



# The Messenger

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## A TIME FOR CHANGE

The Greek language, the language of the New Testament, has two words for time. The first is CHRONOS...physical time, it is 10:48am on Monday. The second is KAIROS...which translates as the "right time" or an "opportune moment". Jesus's birth in Bethlehem was a KAIROS MOMENT.

I believe COTC stands at a KAIROS MOMENT. Beginning in March, 2020 COTC has been in a time of transition. We have been living and operating in the midst of a pandemic, a beloved Senior Pastor retired after many years of faithful service, a new Interim Senior Pastor has arrived, and now COTC is slowly beginning to return to a semblance of "normal". It has been a roller coaster season on many levels.

The Vision Statement of COTC states: *"To know Christ, and make Him known to the next generation."* Since so much that was normal has been upended, the Session at its May 10, 2021 meeting unanimously voted to seize this KAIROS MOMENT to make a major change to our Sunday morning line up. Beginning on **Sunday, September 12, 2021** COTC will provide the following worship and educational opportunities:

**8:00am - Traditional Celebration of Worship in the Sanctuary**

**9:00am - Contemporary Celebration of Worship in the Covenant Center**

**10:00am - A time of education for all ages**

**11:00am – Traditional Celebration of Worship in the Sanctuary**

The Session believed strongly this was the KAIROS MOMENT to make this change. The change makes a renewed commitment to education in response to our Vision Statement. The Session wants to make sure that Christian Education is a vital part of who we are.

I am fully aware that change is never easy. I am also fully aware that not everyone will be happy with the changes. But this change seems to be necessary if we are going to help the next generation know Christ. This is our mission, this is our vision, this is who we are!!!

There will be a lot more information coming out about this upcoming change, so stayed tuned. My personal invitation to you is that you set your alarm a little earlier on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and plan to join us for an exciting new part of the journey. God is up to something wonderful at COTC, I pray you will continue to be a vital part of the COTC family.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Blessings,  
Pastor Dan



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### Worship Services

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will resume on

September 12, 2021

"Rally Day"

Church Office Hours

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

## NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



### *In Memory Of*

#### **Jean Pence**

Memorial	Richard and Janet Nevin
Memorial	Dan and Sue Halulko
Memorial	T. Jean Piatt
Memorial	Mark and Kimberly O'Donnell
Music Ministry	Connie Hornickel
Music Ministry	Gary Stout and Paulette Marasco
Music Ministry	Bill and Betty Braun
Music Ministry	Perry and Paula Lane
Music Ministry	Jonathan Pachter
Music Ministry	Bob and Mary Wichterman

#### **Tim Grantz**

Memorial	Mark and Kimberly O'Donnell
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#### **Rev. Hugh Crawford**

Memorial	Mark and Kimberly O'Donnell
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#### **Peg Flynn**

Memorial	Mark and Kimberly O'Donnell
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### **WEDDINGS**

On Saturday, May 15, 2021,  
**Jacob Betzner (member) and Emily Mazgaj**  
 were married, in Pittsburgh,  
 with Dr. Daniel B. Merry officiating.  
 Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Betzner!

### **NEW OPTIONS FOR ONLINE GIVING**

New opportunities to contribute to the church are coming your way! **Beginning June 1st** there will be options to make contributions through our website, by text, through an app, by ACH check, and the choice to use credit cards will still be available. Please see the information below. If you have questions please contact Debi in the office: 724.222.0190x111.

### **ONLINE**

1. Click the **MAKE A GIFT** button then **GIVE NOW** on our church website: [www.churchofthecov.org](http://www.churchofthecov.org)
2. Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, choose your frequency and enter your email address.
3. Click **Continue** and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

If you have an Abundant login, you can login when prompted and use a saved payment method.

### **NEW WAYS TO GIVE ON LINE**

**AVAILABLE June 1st**

### **MOBILE**

1. Search **Abundant Giving** in the app store and download the app.
2. Locate our church by typing our **church name or city** in the Abundant search bar. Select our church and sign in or sign up for an account.
3. Follow the prompts to Give.

Swipe up on the app screen to access your giving history, scheduled gifts and saved payment methods.

### **TEXT**

1. Text **Covey** to 73256.
2. Click the link you receive in your text message response.
3. Follow the prompts to give.

Text giving saves your information so you can quickly give again.

## **JUNE PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **June 6, 2021 (Communion)**

Sermon Title: **FROM COPING TO CONQUERING**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Focal Verse: *"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." vv. 8-9.*

Synopsis: Paul discovered in his weakness the immeasurable strength of God. That's good news for our lives. We cannot only cope, but we can conquer. How? By the transcendent power of God working in our lives, turning opposition into opportunity.



### **June 13, 2021**

Sermon Title: **MUSTARD OR CATCH-UP?**

Preaching: Pastor Scott

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

Focal Verse: *"It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." vv. 31 & 32.*

Synopsis: The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of growth. It grows in numbers and magnitude, but it also consists of individual growth. The Kingdom is not static, and neither should we be.

### **June 20, 2021**

Sermon Title: **A NEW DADDY**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Focal Verse: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" v. 17.*

Synopsis: None of us is all we might be. We are all products of a family of some kind. For many of us, that knowledge is comforting, reassuring. Others of us have scars, wounds that are still healing from less-than-ideal family situations. Still, there is hope for us all. For essentially, we all have the same Father...the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Because of God's love, each of us can be more than we ever dreamed we could be.

Special Notes: Father's Day

### **June 27, 2021**

Sermon Title: **FINDING CALM IN THE STORM**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Focal Verse: *"Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm." v. 39.*

Synopsis: The message we need to hear in the midst of this crazy world is that there is One who quiets the winds and stills the waves. There is One who speaks to our hearts and if we listen, there is One who will calm our fearful spirits.



### **UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

At the end of April, the Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA) published our church's Ministry Information Form (MIF) on its website. You will recall that the MIF is a document outlining, for prospective pastors, the qualities, experience, and character traits The Church of the Covenant is seeking in a Senior Pastor.

As of this writing in mid-May, our MIF has been viewed 111 times and we have received 14 resumes from prospective candidates for our position. The resumes, called Personal

Information Forms (PIFs), are carefully studied by each member of the PNC. The Committee has developed an evaluation system that allows each member of the PNC to grade the prospective candidate's qualifications. Some examples of the material that is reviewed for each candidate include, educational and work background, church leadership experience, references, and the candidates' narrative responses to several questions about their beliefs, faith, successes, and personal growth as servants of the Lord.

In the weeks ahead the PNC will refine the list of possible candidates in order to obtain further information from them by means of phone and face-to-face interviews. Because of technological advances and online communication, the Committee members now are able to gather information about candidates by looking at the websites of their current churches, by listening to their sermons online, and by reading materials they have published.

The candidates that the PNC has reviewed thus far are all, on paper, excellent Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and most are qualified for the position they seek. But the process of discerning God's will about who is the BEST qualified candidate for our Senior Pastor's position will be exacting and time-consuming. The PNC believes that while God has chosen the person who will serve as our next Senior Pastor, He did not feel compelled to make the search process easy and quick. We ask for your prayers and patience and we'll keep you informed of our progress.

As always, your PNC is interested in your feedback, ideas, and questions. Please don't hesitate to contact anyone on the Committee.

Chuck Neff	Lynn Sylvis	Gordon Core	Rachel Gladden
Beth Smith	Jason Dille	Deb Evans	Steve Johnson



### **PARISH NURSE CORNER**

Parish Nurse office hours will be reinstated on **Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-10:30am in Room 302**. Please stop by for blood pressure checks, health information or just a friendly chat.

Visitation to nursing facilities will also resume as more facilities open visiting hours. If you would like a visit or know someone who would benefit from one, please contact me. I can be reached at 724-263-7911. Have a safe and healthy summer! Linda Grimm, RN.



**SAMARITAN**  
Counseling • Guidance • Consulting

### **SAMARITAN COUNSELING UPDATE**

Our friends from Samaritan Counseling Center are going to be scheduling in-person appointments in their office in the church beginning in early June. If you, or someone you know, is struggling and needs to speak to a therapist, please contact Samaritan at **412-741-7430** or through their website at [samaritancounseling.net](http://samaritancounseling.net).



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **USHER SUPPORT NEEDED**

There is still a need for ushers to assist in our 9:43 and 11:00 Sunday services. We have a cadre of folks who have done ushering duty during the pandemic, but we need a few more volunteers to be able to fill in when needed.

Ushering now is different than before the pandemic—it is now a one-person position for each service. You don't have to be on duty for 4 Sundays in a row, just be willing to fill in occasionally when one of the regulars can't be there. Ushering boils down to doing a few simple things and keeping an eye on things to help make the service run smoothly.

For 9:43, all you have to do is record the attendance and take the offering to the church safe after the service. That's it.

For the 11:00 service, there are a few more things to attend to, but they aren't hard.

- Light the candles
- Open and close doors and windows when required
- Help maintain social distancing between pews
- Record attendance

After the service, put the offering in the church safe.

With the summer months upon us, the cadre members may need to be spelled occasionally. So, if you are able to volunteer for one service or the other, contact Steve Johnson—412-420-7253;

[Liveoak50@gmail.com](mailto:Liveoak50@gmail.com)

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### **TEEN EXTREME NEEDS YOUR HELP**

How are you at making lunch? Do you have any hobbies like making a craft, or other skills you've acquired? Can you make signs or bird houses, draw, paint in oils or watercolors, tie knots or fishing lures? After the pandemic-induced lack of human contact, would you be happy to talk with actual people and share some stories?

Have we got an opportunity for you! Teen Extreme's summer day camp needs some people to help with making lunch for seven campers, folks who could teach a craft or skill to middle-school age campers, or tell real-life or fictional stories. Our goal is to connect these awesome middle schoolers with members of the congregation and expose them to as many learning opportunities as possible.

Teen Extreme Summer Camp will run from June 8<sup>th</sup> until July 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am – 5:30 pm, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please contact Yvonne Gayle @ [yvonnegayle20@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnegayle20@gmail.com) if you are able to help.



### **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.

## **MISSION MATTERS**

*God is at work around the world in amazing ways.*

### **The Antioch Partners**

In 2006 Frontier Fellowship and The Outreach Foundation, two mission organizations that have been serving Presbyterian congregations for many years, established a strategic alliance that was subsequently named The Antioch Partners (TAP). TAP comes alongside and helps send those who are being called by God to long-term, cross-cultural, incarnational ministry.

Earlier this year we had the privilege of meeting a young Presbyterian minister (incidentally the son of a Presbyterian minister who serves a church north of Pittsburgh) who has responded to God's call to mission on foreign soil through TAP. His faith and energy radiated even on a Zoom call. He will depart the end of May to serve in ministry that is security-sensitive, and he asks that we pray for those whom God will put in his way and for his family as he leaves them to serve God in the world.

Through our support of this young missionary, we affirm our belief in the "proclamation of the kingdom among unreached peoples and the strengthening of the church for God's mission in the world."

This young pastor has made it clear that his journeys abroad and his walk with Jesus have led him to develop a heart to love refugees and to see them find abundant life. May he succeed.

2021 Mission support - \$1,000

### **LOCAL MISSION COLLECTION**

*The need is greater than ever!*

Bring your gifts of PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS to the Commons on Sundays and look for the BIG GRAY BIN.

WHAT IS NEEDED: Bar Soap (Dial, Safeguard, Irish Spring); Shampoo (11 oz. or less); Toothpaste (travel size); Toothbrushes (Colgate or similar); Deodorant: (men's clear gel); Deodorant: (women's stick & clear gel); Hair Brushes – soft bristle; Quality disposable razors; Toilet paper; Corn starch baby powder

***THANK YOU!***

*The Deacons will deliver items to the Community Circle Food Pantry in Downtown Washington.*

### **YOU ARE NEEDED IN THE MISSION FIELD**

Will you be a missionary in West Virginia the week of September 18-24? There is a need for multiple skill levels and abilities. **Deadline to commit your help is May 30, 2021** so that arrangements can be confirmed. God uses "ordinary people" to do His work! Deadline to RSVP is May 29, 2021.

For further information contact Pat Boyer at 724-225-5374.

**DEADLINE FOR THE July Summer  
MESSENGER is June 15th.**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

### **5-4-3-2-1 BLAST OFF FOR RALLY DAY!!!**



### **TEEN EXTREME NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Teen Extreme is still in need of folks to provide lunch for our campers. We currently have seven campers, who will need to have a lunch each day.

We are also looking for a few more individuals who could share an hour of their time teaching our kids a craft, skill, giving a testimony or story telling. Our goal is to connect these awesome middle schoolers with members of the congregation and expose them to as many learning opportunities as possible.

Please contact Yvonne Gayle @ [yvonnegayle20@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnegayle20@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

On **Rally Day, September 12, 2021**, we will launch our **Covenant Connections Hour at 10:00AM**. There will be spiritual development opportunities for all ages. Our Nursery will re-open. Covenant Kids and Impact Youth will return to in-person gatherings.

### **VBS NEEDS YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS TREES!**

We need artificial Christmas trees for Vacation Bible School. If your Christmas tree is looking tired and needs to be replaced, we would love to use it for VBS. Please make plans with Amy Dillie or Yvonne Gayle to drop off your used tree at the church. Trees will also be used for Winter Bible School.

### **VBS NEEDS ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

Our mission at the Church of the Covenant is *"To know God and to make Him known to the next generation"*. Would you share your time and talents with us this summer to help our church continue to fulfill this mission?

Congregation members have stepped up to help with Vacation Bible School, but we still need **one or two adult volunteers and five youth group leaders**. Each group will have 2 adult guides, and 2 youth guides. As a Group Leader, you would welcome VBS "Knights" each day, sit with your group and have fun with the skits and songs, lead your group to activities like bible story, arts/science, recreation and snack time, say a blessing before snack time.

To volunteer, [complete the online volunteer form](#) or contact Amy Dille (724-678-4456 [amy.dille06@gmail.com](mailto:amy.dille06@gmail.com)).



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE****Tuesday, June 1**

Deut. 12:1-12  
2 Cor. 6:3-13 (14-7:1)  
Luke 17:11-19

**Wednesday, June 2**

Deut. 13:1-11  
2 Cor. 7:2-16  
Luke 17:20-37

**Thursday, June 3**

Deut. 16:18-20; 17:14-20  
2 Cor. 8:1-16  
Luke 18:1-8

**Friday, June 4**

Deut. 26:1-11  
2 Cor. 8:16-24  
Luke 18:9-14

**Saturday, June 5**

Deut. 29:2-15  
2 Cor. 9:1-15  
Luke 18:15-30

**Sunday, June 6**

Deut. 29:16-29  
Rev. 12:1-12  
Matt. 15:29-39

**Monday, June 7**

Deut. 30:1-10  
2 Cor. 10:1-18  
Luke 18:31-43

**Tuesday, June 8**

Deut. 30:11-20  
2 Cor. 11:1-21a  
Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday, June 9**

Deut. 31:30-32:14  
2 Cor. 11:21b-33  
Luke 19:11-27

**Thursday, June 10**

Song of Sol. 1:1-3, 9-11,  
15-16a; 2:1-3a  
2 Cor. 12:1-10  
Luke 19:28-40

**Friday, June 11**

Song of Sol. 2:8-13;  
4:1-4a,  
5-7, 9-11  
2 Cor. 12:11-21  
Luke 19:41-48

**Saturday, June 12**

Song of Sol. 5:10-16;  
7:1-2  
(3-5) 6-7a (9); 8:6-7  
2 Cor. 13:1-13  
Luke 20:1-8

**Sunday, June 13**

Exod. 6:2-13; 7:1-6  
Rev. 15:1-8  
Matt. 18:1-14

**Monday, June 14**

1 Sam. 1:1-20  
Acts 1:1-14  
Luke 20:9-19

**Tuesday, June 15**

1 Sam. 1:21-2:11  
Acts 1:15-26  
Luke 20:19-26

**Wednesday, June 16**

1 Sam. 2:12-26  
Acts 2:1-21  
Luke 20:27-40

**Thursday, June 17**

1 Sam. 2:27-36  
Acts 2:22-36  
Luke 20:41-21:4

**Friday, June 18**

1 Sam. 3:1-21  
Acts 2:37-47  
Luke 21:5-19

**Saturday, June 19**

1 Sam. 4:1b-11  
Acts 4:32-5:11  
Luke 21:20-28

**Sunday, June 20**

1 Sam. 4:12-22  
James 1:1-18  
Matt. 19:23-30

**Monday, June 21**

1 Sam. 5:1-12  
Acts 5:12-26  
Luke 21:29-36

**Tuesday, June 22**

1 Sam. 6:1-16  
Acts 5:27-42  
Luke 21:37-22:13

**Wednesday, June 23**

1 Sam. 7:2-17  
Acts 6:1-15  
Luke 22:14-23

**Thurs., June 24**

1 Sam. 8:1-22  
Acts 6:15-7:16  
Luke 22:24-30

**Friday, June 25**

1 Sam. 9:1-14  
Acts 7:17-29  
Luke 22:31-38

**Saturday, June 26**

1 Sam. 9:15-10:1  
Acts 7:30-43  
Luke 22:39-51

**Sunday, June 27**

1 Sam. 10:1-16  
Rom. 4:13-25  
Matt. 21:23-32

**Monday, June 28**

1 Sam. 10:17-27  
Acts 7:44-8:1a  
Luke 22:52-62

**Tuesday, June 29**

1 Sam. 11:1-15  
Acts 8:1b-13  
Luke 22:63-71

**Wednesday, June 30**

1 Sam. 12:1-6 (7-15)  
16-25  
Acts 8:14-25  
Luke 23:1-12

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Stephen Breen	6/1	Darla Pepper-Miller	6/10	Patricia Boyer	6/20	Sue Denmead	6/26
Jenice Stout	6/1	Jennifer Costanza	6/13	Nate McIlvaine	6/20	Jason Grimm	6/26
Gordon Core	6/2	Peggy Hays Nelson	6/14	Joyce Camlin	6/21	Alma Stoller	6/27
Laura Phillips	6/3	David Perry	6/15	Christopher Pachter	6/22	Wayne Hunnell	6/27
Elizabeth Crumrine	6/5	Kathy Teagarden	6/15	Jenna Panepinto	6/22	Gerald (Jerry) Smith	6/27
Pamela Kushner	6/5	Eric Beiswenger	6/15	Emily Day	6/22	Kathryn Snee	6/28
Doug Lee	6/5	Quentin McIlvaine	6/15	Sue Check	6/23	Wesley Frazee	6/28
Kristin Johnston	6/5	Michelle Day	6/16	Maxine Steiner	6/23	Kathie DeFrancesco	6/28
James Nassif	6/6	Sharon Evans	6/16	Benjamin Pachter	6/24	Jack Wharton	6/29
Robert Carl	6/6	Jennifer Beiswenger	6/16	Michael Namie	6/24	Donna Slezak	6/29
Richard Vlainich	6/6	Kristin Clingerman	6/17	Elsie Hall	6/25	John Day	6/29
Jo Ann(Joie)Tarnik	6/8	Stephanie Sienkiel	6/18	Craig McDaniel	6/25	Sam Day	6/29
Craig Hall	6/9	Kayla Dobbin	6/18	J.D. Fine	6/25	Nicole Silbaugh	6/30
Mary Lou Roscoe	6/9	Laura Thompson	6/19	Harold Caesber	6/26		
Frank Panepinto	6/9	David Johnson	6/19	Carol Riddle	6/26		



## 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 seven (7) books are given in memory of Peg Flynn by The Monday Readers:*

The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham.

The author helps us understand contentious periods in our history by explaining how presidents and citizens came together to defeat the forces of anger, intolerance, and extremism. There are 7 chapters and each one focuses on a certain period of time in our country's history. For example, Chapter 2 covers the end of the Civil War, the beginning of the Ku Klux Klan and Reconstruction. Lincoln once said that "the better angels of our nature" have repeatedly won the day.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. In this interesting novel, the idea is put forth that between life and death, there is a library. The main character is Nora Seed, a woman whose life has been full of misery and regret. When she finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every decision she regrets as she tries to work out her perfect life. Before long, her choices place the library and herself in extreme danger.

*(The book has been on the Bestsellers list for many weeks.)*

The Daughters of Kobani by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. This non-fiction book tells the story of an all-female militia in the town of Kobani in northeastern Syria that faced off against Isis in 2014 in an attempt that focused on women's rights. These women were part of the Kurdish military that fought side by side with the United States. The women earned the respect of our special operations forces. *(The library has another book by the author entitled "The Dressmaker of Khair Khana").*

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. The main character of this novel is a 13 year old boy named Frank Drum who lives in a small town in MN. It takes place in 1961. During a series of events that summer, he is forced to demonstrate maturity beyond his years. 40 years later, he tells the story of that time and the enduring grace of God.

Four Hundred Souls edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain. Ms. Blain is currently a history professor at Pitt. This book represents the 400 year history of African Americans from 1619 to the present. 90 different writers tell about a brief period of the 400 years. Each entry is short in describing what occurred during a 5 year period. It's a great way for any reader to learn the history of African Americans in a well presented and readable style. *(This book was on the Best-sellers list for many weeks.)*

The Beauty of What Remains by Steve Leder. The author is the senior rabbi of a very large synagogue in Los Angeles. It was written after his first major loss, the death of his father. This comforting book takes the reader on a journey through the experience of loss. He explains how death teaches us how to live and love more deeply by showing us not only what is gone but also the beauty of what remains. He shares the stories of members of his congregation who consulted him for guidance after they had received a serious health diagnosis as well as his having to console parents after the loss of a child. It's a book that can be referred to again and again as the reader experiences the loss of special people.

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles. This novel is based on the events and actual people who worked at the Paris Library during WWII. The main character is a young Parisian woman named Odile who works at the Paris Library both before and during the war. Then we read about her later life in Montana which becomes her home after she marries at the end of the war. The other character is a lonely teenager named Lily who befriends Odile, her elderly neighbor who keeps very much to herself. *(This book has been on the Bestsellers List for several weeks.)*

*The following books were newly purchased for the library:*

The Light in Hidden Places by Sharon Cameron. Poland was invaded by the Nazis in 1939. A young Catholic girl named Stefania had been working in a grocery store owned by a Jewish family since she was 12. However, when the German Army invaded the small town they lived in when Stefania was 16, the Jewish family was sent to the ghetto. A short time later, one of the sons of the Jewish family escaped and arrived at her apartment to ask if he could hide there. In time, the 3 of them found a larger house on another street. Before long, Stefania and her younger sister were hiding 13 Jews in the attic of this house. This story is based on true events. It keeps the reader on edge.

Bridgerton (The Duke and I) by Julia Quinn. This fictional book was made into a very successful series on Netflix in 2020. It takes place in the early 1800's in London. Violet Bridgerton is a widow with 8 children. Her oldest daughter is named Daphne and she is being presented at balls as an eligible debutante. But she is not interested in any of the men who have asked for her hand in marriage. A friend of her oldest brother visits London and Daphne and the Duke decide to pretend that they're a couple so that neither one will be besieged by eligible bachelors and debutantes. This is the first in a series about the Bridgerton children.

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