



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Covenant Update

November 1, 2024

Harvest Festival Highlights



Praise the Lord for another great Harvest Festival! Over 930 people attended and it was a perfect night to serve the community with the love of Christ, while enjoying fellowship with one another.

A few highlights:

- The Share Your Faith Team handed out tracts and received several prayer requests. They were also able to encourage believers in their faith and evangelism efforts.
- People loved dancing under the pavilion, as well as cuddling with the baby goats!
- We were blessed to serve:
 - 480 Walking Tacos
 - 18 crock pots of chili
 - 15 gallons of cider
 - 360 cups of hot chocolate
 - 544 hot dogs
 - 373 boxes of popcorn
 - 336 bags chips
 - 526 smores
- The congregation provided a great selection of cupcakes, cookies, muffins, and breads - thank you so much!
- There were 82 people who signed up to serve, with many, many more who showed up to help set up, break down tents and tables, and clean up the bathrooms and kitchen

In preparation for next year, if you would kindly provide feedback on the survey in your church mailbox (also found [here](#)), the planning committee would greatly appreciate it.

Sincere thanks are offered to Diane and Ken Dietterich, Bob and Sandy McIntyre, Julia and Whitney Smith, and the many volunteers who helped make this year's Harvest Festival a great success. Please continue to pray for the many neighbors and visitors who attended.

Thanksgiving Celebration
Save the Date

Please join us Sunday, November 24 at Covenant at 7:00 p.m. for a special Thanksgiving service with our brothers and sisters from Indian Creek Church of the Brethren. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow.



Congregation Connection

New Adult Sunday School Classes Start Next Sunday, Nov. 10

Atonement **Mike Roberts** **Sanctuary**

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor. 1:18). The death of Christ stands at the center of the Christian faith. Indeed, there is no forgiveness of sins and assurance of eternal life apart from the historical reality of Jesus’ execution on a Roman cross two thousand years ago.

But what actually happened on the cross? What did the death of Christ achieve? In our class we will see that the Bible addresses this from different perspectives, and uses a number of terms to describe the meaning of the atonement. May our response be that of Isaac Watts:

“Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,

Sharing the Gospel **for Non-Evangelists**

Bob Witmer
Room 107

We’ve all had encouragement to share the gospel—and may have had opportunities to share our faith but were not sure how to proceed, having concerns that might have seemed overwhelming. This class, roughly based on two books, *Evangelism for Non-Evangelists* and *Evangelism for the Rest of Us*, will review the different dimensions of evangelism from past to present and consider a different gospel-sharing strategy, guided by individual personality styles, that can help us become the evangelists God intended us to be.

demands my soul, my life, my all.”



Resource Spotlight

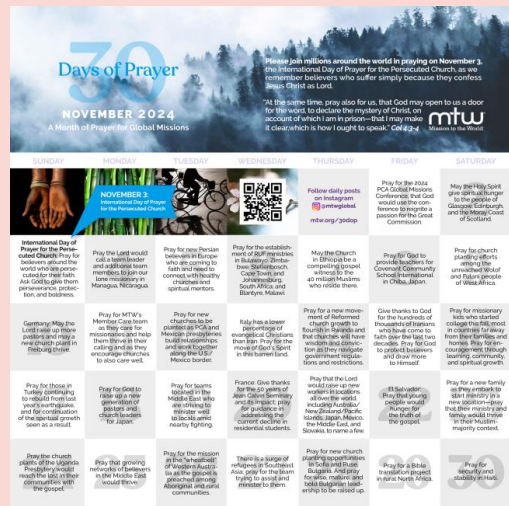
Mission to the World 30 Days of Prayer

MTW invites everyone to join in devoting the month of November to prayer for global missions, especially for those who serve in difficult or restricted-access areas.

Here are a few ways to join in prayer:

- Visit mtw.org/30dop for a new prayer request published each day
- **Download and print** a paper calendar
- Follow MTW on social media [@mtwglobal](https://twitter.com/mtwglobal), where MTW will post requests throughout the month of November

Your prayers are critical for the growth of the worldwide Church! Thank you for joining in prayer.



Upcoming Events

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

Current Adult Sunday School Class at 9:15 a.m.:

- **Acts—Part 2** - Sanctuary - led by Thomas Potgieter
- **Parenting Younger Children** - Room 107 - led by John Rohrman and a Team of Parents

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- 11/2 at 9:00 a.m. - **Women in Prayer**
- 11/3 at 2:00 p.m. - **OCC Packing Party** - more information [here](#)
- 11/12 at 11:30 a.m. - **Senior Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch** - sign up in narthex by Nov 3
- 11/15 at 7:00 p.m. - **Women's Gratitude Gathering** - sign up in narthex by Nov 10; more information [here](#)
- 11/18-25 - **OCC Collection Week**
- 11/24 at 7:00 p.m. - **Thanksgiving Service** with Indian Creek Church of the Brethren at Covenant

This Sunday Pastor Muhlfeld will preach from **2 Samuel 1:17-27** and his sermon title is **Godly Sorrow**. He writes, "In a world of 'shiny happy people' who avoid death and downplay suffering, God's Word teaches us how to face life's most devastating moments with thoughtfulness and faith. The God who knows our suffering shows us how to engage in godly sorrow, through the Man of Sorrows, who will one day make sorrow no more."

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

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