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Hello Covenant Family!

A lot has been going on behind the scenes at Covenant. Several committees have been working hard to keep Covenant moving forward and to help us safely remain connected. Over the next several weeks, there will be a series of events that we hope you will attend! Please read below for updates from our Transition Team, Healthy Pathways Task Force and Virtual Church Task Force.

### **Transition Team Events:**

The Transition Team has been very active preparing to help our church transition toward new leadership. The first step in this discernment process is to seek input from you, the congregation. It is very important that we hear from our church family. We want to know what you cherish about Covenant and where you believe God is calling us to go. To facilitate this, **we will be holding three virtual Congregational Conversations where you will be able to share your thoughts and provide your insights.** (originally scheduled for Spring 2020)

Pastor Bill Wilson and the Transition Team will facilitate these conversations, which are meant to be interactive. We will listen to you, and you will listen to each other. These Congregational Conversations are open to all church members, youth (6th grade and up), regular attenders, and anyone with a vested interest in Covenant's future.

The purpose of these conversations is to help the Transition Team gain a deep understanding of the fabric of Covenant. We hope to learn what we, as a congregation, love about our church - what connects us to it, what we want to preserve, and what we hope for its future. This understanding will help us develop the congregational and pastoral profiles to assist in preparing for the retirement of Pastor Jim in February 2021.

**We encourage you to join us for all three sessions.** The first virtual Zoom Congregational Conversation is **Sunday, August 30th**. The topic is what first drew you to Covenant. During the second virtual Zoom conversation on **Sunday, September 13th**, the topic will be what keeps you in the Covenant Family. We want to hear about your hopes and dreams for the future of Covenant in the third and final Zoom conversation on **Sunday, September 27th**. All sessions will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end by 10:30 a.m.

See page 4 of this letter for a handy list of dates.

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### **Virtual Church Task Force Event:**

The Virtual Church Task Force has also been meeting regularly. We are grateful to everyone who completed our survey and will share a brief summary of the results in the virtual **Congregational Forum on Wednesday, August 26th at 7 p.m.**

As a committee, our efforts are two-fold: we are developing a path forward for the virtual church experience (aka, replicating “Cozy Covenant” while not actually being in the sanctuary together) and determining how to get down that path (boring technology & infrastructure stuff). Our goal is for every member of the Covenant community to be able to easily and consistently access the available virtual programming and to provide meaningful connections and content, nourishing our spiritual and mental health even as we stay home to protect our physical health.

**IMPORTANT\*** An RSVP is required to receive the Zoom link to the **Congregational Conversations and the Congregational Forum**. RSVP by going to the church website at [covenantfrazer.org](http://covenantfrazer.org) and clicking on “Congregational Conversations & Forum” at the bottom of our home page.

Look for this box:



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**Healthy Pathways Task Force Event:**

The Healthy Pathways Task Force invites you to join us for an **Evening Worship Service on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m., outdoors** (rain date: Thursday, September 10th).

**Where:** The church parking lot between the Scout building and the flagpole.

**Attire is casual, masks required. Bring your own seat.**

**Reservations are required:** We can accommodate 20 groups, including the option of sitting in your car adjacent to the parking lot. **Please RSVP by going to our website at [covenantfrazer.org](http://covenantfrazer.org) and clicking on the Outdoor Worship Service link at the bottom of our home page.**

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If you do not have internet access, please leave your RSVP on the church voicemail.

**Volunteers are needed** to mark the parking lot for social distancing 45 minutes prior to the service and to serve as ushers. If you would like to help, please contact Jo-Anne Frazier at [jsfrazieresq@gmail.com](mailto:jsfrazieresq@gmail.com) or call the church at 610-648-0707 and leave a message.

**Note:** Anyone who is running a temperature over 100.4 or feeling at all unwell should participate **virtually**. Attendance is purely discretionary and at your own risk. Please do not feel pressured to attend in person. This service will also be live-streamed and available on the

church website. Thank you for your cooperation with the Healthy Pathways guidelines which help us to meet safely.

**>>>>>>>>> New to Zoom? How do I do that? <<<<<<<<<<**

Since it is not possible for us to all be together in the same space, the Congregational Update Forum and the Congregational Conversations will be held virtually using a meeting tool called "Zoom." As you may know, Zoom is a way to meet with many other people to present and discuss information.

Zoom is new for many of us. Help is available! We know that many of our members are not familiar and/or comfortable with using Zoom. If you need help, then participate in one of our **optional** Zoom Practice Sessions. The practice Zoom sessions will have a "drop in" format. Come and go as you feel comfortable. We will have "technical support" people on deck to assist as needed.

<b>Zoom Practice Session 1</b>	<b>Sunday, Aug. 16</b>	<b>12-1 p.m.</b>
<b>Zoom Practice Session 2</b>	<b>Thursday, Aug. 20</b>	<b>10-11 a.m.</b>
<b>Zoom Practice Session 3</b>	<b>Tuesday, Aug. 25</b>	<b>7:30-8:30 p.m.</b>

**Please RSVP to the church office at 610-648-0707 or [office@covenantfrazer.org](mailto:office@covenantfrazer.org) and let them know which practice session(s) you want to attend and whether you will be using the computer or phone only. You will receive an email invitation to join these practice sessions after you RSVP.**

**Also included in this mailing is a "Guide to Using Zoom."**

**>>>>>>>>> No computer? No problem! <<<<<<<<<<**

For members who only use a phone and do not have access to a computer or smartphone (a phone that can connect to the Internet), we will offer three alternate call-in Congregation Conversation sessions on select **Mondays** at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling the church office (610-648-0707) - someone will contact you directly with more information and instructions to call in for the phone-only sessions. Help is available - please just ask!

Blessings,

Transition Team, John Hunter, chair  
Virtual Church Task Force, Dawn Catteau, chair  
Healthy Pathways Task Force, Jo-Anne Frazer

P.S. If you are not already receiving emails from Covenant, please let the office know to add you to the distribution list.

**Add these dates to your calendar!**

<b>Wednesday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m. Congregational Update Forum (Zoom)
<b>Sunday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00-10:30 a.m. - Congregational Conversation #1 (Zoom)
<b>Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00-10:30 a.m. - Congregational Conversation #2 (Zoom)
<b>Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00-10:30 a.m. - Congregational Conversation #3 (Zoom)
<b>Monday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	5:30-6:30 p.m. - Congregational Conversation #1 ( <b>phone only</b> )
<b>Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30-6:30 p.m. - Congregational Conversation #2 ( <b>phone only</b> )
<b>Monday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30-6:30 p.m. - Congregational Conversation #3 ( <b>phone only</b> )
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 p.m. Evening Worship (outdoor service, limited seating)