

COUNTRY COVENANT CROSSROADS

A Place to Believe, to Belong and to Become

Country Evangelical Covenant Church

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Our annual Maundy Thursday Service is set for 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 28th. We will begin the service with our traditional soup with rolls meal, Pastor Dave will deliver a meditation remembering Christ's passion, and we will commemorate Christ's Last Supper with His disciples by serving communion. This is always a very meaningful service. If you are willing to make vegetable soup (to be combined with others'), please contact Muffie Slater.

HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

We will celebrate our risen Lord on Easter morning, March 31st, beginning with an all-church breakfast feast, followed by our worship service filled with extra special music. Come help us celebrate this most joyous of occasions!!

We will serve breakfast from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Worship follows at **10:15 AM**.

YTD CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF 1/31/02

Budgeted	
Income/Expenses	\$ 6,920
Actual Income	4,170
Actual Expenses/ Liabilities	4,115

HOUSEWARMING/POT BLESS HOUSE DEDICATION

All adults of the church are encouraged to mark your calendars for Saturday evening, March 16th! We will gather at Pastor Dave's and Beth's new home, 506 Prairieview Parkway in Hampshire at 6:30 PM. (Note, there is no parking on the east side of the street.) There, we will celebrate a Housewarming/House Dedication along with a Pot Bless dinner! Please bring a vegetable, a salad or an entree. Call Linda Matson, 847-683-2312 to sign up, get directions or ask questions.

COUNTRY COVENANT FAMILY NIGHT, SUNDAY MARCH 3rd

Come to church on March 3rd at 5:00 PM for a family soup and sandwich pot luck supper. We will learn about Ellen and Walter Stuffle's adventures building homes with the Christian NOMADS. Bring a sandwich to share and the soup and dessert will be provided. Be sure to write your name on the sign up sheet at the church, so we will have some idea of how much soup and dessert we will need.

MARCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

3/3	Daniel Beckstrom
3/10	Muffie Slater
3/17	Beverley Tasche
3/24	Maki Coomes
3/31	No Children's Church

MARCH NURSERY WORKERS SCHEDULE

3/3	Linda Matson
3/10	Rebecca Cosman
3/17	Linda Leach
3/24	J & L Washburn
3/31	Jesse Delask

MEN'S RETREAT AT COVENANT POINT

All you men out there, mark your calendars for **the weekend after next**, March 8-10! That's when the annual Men's Retreat at Covenant Point takes place this year. Talk about a great opportunity to really get away from it all! All of the fun and hilarity of being a kid again coupled with the opportunity to draw near to God through prayer, worship, fellowship, Bible study and retreat in the beauty of God's Northwoods. Let off some steam, let go of some pressures, let God renew you by His Holy Spirit. If you've been to previous retreats, you know what fun you are in for, and if you haven't, well, isn't it about time you find out? Bill Orris, pastor of the DeerGrove Covenant Church in Palatine and a Covenant evangelism teacher, is this year's retreat leader. Join Pastor Dave and the other men from church. (Some will be returning Saturday night; the rest come back on Sunday.)

**CONTACT MARK BECKSTROM
TODAY IF YOU WANT TO GO - there is
still time and space for you!.**

If you are unable to teach Children's Church or serve in the Nursery on your scheduled day, please trade with someone else or call one of the subs. Please be sure to notify the church office (847-464-5381) of any changes by Friday noon so that they can be published in the bulletin.

SUPPER 8'S TO RESUME

Next month, we will be passing around a sign up sheet for those interested in participating in Supper 8's. For those who don't know about Supper 8, groups of 6-8 adults get together once a month for 4 months for dinner and fellowship at one another's homes on a rotating basis. Everyone brings a part of the meal; it is a sort of mini-pot luck. After 4 months, the participants' names are shuffled and assigned to new groups for the next 4 months.

PASTOR'S NOTES

On Sunday morning, March 3rd, the focus of worship will be on healing. During the communion portion of the service, prayers for healing will be offered for those requesting this vital ministry.

On Sunday evening at 5 PM on March 3rd, we will have another Country Covenant Family Night. We will have a sandwich potluck. Soup and dessert will be provided. Walter and Ellen Stuffle will be sharing their January adventure with Christian NOMADS. Please sign up if you plan to attend. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

I am looking forward to our Maundy Thursday Service and our Easter Resurrection Celebration. Worship will start 15 minutes early (10:15 AM) Easter Sunday for those who want to join in a hymn sing.

Coming in April, on the 13th and 14th, the church will be hosting a workshop entitled "Hope and Healing for Hurting Families." The presenter is Steven Earll, a licensed professional counselor. He has worked in the field of addictions and trauma for over 25 years with adults, adolescents and families. You do not want to miss this! Steven is a most engaging speaker.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 15th and 16th. Judy Howard Peterson will be at church for another Country Covenant Family Night. She will be telling her story of how she walked across America for Jesus. You may have read about Judy in the *Covenant Companion*. She did this to complete her seminary internship while at North Park Theological Seminary, where I became acquainted with her.

GOD IS GOOD!

ALL THE TIME!

Pastor Dave

PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain is in its final stages of editing, and will be distributed shortly to those who signed up. Thank you to all who agreed to participate in this important ministry at Country Covenant. Anyone in need of prayer may call the church (847-464-5381) or Pat Bergman (630-365-6067), and your request will taken care of in a caring and timely fashion.

SUMMER MISSIONARY

On May 15th, Sarah Beckstrom plans to return to the country of Kenya in Africa, to spend the summer months as a short term missionary to street children through Homeless Children International's Chombo Cha Upendo Street Girls Program. She will be ministering to young girls ranging in age from 6-17 years old and who are making the change from their life on the streets. In order to make the trip, Sarah needs to raise a total of \$3,000 to cover her transportation and living expenses, since HCI is a non-profit organization and therefore, unable to provide those funds. If you would like to contribute, you may make a tax-deductible donation to Country Covenant's Mission Fund and the church will forward your donation to Sarah. In addition, your prayer support is urgently needed. If you would like more information, you may contact Sarah at school (773-665-5853), by email: whiteafrican01@yahoo.com, or by phone at home (847-683-4727). Please prayerfully consider what God would have you do to contribute to this very worthy mission trip.

COVENANT WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to participate in our Covenant Women's group. There will be a meeting on March 26th to plan the year's activities. Contact Betty Landmeier (847-464-5729) with suggestions or questions.

DO YOU LIKE KIDS?

We are looking for folks who would be willing to take a turn teaching Sunday School to our children during June, July and August. Nancy Allen and Bev Tasche, who so faithfully guide our little ones, would both like to take some time off in order to refresh. We are asking for interested volunteers to take 3-week blocks during that time. (That means we need 4 of you!) Contact Nancy or Bev if you have questions or to sign up!

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

Man to God:

"How long is a million years?"

God to man:

"To me, it's a minute."

Man to God:

"How much is a billion dollars?"

God to man:

"To me, it's a penny."

Man to God:

"Then, can I have a penny?"

God to man:

"Sure, in just a minute!"