husband, Jack Martin. The creche was designed and built by Charles W. Gordon and his son, John*



*Barbara Plank's 1991 Nursery School Class*



**COVENANT MARKS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**“Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever”**  
 (1922 – 1992)

Covenant’s kick-off to the year-long celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church began on Sunday, February 23, 1992. The congregation was asked to assemble at 3 p.m. at Old Central School on Saxer Avenue. A short program took place outside followed by a procession to the church where additional activities took place. The Rev. John O’Neill was the featured speaker. A tea reception in Fellowship Hall followed the service.



*Service in front of Old Central School*



*Marching down Saxer Avenue from Old Central School to the church*

Rev. Dr. Dale Owens was the special anniversary speaker on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. On March 29<sup>th</sup> a special emphasis on 70 years of mission involvement took place at a dinner in Fellowship Hall. A special musical presentation of John Rutter’s “Requiem” by the choirs also took place on March 29<sup>th</sup> and on October 18<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Dr. Wallace F. Stettler preached at the 11 o’clock service. A reception followed which honored those who had been members at Covenant for 50 years or more.

**70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE**

Irene Atkinson	Patricia Gaines
Darlene Bachman	Marcia Martin
Frank Berdan	George Plank
Ruthann Burman	Bruce St. Clair
Donald Cadge	Joseph Trainor
Nanci Crowley	Harry Yohn
Rev. Mongold, Advisor	

**ABRIDGED HISTORY**



*Rev. Maloney, speaker*

Throughout the 1992 Lenten Season members of Covenant joined with members of **St. Daniels United Methodist Church** of Chester for an **inter-church Bible study**. The theme of the Bible study was “The Way of the Cross”, a study of the Gospel of Mark written by Dr. Joel Green. These studies were conducted each Wednesday evening in Lent at the respective churches

with the pastor of each church, Rev. Robert Mongold of Covenant and Rev. Al Maloney of St. Daniel’s leading in alternate weeks. Attendance averaged more than 60, but the fellowship and relationships which were established continued to have abiding meaning in the lives of those who attended.

**COVENANT SPONSORS AIDS WORKSHOP**

The community was invited to join members of Covenant on Saturday, May 30th for an informative, thought-provoking workshop on AIDS. The members of the Outreach Work Area of Covenant were responsible for the planning with Ruthanne Ferguson coordinating. Alice Heckman, Methodist Conference AIDS Task Force member, was the group leader. Panel members included medical and dental physicians and a former President of the Delaware County AIDS Task Force.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**George Bonadio**, a member of Covenant since 1964 and former chairman of the Administrative Board, was named Trustee of the Year by the United Methodist Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. He was honored at their annual meeting in Indianapolis. He had served for nine years as President of the Board of the Methodist Home for Children.

**Doris Stettler**, one of the co-founders of the Deaf-Hearing Communications Center housed at Covenant, was selected by the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired Council of Southeast PA as the “Hearing Person of the Year.” She was honored at the Phillies game where she threw out the game ball.



**FOOD COLLECTION**

On the last Sunday of each month, donations of canned goods were brought to the church to be taken to the Food Cupboard sponsored by the Delaware County Caring Coalition, housed at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Broomall.

**BLANKET SUNDAY**

The second Sunday in October was designated as Blanket Sunday. Church World Service (CWS) purchased a cotton or wool blanket for the low price of \$5.00. CWS last year sent blankets to 16 countries. Every night 100 million children sleep in alleys, city dumps, or anywhere they can find shelter. A CWS blanket to such children not only comforts them but is evidence that someone cares.

**NAME CHANGES**

Going forward, the Adult Bell Choir will be known at the "Covenant Ringers" and the Youth Bell Choir will be known as the "Asbury Ringers."

**BIBLE SUNDAY**

On Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the 11 o'clock service, the first-grade children received their own copies of "The Living Bible, The Book for Children".



**No Gift Too Small**

*Instead of giving friends and relatives presents they may not need or even want, consider giving a gift in their honor to one or more of the programs on the enclosed shopping list. When using this kind of gift giving, you will not only receive lovely Christmas gift cards with your gift inscribed inside to send to the person(s) on your gift list, you will be sharing the true spirit of Christmas by helping the needy of the world.*

*This new giving opportunity has replaced the former Christmas Card project Covenant has used for many years. It is hoped your Christmas greeting needs can be met through this project.*



**Mrs. Eugene (Kathryn) Narmour** became a member of the Secretarial Staff on December 4, 1972. She succeeded **Mrs. J. Robert (Margaret) Hansen**, who served the church for seven years. Kathy retired in July 1993 after more than 20 years of faithful service.



Barbara Cadge



Anessa Graham

After the retirement of Kathy Narmour, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee determined that it would be best to create two part-time positions. **Barbara Cadge** (1993-2019) assumed the newly created position of Data Management Coordinator, and **Anessa Graham** (1993-2000) was hired as an Assistant Secretary. Barbara Cadge previously worked in the office during the sabbatical of Kathy Narmour.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING LENT

- February 24:** Ash Wednesday  
12:00 - Communion - Sanctuary  
1:00 - Soup Luncheon - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 - Communion - Hancock Church
- March 14:** Outreach Dinner and Program  
*Native American Awareness*  
4:00 - Program for all ages followed by dinner
- April 8:** Maundy Thursday  
12:00 - Communion - Sanctuary  
7:30 - Service of the Upper Room - Sanctuary
- April 9:** Good Friday  
12:-3:00 Seven Last Words Service - Sanctuary  
12:00 - First Word - Rev. Oscar Allen, Covenant Church  
12:25 - Second Word - Dr. Peter Stube, Redeemer Episcopal  
12:50 - Third Word - Rev. Walter Bruinsma, Princeton Presbyterian  
1:15 - Fourth Word - Rev. Everett Sahrbeck, First Presbyterian  
1:40 - Fifth Word - Rev. Richard Howarth, C.C. Hancock Methodist  
2:05 - Sixth Word - Rev. Arden Krych, St. Matthews Lutheran  
2:30 - Seventh Word - Rev. Robert Mongold, Covenant Church
- April 11:** Easter  
6:30 - Sunrise Service - Courtyard  
8:30 & 11 - Worship Services - Sanctuary

#### STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31**  
U.M.W. Lenten Bible Study on the book of *Matthew*. Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Study from 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. led by Mr. Mongold. Lounge 1.
- Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1**  
A lenten look at *The Road Less Traveled* led by Mr. Allen. Meeting in the Library, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with light refreshments. March 4: *Introduction to The Road Less Traveled* by M. Scott Peck, M.D.; March 11: *"Discipline"*; March 18: *"Love"*; March 25: *"Growth and Religion"*; and April 1: *"Grace."*

**Open to All Ages**

**SQUARE DANCE**

Saturday, January 23, 1993  
7:30 -- 9:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
\$5.00 per person, \$15 cap per family.  
Featuring Clay Goss as Caller.

#### GREAT DAY OF SINGING

On Sunday, January 31, 1993 the worship service included new hymns and old hymns.....

“Come, Let Us Tune Our Loftiest Song”  
“Come Christians, Join to Sing”  
“Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”  
“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace”  
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
“The Old Rugged Cross”  
“Christ Loves the Church”

“When In Our Music God is Glorified”  
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”  
“For the Fruits of This Creation”  
“Hymn of Promise”



**COVENANT NURSERY SCHOOL HOLDS OPEN  
HOUSE AND ART SHOW**

**Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**MAGIC**

MAGIC stands for **Methodist Adults Growing in Christ**. A young adult group from 25 to 45 years old, joined for fellowship, fun, and spiritual enlightenment.

**1993 Confirmation Class**

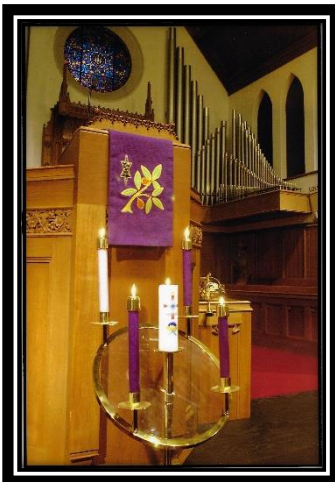
The following students of the Confirmation Class were received into full membership at the eleven o'clock worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 30, 1993:



Megan Elizabeth Brown  
David Allen Burket  
Lauren Elizabeth Daknis  
David Roe de la Vergne  
John William Folkomer  
Dana Lynn Garling  
Brooke Lee Gottwig  
Joseph Gerald McCauley  
Jacquelyn Ann King  
Nicole Joyce Organtini  
Matthew Lawrence Owens  
Andrew Robert Plank  
Zachary Adam Tunnell  
William Kirk Weir

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

A 7 p.m. family service of carols and candlelight featured the children's Christmas musical entitled "A **Shepherd's Story**" by Hall Hopson. Children from the Sunday School and Children's Choir acted and sang at this special drama.



*La Fête des Fraises - Mercredi, le Neuvième Juin, 1993!*  
**Das Fest der Erdbeeren - Mittwoch, den Neunte Juni, 1993!**

Whatever the language,  
the message is the same:

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1993!**

**Food, fun, Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

- Co-Leaders.....Elsie Rivell, Beverly Fletcher
- Attic Treasures..... Mary Ellen Poulson, Doris Lanyon
- Used Jewelry..... Nan Armond
- Bake Table..... Barbara Avery (Miriam Circle)
- Pretzels.....Jeannette Pappas
- Beverages.....Barbara Dinkelacker
- Books.....Harriet Kline, Elva Adams
- Child Care/Lunch..... Barbara Craven
- Children's Games..... Irene Atkinson
- Crafts and Gifts..... Jane Swan (Esther Circle)
- Desserts.....Lucile McGarrah (Anna Circle)
- Dinner.....Edna Graham (Elizabeth Circle)
- Luncheon..... Doris Stettler (Mary Circle)
- Men's Crafts..... Bill Bingaman
- Silent Auction.....Marcia Martin
- Strawberries..... Betty and Bill Naylor
- Tickets..... Kay Fielding

Services Offered: Bead restringing



## REASSURANCE

(1994 – Present)

**Reassurance** is a phone calling ministry.... a way for the church to nurture its bond in Christ with those who are confined to their homes or in the midst of other struggles that make it difficult for them to come out to church to participate in worship and other activities. The Reassurance phone call is a lovely reminder that the Covenant congregation cares about their well-being, is in prayer for them, and desires to remain connected. The Reassurance team is made up of Covenant members who come once a week or once or twice a month and work in a room beneath the Sanctuary. Doris Stettler was instrumental in its organization and led its work until she retired in 2007.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Theme

*People Along the Way: Insights About the Christian Life*

February 20:      The Lawyer              Mr. Allen  
                                  "Love Is Something You Do"  
                                  Luke 10: 25-37

February 27:      Martha and Mary      Mr. Mongold  
                                  "Taking Time for Important Things"  
                                  Luke 10: 38-42

March 6:            The Grateful Leper      Mr. Mongold  
                                  "The Power of a Grateful Spirit"  
                                  Luke 17: 11-19

March 13:        The Self-Righteous      Mr. Mongold  
                                  "What Does It Really Mean to be Great?"  
                                  Luke 18: 9-17

March 20:        Zaccheus                  Mr. Allen  
8:30                    "Beginnings Without End"  
                                  Luke 19: 1-10

11:00      Special Music for the Lenten season  
                                  "Mass in G" - Franz Schubert

March 27:        The Authorities              Mr. Mongold  
                                  "When the Stones Begin to Shout"  
                                  Luke 19: 28-40

April 3:            The Women At the Tomb      Mr. Mongold  
                                  "Because He Lives"  
                                  Luke 24: 1-11

## DISCIPLE

The program was limited to a group of 12 person plus the leader (Rev. Mongold). **DISCIPLE** was based on the model of Jesus and the twelve. Pastors and lay people who were committed spiritually, had open minds and a hunger for studying the scripture were invited into the group. Attendance and participation in an orientation session and all thirty-four of the weekly study sessions was required.



HABITAT HAPPENING

for

Habitat for Humanity  
Delaware County Affiliate

April 10, 1994

Fellowship Hall  
Covenant U.M.C.

5:00 p.m. Fellowship and  
Children's Craft

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Speaker, Jean Shipman

7:15 p.m. Children's film

## MEMORIAL WALL AND GARDEN



On May 29, 1994, the Memorial Wall and Garden were dedicated. The Wall is situated in the courtyard between the Epworth and Kingswood Buildings. Since that time, many members of the Covenant Family have been interred in the “Garden” with a permanent memorial plaque affixed to the Memorial Wall. It is a quiet, comforting area for reflection and meditation. Many members of the congregation worked numerous hours removing rock and boulder-laden soil, replacing it with topsoil and finally sod. This project was funded through the Memorial Fund.

**Jo Fielding**, Director of Youth Ministries, concluded her ministry at Covenant as of July 30, 1994 after two and one-half years. The Staff Parish Relations committee thanked Jo for a job well done.

It was announced that **Amy Bittner** would become the new Youth Director effective September 1994. It

On June 19, 1994, **Oscar Allen (Rev.)** was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church at Albright College Chapel in Reading.

was a short stay due to a change in Amy’s direction in Ministry. She resigned effective December 15, 1994.












**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE AT COVENANT**

Beginning September 25, 1994, and each Wednesday night thereafter, a catered dinner, worship, Bible Study, “Family Forum,” children’s program and children’s choir, committee meetings, all with child care, happened at Covenant. This new ministry was created to help meet the needs of so many in these hectic times.



**THANKS FROM HABITAT OF HUMANITY**

15 Covenant volunteers traveled to a Habitat home in Chester on a Saturday morning to help box usable items, bag trash, remove ceiling tiles and carry furniture and appliances which was greatly appreciated as the first step toward rehabilitating this home for a needy family.

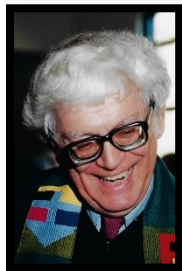
<p align="center"><b>Celebrations of the Advent and Christmas Season</b> at <b>Covenant Church</b></p> <p align="center"><b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>December 11, 1994</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Mr. Allen preaching 11:00 a.m. - A Festival of Lessons and Carols Comprised of seven sets of Christmas readings, interspersed with hymns, anthems, and solos presented by the Chancel and Junior Choirs with special guest musicians.</p> <p>4:00 p.m. - Advent Workshop and Hanging of the Greens Celebration Craft workshops will be offered from 4 - 5:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. an informal dinner of hot sandwiches and salads will be served. In the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. we will celebrate a service of carols and lessons and the Hanging of the Greens. Decorations will be placed throughout the sanctuary as we hear the story of the meaning and symbolism of the traditional items that characterize this holy season. Reservations are required for the craft workshop and the dinner. To make your reservation, please complete a reservation form or call the church office.</p> <p align="center"><b>The Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> <b>December 18, 1994</b></p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11 a.m. - Worship Services with Mr. Mongold preaching White Tag gifts for the People's Emergency Center and the Eliza Shirley Center at Arch Street U.M.C. will be received.</p> <p>4:30 p.m. - Intergenerational Christmas Caroling Join your fellow Christians at Covenant in sharing the wonderful songs of Christ's birth with many of our homebound members. Afterwards we will gather back at the church for snacks in Room 2 of the Kingswood Building. Please call the church office to let us know you are planning to go caroling.</p>    	<p align="center"><b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>December 24, 1994</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Family service of Carols and Candlelight This service will feature the children's Christmas Pageant, <i>My Dear Lord Gave to Me</i>, presented by children from the Sunday School and Choirs.</p> <p>9:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion Service with Mr. Allen preaching</p> <p>11:00 p.m. - Christmas Candlelight Service Mr. Mongold will bring the Christmas Message and music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and the Covenant Ringers.</p> <p align="center"><b>Christmas Day</b> <b>December 25, 1994</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. - One Service of Worship with Mr. Mongold preaching</p> <p align="center"><b>New Years Day</b> <b>January 1, 1994</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Covenant Communion Service with the sermon by Mr. Allen. Sacrament of Holy Communion.</p>     
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### CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL

On Saturday, March 18, 1995, the Junior Choir participated in a **Choir Festival** held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. The festival was directed by Jean Ashworth Bartle, Director of the Toronto Children's Chorus. Eight memorized anthems were sung with scripture readings and instrumental selections.

### REVEREND ALLAN ANNOUNCES HIS APPOINTMENT

On Sunday, March 19, 1995, Rev. Oscar Allan, Covenant's Associate Minister, announced that effective July 1, 1995, Bishop Morrison appointed him as pastor of the Friendship United Methodist Church in Gumtree (7 miles south of Coatesville, PA). He came to Covenant on a part-time basis as Minister of Visitation in November 1988, completed his seminary work at Eastern Baptist Seminary, and came on full time in 1991. All gave thanks to God for his ministry and prayed blessings upon him in his new appointment.



Rev. Ziegler

On July 9, 1995, the Rev. **Robert Ziegler** (1995-2000) a retired member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference and for many years pastor of the Union United Methodist Church in Brookline, joined the staff on a part-time basis as Minister of Visitation.

### Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our UMCOR Mission Dinner a special occasion. Elva Adams and her kitchen "staff" surely prepared a scrumptious entree and dessert. Members of Sarah Circle and Outreach Work Area provided the tempting, delicious hors d'oeuvres. The candlelight dinner with music was served by courteous and efficient waiters and the clean-up crew did a superb, expedient job. Our "audio-visual man" had everything under control and we had 61 gracious paid guests in attendance. Our numbers were small, but our hearts were large and we realized \$185.31 in profit and donations which is being given to UMCOR. Thank you everyone for your special part!

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Wentz, our informative speakers from Strasburg, Pennsylvania, enlightened us about the many facets of UMCOR's presence throughout the world. Truly amazing! A vivid video was viewed showing the mass destruction of hurricanes in the South and the many volunteers who helped the great numbers of victims through UMCOR. True Christianity in action!

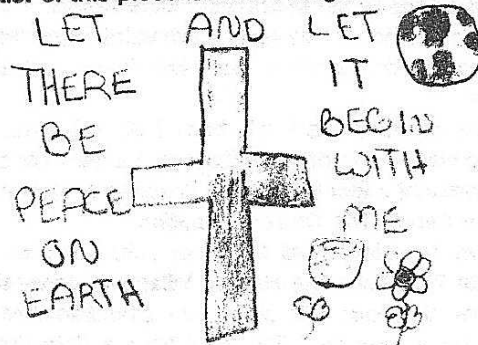
If anyone wishes to contribute to UMCOR on a regular basis, "fish" banks are available for your taking (in the back of the Sanctuary).

Many thanks to everyone.

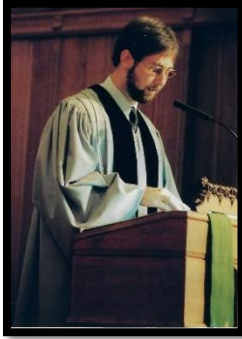
With gratitude,  
Lee Windle, Chairperson  
Outreach Work Area

### From the Church Doodle Box

Here's the first (of what we hope will be many) examples of artwork which have been deposited in the doodle box at the back of the Sanctuary. The artist of this piece is Katie Hodge.







*Rev. Rich*

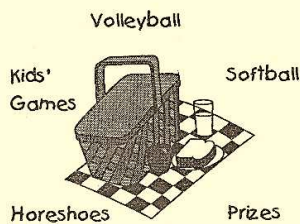
In addition to Rev. Ziegler, the **Reverend John D. Rich, Jr.** (1995-1998) was appointed to Covenant by Bishop Morrison to be Covenant's Associate Minister.



*Vacation Bible School July 1995*  
*"Our Treasures"*

### CHURCH PICNIC

DATE: Sunday, August 6, 1995  
 TIME: 11:00 AM Until ??  
 PLACE: Memorial Park  
 Springfield Road  
 (1 block from Church)  
 PLEASE BRING: - Lawn chairs  
 - Dessert for dessert table & contest  
 - Picnic lunch for your family



### Nursery School News

Harvest Home: Covenant Nursery School children presented canned goods collected by CNS and MMO families over the last few weeks. In the Sanctuary, the children sang "Jesus Loves Me" and placed the cans on the altar. Afterwards they enjoyed a brief thank you and story with Pastor Rich. The children are very proud to have contributed over 560 cans!

CNS Gives Thanks: Thank you to the Chrisanthon family for their donation of toys, books, trucks, and dolls--all in wonderful condition. We always appreciate "new" things. We are in strong need of any cooking materials--cookie sheets, spatulas, bowls with lids, etc.--if you're cleaning house this holiday season, please keep us in mind. Thank you. In the Spirit of the holidays,  
 Carrie Serrano, Director

### Thanks to Troop #227

We offer our thanks to Boy Scout Troop #227, the troop which is sponsored by Covenant Church and meets here on Monday nights. The Troop participated in the nationwide Boy Scout sponsored Canned Food Drive. Members of Troop #227 collected canned goods from their neighbors and then passed the contributions on to Covenant Church for distribution. We delivered 75% of the items from this collection to the local Ecumenical Caring Coalition food cupboard at St. Mark's U.M.C. in Broomall, and the remaining 25% to CityTeam Ministries in Chester. Thanks again to the Boy Scouts and to all those who gave so generously during the Thanksgiving season.

A service of lessons and carols was held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the 11 o'clock service with the Chancel, Junior and Children's Choirs and guest musicians Anne Sullivan Chaffin (harp) and Terry Belzer (oboe) providing the music. On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. the Junior Choirs presented a Christmas musical "Shobi Shares a Miracle" by Trilby Jordan and Albert Zabel.



### 30 HOUR FAMINE

On February 23 and 24, 1996, Covenant Youth participated in a 30- hour famine to raise money for starving children throughout the world. It was a great learning experience for the youth to see how extreme hunger feels and experience the joy of giving.



On June 4, 1996, Rev. Mongold on behalf of the congregation accepted the *Community Award* given by the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Girl Scout leaders of Springfield nominated Covenant in appreciation of the Church's willingness to open its doors to Girl Scouting.



### COVENANT KIDS (C.K.'S) IN ACTION

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group



L:R Gary Rothera, Eric Stanchak, John Byrnes, Marietta Jeffers, Laura King, Bev Broome, Lori Handshuh, Mrs. Meg King and Kim Pitkin assemble Easter baskets for the children at the Wesley House in Chester.

The C.K.'s handmade their own reed baskets at their March 6<sup>th</sup> sleepover. Then, on Good Friday, they filled and delivered 23 baskets with candy, toys, and bunnies donated by the many members of Covenant.



Strawberry Festival 1996 (L:R: Dot LeCalsey, Esther Harrison, Doris Gobb)



On Saturday, August 3, 1996, a dozen Covenant people traveled to Kennett Square to help with construction on **Cristo Rey United Methodist Church** which ministers to migrant workers from Mexico. The pastor, Rev. Miguel Arroyo, spoke at the last Wednesday Night Live Service about the crucial ministry happening with the Kennett Square community. From that worship service came several people who expressed a desire to help with any construction and/or cleanup needs the Cristo Rey congregation may have.

#### JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A joint class of the Senior High Sunday School Class and the Adults With Questions Class convened on Sunday, October 6, 1996. The class was co-facilitated by Luke Bunting and Ken Prager. They met once each month to discuss a wide range of topics that interested both the youth and adults.

#### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

On November 10<sup>th</sup> at the 11 a.m. service, Covenant's first ever contemporary worship service was held complete with guitars, drums, a synthesizer and songs of praise. The service included presentation of Bibles to first graders, and Pastors Mongold and Rich presented the sermon material in the form of a conversation.

The Chancel, Junior and Children's Choirs and guest flutists, Erica Simon and Pamela Whitman participated. Meg King, soprano, sang the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City" as an introit.

#### HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Newly formed fellowship groups began on September 15, 1996. These groups met in members' homes on various days and times during the week to make participation conducive with schedules. The first-year groups and topics were:

##### Facts by FAX: Barb Plank and Frank Berdan

Discussed current events and asked questions about appropriate Christian responses

##### Chapters and Charters: Jim Atkinson

Studied about our heritage as United Methodists as it relates our history to contemporary concerns of our church

##### Bible Basics: Barb Byrnes, Lynn Seidel

Consisted solely of persons who felt a lack of knowledge about the Bible and wish to learn more.

##### Videos and Voices: Kerry & Shari Graham

Movie buffs gathered to watch videos and discussed how each movie supported or clashed with our Christian faith

##### Celebrating Singleness: Linda Lyman and Janice Puliti

For single, widowed and divorced persons who looked at unique opportunities for Christian service which unmarried persons have.

A **service of lessons and carols** was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the 11 o'clock service.



Respectfully compiled by Nancy Siegfried Hansen