Let this be our Prayer

Revelation 21:5 CEB
5... “Look! I'm making all things new.” He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
Pastor's Moment

The weather was hot and sticky as we sat on the porch of our cabin at Central Christian Camp. My church camp small group was gathered with markers around a poster board taped up to the wall. It was the beginning of what all the children gathered hoped would be full of fun, friendship, fellowship, and maybe a little bit of Jesus. After having been to church camp at least one summer, we learned that the week always began with our small group forming a covenant. We would gather with our small group for scriptural study, devotion, and reflection. In order to create a space that would be supportive, caring, and loving as we navigated the week’s bible texts and our questions, beliefs, and even doubts, a covenant would be created. I learned early on that a covenant is more than just a list of rules that we all follow. As Rev. Gilmore offered in her sermon last Sunday, it is more than a contract. A covenant is a relationship or partnership where the participating parties make promises to each other in order to achieve a common, greater goal. In the process the collective identity transforms into something bigger.

The idea of covenant is threaded throughout scripture. When God appeared before Abraham, God told him in Genesis 17:7, “I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” Later, God appeared
to Moses to remain faithful to the Covenant by delivering the people from captivity, saying in Exodus 6:7 “You will be my people and I will be your God. I am the Lord your God, and you will know that I made you free from Egypt.” This covenant was affirmed and reaffirmed by the prophets and throughout the old testament. Even the division of our Bible is a nod to the covenant, with the Old Testament referring to the original covenant and the New Testament referring to the new covenant. As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of that original covenant promise between God and humanity.

As I think back to the covenants created at church camp and with other Christian groups over the years, it is not lost on me that we often don’t talk about covenant in the context of our relationship to each other and the church. We are members of Avon Christian Church and God’s church universal, but how often do we think about what that means and how we are bound together. Over the next month we are going to explore Covenant throughout scripture and the history of our congregation and consider what it means for us as a Christian community, committed to being God’s people together. I hope you will join us with open hearts and minds for our next worship series Covenant: Bound by God’s Love.

Blessings,
Pastor Danielle
Join us!

New worship series begins October 3rd

Youversion Bible app
Download the app for you and also one for the littles, click on the icons for more info.
Watch a video here to learn more.

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Treasurer's Report

As we move through the last month of the third quarter, I wanted to provide the congregation with the financial update through August and September. Although giving trends through the year have been at or above what was budgeted, one area of shortfall continues to be loose offering. This has been low as a result of fewer in person visitors and low numbers of guests or visitors. Expenses remain under budget due as ministries are not operating at full capacity in many areas. In August, we returned to many things like VBS, teacher appreciation and fellowship time on Sundays, increasing expenses from previous months.

Overall, there is concern that the budgeted deficit that was approved last year is finally catching up to us. September was a particularly hard month due to three payrolls and an insurance payment on top of a lower giving month. When we do not have enough monthly cash flow to meet operating costs, we must utilize reserve funds to make the mortgage payment. So far this year, we have had to do this three times, reducing overall cash balances.

We appreciate everyone keeping up with planned pledges. Later this month financial statements will be sent out to make you aware of where you are in your giving. Please review those when they are sent to you and contact the office with any questions.

Beth Roberts
AVON CHRISTIAN CHURCH’S

ANNUAL TRUNK ’R TREAT

ALL CHILDREN (AND CHILDREN AT HEART) ARE INVITED TO DRESS UP IN COSTUMES, HAVE FUN, AND EAT CANDY!

*THERE WILL BE A FRIENDLY TRUNK COMPETITION

October 31, 2021 - 2-4pm
7236 E. CR 100 South, Avon, IN

For inquiries about the event, contact Pastor Paula at paula.p.gorrette@avonchristian.org

Check out avonchristian.org for more information
Our annual Trunk or Treat is rapidly approaching - Sunday, October 31. As you are able, please “treat” our children by donating bags of candy. We are now accepting candy donations. Look for the marked containers in the Fellowship Hall. We also need your trunks, car trunks that is…Please let us know if you plan to decorate your trunk for the event and then put your creative caps on - there will also be a friendly Trunk competition - with prizes! The Sign-up sheet is also in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping to make this a fun event for our children.
World Communion Sunday
Oct 3rd, 2021

DO THIS IN
Remembrance
OF ME

Check out avonchristian.org for more information
Hendricks Regional Health is hosting Covid Vaccination Clinics at their Danville location, East Entrance! Pfizer vaccine will be offered.

First Pfizer vaccinations, or if you need your 2nd Pfizer vaccination (3 weeks post- first dose), is available.

Children age 12+ & teenagers 16+ are eligible for the vaccine. Children under the age of 12 are NOT eligible at this time. Watch for updates on that age group.

Here are the dates available at HRH Danville: Thursdays 9/30, 10/7, 10/14 from 3:00-7:00pm.

Sign up at www.ourshot.in.gov

Check out avonchristian.org for more information.
Juliets
Juliets will be going to Sal’s Pizzeria in Plainfield on Friday, October 1st, at 1 PM. The address is 350 E. Main Street, Plainfield, just east of Avon Avenue (267). Please let Carol Flinn know by email at mcflinn13@hotmail.com or calling 317-939-2968. Hope to see you all there.

October Book Club
October 27th @ 7pm in the Fellowship Hall
For opportunities to help contact
Family Promise @ 317-296-3742
Or visit their Resource Center at
238 North Vine Street, Plainfield

Thank you to everyone that helped with the
Hygiene Kits

Tuesday Evenings
7 - 8 pm in the FLC
$5 Freewill offering is appreciated

YOGA

3rd Sunday
Drop off non-perishable food donations in the large bin in the front vestibule by Door 1

Check out avonchristian.org for more information
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GOD
LOVE
PEOPLE
Simple as that
## Birthdays

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Next Newsletter Deadline: Noon November 1, 2021

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How can we pray for you?

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- Worship Bulletin
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- Calendar
- Past Sermons

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Giving

Online Giving on our Website
https://www.avonchristian.org/mega_menu_contentgiving/

Giving with the Givelify App
Download in your Mobile App Store
Check out “Givelify Mobile Giving App Demo” from Givelify on Vimeo. https://vimeo.com/88298407

View this video for more details on how to get started, https://youtu.be/8RVHos0lvi4

Electronic Giving
Please contact Linda at lindaa@avonchristian.org.

Online Bill pay through your bank
Phone your bank if you need assistance setting this up. You can set up recurring or one-time payments.

Mail
Write which fund to apply on the memo line and mail your check to:
Avon Christian Church
Attn: Linda Aders
7236 E County Rd 100 S
Avon, IN 46123

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OFFICE HOURS

APPOINTMENT HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:30am - 4:00pm

ONSITE OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
12:00pm—4:00pm
CLOSED—FRIDAYS

General office email not monitored over weekend

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Rev. Paula Pettis-Garrett, Associate Minister
Linda Aders, Financial Assistant
Melissa Shriner, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Merchant, Nursery Director
Kurt Schakel - Organist/Accompanist

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Rob Hanesworth
Kathy Owen
Deb Claus
Kelly Payne
Dora Faye Shelley
Freda Strehle
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Debi Campbell
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