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SCAN ME

YOU'RE INVITED

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 14th
Immediately after church

Spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying old friends and making new ones at the Church Picnic. We'll have lots of food, yard games, a bounce house, cotton candy, and much more.

Register online or in the Welcome Center

Fall Women's Bible Study

ISAIAH: THE LORD SAVES

By Kathleen Buswell Nielson

Study days / times are as follows:

- Tuesday morning 10:30 to 12
- Tuesday evening 7 to 8:30
- Wednesday morning 10 to 11:30 (childcare provided)
- Wednesday evening (zoom) 7 to 8:30

Begins week of September 15th
Book costs \$15

To Register: contact Brenda Wilson
(wtwilson1@verizon.net)

Awards Luncheon

Covenant of Grace PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOLF OUTING

2025

Great Prizes including Gowns Tickets

Quail Valley, Littlestown PA

SHOTGUN START AT 8AM **FRIDAY October 10th** **ENTRY FEE \$75pp**

REGISTER NOW **jimbeachley@gmail.com**
PAY LATER **410.340.3172**

Sunday Morning Christian Education

Children

9:15am "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Fellowship Hall
10:30am Rainbow Room-Nursery - infant-age 3
Kids worship during sermon in Room #6- age 3-2nd grade

Adults

9:15am "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Fellowship Hall
9:15am Matthew- Room #9
10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office

GIVING

SECURELY GIVE ONLINE OR VIA SANCTUARY GIVING BOXES

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August 24, 2025

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Embracing our savior, his church, and our partnership in his continuing mission



Covenant of Grace PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



9:15am Christian Education

*Coffee and Tea available in the Welcome Center between
Christian Education and Worship
10:30am Worship Service

Connect with Us

Covenant of Grace - church office

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Assistant Pastor, Ken Harris | ken@cogpca.org



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We are so glad you're here! At Covenant of Grace we strive to be a hospitable, gospel-centered fellowship committed to helping people know God, become more like Jesus, and serve his world. As we worship together today, our prayer is that Jesus would be glorified, his word made clear, and his people equipped and empowered to love and serve God & their neighbors. Soli Deo Gloria!
~Pastor Mark Samuel

Children @ Covenant of Grace

Your children are welcome in all parts of worship at Covenant of Grace! To help support the full participation of families in worship, we make available a kid's worship program during the sermon for children ages 3 - 2nd grade as well as a nursery and cry room. Christian education classes are available for all ages (see back cover). Have a child with special needs? Please let us know & we'll make every effort to accommodate.

After the Service an Elder will be up front with stickers for children who share what they learned this morning.

Week at a Glance

Sun. August 24, 2025

10:30am Worship Service

Wed. August 27, 2025

7:00pm Hymn Sing-Emory Grove

Fri. August 22, 2025

8:50am Wo. Prayer Mtg. (Zoom)

Thurs. September 4, 2025

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
CHURCH PICNIC**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
CALL TO WORSHIP.....from PSALM 145
SONGS OF PRAISE

GRASS WITHERS
THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE & RENEWAL.....adapted from Matthew 16:16 & Isaiah 51:6

Our Lord Jesus, we believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Help us to pursue your righteousness and seek you in all the things we do. Though we fall short in sin, and despair of our inability to make things right, we thank you for the many ways you comfort us and bring refreshment to the parched places in our lives. May we be a people full of joy and gladness; may songs that give you thanks for your grace always be in our hearts and on our lips. Equip us to turn from sin toward your righteousness and be messengers of the good news of your forgiveness and redemption. Your salvation is forever, and your mercies will never end. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....EPHESIANS 2: 8-10

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER MATT SHERLOCK

MINISTRY MOMENT : CHOIR.....NANCY RODO
TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

PROMISES

SCRIPTURE READING*.....MARIANNE DANKO
selections from Acts 27

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
"STORMS, SHIPWRECKS AND THE POWER OF GOD"

SONG OF REFLECTION

IT IS WELL

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....HEILDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 1
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

THE LORD'S TABLE
SONG OF COMMITMENT

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

*Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to attend Kids worship in room #6.



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Christy Deardon: Covenant of Grace Church family,

I wanted to express my thanks to those who sent cards or messages to me in regards to my Mom's death. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers for me and my family at this difficult time.

Christy Dearden's Father-in-law Oliver Dearden (Ollie), passed away 8/18/2025 in South Africa. He and his wife Fiona, had just moved there at the end of April. Ollie was 91.

Linda Davidson: Continue to pray for improvement and healing of back pain that started 2 months ago and is getting worse.

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Karen Van Fossen: Continue to Pray for Karen's brother-in-law Rich as he begins chemo treatments for advanced prostate cancer.

Terry Zentz: Terry has been moved to the Immediate Care Unit at Carroll Hospital Center to be treated for an infection. Pray for strength and endurance through all of this and God's protection as she gets back to rehab as her body heals.

Missionary Prayer- RUF

Reformed University Fellowship known as RUF connects the big truths of the Bible with the big questions college students face. They reach students for Christ and equip them to serve. COG supports three RUF Campus Ministry staff members:

Jacob (and Pei) Jasin -RUF International at Johns Hopkins University. Biblical hospitality is the backbone of RUF International ministries. Jacob works with both graduate and doctoral candidates. One of the students who graduated and was leaving said, "RUF-I is the most important thing in my life in America—more important than my degree."

Pray that God will bring new Christian friends into the lives of the students as they return to their home country.

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