



# The Messenger

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## REMEMBERED IN THE WILL

Every so often you read how a wealthy matron has died, and when the will was read, she left nothing to nephew Charlie, who had cared for her in his home for fifteen years prior to her death. Instead she had given Charlie the large screen color television set he had always admired, and the 1997 Mercedes which she had not driven for seven years. The bulk of her estate, a million dollars, she left to Clara Peck.

“Who’s Clara Peck?” Charlie asked the attorney.

“Clara’s a retired secretary who used to work for the restaurant business your aunt started back in the 1930’s. Apparently your aunt was very fond of her.”

Charlie suddenly feels the unfairness of life. He decides to contest the will on the grounds that surely his aunt could not have been of sound mind when she made out the will. How could she not recognize the years he had given her?

And, think of Clara Peck when she gets word from the attorney that she is to receive a million dollars from her old employer!

That’s how it is with heirs, though. To be an heir only two conditions need to be present: someone has to die, and you have to be remembered in the will. There is nothing you can do to be remembered in the will, as nephew Charlie will sadly attest. There is nothing you can do to be remembered in the will, as Clara Peck will gladly attest. It is up to the deceased.

Paul says, *“If we are children, we are heirs as well; heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his suffering so as to share his glory.”* (Romans 8:17)

What did we do to be remembered in this will?

Nothing.

God did it.

And its God’s will that we be God’s children.

Enjoy spending your inheritance!

Pastor Dan

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### **Worship Services**

**Sundays: 9:43 & 11:00am**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Adults 9:30**

**Children ~ ONLINE 10:05AM**

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH****In Memory Of****Tim Grantz**

Memorial	Nancy McGill and Family
Memorial	Harry and Cathy McConnell
Memorial	Jane and Jeffrey Goddard; Judith DiGiovanni
Memorial	Chuck and Nancy Neff
Memorial	Ed and Mary Lou Roscoe
Memorial	Paul and Kara Jurovcik

**Peg Flynn**

Memorial	Mark and Claudia Molinaro
Memorial	T. Jean Piatt
Memorial	Chuck and Nancy Neff
Memorial	Edwin S. Linton American Legion Auxiliary Unit 175
Memorial	George and Mary Alice Jones
Memorial	Milton and Mary Laughland
Memorial	Jane and Jeffrey Goddard; Judith DiGiovanni
Memorial	David and Susan Snodgrass
Memorial	Bill and Betty Braun

**FUNERALS**

John "Moe" Dean, died on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Visitation was held at Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home in Bentleyville, followed by the funeral on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at The Church of the Covenant, with Rev. Scott Shetter officiating. Interment was at Scenery Hill Cemetery.



**DEADLINE FOR THE May  
MESSENGER is April 15th.**

**PASTOR SCOTT'S MUSINGS**

Dear Friends,

We celebrate Easter this month. This is an exciting time. We get to travel through all the highs and lows of Holy Week with our Savior. For one bleak moment it looks like death and the grave have victory over God's beloved Son. However, the evil one does not know the depths of God's love and underestimates the true power of God.

On Sunday morning, the power of death and the grave are cancelled forever, and we are invited into an eternal fellowship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We have been called to new life and are to be transformed by the power of God's love, mercy, and grace. We are new people with new life.

However, we are not called to sit back and watch the world go by to destruction. I heard it said recently that the church is a bunch of outcasts that have been welcomed in, but now stand at the door preventing other outcasts from entering.

We are aliens and strangers in this world. We do not belong here. Neither does anyone else, but they will not know that unless our lives are truly transformed, and we carry the message of Easter in our very being.

What are you going to do with the new life given to you? Will you keep it to yourself, or will you give that life away? Will you now rest in the promise of new life, or will you delve deeply into all the mysteries of God that He desires to reveal to you and through you? God beckons us to come find Him and know just how good He is. I urge you to take this new life He has given you and make the very most of it.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Scott

## **APRIL PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **April 1, 2021 (Communion) (Maundy Thursday, Service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary)**

Sermon Title: **LOVE BEYOND MEASURE**

Preaching: Pastor Scott

Scripture: John 13:31b-35

Focal Verse: *“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” v. 35.*

Synopsis: Jesus’ command to love one another sounds simple enough, but we have great difficulty fulfilling that command. It is easy to find reasons to not love another person. Jesus’ command includes the statement “as I have loved you.” This may seem impossible given the level of love He has shown. Imagine how different the world would look if we worked our hardest to follow through.

### **April 2, 2021 (Good Friday, Service at Noon in the Commons)**

Sermon Title: **“WOMAN BEHOLD YOUR SON!”**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: John 19: 16-37

Focal Verse: *“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, ‘Dear woman, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother,’ from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.” vv. 25-27.*

Synopsis: There is something infinity moving in the fact that Jesus in the agony of the Cross, when the salvation of the world hung in the balance, thought of the loneliness of His mother and His “beloved” disciple in the days ahead. Jesus never forgot the duties that lay in His hands.

### **April 4, 2021 (Communion) (Easter Sunday)**

Sermon Title: **“A REALITY CHECK...”**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Focal Verse: *“Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’ And she told them that he had said these things to her.” v. 18.*

Synopsis: Easter Sunday changes our reality maps concerning death and the means of life. An enemy becomes a friend. A stone has been rolled away. Is it time for a reality check in your life?



### **April 11, 2021**

Sermon Title: **THE FIRST MISSIONARY**

Preaching: Pastor Scott

Scripture: John 20:19-22

Focal Verse: *“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” v.21.*

Synopsis: We are not called to sit still and wait for the Lord to finish His work of building His kingdom here on this earth. We have been commissioned to go, to share the message of hope in Christ. Maybe we can learn a few lessons from the first missionary in the long lines of missionaries in the church.

### **April 18, 2021**

Sermon Title: **“GET YOUR THIRD CLASS TICKETS HERE!”**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

Focal Verse: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” v8.*

Synopsis: There will come a time when Christ will rule over all. In the meantime, let us look OUTWARD, let us look UPWARD, and let us look FORWARD.

### **April 25, 2021**

Sermon Title: **“FEAR OF FLYING...”**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: Matthew 10:26-33

Focal Verse: *“So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known.” v.26.*

Synopsis: Do not be afraid. Believe in yourself. Believe in God. Jesus told us that we are so important to this loving God that even the very hairs of our heads are counted. We are pretty important people. Stretch those wings. We don’t ever have to fear flying again!



**UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The PNC has received the results of the Holy Cow Survey in which many of you participated. As you will recall from taking the survey, it covered a lot of topics. With the help of a representative from the Holy Cow Consulting company, the PNC is now reviewing the results in order to discern the congregation’s intent for the future direction of our church and for the type of pastor who can best lead us.

The PNC will next prepare the Ministry Information Form (MIF) that, once approved by the Session and the Washington Presbytery, will tell prospective pastors about our church. The MIF preparation will be informed by the results of the Holy Cow survey. Accordingly, your input—through the survey—will have an influence on the first impression prospective pastors will have of The Church of the Covenant.

Many thanks to all who participated in the survey. Your opinions, comments, ideas, and concerns have been noted and are greatly appreciated. They will be significant factors in the continuing life of our congregation and in our church’s ability to effectively serve Christ in our community and world.

**PARISH NURSE CORNER**

Friendships and socialization are key components to fending off loneliness; prolonged loneliness increases the risk of depression and cognitive decline, including dementia by as much as 40%. Socialization can strengthen the immune system, reduce the risk of heart disease, improve memory and lower blood pressure. All that adds up to a longer, happier life. Even if you are living alone and social distancing, stay connected with friends by phone or video chat. Take advantage of the digital world to reach out to old friends or meet new people. Ask a younger person to show you how; they are eager to share their knowledge of Facebook, Skype and Zoom. Stay connected and stay healthy! Any questions? Please contact me at 724-263-7911. Good health to all, Linda Grimm, RN.



**FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN**

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request cards are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket.

**RETIREMENT CARD SHOWER FOR CYNDI BARNEY**

Our dear Cyndi is set to retire in March. After nearly 28 years on staff here at The Church of the Covenant, she will be moving into a new chapter of her life. Most members of the church can think of something that Cyndi might have helped them with, the weddings she has helped to coordinate, and the delicious meals that came from our kitchen under her guidance.

In addition to all of the special events that Cyndi has been a part of here, we celebrate her dedication to the church and congregation through the longevity of her service. Not many employers are so fortunate, or congregations so blessed, to have someone who has given as much as she has to all of us.

As she begins to travel a new path, we would like to send her off with much love. A card shower/love offering seems to be an appropriate way to thank Cyndi for everything she has given. She loves to receive cards and we hope as many people as possible will shower her with well wishes and affection.

Please send your cards of gratitude and thanks to:

Cyndi Barney  
435 Lagonda Road  
Washington, PA 15301



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### LEMOYNE CENTER SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM 2021

We are now seeking volunteers to help out with the Lemoyne Center's Summer Lunch program. You will recall that over the past several years the Lemoyne Community Center has sponsored a program to feed people—principally children—a lunch during the summer months. Volunteers support the program by helping to deliver prepared meals. The Church of the Covenant has been a consistent participant in the program for four years—one of the few churches in Washington to consistently participate.

The program is an opportunity to reach beyond the doors of the church to people in the community who need assistance. If you volunteer, you will be agreeing to give a couple hours every third week to deliver meals to designated sites in the community. The sites are safe places and people pick up the lunches at outdoors locations so social distancing is not an issue.

If you are looking for a way to help others beyond our church walls, this is an excellent opportunity.

Several members have already agreed to participate but we need some more help. If you haven't already spoken to Steve Johnson, you can volunteer by calling (412-420-7253) or emailing ([Liveoak50@gmail.com](mailto:Liveoak50@gmail.com)).

### LOOKING FOR FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

Many of us are looking for ways to give back because we have been so blessed by God. Well, if you are retired or have a flexible schedule, I have a deal for you. We as a church have been volunteering at the **Greater Washington County Food Bank** for several years. We packed boxes for the elderly the last Friday of the month. Things have changed at the Food Bank, and they are now packing boxes four days a week in two 2-hour shifts.

Our church is scheduled to pack these boxes on **Thursday, April 22; Thursday, May 20; Wednesday, June 16; Thursday, August 19; Tuesday, October 19; and Thursday, November 18; from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The Food Bank is located at 909 National Pike West, Brownsville, PA 15417. They are doing everything they can to supply food to the people in need. If you are available to help any of the above-listed dates, please contact Donna Carlisle at [dcarlisle@comcast](mailto:dcarlisle@comcast) or 724-228-3616.

Thank you and God bless!



Greater Washington County  
**FOOD BANK**

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## CHURCH NEWS FROM THE BOILER ROOM

Hello, everyone, and welcome to Spring! I'm very glad winter is over, and it's one I'll never forget. We've accomplished a lot, but there is always a long list of things to do. With Tim Grantz' passing and Cyndi's retirement, I have been blessed with congregational members who are willing to pitch in. For example, volunteers and I were able to clean over 10,000 square feet of carpeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Summer will bring the start of projects such as boiler phase II, gutter replacement, many roofing issues and the start of the Parlor renovation. We are now bidding out the church's insurance, due to significant price increases. With all your help and God's grace, I know that we can continue to be the church God has called us to be.

Always Serving,  
Ralph

**MISSION MATTERS****THE DREAMERS COMPANY**

*“The restoration of a community always begins with a dream.”*

With warmer weather and the urge to get outside, we begin to think about pruning, cleaning, and painting. The Dreamers Company is way ahead of us. With the mission of restoration at their backs, Dreamers (begun locally in 2014) has taken to the very streets of Washington, Pennsylvania, to rehabilitate and beautify, to bring back vibrancy and dignity. Earnest about community collaboration, Dreamers specializes in project and workforce development with community leaders, even as it galvanizes volunteers.

Over the past several years, Dreamers has addressed blight removal and rehabilitation of over 70 homes and 3 playgrounds in the City of Washington. Volunteers, including church youth groups and their leaders, clean, weed, plant, remove overgrowth, spread mulch, and replace old, hazardous equipment and lighting at playgrounds. The resulting positivity and pride are tremendous to our area.

Aaron Miller, a board member and a founder of Dreamers, shared an update of initiatives for 2021:

**Play Washington**—Refurbishment of 7<sup>th</sup> Ward playground with new equipment which will allow better programming during the summer,

**Mission Washington**—The week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be close to 100 volunteers working to help beautify the community as well as help to renovate homes for those in need.

**Beautify the City**—Dreamers will continue to create opportunity for art and murals in the downtown of Washington. This also includes clean-up days 2 or 3 times a year.

What began as a dream is turning into impressive community improvement. Our Church of the Covenant youth, past participants in Mission Washington, might once again respond to the call. Ah, spring.

2020 Mission giving: \$1500; 2021 budgeted: \$960.

Interested in becoming involved? Contact Aaron Miller at [aaronmiller37@gmail.com](mailto:aaronmiller37@gmail.com) or 724.777.9195.

**TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES**

April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Dr. Jim Platt**

**What Christ Says to the Church: A Study of the Letters to Revelation’s Seven Churches**

Chapters 2-3 of the Book of Revelation are comprised of a series of seven letters, directed to important churches in Asia Minor (modern Turkey). Join us as we look through the lens of these seven letters and wrestle with some of the troubling issues in our own society today including: the overall decay of society, the breakdown of morals, and the disturbing ways in which this breakdown has infiltrated the contemporary church. Drawing from the wisdom of seven very ancient, yet very relevant letters, we will discover together: “What Christ Says to the Church”! In addition to wrestling with the content of the Biblical text, this class will also incorporate photographs of the cities represented by these churches as an object lesson speaking very directly to what happens when God’s church fails to heed the voice of Jesus. We hope you will join us as we confront this important topic!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



### COVENANT KIDS

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:05 on Zoom. Each week we have Bible Stories, Life Application, a memory verse and games!

Please contact Miss Yvonne for the Zoom Link  
yvonnegayle20@gmail.com



### Our mission is

to provide an energetic summer camp experience that includes

- ◆ Mission and service
- ◆ Daily fellowship
- ◆ Scripture study
- ◆ Athletic activities
- ◆ Field trips and adventures

We want to enrich the lives of the students while focusing on their spiritual growth. Our goal is to help them develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and encourage them to make a positive impact on the world around them all while having a fantastic summer.

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays ~ 7:30am-5:30pm**

**5 Weeks ~ Beginning June 8<sup>th</sup> and ending July 15<sup>th</sup>**

(There will not be camp on June 29, June 30 & July 1)

#### CAMP TUITION

- ◆ \$25 non-refundable registration per child
- ◆ \$100 Activity Fee per child
- ◆ The tuition is \$325
- ◆ Total cost \$450 for 5 weeks

Contact: Yvonne Gayle: yvonnegayle20@gmail.com or  
304-282-1104

### THE PRESCHOOL ROCKS!!!

Yes, we all know that our Church Preschool rocks, but we are really going to be establishing a rock garden outside of our Preschool doors. Each 4-year old and 5-year old will be painting a rock and placing it in our new rock garden for Earth Day in April. We are very excited about this little celebration. Our desire is for the children to create a legacy for our Preschool. Each year we will have the kids contribute to this rock garden.

So, calling all Church of the Covenant Preschool Alumni --we would also love to have you participate in this as well. Paint a rock and bring it to the Preschool and we will add a clear coating on it so it survives all of our seasons outside. Oh don't forget to put your first name and year on the back with a sharpie. Now the size of rock we prefer is up to and including about a 4-6 inch rock.

No Boulders Please!

Deadline--April 14th--all rocks returned to the Preschool! Celebrate with us by adding to our legacy!!  
Happy Spring!!



### Youth Mission Trip 2021



All teens who are active participants in youth group are invited to join us this summer on our mission trip to Impact Ministries in Myrtle Beach, SC where we will be hosting Vacation Bible School and hosting a day camp. We will be housed at the Impact Ministries Retreat Center. More information about this ministry can be found at [impactmb.org](http://impactmb.org). Please reach out to Miss Yvonne for more information or to register. We are only accepting 9 participants this year. Register Now!

**Dates: July 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Cost: \$150**

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL****Thursday, April 1****Maundy Thursday**

Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18

1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32

John 17:1–11 (12–26)

**Friday, April 2****Good Friday**

Gen. 22:1–14

1 Peter 1:10–20

John 13:36–38

*or* John 19:38–42**Saturday, April 3**

Job 19:21–27a

Heb. 4:1–16

Rom. 8:1–11

**Sunday, April 4****Easter**

Exod. 12:1–14

John 1:1–18 *or* Isa. 51:9–11

Luke 24:13–35

*or* John 20:19–23**Monday, April 5**

Jonah 2:1–10

Acts 2:14, 22–32

John 14:1–14

**Tuesday, April 6**

Isa. 30:18–26

Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)

John 14:15–31

**Wednesday, April 7**

Micah 7:7–15

Acts 3:1–10

John 15:1–11

**Thursday, April 8**

Ezek. 37:1–14

Acts 3:11–26

John 15:12–27

**Friday, April 9**

Dan. 12:1–4, 13

Acts 4:1–12

John 16:1–15

**Saturday, April 10**

Isa. 25:1–9

Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)

John 16:16–33

**Sunday, April 11**

Isa. 43:8–13

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–7

**Monday, April 12**

Dan. 1:1–21

1 John 1:1–10

John 17:1–11

**Tuesday, April 13**

Dan. 2:1–16

1 John 2:1–11

John 17:12–19

**Wednesday, April 14**

Dan. 2:17–30

1 John 2:12–17

John 17:20–26

**Thursday, April 15**

Dan. 2:31–49

1 John 2:18–29

Luke 3:1–14

**Friday, April 16**

Dan. 3:1–18

1 John 3:1–10

Luke 3:15–22

**Saturday, April 17**

Dan. 3:19–30

1 John 3:11–18

Luke 4:1–13

**Sunday, April 18**

Dan. 4:1–18

1 Peter 4:7–11

John 21:15–25

**Monday, April 19**

Dan. 4:19–27

1 John 3:19–4:6

Luke 4:14–30

**Tuesday, April 20**

Dan. 4:28–37

1 John 4:7–21

Luke 4:31–37

**Wednesday, April 21**

Dan. 5:1–12

1 John 5:1–12

Luke 4:38–44

**Thursday, April 22**

Dan. 5:13–30

1 John 5:13–20 (21)

Luke 5:1–11

**Friday, April 23**

Dan. 6:1–15

2 John 1–13

Luke 5:12–26

**Saturday, April****24**

Dan. 6:16–28

3 John 1–15

Luke 5:27–39

**Sunday, April 25**

Gen. 18:22–33

1 Peter 5:1–11

Matt. 7:15–29

**Monday, April 26**

Jer. 30:1–9

Col. 1:1–14

Luke 6:1–11

**Tuesday, April 27**

Jer. 30:10–17

Col. 1:15–23

Luke 6:12–26

**Wednesday, April 28**

Jer. 30:18–22

Col. 1:24–2:7

Luke 6:27–38

**Thursday, April 29**

Jer. 31:1–14

Col. 2:8–23

Luke 6:39–49

**Friday, April 30**

Jer. 31:15–22

Col. 3:1–11

Luke 7:1–17

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Jean Hanas	4/03	Cory Cook	4/08	Tara Knight	4/15	Brooke Roupe	4/22
Megan Sutton	4/03	Rae Dawn Guyton	4/09	Christopher Knight	4/17	April Devenney	4/22
Nicholas Wall	4/03	Niki Ewing-Davis	4/09	Susan Kepler	4/18	Denny Denmead	4/23
Billy Proudfit	4/04	Caitlin Scott	4/09	Colton Clingermanstang	4/18	Rachel Phillips	4/23
Nancy Bernett	4/05	Jane Barnickel	4/10	Jennifer Rakoczy	4/18	James Little	4/24
Joseph Di Pietro	4/05	Emily Yukish	4/11	Jason Piatt	4/19	Jack Piatt, III	4/24
Sarah Cole	4/05	Kenneth Watson	4/12	Lindsay Wall	4/19	Jessica Gunjak	4/24
Barbara Baughman	4/06	Dominic Clutter	4/12	Betsy Gaul	4/20	Travis Nassar	4/24
Evi Mecalf	4/06	Pat Sanders	4/13	Edward Phillips	4/20	Norma Koman	4/26
Stephanie Silbaugh	4/06	John Pankopf	4/13	April Betzner	4/21	Stephen Spiegel	4/26
Michael Spiegel	4/06	April Batove	4/13	Karen Suzanne Orr	4/21	Joseph Jefferys	4/28
Jessica Kosco	4/06	Michelle McCarrell	4/13	Brenda Griffith	4/21	Doug Locy	4/28
Ben Baker	4/07	MaryAnna McNeel	4/14	Marian Keisling	4/22	Dayne Warren	4/28
Debbie Knestrick	4/08	Joyce Hough	4/14	Donna Sukel	4/22	Sarina Jones	4/29
						Noah Johnson	4/30



## THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II,  
Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

*The following books were donated to the library. The Library Committee thanks the donors. All have been cataloged and are ready to be checked out. The library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title or subject.*

*The following gently-used book was donated by Donna Carlisle.*

**Ever After**, by Karen Kingsbury. Two couples torn apart—one by war between countries, one by war within. In this moving sequel to *Even Now*, Emily Anderson, now twenty, is attending college on a soccer scholarship when she meets the man who changes everything for her: Army reservist Justin Baker. Their tender relationship, founded on a mutual faith in God and nurtured by their trust and love for each other, proves to be a shining inspiration to everyone they know, especially Emily's reunited birth parents, Lauren Gibbs and Shane Galanter. Lauren and Shane still struggle to move past their opposing beliefs about war, politics and faith. Shane believes it's possible, but Lauren doesn't. So she says a painful good-bye to her long-ago love and returns to her job as a war correspondent in Afghanistan. Both hearts are shattered, and Lauren and Shane believe that this time their relationship has truly ended forever. Then tragedy sends shock waves through all their lives. Can Lauren and Shane set aside their opposing views so that love—God's love—might win, no matter how great the odds?

*(The library has several books by Karen Kingsbury.)*

*The following gently-used books were donated anonymously. The Library committee thanks the donors.*

**The Greatest Moments in the Life of Christ** by Max Lucado.

Simple moments. Quiet moments. Moments missed by many, but created by God, forever punctuating the timeline of history. You can't open the Gospels without reading about them. Mary watches her baby boy in a feeding trough and ponders, "How can this really be God?" The apostles stare at a lunch bucket of loaves and fish that never goes empty. The leper sees new fingers appear where only nubs had been and runs back to thank his God. These are the greatest moments, when God put on humanity, not only to save us from our sins but to experience life as we do, with all its laughter and tears.

**Facing Your Giants** by Max Lucado. You know your Goliath. You recognize his walk, the thunder of his voice. He taunts you with bills you can't pay, people you can't please, habits you can't break, failures you can't forget and a future you can't face. But just like David, you can face your giant, even if you aren't the strongest, the smartest, the best equipped, or the holiest. David fell as often as he stood, stumbled as often as he conquered. But for those who know the sound of a Goliath, David gives this reminder: Focus on giants—you stumble. Focus on God—your giants tumble.

*(The library has several books by Max Lucado.)*

**What She Knew**, by Gilly Macmillan. Rachel Jenner is walking in a Bristol park with her eight-year-old son, Ben, when he asks if he can run ahead. It's an ordinary request on an ordinary Sunday afternoon, and Rachel has no reason to worry—until Ben vanishes. The police are called, search parties go out, and Rachel, already insecure after her recent divorce, feels herself coming undone. As hours and days pass without a sign of Ben, everyone who knew him is questioned. Inevitably, media attention focuses on Rachel too, and the public's attitude toward her begins to shift from sympathy to suspicion. As she desperately pieces together the threadbare clues, Rachel realizes that nothing is quite as she imagined it to be, not even her own judgment. And the greatest dangers may lie not in the anonymous strangers of every parent's nightmare, but behind the familiar smiles of those she trusts the most. Where is Ben? The clock is ticking. . . .

**The Lying Game**, by Ruth Ware. From the author of the hit novel *The Woman in Cabin 10* comes another edge-of-your-seat thriller you don't want to miss. A single cryptic text, "I need you", reunites four friends in the stippled light of an English seaside village just as surely as it signals readers that they're in the hands of a pro. *The Lying Game* makes good on its premise that tall tales have consequences, especially when they're exposed to the glare of truth.

**Just a Sister Away**, by Renita J. Weems. A womanist vision of women's relationships in the Bible. Without preaching, she communicates a powerful message of women pooling their resources, sharing power, forging alliances, building bridges among themselves for the purpose of enriching life for all. Her message transcends racial, cultural, and economic barriers, appealing to our justifiable pride of our womanhood and challenging us to strengthen the spiritual and moral values of our own day through mutual support.

**Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul**, by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Read Hawthorne and Marci Shimoff.  
101 stories to open the hearts and rekindle the spirits of women.

**The Pilgrim's Regress** by C.S. Lewis. The first book written by C.S. Lewis after his conversion. It is in a sense a record of Lewis's own search for meaning and spiritual satisfaction that eventually led him to Christianity. It is the story of John and his odyssey to an enchanting island which has created in him an intense longing—a mysterious, sweet desire. Though the dragons and giants here are different from those in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Promise*, Lewis's allegory performs the same function of enabling the author to say with fantasy and simplicity what would otherwise have demanded a full-length philosophy of religion. In Lewis's skillful hands this fable becomes as effective a Christian apologia as Bunyan's.

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