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Time To Be Moving On

Rev. Jim Hawkinson, Peter's father, passed into eternal life early this week. I had the privilege of working with Jim Hawkinson for a brief time when he was the interim pastor at Bloomington Covenant Church in Minnesota, shortly after the book "Glad Hearts, The Joys of Believing and Challenges of Belonging" was published. This book is Jim's compilation of writings from Covenant literature that give voice to the heritage, theology, practices, character, and mission of the Covenant. It's a wonderful collection, and I'd be glad to lend my copy to you any time. I thought it would be fitting to share one of Jim's writings that is included in "Glad Hearts" with you in this newsletter, as we remember and celebrate him.

"Time to Be Moving On"

"[Years] have moved us further away, sequentially at least, from our historical roots as Covenanters. There is no avoiding that. Time, like the moving finger it is, has written yet another chapter in our lives - and having writ, moves on. We can no more stay its hand than prevent the dawning of a single day.

"Some find that sad. With eyes set on glories in the past, it is difficult for them even to survive the present, much less 'strain forward to what lies ahead' (Philippian 3:13). Life in their view is something to be endured, not experienced and enjoyed. I have known that feeling at times, so, perhaps, have you.

"We can be thankful the Bible is more forward-looking - not because it is any less realistic but because its focus lies elsewhere. Faith, it teaches, is a living thing, grounded in and fed by living relationships. God and his Spirit, God's people and his world - these are to be at the center of our concern. This year or last is not the key, or even next year for that matter. What counts is living day by day into God's will for our lives and the life of his creation.

"If further away from our historical roots, the Bible would say, we are also nearer to our salvation than when we first believed (Romans 13:11). 'We do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus' and we know that God has left nothing outside his control (Hebrews 2:8-9)

"What our forbears experienced and taught us to love is but a foretaste of things which are yet to be. The woods we have been through, to use Robert Frost's lovely image, may well be calm and deep, but we have promises to keep, and miles to go before we sleep - yes, miles to go before we sleep. It is time to be moving on."

James R. Hawkinson (1930-2011), "Time to Be Moving On," from the Covenant Companion (February 1988), p. 32.

Andrea Johnson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS & EVENTS

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MISSION STATEMENT of WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH
To teach the Christian faith and develop disciples growing in Jesus Christ
through the Word of God, through the witness of teachers, through the family of faith,
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday School has concluded for the summer. Classes for all ages will resume on the Sunday following Labor Day.



2011 Vacation Bible School!

**Registration forms are available in the narthex or church office,
or call Pastor Andrea at 847-446-4300**

Strap on your sandals and get ready
To see what life was like when Jesus was a kid!
Play Bible-time games.
Visit the Marketplace and craft cool projects.
Meet Jesus' mom, Mary, and hear what it was like
To raise God's very own Son!

The adventure begins soon ...
So get ready to step back in time!

**June 20-24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Age 3 through Grade 5**

Supper for families is included!

Here are some ways you can be involved in making VBS great this summer:

Ways you can be involved:

Decorating
Publicity
Registration
Preschool Leader
Mini-Drama Participant
Fun & Games Leader

Contact Pastor Andrea to find out more!

Visit the "Rounding Up Supplies!" bulletin board in the narthex.

Each paper sheep on the board has an item listed on it that is needed for VBS.

Take a sheep from the board and donate or lend the requested item, with the sheep attached.

MUSIC NOTES

Another choir season has concluded. Wow! did that zip by! I am so grateful for every musical contributor. Such faithfulness cannot be overstated.

With choir routine disbanding for the summer, we don't stop making music for worship - we only transition to more eclectic ensembles and solos. Bells will play on June 12.

There is a place for EVERYONE. Please get involved in some way? Do you play an instrument? Like to sing? Let me know. Share your gifts - "hide it under a bushel? NO!! Let your little light shine!!"

All Dads and kids sing again Father's Day, June 19; we'll have an All-church orchestra Sunday. Maybe you'd like to sing or play at one of the beach services.

Thanks to everyone for all the encouragement and support you provide. We appreciate your feedback and requests too.

With a joyful song, Dawn



SUMMER WORSHIP

Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 5, when we will change to one worship service at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Worship at the Beach

In addition to the 9:30 worship service in the sanctuary, on June 26, July 17 & August 21 we will also offer an 8:00 worship service at Gillson Beach in Wilmette. The service on August 21 will include baptism for anyone who wishes to be baptized. Contact one of the pastors for more information.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

On **Sunday, June 5**, following our first 9:30 summer worship service, we will hold the annual All-Church Picnic. The picnic will be right here on our front lawn. Food will be provided and a free-will offering will be received to offset the cost. Bring blankets and chairs to sit on. In case of rain, the picnic will move indoors.

CONCERT ON THE STEPS

Please join us on **Friday, June 17 for a Concert on the Steps**, with music by the Glenview Concert Band. This will be a Ravinia-style event, with picnics, fellowship and music. **Come to picnic at 6:00, and the music begins at 7:00.** This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors for this concert right here on the front steps and lawn of our church. Sponsored by the Outreach Committee.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

The Leisure Class breakfasts, scheduled monthly on the second Thursdays, now meet at the Bistro at Covenant Village of Northbrook. So for coffee, conversation and confection, come to our next meeting on Thursday, June 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Bistro. For further information, contact Sam Paravonian.

A JUST HARVEST COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Summer is about to begin and with it comes vacations. We all appreciate getting out of our normal routines and having the chance to get away, do something fun and different and relax. However, we are aware that hunger and need do not take vacations so our food preparations continue through the summer.

We will do so with John Anderson as the contact for June 2 and Ted Garrison being the contact for

the 16th. We get cooking in our kitchen at 1 p.m. and usually wrap up by 3:30-4 p.m.

Newcomers are always welcome to join us in the kitchen, especially during the summer months when some of our regulars may be away. Please join us if you can!

John Anderson

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Winnetka Covenant Church financial statements through April 2011 can be summarized as follows:

- ◆ Year to date general fund receipts are 7% greater than 2010 and 7% (\$27,900) below the 2011 budget.
- ◆ Expenses through April are slightly higher than both 2010 and the 2011 budget through four months.
- ◆ Year to date receipts are \$16,750 less than expenditures.
- ◆ Cash on hand, including all accounts (general fund, exchange funds, memorial funds, etc.) is \$292,008 at April 30, 2011.

	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2010 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Budget</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$350,533	\$327,437	\$378,432
Expenses	\$367,283	\$341,938	\$360,791
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$(16,750)	\$(14,501)	\$17,641
Total Cash - April	\$292,008	\$179,197	

The WCC Board of Trustees develops monthly reports with further details. These can be referenced in the church office and will be summarized at the quarterly business meetings. Please contact Scott Hall, Treasurer or Roger Schmitt, Financial Secretary with any questions.

Capital and Special Projects

Currently there are three projects in progress or being planned. The Columbarium project is in its final stages of preparation with an anticipated consecration ceremony on May 29. Work will begin in early summer with completion by September. The Trustee Board is evaluating options to update the older bathrooms as the next major project this summer. As a small project, the church driveway walkway repairs are also being planned. We hope you also are enjoying the nicely mulched gardens around the church. A special thanks to Peter A. Nelson for the garden maintenance planning and his leadership of several volunteers.

Church Front Curb Parking

It has unfortunately been a regular practice for some to park their cars by the front church curbs instead of the designated parking spots. Going forward, we need to limit this to only short-term stopping. There should be no parking in the circle drive during church services or programs.

There are two main reasons for this; 1) it is an emergency hazard and potential church liability to block access to the church to emergency vehicles and 2) our church bus from Covenant Village of Northbrook cannot gain access to the main doors for our CVON members. The bus typically needs to park further away from the doors and thus a longer distance for CVON members to walk.

On a typical Sunday morning and for most church programs, we have ample church parking and handicap parking that can be used. If the church parking lot is full, we also have access to overflow parking on Virginia Lane and Marie Murphy School. Currently, several members of the church already park in these overflow locations. Thank you for your understanding.

MISSION NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of upcoming opportunities of all types connected with the various missions that Winnetka Covenant Church supports.

A RECIPE FOR HOPE - sponsored by Family Promise

Thursday, June 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 808 Linden Ave. in Wilmette

Karen Skalitzky, inspired by Studs Terkel, recorded oral histories of the men and women she met while volunteering at Inspiration Café. The result is "A Recipe for Hope: Stories of Transformation by People Struggling with Homelessness."

Please join us as Karen and several of the women and men profiled in the book share their experiences and provide insights into overcoming homelessness. This event is free of charge, and all are welcome. It will be followed by a light reception.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE DAY

Friday, June 17th, from 3-6 p.m.

World Relief offices, 3507 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, 60625

World Relief Chicago invites you to celebrate International Refugee Day by personally witnessing the transformation of lives at our open house at our offices in Albany Park.

HELP THE NORTH PARK FRIENDSHIP CENTER BY DINING OUT

Thursday, June 23 between 4 & 10 p.m.

Graziano's Restaurant, 5960 W. Touhy in Niles (847-647-4096)

North Park Friendship Center will receive 25% of the Friendship Center diners' tab on June 23.

Important: *there will be an insert in the bulletin on June 5 and others available in the narthex. These flyers will need to be given to the server in order for the Friendship Center to receive the benefit.*

26th ANNUAL CHICAGO HUNGER WALK - benefits the North Park Friendship Center Food Bank

Saturday, June 25 at Soldier Field

7:00 a.m. Registration, 8:15 a.m. Step-Off

Help the Greater Chicago Food Depository's 650 pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in the fight against hunger in our community.

www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk

Your participation will directly benefit the North Park Friendship Center Food Bank. Registering and donating is made simple through the Chicago Food Depository website.

1. Go to the website and click on "search for and donate to a Hunger Walk Team."
2. Type in "North Park Friendship Center"
3. Click on "North Park Friendship Center"
4. Click on "Join Team" to add your name to the NPFC walking team or click on "make a gift" to donate.
5. On the website you will also find an e-mail that you can send to friends and family to invite them to donate.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Andrea, 847-446-4300.

GLASSES, GLASSES, GLASSES

The collection of used glasses is ongoing - they will go with missionaries out to the mission field, where they will be fitted on someone whose vision is impaired, thereby spreading the love of God in a practical, helpful way.

The collection of used cell phones and chargers, used to benefit battered women, is also ongoing. Both are collected on the counter in the mission display area in the narthex.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

QUILTERS, KNITTERS, ETC. - Meet on the **second Thursday of each month** for fellowship and service.

SHARING GROUP - Meets on **June 23 at Baker's Square at 12:00 noon** for lunch and fellowship.

STITCH AND STUDY - Meets **June 7** at the home of Marilyn Nelson at 7 p.m.

Please watch the weekly bulletins for details about each of these groups.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP - Thursday afternoon women's Bible study **begins again on June 9**, when they will begin a study of Philippians. Paul's letter to the Philippians aimed to inspire them how to find peace and contentment in a perilous world. We will use the Lifechange Series, available from amazon.com - Philippians, Lifechange Series paperback (Nov. 1, 1986) by Nav Press, for \$9.99. Please join us and bring a friend! Questions, contact Claire Macfarland.

CONGRATULATION GRADUATES

We extend our congratulations to the many graduates, both college and high school, in our church family.

College:

- ♦ **Elizabeth Coyle** graduated on May 15 from Carnegie Mellon University with a double major in Biology and French. She will spend 8 weeks in France this summer and will be doing a Masters in Science in the fall.
- ♦ **Carly Favero** graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a BS in Allied Health. She will be working as an EMT before applying to grad school.
- ♦ **James Hall** graduated on May 15 from Denison University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. He is in the process of interviewing here in Chicago.
- ♦ **Alex Johnson** graduated on May 22 from DePauw University with a degree in Physics.
- ♦ **Susan Macfarland** graduated on May 13 from Samford University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, having previously earned a degree in Journalism & Mass Communications/PR from Samford. She will remain in Birmingham, AL to search for a job, hopefully somewhere in the Southeast.
- ♦ **Kathleen O'Donovan** will graduate on June 12 from Kalamazoo College with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Anthropology and a minor in Spanish. She is looking for a job with a not-for-profit organization.
- ♦ **Courtney Sharp** completed her Artist's Certificate at the College of Charleston in May. She will attend the Peabody Conservatory in the fall for her Master's Degree.
- ♦ **Madeline Sharp** graduated from The Juilliard School on May 20 and will return to Juilliard for her Master's.

High School:

- ♦ **Kjell Eiesland** graduates from Glenbrook South High School on June 5th. He plans to go to Oakton and study Construction Management, working with Eiesland Builders while attending school so he can benefit from both the educational and hands-on aspect of the job.
- ♦ **Maren Magill** graduates from Woodstock Boarding School in Mussoorie, India. She plans to attend St. Olaf College with a Political Science/History Major.
- ♦ **Peter Sudhoff** graduates from Roycemore School in Evanston on June 10. He will attend Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in Lexington, VA in the fall, majoring in International Studies and Political Science. He will also participate in the Summer Transition Program, beginning July 5.
- ♦ **Emily Thomas** graduated from Lakes Community High School in Lake Villa on May 22. She will attend North Park University in the fall with a Music Performance Major.

From New Trier High School on June 5th:

- ♦ **Ariana Edwards** will attend Oakton Community College in the fall.
- ♦ **Ben Favero**, planning to attend Kendall College, pursuing a BA in Culinary Arts.
- ♦ **Andrew Kovacic**, attending the University of Illinois to study Engineering.
- ♦ **Kajsa Nelson**, who will attend North Park University, with interests in Medicine or Nursing.
- ♦ **Conor O'Donovan**, planning to attend University of Illinois, studying Engineering.
- ♦ **Billy Rivi**, also attending North Park University in the fall.
- ♦ **Meagan Shade**, who will attend St. Olaf College after a summer working at Covenant Point and then as a Veterinary Technician. She is interested in becoming either a Youth Minister or Veterinarian.
- ♦ **Abbey Schmitt** will attend Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH where she will play basketball for the Big Green.
- ♦ **Andrew Sharp** plans to attend Purdue University in the fall, majoring in History.

WINNETKA MAILBOX

To our Winnetka Church Family,

For your many expressions of love and concern I am truly grateful. The visits of our pastors, cards, telephone calls, and most of all your prayers were deeply appreciated. My husband and I are so thankful to be members of a caring and loving church. Again, thank you.



Dorothy Train

Dear Winnetka Church Family,

In this spring season of new life, we find peace knowing that our husband, father, and grandfather has new life with his Lord. John lived his life here on earth thankful for each new day and did his best to follow Jesus.

The joy his faith brought is expressed in the beloved hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness": "Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!"

We have experienced joy and are deeply grateful for your faithful love and support of John and us all these past months. Your ministries of cards, phone calls, food, companionship, singing, prayers, and other gifts of caring touched us deeply and let us know we were not alone on our journey.

John said it best himself in a prayer he lifted up over a recent dinner meal: "God bless this food, and bless our fellowship, and thank you for the family and friends that are taking such good care of me. AMEN!"

With love, The family of John Hanson

To all the Staff & Volunteers of Winnetka Covenant Church,

I would like to thank you for your hospitality, great food, and making me and my son feel comfortable during these difficult times. Thank you for the gifts and great fun!

God Bless, Victoria & Brandon (Family Promise guests)

Recently we have been getting inquiries about the possibility of receiving the Network by e-mail instead of the paper version sent in the mail. We are developing a list of people who would prefer to receive not only the Network but other church mailings by e-mail. If you are interested, e-mail Joan at wccjoan@juno.com.

FAMILY NEWS

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:

- ◆ **Peter Sudhoff**, who became an Eagle Scout in the Fall of 2010 after several years of work. His Court of Honor was held on Saturday, April 23, with Pastor Erik participating. His Eagle Project was the creation of a Prairie Garden at a former playground site at Central School in Glencoe.
- ◆ **Ashley Balsam and Seth Bjorklund** were married April 9 in Minneapolis. Ashley has been in medical school with the Navy and just got her orders. She finishes her residency July 1 and needs to report to Camp Lejeune, NC by July 11th. Lt. Ashley Bjorklund will be on the pediatric staff of the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune.
- ◆ **Kat Magnuson and Luke Knotts** were married on May 28, here at Winnetka Covenant Church. They plan to reside in Evanston.
- ◆ **Naomi Linnea Johnson** was born on April 30 to Cam and Linnea Johnson. Naomi joins her big sisters, Gwen and Sonja at home. John & Joan Wallgren are her grandparents and Ray & Fran Wallgren and Harriet Hanson are her great-grandparents.

OUR MISSION

*To be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel,
Worshiping together in love,
Nurturing people in faith,
And serving others as Christian disciples,
Building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.*

GUIDELINES FOR LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

We hold grace as our highest value.

We practice honest, open, direct communication.

We speak the truth in love and listen in love.

We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.

We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.