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**HOLY SPIRIT
& UNITY**

UNITED: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

**HOLY SPIRIT & UNITY:
VARIOUS SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Let's Just Praise the Lord" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our world encourages us to divide into the smallest possible affinity groups, to distrust and dislike the others, and even to pursue opportunities for self-isolation. The church has sometimes reflected the culture in this regard. Paul, in writing to the church in Corinth, encourages a different virtue – unity. As we reflect on the call to be United to Christ and to each other, consider what might be the next step in your own journey from division to unity in your life and relationships today.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 12:7-9, 12-13

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

***Hymn:** "In Christ There is No East or West" (vs. 1,2,4) #318

***Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 12

In 1 Corinthians 12, in the midst of a huge argument about who has the best spiritual gifts, Paul offers up the "church as a body" metaphor. Though all our gifts may vary widely, all Christians have the Holy Spirit in them. We are all needed. We should "strive for the greater gifts" individually, but honor the diversity and contribution of all gifts in the body. What are your gifts? How do we co-operate with the Spirit to develop and grow the gifts we are given? As we come together in prayer, reflect on the one Spirit, active in all of these gifts.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we have forgotten the same Spirit dwells within us all, as one body in Christ. We may have boasted about our gifts, we may have denied our gifts, we may have felt self-important and took all the credit or been self-conscious and afraid to act. Be with us this week as we honor the Spirit that you have placed in us. Help us to use the gifts you have activated within us, to strive to be greater, but to remember the body has many members and many gifts.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENT MEETING — There will be a meeting discussing our October 21 program on Anti-Human Trafficking in the Cry Room NEXT Sunday, August 20 after service. All are welcome to join us as we gear up for this state-wide, multi-church event that will be led and livestreamed right here at CCPC. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Wrysinski (715-409-0582) or Joanne Lapinski (715-845-6783).

PREPARED MEALS FOR THE HAGAR HOUSE — CCPC will be partnering with The Hagar House in the month of September to provide pre-made, frozen meals for the families in residence. A signup is available at The Hub for those interested in putting these meals together (looking for 10 people). The Hagar House staff will then bring all the pans, labels, and recipe cards (in case the families love your meal and want to make it again later) for these meals on a Sunday morning in September. The following week they will return to pick them up here at the church. Each volunteer will be making two pans of the same dish.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group continues through the summer with rising 6th-8th graders meeting from 5:30-7pm on Wednesdays, and rising 9th-12th graders meeting after from 7-8:30pm. **NOTE: Our Youth Group will start a new schedule on September 13!** Middle School Youth will meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth will meet from 6:30-8pm. We'll do separate Bible study times for MS and HS but combine for our crazy games. Join us on the 13th for the beginning of this new pattern! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH & KIDS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON — The Youth and Kids Leadership Annual Luncheon is August 27th following the 10am service. This is a great time to connect with your teaching team and build friendships with other leaders as we share in the vision we have for our kids and youth. Join us in Bouldin Hall for a great meal and encouragement for the upcoming year!

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. MISSION #6 — It's almost time for Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. mission #6! We are looking for Jr. Agents (rising 4th-12th graders) and Secret Agents (adults). Each Secret Agent will be paired with a Jr. Agent to exchange letters from October through March, at which time we will celebrate with a Reveal Party! You will be able to register online or at our "Recruiting Station." Signup will also be available at the Ministry Fair on September 10. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH JUNE 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$283,458**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$275,827**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$288,308**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$273,390**

AUGUST 6 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **N/A**
AM Livestream Total: **74**
PM In-Person Total: **25**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDOWMENT MATCHING GIFT— We have been give a \$25,000 matching gift challenge towards our CCPC Endowment. Every dollar you give to the Endowment from now until September 30 will be doubled until we reach that \$25,000 goal! You can give towards this match by placing a check in the offering plate, giving online, or by contacting the church office with questions.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP— CCPC offers a small group for singles who are of retirement age (60 and up). This group meets in the Cry Room at 1pm every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, including *THIS* Wednesday, August 16. Join us for Biblical studies, relevant conversation, and great fellowship! Contact Bonnie Rogers (rogersski1@gmail.com) with any questions.

BIBLE APP DEVOTIONAL— Join us as we continue to study the Bible together through the Bible App from YouVersion. The Bible App is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. We are continuing a study on the Book of Revelation. You can join the study and conversation by clicking the link provided in Monday's email, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to get involved.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

CHURCH PICNIC FOOD & VOLUNTEERS— There are plenty of opportunities to serve at this year's Fall Kickoff Picnic! We will need help with setup, cleanup, food preparations, and more (contact the church office if interested)! If your last name starts with A-P, we would love for you to bring a salad or side dish. If your last name starts with Q-Z, please bring a dessert to share. The meat and grilling items are provided. If you have any questions regarding the food, please contact Lakia Hanson (lakiarhanson3314@gmail.com) or Stephanie Smith (stephanie.smith@sentry.com).

HOPE IN THE PARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— There are volunteer opportunities at the "Hope in the Park" event! This year's artist will be Steven Curtis Chapman on Sunday, August 27th at Marathon Park. If you would like to help out, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAC22A1FDC25-hope4>

YOUTH & KID'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— As we get closer to the kickoff of the church calendar year in September, we are looking to grow our team of Kid's and Youth Ministry volunteers. This includes, but is not limited to, leaders and assistants for 9am I.D. classes, 10am Children's Church, 6pm service leaders and assistants, Wednesday evening 6pm classes, as well as Confirmation sponsors. If you are interested in taking part, please mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

BRIDGE ST. GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS— The CCPC Mission Committee is looking for help preparing and serving lunch at the Bridge St. Mission Golf Outing *THIS* Wednesday, August 16. The event will take place at Crane Meadows Golf Course. We will need assistance with food prep at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, as well as volunteers at noon on location. You can also donate food (such as 3 watermelon, 12 medium to large tomatoes and several pints of cherry tomatoes) or cash would be appreciated. Sign up at The Hub for donations or volunteering, or contact Mark Thompson (715-571-2698, mark@mtslc.net).

***Assurance of Pardon:** 1 Corinthians 12:20, 25-26
As it is, there are many members, yet one body. Because we are forgiven, we know God has arranged the body so there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Lean on one another in Christ's unity and rejoice in your many gifts in the Spirit. Amen.

***Congregational Response:** "How Great is Our God" See Screen

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" (vs. 1,2,3) #285

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 31:1-5 Page 77

Special Music: "Morning Has Broken" John & Melanie Hocker & Stephanie Finamore

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 Page 174

Sermon: "Holy Spirit & Unity: Various Spiritual Gifts" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (vs. 1,2) #716

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Sunshine In My Soul" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (vs. 3) #716

WELCOME TO COVENANT COMMUNITY!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk *
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH

The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Jack Fraaza

Live Stream: Craig Spangler

Acolytes: Lucas & Paige Mathies

Slides: Luke Coenen

Elder Greeter: Bob Gebauer
& Julie Nelson

Usher Lead: Bobby Dupuis

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Fellowship Hour: Terry & Vicki
Anderson

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema
(*Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids*)

Joyce Michna
(*Fond du Lac*)

Dave Vachowiak
(*Forest Park Village*)

Stella Lamping
(*Home*)

Cheryl Lenz
(*Colonial Center in Colby*)

Tom Scott
(*Aspirus*)

Ruth Reinicke
(*Wausau Manor*)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
10AM WORSHIP 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP 6PM CCPC SOFTBALL AT KELLY CLUB		6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	1PM RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP 5:30PM MS YOUTH GROUP 7PM HS YOUTH GROUP
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PLANNING MEETING 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.