

# Covenant Call – June 2026

## A Letter from Caitlin

Beloveds,

Summer is here and we've got lots going on!

### Summer at Covenant: Fresh Energy, Laidback Vibes, & 10am Sunday worship!

As the days get longer and the pace of life slows down, we're embracing a season of renewal, experimentation, and relaxed community at Covenant. Creative summer worship experiences aren't new to Covenant so we'll continue the journey together.

This summer,

Whether you've been a part of the Covenant family for decades or are just stepping through our doors for the first time, our summer rhythm is designed with you in mind.

### Why You'll Love Summer Sundays

From **May 31st - September 14th we'll worship at 10am on Sunday mornings**. Here's what you can look forward to:

- **A Laidback Atmosphere:** Summer at Covenant is all about comfort, presence, and coming as you are.
- **Accessible & Welcoming:** We hope worship services will continue to be easy to follow, deeply meaningful, and welcoming to all ages and backgrounds.
- **Summer is our Sandbox:** Expect to see some creative elements in our worship, from unique musical offerings to interactive spiritual practices. It's a space to breathe, explore, and experience God in fresh ways.

### What We're Up To During the Week

Monday Morning Quarterbacks

Thursday Devotional time from 12:00pm-12:15pm

4th Sunday Walking Group at 8:00am

Sunday Worship, 10am

### Exciting News as we Enter the Summer Season

On May 12th, Covenant's Session voted to embark on Project Regeneration (<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/services/project-regeneration/>), which is a program run by the Presbyterian Foundation. More details to come but look forward to 40 days of prayer and discernment this Fall for our whole congregation. My hope is that we'll complete Project Regeneration with a renewed sense of who Covenant is and what God's calling Covenant to do in this time and place — in other words, a new mission and vision!

Friends, I'm excited to be alongside y'all this summer. Let's discover what God has in store for us this summer, together.

Summer Blessings,

Caitlin

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## **Covenant 10:00am Summer Worship! \***



Sunday, June 7th - Young Disciples Sunday w/Communion @ 10am in Sanctuary --- we'll celebrate our graduates, distribute Bibles to our children, and our youngest disciples will lead worship

Sunday, June 14th - Worship @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, June 21st - Praise in the Park around 10:15/10:30am with St. Mary's Episcopal Church @ Zachary Taylor Park --- we'll engage in a new way of doing church on Sunday morning, perhaps giving us an idea of what doing church outreach could look like for Covenant

Sunday, June 28th - Worship @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, July 5th - Worship w/EIPC led by Shani McIlwain w/EIPC @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, July 12th - Worship @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, July 19th - Praise in the Park around 10:15/10:30am with St. Mary's Episcopal Church @ Zachary Taylor Park --- we'll engage in a new way of doing church on Sunday morning, perhaps giving us an idea of what doing church outreach could look like for Covenant

Sunday, July 26th - Worship @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 2nd - Worship w/Communion & EIPC @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 9th - Worship led by laity @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 16th - Worship led by guest preacher @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 23rd - Worship led by Kent Hamaker featuring Spiritual Practices @ 10am in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 30th - Worship led by Music McMahan featuring a Hymn Sing @ 10am in Sanctuary

**\* Always on Zoom as well**



## Big Howdy Live in the Lot!

Church of the Covenant  
Presents:  
Live Music  
and  
Family Fun!  
Featuring:  
**BIG HOWDY**  
BLUEGRASS

Saturday, June 27th  
5:00 pm

Games &  
Refreshments

2666 Military Rd  
Arlington, VA 22101

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT  
ARLINGTON, VA

Join us in the parking lot for our summer series concerts and family fun! On Saturday, June 27th at 5pm we welcome Big Howdy. Enjoy an hour of authentic, classic bluegrass! Refreshments and games provided for the entire family. There is no cost for these summer concerts; just come and enjoy! If raining, we will be in the Fellowship Hall. See you here!



## Congratulations 2026 Graduates!\*

**Dani Patdu:** Yorktown High School, Arlington, Virginia. Attending James Madison University.

**Kacey Hampleman,** great niece of Gloria Hurdle: Golden High School, Golden, Colorado. Attending University of Denver.

*\*If you have a graduate who is not listed here, please let Kent or Caitlin know by Thursday, June 4th*



## PCUSA General Assembly 2026



The clock is ticking toward the opening of the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) this month from June 22-July 2 in Milwaukee, WI. What is the General Assembly?

### **Biennial Event**

The General Assembly as an event occurs every two years. It includes the gathering of committees who recommend actions to plenary sessions, opportunities to break bread through shared meals, educational opportunities, moments of public witness, and more.

### **Council**

As the highest council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the General Assembly is made up of commissioners from presbyteries, with teaching elders and ruling elders represented in equal numbers. Young Adult Advisory Delegates, Theological Student Advisory Delegates, and Partner Advisory Delegates also constitute the assembly. These individuals gather for the business meetings of committees and plenary to discern the future of the church and make decisions that are implemented throughout the life of the PC(USA).

### **Worshiping Body**

As a worshiping body, the General Assembly is a time when people from across the PC(USA) and beyond gather in their diversity as one. In worship, the General Assembly considers scripture, celebrates sacraments, and proclaims God's work in the world.

Please pray for our PCUSA leaders as they discern the future of our denomination and vote on important motions that will help shape that future. May the Spirit guide them!

-Here's a link with more info about GA info sessions:

<https://pcusa.org/227th-general-assembly-2026/informational-sessions>

-And here's how folks can create an account to stay updated about what's happening at GA:

<https://www.pc-biz.org/>



## Outreach Corner

On the evening of May 7th, Kent attended the 20<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising event for Doorways at Rocklands Barbeque and Grilling Company. It was a beautiful evening and the event was heavily attended. Doorways was able to raise a record \$40,000, eclipsing their previous record of approximately \$20,000. With the need for shelter and services being greater than ever, attendees and donors rose to the challenge!



## Annual Memorial Day Wreath in the Memorial Garden





**We're glad you were born! Covenant sends Happy Birthday wishes to:**

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| June 02 – <b>Julia Natiello</b> (2003) | July 03 – <b>Mary Gibson</b>              |
| June 03 – <b>Charlie Okpala</b> (2025) | July 03 – <b>Dick Ensor</b>               |
| June 05 – <b>Margie Kelleher</b>       | July 03 – <b>John Tribble</b>             |
| June 20 – <b>Callie Vance</b> (2007)   | July 03 – <b>Rob Uemura</b>               |
| June 24 – <b>Gloria Gibson</b>         | July 03 – <b>Lillian Pinkerton</b> (2021) |
| June 24 – <b>Graham Reid</b> (2014)    | July 20 – <b>Morgan Reid</b> (2012)       |
| June 24 – <b>Barbara Washburn</b>      | July 24 – <b>Kent Hamaker</b>             |
| June 25 – <b>Stan Fetter</b>           |   |
| June 27 – <b>Parker Vance</b> (2019)   |   |



**Upcoming Events at Covenant**

**Sandwich Ministry:** Sunday, June 7th; 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

**Young Disciples Sunday:** Sunday, June 7th at 10:00 am.

**Live in the Lot Concert: Big Howdy;** Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

**Walking Group:** Sunday, June 28th; 8:00 am at Potomac Overlook Park.



## Connect With Covenant



<https://www.youtube.com/@churchofthecovenantarlingtonva>



<https://www.facebook.com/CovenantArlington>



<https://covenantchurcharlington.org/>

### Weekly Zoom Devotional; Thursdays @ 12:00 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81145588523?pwd=mk9SSHeaz8cApcDQyZpPSkYEJBTkRG.1>

### Church Zoom link:

<https://cofc.zoom.us/j/86035210161?pwd=dUQ2Y2VwdThDUWVVT3B6VGZQldGQT09>



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