

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A New Partnership with Church of the Covenant

BY NATHAN

You might call it an opportune time, a kairos moment, or perhaps the universe working things out at the right time in history. But regardless, I am excited to share a new, unique, and mutually beneficial partnership between the University of Lynchburg's Spiritual Life Center and Church of the Covenant, an inclusive, diverse, and historic Disciples of Christ congregation.

We learned through a short conversation with Rev. Dan Harrison that Church of the Covenant was in need of a larger space as they have outgrown their current space and, since the beginning of the pandemic, have been meeting outside. A few 'what ifs' and a couple of dreams later, we all realized the potential for this historic partnership.

Since 1954, Church of the Covenant has had a portion of its membership consist of students, faculty, and staff. It was co-founded by Lynchburg College students. This partnership will provide sanctuary for a historic congregation that is in need of community support and be a unique spiritual community that is a bearer for inclusivity, intersectionality, and the constant decolonization of individual faith traditions.

Additionally, it will tighten our relationship with the local Disciples of Christ region, develop our collaborative approach with community organizations, and increase our interreligious programming on campus that embodies the values and mission of the University. As the values of both the Spiritual Life Center and Church of the Covenant align, those students, faculty, and staff who are seeking an inclusive spiritual community will find refuge within this service on our campus.

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You can also visit our [Linkt.ree](#)
(Link is in email).

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If you are interested in being a part of this new partnership, or are simply looking for a new spiritual community where you might find a home, I invite you to join us this Sunday, December 4th, at 11 a.m. in Snidow Chapel for their inaugural service. (The services will all be live-streamed - click on the Link in the email.)



Advent, (from Latin *adventus*, “coming”), in the Christian church calendar, is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.

This year Advent began on Sunday, November 27.

Sympathies, Concerns, and Congrats

Our sympathies are extended to:

- **Joan Ochs** (Business Office) on the death of her cousin, Ruth Stinnett Martin.

The Chaplain's Corner is a newsletter published by the Spiritual Life Center (SLC) at the University of Lynchburg. We share campus concerns and updates, spiritual life events and activities, and words for the journey. If you have a joy or concern you'd like to share, reply to this message, email the SLC office - spirituallife@lynchburg.edu, or call 434.544.8348.

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Dates to Remember

Sundays at 11 a.m.

Worship with

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Join us on Sunday, December 4, as we kick off this NEW PARTNERSHIP

Coffee served.

More info in Nathan's article

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Weekly ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

in Snidow Chapel

(December 4 will be the final Mass of the semester)

December 3 and 4

7:30 p.m. in Snidow Chapel

WINTER REFLECTIONS

Kick off the holiday season with music and reflections

Wednesday, December 7

4:30 p.m. in Dysdale

POP-UP

Join us for Cookies & Hot

Chocolate, and receive a

free mug and gift bag