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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

ESOL IN-PERSON CLASSES FALL 2025

ESOL begins
September 24, 2025
Registration September 10th
@7pm

WELCOME

We can always use volunteers!

Awards Luncheon

GOLF OUTING 2025

Great Prizes including Gowns Tickets

Quail Valley, Littlestown PA

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

REGISTER NOW
PAY LATER

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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 10, 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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Sr. Pastor Mark Samuel | mark@cogpca.org

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 10, 2025

10:30am Worship Service

Mon. August 11, 2025

8:00pm Youth-Meteor Shower
Campout

Tues. August 12, 2025

12:00pm Ladies Game Day

Wed. August 13, 2025

7:00pm Hymn Sing- Emory Grove

Thurs. August 14, 2025

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Fri. August 15, 2025

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

CALL TO WORSHIP..... LIZZY KRAJAN

adapted from Psalm 85

SONGS OF PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING
BEHOLD OUR GOD

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....1 PETER 2:6

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ASST. PASTOR KEN HARRIS

MINISTRY MOMENT - ESOL.....JANICE HARD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

FROM EVERLASTING (PSALM 90)

SCRIPTURE READING*..... VICKY HARVEY

ACTS 24: 1, 10-27

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

"THE POWER OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE"

SONG OF REFLECTION

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 60

Pastor: How are you righteous before God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me--if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

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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b. Why Paul emphasizes that his conscience is clear.

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Steve Danko: Pray for continued strength for Steve's sister Lesia as she continues Chemo treatments and continued healing for Steve's mom's arm.

Teresita Metzbower: Teresita has been moved to a sub-acute rehab from an acute rehab facility. Please pray that her tolerance to therapy will improve and that her body strengthens after having a stroke.

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

Terry Zentz: Terry continues to improve daily as she recovers from an infection. Continue to pray for strength as Terry works to get back her mobility.

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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