



# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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## Covenant Update

October 27, 2023

**See You Tonight at the  
Harvest Festival 6-9 p.m.**

## Annual Meeting Recap

We give praise to God for a wonderful evening of fellowship, thanksgiving, communication, and church business. The annual dinner was attended by approximately 160 people and many thanks are extended to Adrienne McMillan and the entire



set-up/take-down team for their gracious service behind the scenes.

If you missed the annual slideshow of the year in review or would like to see it again, please click [here](#). You may left click through the slideshow at your own pace. For the annual report (including updates from our pastors and committees as well as the 2024 budget), please click [here](#).

Three officers were elected by the congregation by an overwhelming majority. Rob Barbadoro was reelected to the office of elder, Jeff Currier was elected to the office of elder, and Ken Markwalter was reelected to the office of deacon.

The 2024 draft budget was presented to the congregation for its information and will be approved by the Session at its November meeting, per PCA Book of Church Order stipulations.

In the culminating matter of the evening, the congregation voted to approve the construction of a fellowship hall building addition with related sitework by a vote of 104-11 (90% margin, with three abstentions). We give great praise to God for His clear leading on this important matter in the life of our church, and continue to ask for your prayers as we seek God's will as plans proceed. More information will follow in the months ahead as details develop.

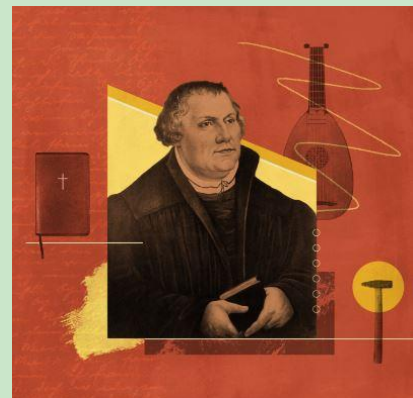
Thank you to everyone who prayed for a great meeting that would honor the Lord and encourage His people. He answered abundantly and we give Him all the praise!

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## Joint Reformation Sunday School This Week: The Sayings of Martin Luther

The original "Tabletalk" was not a devotional magazine published by Ligonier Ministries (as wonderful as it is!), but a collection of sayings by Martin Luther that were recorded by his students while they ate with him in his home and traveled with him along the road. Written between 1531 and 1546, it was published in Eisleben, Germany in 1566 and remains, along with other of Luther's writing, a treasure of biblical wisdom for believers today.

Please join us at 9:15 a.m. for this special combined adult Sunday School class as Pastor Muhlfeld reintroduces us to one of the leading figures of the Protestant Reformation, that we might grow in our faith in Jesus Christ.



## Thanksgiving Celebration at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren

Please save the date for a joint Thanksgiving service hosted by our neighbors at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren (821 Main St., Harleysville) on Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.



## Congregation Connection

**Youth Group Service Project for  
Keystone Opportunity Center**



## Resource Spotlight

### Pottstown Beacon of Hope Requesting Assistance



Pottstown Beacon of Hope will be opening an overnight warming center for the winter season. From November 1, 2023, to May 1, 2024, the center will operate daily from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., providing a warm refuge for individuals experiencing homelessness, rotating between various collaborating houses of faith and churches each month. Once open, they will need volunteers to assist with meals, cleaning, driving guests, and organizing of donations. If you are interested in supporting their efforts this winter season, please click on the sign-up buttons found [here](#) on their website.

## Upcoming Events

A **memorial service for Ed Castor** will be held on Friday, November 17 at Covenant. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. and the service will follow at 11:00 a.m. There will be a

luncheon at the Bay Pony Inn, Lederach. Ed's obituary may be found [here](#). Thank you for your prayers for the Castor/Nagy family.

Please check [past Covenant Updates](#) for additional information on items below:

**Current Adult Sunday School Classes:**

- **Combined Reformation Sunday School** - Sanctuary - led by John Muhlfeld

**October**

- 10/27 at 6:00 p.m. - **Harvest Festival**

**November**

- 11/5 at 2:00 p.m. **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party** - more information [here](#)
- 11/13-20 - **Operation Christmas Child Collection Week** - more information [here](#)
- 11/14 at 11:30 a.m. - **Senior Fellowship Turkey Luncheon** - sign up in the narthex by Nov. 5 - more information [here](#)
- 11/17 at 11:00 a.m. - **Memorial Service for Ed Castor** with 10:00 a.m. family greeting time - obituary [here](#)
- 11/19 at 7:00 p.m. - **Joint Thanksgiving Service** at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren

Below you will find the **November Calendar**. Click on the image to enlarge. Paper copies have also been placed in church mailboxes.

**November 2023**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 am Sunday School 10 am Morning Prayer 11:45 am Adult Choir Practice 12:00 pm Youth Gr. OCC Service 2:00 pm OCC Training Party				7 pm Session Meeting		8 am Women in Prayer
10 am Women's Mtg. #78 Mtg 10:45 am Senior Choir Practice 12:00 pm TBB & SPC Mtg 10:30 am & 4:30 pm Choir 8 pm Youth Group 12:00 pm OCC Collector Week	9:15 am OCC Collector Week	7 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Men's Bible Study		7 pm Joint Session/Session Meeting		7:50 am Men's Breakfast at Heritage Homes
10 am Women's Mtg. #79 Mtg 10:45 am Senior Choir Practice 12:00 pm TBB & SPC Mtg 10:30 am & 4:30 pm Choir 8 pm Youth Group 12:00 pm OCC Collector Week	9:15 am OCC Collector Week	11:30 am Senior Fellowship Thanksgiving Luncheon 7 pm OCC Collector Week 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Men's Bible Study	10 am-12 pm OCC Collector Week	8:45 pm OCC Collector Week 8 pm Women's Ministry Mtg 7 pm Women's Committee Mtg	11 am Family Greeting Time 11 am Memorial Service for Ed Castor 5:45 pm OCC Collector Week	8 am Women in Prayer 10 am-12 pm OCC Collector Week
7 pm Joint Thanksgiving Service at ICCOB		7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm Women's Bible Study				

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This Sunday Pastor Muhlfeld will preach from **Ezra 7:10** and his sermon title is **Reformation Heralds**. He writes, "Reformation begins with a heart changed by God's Word. He draws us to study His glory, transforms us to grow in His likeness, and uses us to proclaim His mercy to others. Ezra experienced such a reformation though God's Word several centuries before the birth of Christ. We may experience an even greater reformation through the Savior whose life, death, and resurrection have now been fully revealed. Through the power of God's Word, we become heralds of His grace."

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*We look forward to worshipping with you  
this week!*

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