

# Country Covenant Crossroads

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**A Place to Believe, to Belong, and to Become**  
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## Under Construction...

### Who I Am!

The following Scriptures are true of one who is involved in a vital personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We are enabled to be all that God says we can be only by the power of Jesus Christ in our lives.

John 15:1-11 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself...no more can you, except you abide in me...without me you can do nothing...these things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

John 17:23 "I am in Christ and loved by the Father. All who believe are justified."

Acts 13:39 "I have been freed from all things because I have received grace."

I Peter 2:5 "I am a living stone, being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

I Peter 3:18 "I have been made alive in the Spirit."

I Peter 1:16 "Because he is holy, I am holy."

Romans 8:17 "I am an heir of God and fellow heir with Christ, if indeed I share in His sufferings in order that I might share in His glory."

I Corinthians 6:17 "I am one spirit with Christ as I unite myself with the Lord."

II Corinthians 5:17 "I am a new creature in Christ; old things have passed away, all things have become new."

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## Dates for your calendar:

March 6 - 8 – Men's Retreat at Covenant Point

March 14 – UNO Night

March 20/21 – Spring Cleaning at Church

March 28 – Adult Fellowship Fools' Swap

April 6 – Jews for Jesus

April 9 – Maundy Thursday Service



## Wednesdays:

How well do you answer questions on your faith?  
What does the Bible say?

Wednesday night **RockSolid** studies continue to explore 26 "formational footholds of faith". For both new and mature Christians, these studies offer resources for deeper understanding into faith with insightful articles and daily life applications.

Plan to join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.



## Sunday School Spotlight!

God has given us children to teach and nurture, and we are having great fun doing it! From the youngest to the oldest, they are full of life and they love to learn new things about the Bible and God's people. Sometime ask them about Sunday School - what and who are they're learning about and what songs they like to sing. But don't ask them about the "something special" that we've cooked up! You'll see it soon and we're all trying very hard to see if we can keep it a secret!

Remember to pray for our kids. This is a great way for everyone to be involved with Sunday School. Linda, Kim, and I feel God's presence as we spend time with these children. Pray for us too!

-- Nancy Allen

## Breakfast Men...

A breakfast gathering of the men of our church was held in February at Rose Garden Restaurant in Hampshire. Five men attended and the fellowship was great! On **Saturday, March 7** we'll meet again at **8:00am** in the same place. All men are welcome – we can always make the table longer!

If you need directions, call Lynn at 847-464-5447. Hope to see you!

## Women Ministries

Grab your buckets and rags - it's March and time to **spring clean** the church! Join us on **March 20 and 21**; we'll start at 9:00am. Come when you can and stay as long as you're able. If you can't make it on March 20 or 21, but would like to help, please see Betty. She has a list of projects that could be done another day.

Contact Betty or Bev if you have questions.



## Adult Fellowship

Mark your calendar for our first ever **April Fool Yankee Swap!!!** Now's your chance to get rid of some more "white elephants" lying around your house! (Remember, it's not something you buy.) Wrap it in April fool paper, bring a dish to pass, and come enjoy the fun on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We promise you'll have a good time, no foolin' (yes, Wally, there will be silverware.) Any questions?? Call Mary Ebert, 630-557-2137.

## Jews for Jesus

As you look ahead to Easter, plan to include Monday evening, April 6 in your preparations of Easter week. Melissa Moskowitz of Jews for Jesus will speak and present a **Passover Seder**. Jews for Jesus uses creative methods and contemporary issues to present the message that Jesus is the Messiah to Jewish people around the world.

## Safety...

"The church is a safe place." Of course, we believe this is a statement that reflects Country Covenant! But consider all the aspects of safety – physical, emotional, spiritual, mental. It's a concept that applies to so many areas of life in general and church life also. The church council has discussed the need to seriously look at safety concerns in all our facilities, activities, and attitudes. One place we're starting is our coffee hour after morning worship. You'll notice that there aren't "sweet treats" there for a while as we consider the best ways to ensure this is one of our safe activities.



## Let the Spirit Lead!

what the Sunshine Boys & Girls have been up to...

- fence lights were changed from HOPE to LOVE
- bushes in the parking lot island and around the sign were trimmed

## Wise words from Lynn...

It is often said that you cannot out-give God. This means that if you share your blessings with your neighbor you will be doubly blessed. God is most gracious to us; let us show grace to others.

A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

## Outreach opportunity updates...

In January **Centro de Informacion** received \$165 plus 11 bags of food. Forty eight jars of peanut butter were purchased with some of the donations and the balance was given in cash. In addition, the Sunshine Boys repaired six items in and around Centro's office.

### Russian Radio offering:

January contribution was \$125.00

## Green Tip:

Your refrigerator uses more electricity than all your other kitchen appliances combined. To keep its energy costs down, clean the coils twice a year. This improves efficiency by 30% to 50%.



Don't forget those **aluminum cans**! Keep them out of the landfills and we can turn them into cash for a project to be named later. Drop them off at Lynn's house or bring them to church.

## Newsletter changes...

We're planning to update the look and format of the newsletter. What would you like included? How would you like to see it presented? If you have ideas or suggestions, we'd like to hear them. Contact Nancy in the church office.



## Peter Pan

The Christian Youth Theater production of Peter Pan stars **Gabriel Harder** as John. It will be at Huntley High School on two weekends in March.

Show times are:

Fridays – March 6 & 13 at 7:00pm

Saturdays – March 7 & 14 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Sundays – March 8 & 15 at 2:00pm

For ticket information, see Mark or Sylvia Harder.

## January financial information:

Income	\$ 9,747.00
Expenses	<u>12,542.18</u>
Difference	-2,795.18

As of February 22, 2009 \$2254.00 has been donated to the **snow removal** fund through monetary donations and bake sales. This has been a great help in offsetting the \$3795.00 cost of snow plowing for December and January. Thanks go to all who bake and buy those items and who donate so generously.

## A good recipe...

from Mary Ebert:

- ¾ lb uncooked rotini pasta
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- 1 can sweet corn, drained
- 1 can kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
(black beans can be substituted)
- 1 (14.5 oz) can peeled & diced tomatoes
- ½ cup salsa
- ½ cup sliced black olives
- 1 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 1 pkg taco seasoning mix
- salt & pepper to taste

1. Cook pasta until al dente; drain.
2. Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and green peppers and cook until softened. Stir in remaining ingredients (except pasta) and heat through.
3. Toss mixture with pasta. Chill or serve warm. Use your favorite garnishes.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion Service Food Pantry Collection	<b>2</b> <i>Read Across America Day</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  6:30p <u>RockSolid</u> Study B-day: Nathan Fulton	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Oreo Cookies for sale            for the first time in 1912</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>  B-day: Brittney Raymond	<b>9</b> B-day: Greg Voss	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  6:30p <u>RockSolid</u> Study	<b>12</b> <i>Plant a Flower Day</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Good Samaritan Day</i>	<b>14</b>  6:30p UNO Night
<b>15</b> 2:00pm Service at Rosewood Care Center	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>St Patrick's Day</i>  B-day: Josh Stoxen	<b>18</b>  6:30p <u>RockSolid</u> Study	<b>19</b> <i>Swallows Return to Capistrano</i>	<b>20</b> Women's Ministries Church Spring Cleaning	<b>21</b> Women's Ministries Church Spring Cleaning  Anniv: Mike & Linda Palm
<b>22</b>  B-day: Wally Tasche	<b>23</b> <i>National Puppy Day</i>	<b>24</b> <i>National Chocolate            Covered Raisins Day</i>	<b>25</b>  6:30p <u>RockSolid</u> Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Fly a Kite Day</i>  B-day: Clarissa Bartlett	<b>28</b>  6:00p Adult Fellowship April Fool Yankee Swap B-day: Marion Mitchell
<b>29</b> <i>Coca-Cola Invented 1886</i>  Christian Russian Radio Collection	<b>30</b> <i>Take a Walk in the Park Day</i>  B-day: Katie Fodge B-day: Nathan Voss	<b>31</b> <i>Eiffel Tower Anniversary 1889</i>		<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:30am Adult SS 10:30am Morning Worship & Children's SS	Church Phone 847-464-5381 Church Fax Line 847-464-5355	"The joy that the Lord give you will make you strong." Nehemiah 8:10