

September 13, 2009



Oops, Did I Say That?  
Rev. Dr. Dale E. Southorn

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8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services  
September 13, 2009  
*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Music** *Jubilation* Handel/Hopson

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. Dale E. Southorn

*11:00 a.m.—Moment for Mission*  
*Joel Magee, Marion Medical Mission to Malawi*

**Prelude** *8:30 a.m.—Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky* arr. Wood  
*11:00 a.m.—Come All You Servants of the Lord* Danby

**Call to Worship** Sheila Sweet

**Leader:** The heavens tell of the glory of God,  
and all creation tells God's story.

**People:** **All God's creatures reflect God's beauty.**

**Leader:** The commandments of God  
give shape to human community.

**People:** **Our life together speaks of God's wisdom.**

**Leader:** The life of Jesus shows forth God's love.

**All:** **Our faith tells God's story.**

**\*Hymn No. 220** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* *Old Hundredth*

**PRAYING**

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*Unison and Silent*) Sheila Sweet

Gracious God,  
Of all the gifts you have given us,  
language is one of the most awesome.  
We have the power to build up or destroy  
with the words we choose to say.  
Today we use words to confess to you  
that we have abused that gift.  
We pass up opportunities to compliment or encourage.  
We seldom resist the temptation to criticize or insult.  
Forgive us and help us to remember the power of the tongue.  
May we seek ways to build up one another,  
and to speak often of your goodness in our lives. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon** Sheila Sweet

**\*Response No. 597** *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

**\*Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (*debts...debtors*) Dr. Southorn

**11:00 a.m.—Children's Blessing**

*Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders*  
*Children through 4-years-old who leave the service will be escorted to Classroom A.*

**\*Hymn No. 229** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*



# FIRST COVENANT LIFE

## Join Us for a Beach Baptism Today!

Join us today at 1:30 p.m. at the Waterworks Beach at Presque Isle State Park for the Baptism of Kara Headley and David Kumer! Pastor Dale and Rev. Dave Edmunds will co-officiate the service.

### Covenant Connections: Dinners and Classes

No need to cook dinner on Wednesday nights—we've got you covered! Dinners will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m. in Knox Hall and will be served until 5:45 p.m. This Wednesday, September 16th, we will enjoy a salad bar, grilled pork chops, cheesy hashbrowns, hot veggies and banana cream pie for dessert! Our "kid friendly" option will be macaroni and cheese.

**NEWLY reduced prices** will be \$5.00 per adult (12 years old and up), \$3.00 per child (aged 5-11 years) and FREE for children aged 4 years and under. A family maximum (for parents and their minor children living under the same roof) of \$15.00 will apply. **Please make your reservation for the dinner by Noon on Monday** by calling Mary in the church office at 456-4243.

#### Come for dinner...stay for classes.

After dinner there is a little something for everyone. (A place for you to grow!) The children's music ministry (beginning at 6:00 p.m.) and the Adult classes (beginning at 6:15 p.m.) will gather and wrap up at 7:15 p.m. Don't miss your opportunity to meet John Calvin with Pastor Dale and Bob LeSuer in the Parlor. A women's offering, the popular Beth Moore study "Believing God" will meet in Room 116. And a group making Chrismons will meet in the Discovery Room beginning at 6:00 p.m.

#### College Students.....

At this week's Ark on Wednesday, September 16th, we will go on a prayer walk around Gannon University's Campus! Come Join Us! The Ark offers a weekly fellowship for college students. We meet in the Knox Hall on Wednesdays from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### Youth Stuff is Back at FPCC!

We'll kick **YOUTH GROUP** off Sunday night in Knox Hall (September 13th) from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a build-your-own sub dinner, games, information handouts about the coming year, and some shared thoughts from Mr. Skinner and Mr. Kumer! \*\*Preliminary details about the 2010 Senior High Mission trip to Jamaica and the Middle School Great Escape will be revealed.... **Parents of all students of all grades (6-12), please plan to come this Sunday night, September 13th!**

### Middle School Retreat!

There's still time for you (6th to 8th graders) to sign up for this week's retreat to Camp Findley (September 18-19). Call or email Seph Kumer in the church office at 456-4243, ext. 204, or [seph.kumer@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:seph.kumer@firstcovenanterie.org).

### Check Out Art Gallery Hall!

Thanks to many hard-working volunteers, the art work on display in Art Gallery Hall has been changed! Be sure to take a look following worship this morning.

Watch *The Covenant Chimes* for details about the displays in Art Gallery Hall.

### Campus Ministry Needs.....

a laptop computer! Do you have one that you are able to donate for Campus Ministers Cheylan and Andy use for the Ark? They are also looking for someone to donate a gas grill for use at the Kirk House. If you are able to help with either of these requests, please contact Cheylan Fosmer or Andy Harlan at the Kirk House by dialing 459-7152 or by emailing either of them: [cheylan.fosmer@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:cheylan.fosmer@firstcovenanterie.org) or [andy.harlan@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:andy.harlan@firstcovenanterie.org).

### Church Picture Directory

We have secured another portrait date with Olan Mills for Thursday, October 1st. If your name is already on the waiting list, you will be called to set up an appointment time. As a reminder for those not having their photos taken by Olan Mills, please submit a family portrait to Leanne Carlson in the church office. Electronic pictures can be emailed to [leanne.carlson@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:leanne.carlson@firstcovenanterie.org).

We encourage regular visitors as well as members to take advantage of this opportunity.

### Sunday Christian Education Schedule

#### Children

Nursery.....Room 109 and 113  
Preschool .....Room A  
Kindergarten, Grade 1 .....Room C  
Grades 2-3 ..... Room 313  
Grades 4-5 ..... Room 315

#### Youth

Grades 6-8.....Middle School Lounge  
Grades 9-12.....Senior High Lounge

#### Generation Y (college—20 somethings)

"The Shack" ..... Campus Ministry Office

#### Adults

"The Easter Moment" ..... Room 116  
"Don't Know Much About  
Sunday School" .....Fidelis  
"The General Epistles" ..... Parlor  
"The Book of Revelation" ..... Witherspoon

# WELCOME

**WELCOME TO ALL**, especially guests, newcomers to Erie, and college students. Please take the Welcome Pad (burgundy folder in each pew) from the center aisle, sign it, and be sure to include any change of address information. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please include your address. Then pass the Pad to the others sitting in your row. Once the Pad reaches the outside aisle, please pass it back to the center aisle.

**AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE**, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship in the Parlor.

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP:** Please switch off cell phones and pagers upon entering the Sanctuary and McBrier Chapel. Welcome and make room for those who arrive during the service by leaving space at the ends of the pews. Please do not take flash photographs during the service.

**FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:** We have childcare available during both entire worship services, with an infants' and toddlers' nursery in Room 113, and—during the 11:00 a.m. service only—for preschool-age children in Classroom A. After the “Children’s Blessing” in the 11:00 a.m. service, children through age 4 who leave the service will be escorted to Classroom A. We welcome children in the worship service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** We welcome you to worship this morning, and invite you to attend our weekly fellowship, designed especially for College Students, called the ARK. The ARK meets on Wednesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. in Knox Hall. Campus Ministry brochures are available in the Welcome Center or from an usher detailing our entire Campus Ministry program. For more information, please contact Campus Ministers Cheylan Fosmer or Andy Harlan at 459-7152 or by emailing either of them at: [cheyan.fosmer@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:cheyan.fosmer@firstcovenanterie.org) or [andy.harlan@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:andy.harlan@firstcovenanterie.org).

**ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** is available for worship. Please contact an usher if you wish to use the system.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.**

**IF YOU NEED HELP ENTERING OR LEAVING THE SANCTUARY OR CHAPELS**, our ushers will gladly assist you and provide whatever help you may need.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. Please use the side aisles to reach these preferred facilities in order not to distract the worship leaders or other worshippers.

**PARKING AVAILABLE** at the southeast corner of 7th and Myrtle Streets. Additional parking is available at the municipal parking ramp (7th Street); Altman Hall, 235 West 7th Street; Dr. Kohler’s office, 219 West 7th Street; and Carney and Good offices, 254 West 6th Street.

**WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOU OR PRAY WITH YOU? A** Stephen Minister will gladly meet with you, listen to you, and pray with you in McBrier Chapel following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**MEANING OF THE LITURGICAL COLOR:** To represent spiritual growth, the color green marks all other time periods in the church calendar not included in a specific season—called “Ordinary Time.”

**SERMON CDs** or tapes are available for \$2.00 each. Please place your order with the church office by calling 456-4243. You may also listen to the sermon free of charge, or view a manuscript of the sermon, at [www.firstcovenanterie.org](http://www.firstcovenanterie.org).

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** If you wish to submit information for inclusion in this weekly bulletin, the information needs to reach the church office no later than Noon on Monday to appear in the bulletin for the following Sunday.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Sunday, September 13th

–*Bible Sunday*–  
–*New Member Introductions*–  
–*Beach Baptism*–

8:30 a.m. Worship Service—*McBrier Chapel*  
9:25 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
*Fall Term Begins*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service—*Sanctuary*  
12:15 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*  
1:30 p.m. Beach Baptism—  
*Waterworks Beach, Presque Isle*  
4:45 p.m. Youth Bells—*Music Room*  
5:30 p.m. Kirk Singers—*Music Room*  
6:15 p.m. Youth Club Parents Night—  
*Knox Hall*

## Monday, September 14th

12:00 p.m. Prime Timers—*Knox Hall*  
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous—*Knox Hall*  
7:15 p.m. Covenant Bells—*Music Room*

## Tuesday, September 15th

–*Chimes Articles Due*–

7:00 a.m. Men's Group—*Parlor*  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—*Parlor*  
10:30 a.m. Program Staff Mtg—  
*Pastor's Study*  
3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting—  
*Hartstown Presbyterian Church*  
5:30 p.m. Properties—*Library*  
6:30 p.m. K-Core Board—*Discovery*  
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous—  
*Witherspoon*

## Wednesday, September 16th

–*Covenant Connections*–

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study—  
*Perkins, 4403 Peach*  
4:00 p.m. Wednesday @ 4—*Parlor*  
5:15 p.m. Dinner—*Knox Hall*  
6:00 p.m. Children's Music  
6:15 p.m. Classes  
7:30 p.m. Session Meeting—*Fidelis*  
9:00 p.m. Ark—*Knox Hall*

## Thursday, September 17th

9:15 a.m. Mom's Group—*Sr. High Lounge*  
10:00 a.m. Small Group—*Parlor*  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—*Music Room*

## Friday, September 18th

4:00 p.m. Middle School Retreat @ Camp  
Findley—*Findley Lake, New York*  
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal—*Sanctuary*

## Saturday, September 19th

2:00 p.m. Middle School Retreat Ends  
3:00 p.m. Wedding—*Sanctuary*

## Sunday, September 20th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service—*McBrier Chapel*  
9:25 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service—*Sanctuary*  
12:15 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*  
12:15 p.m. Parish 01 Family Feud—*Fidelis*  
4:45 p.m. Youth Bells—*Music Room*  
5:30 p.m. Kirk Singers—*Music Room*  
6:15 p.m. Youth Club—*Lounge*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009**  
**8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Psalm 119:33-40 and James 4:11-17  
*"Who Do You Think You Are?"*

REV. DR. DALE E. SOUTHORN

## *2009 CROP Walk*

Church World Service uses some CROP funds in development projects overseas to help improve their ability to feed themselves, e.g. irrigation, improved seed, agricultural training, and pumps for wells.

Walk on September 27th at 1:30 p.m., or on another day. Get sponsor forms in the hall near the library, or contact Gordon Osborn at 864-3887. The walk is well supported in Erie County; last year we reached \$14,000 out of 1900 walkers!

This is a project of the  
Global Mission Committee of  
First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

***Our mission at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant: To awaken all people to their need for a life-changing encounter with the living Lord Jesus Christ, and encourage and equip each one to become His fully-devoted follower.***

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Rev. Dale E. Southorn, D.Min., *Pastor*  
Rev. Stephen E. Morse, *Parish Associate*  
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Sherry Wilson, *Covenant Connections Cook*  
Anne Sauer, *Nursery Attendant*  
Helen Greider and Jackie K. Jones, *Hosts*

The Congregation, *in ministry*  
***We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation***