

# THE COVENANT CONNECTION

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## Covenant United Methodist Church

### Fall Choir Coming Soon!

Rehearsals start on Thursday Oct. 20th at 6pm and proceed every following Thursday until Thanksgiving. Sundays to sing will include Nov. 6th and 20th at the 9:30 service.

If you have never sung in the choir before, this is a perfect opportunity. There is a lot of time to learn the process of singing from warm up to reading music to performance.



If you have been in the choir before, come and bring a friend. If you are a gentleman, we'll have a bus come straight to your house to pick you up for rehearsal.

Please call Sarah for commitments to the choir and questions.

Sarah: 509-954-1107,  
[smarken@gmail.com](mailto:smarken@gmail.com)

Thanks always for your support of the music ministry.

### Living & Giving Boldly

#### Stewardship Season

We are honored to have Alan Stanfield, the head football coach for Shadle Park High School, bring the message on **Living & Giving Boldly** to "kick-off" the Stewardship Season on **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Alan was the Youth Director at Covenant and a Young Life Leader from 1997 to 1999.



As a special treat for this "kick-off" occasion you are invited to enjoy a **Free Covenant Coffee** (just cut out and bring the coupon below and you and your family members or guests who are in attendance will each receive a drink of choice from the menu) and an assortment of breads, muffins and coffee cakes.

Each Sunday through November 13<sup>th</sup> we will focus on the definitions of "Bold" and present skits that relate to the message and the overall theme of **Living & Giving Boldly**. During the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> a letter and Estimate of Giving card will be sent to each Covenant household. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider giving **Boldly** – maybe by taking a step up – as part of a life of faith.

Stewardship is not just about financial gifts. **Living Boldly** is so much more. On **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate our pledge to **Live & Give Boldly** with a special worship service. You will want to be there to see how some members of our congregation **Live and Give Boldly** to support the ministries of Covenant!

Please mark your calendar for these special events. We look forward to your presence and participation as we see where and how God calls each of us to be **BOLD**.

The Stewardship Committee: The Greens, Grays, Hahns, DeFelicis, and Shermans



# Thank You

Dear Covenant Family,  
Thank you for your many prayers, cards, calls, visits and especially the special prayer blanket that helped me through my recent bilateral knee surgery. I continue to improve everyday and am grateful for your love and support.

Blessings,  
Rick Thomas

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Thank you for your donations of school supplies for New Hope. Over 100 kids were provided with backpacks and school supplies and over 400 people were served in the month of August.

New Hope continues to grow in its needs as more and more people struggle to make ends meet. The current needs are all toiletries, but mainly **shampoo, conditioner, and dryer sheets.**

Also, please keep New Hope in mind regarding the need for **inexpensive adult gifts that children can pick** from for their parents' Christmas present. These gifts are displayed at the annual New Hope Christmas party in early December, and the children are given a chance to go to the display room, choose presents, and have them wrapped for their parents. It's a wonderful treat for the kids and the parents! These gifts can be unused gift cards, re-gifted items, and things found on sale.

## Book Review Group

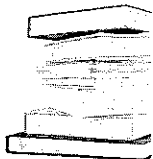
Oct. 11th, 9:30am

***Sarah's Key*** by Tatiana de Rosnay  
Jeannie Peer Hostess

Nov. 8th, 9:30am

***Shanghai Girls*** by Lisa See  
Jackie Richardson Hostess/Reviewer

New members are welcome any time. For more information please call Jeannie Peer, 466-4623



# United Methodist Women

The Covenant United Methodist Women will meet Oct. 10 at 7pm at the church. We will be finishing plans for the Holiday Arts & Craft Sale (Nov. 5th) This will be the only Fund raiser for this year and money raised will go to many projects in our church. Just to name a few; kitchen needs, funerals, missions, Sunday school, VBS, Sister Church Scholarships & New Hope Resource Center.

If you can put in 1 hour at the Craft Sale, please call Pam Whorley, 466-6723, or Betty Newell, 487-1370.

All ladies are welcome at the meeting.



**Yoplait lids save Lives!** Please save the pink yogurt lids and we will send them to Yoplait in support of the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

## Annual Meeting of PNW Conference United Methodist Women is in Spokane this year.

UMW Annual Meeting at Spokane Valley UMC Oct 14-15.

Our own Elizabeth Williams is leading a Focus Gathering at the Conference on Saturday. All women are invited to attend the conference and to support Elizabeth. Friday & Saturday cost \$30. Saturday Only, includes lunch \$20.

At the conference they will be celebrating the 400 years of the King James Bible - Rev Judy Schultz is speaking with the theme "In the beginning..."

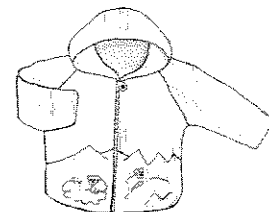
Registration forms are available at [www.pnwumc.org](http://www.pnwumc.org) under Ministries, United Methodist Women

## Eagle Scout Project

John Hoover of Troop 218, is working on his Eagle Scout project.

John is collecting coats, snow boots, and gloves for the Coats for Kids campaign. He will gather them himself from area churches and then help to sort and distribute them at New Hope Resource Center.

All coats are greatly appreciated but high school sizes are needed the most. Please bring new or gently used winter coats, boots and gloves to the church by Oct. 16. Place them in the Blue Bin. Distribution begins on Oct. 25th.



# From your Pastor's Heart

## "Visions and Dreams"

Hello Friends,

In the year 1870 the Methodists in Indiana were having their annual conference. The president of the college where they were meeting spoke to the crowd, "I think we are living in a very exciting age." The presiding bishop asked, "What do you see?" The president responded, "I believe we are coming into a time of great inventions. I believe, for example, that men will fly through the air like birds." The bishop said, "This is heresy! The Bible says that flight is reserved for the angels. We will have no such talk here." The bishop's last name was Wright (the father of Wilbur and Orville) and we all know what his sons ended up doing with their father's limited vision.

Along with that college president I, too, believe we live in a very exciting time. New life is springing forth in many ways! Even in the midst of new life now, I am reminded of the importance of visions and dreams as we reach toward God's preferred future. A waitress was once asked how she managed to carry stacks of dishes through a crowd without spilling any. She replied, "I look where I am going and not at the food!" What we focus on matters. *That* is the importance of discerning God's vision for us. My prayer is that God grants us a peek at what is possible, and we are inspired to make it happen. Remember, God will never give us a vision or dream that we can accomplish on our own. We will need God's help.

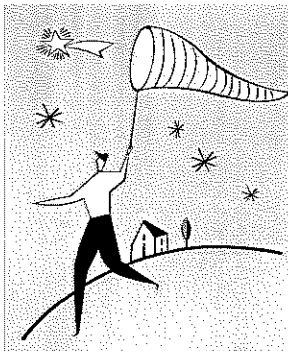
This Sunday (October 9<sup>th</sup>) we will be talking about "visions and dreams." I want to share with you the vision I believe God is calling us to accomplish here at Covenant UMC. If you aren't able to be here this Sunday, you will be able to listen to it online beginning October 10<sup>th</sup>. To listen online, go to our website, click on the 'Sermons+Blog' link and scroll down to find all the recent sermons. I pray that this vision inspires us to reach beyond what we think is possible.

I am incredibly grateful to be your pastor, and I am excited to see where this journey will take us!

Prayerfully,

*Gregg*

Pastor Gregg



## In our Prayers

Bill & Rena Batt  
Winifred Jacobsen  
Jackie Richardson  
Rick Thomas  
Jim Thrapp



## Adult Education

Our teacher this Sunday, Oct. 9, is Tom Robinson. Tom is an attorney and a teacher in the political science department at Gonzaga University.

His topic is: "Are We Still a Democracy?"

Tom says "We will evaluate the 5 pillars of democracy and examine the forces currently at work in the U.S. which threaten to forever alter the democratic form of government we have enjoyed for over 200 years. We will have a discussion of what can be done to overcome the trends toward undemocratic governance in the country, including the role of the Church in that process and how what is happening will affect each of us and our families in the future."

Tom is a dynamic teacher and always encourages us to think and wrestle with difficult issues. Come and join us Sunday at 10:45am for this conversation.

## Church Directory Additions & Changes

Gail Harris  
816 E Westcrest Rd  
Colbert, WA 99005  
844-4202

Dave & Deanna Sommers  
14319 N Cincinnati St  
Spokane, WA 99208  
466-9704

Kyle Smith new phone contact 499-6728.

David & Louise Yarborough  
505 E. Silver Pines Ct.  
Colvert, WA 99005  
467-2490

## Sunday Schedule

Worship .....9:30am  
Sunday School for all ages .....10:45am  
*Sunday Night Live* Service ..... 5:00pm

## Covenant Staff

Pastor .....Rev. Gregg Sealey  
Church Secretary ..... Karen King  
Worship Arts/Children's Ministry Coordinator .. Sarah Marken  
Pianist.....Laura Everett  
Custodian..... Stan Gray  
Assistant Custodian ..... Kyle Smith  
Youth Director..... Bethany Pyle  
Nursery Supervisor..... Marcy Hansen  
Preschool Director..... Angie Canavan

### **Office Hours:**

Mon.-Fri ..... 9:30am-3:00pm

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# Youth Happenings

## Worship Helper Reminders

### October 9

Lay Reader: Mariel VanNoy  
Ushers: Debbie Strait & Elizabeth Williams  
Greeters: Dick & Teresa Heezen  
Welcome Table Greeters: Ron & Cheryl Vaughan

**Robert & Brenda Bumann** from **Group 15** are the coordinators for Oct. 16.

**George & Betty Newell** from **Group 3** are the coordinators for Oct. 23.

**When you get "the call" from your group coordinator, please be prompt in getting back to them with your willingness to help. You will make their day!**

## October Events:

Sunday school 10:45am

For all Youth (7th-12th grades). Throughout the month of October we will be doing a study on the Beatitudes.

### Wednesday Youth Groups:

Jr. High Youth Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm

Sr. High Youth Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm

### Jr. High Youth

Super Tuesday, Oct. 11th. We will meet at Covenant at 6:30, then join up with other Jr. high students from north side churches to do a leader hunt/scavenger hunt in the River Park Square Mall. It is \$5.00 and students are encouraged to bring their friends!

### Sr. High Youth

Movie Night, Oct. 22nd. High school students can come to church and watch a movie together. The movie will be voted on that evening and popcorn will be provided. Bring a drink for yourself and a snack to share.