

Covenant  Presbyterian Church
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New Members

JULY 2020-APRIL 2021



WELCOME!

Gary & Jane Bertram

JOINED JULY 28, 2020



Gary and Jane Bertram are so very pleased to join Covenant Presbyterian Church after relocating to Madison last summer from Western New York State to be close to family. They will be transferring their active membership of over 40 years from First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls (NY).

Gary, a retired mechanical engineer, and Jane, a retired registered nurse, are parents of two adult children and have two grandchildren. Emily lives in Philadelphia and Tim and his family live in Middleton.

Jane and Gary enjoy hiking, paddling and travel. Gary has a special interest in fly fishing and water color painting. Jane enjoys fabric crafts, walking, reading, and lifelong learning opportunities.

The friendliness and warmth of Covenant's congregation and pastors made them feel at home. Worship services, wonderful music and inspiring messages became an important connection. During this time of "being apart," the resources for devotions and worship have been greatly appreciated and have sustained a new connection for them.

They look forward to the time when they can meet more people, participate in events, and become better connected.

Sherry & Barry Chase

JOINED JULY 28, 2020



Barry Chase passed away on October 13, 2020, just a few months after joining Covenant. Sherry and Barry lived in Madison for 45 years together. Both are Wisconsinites—Sherry from Waukesha/Jefferson and Barry from Green Bay. They met in Madison on Halloween night in 1970 and their life together was a series of tricks and treats!

Sherry was trained as an interior designer and she has operated a full-service interior design shop in Madison for 35 years. Barry graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1968. After a short stint in Vietnam, he worked for the state of Wisconsin for 34 years. He also provided back-up services for the interior design shop.

They shared, "Our son Ron, his wife Joy, and our only granddaughter Genevieve live here in Madison. Our daughter Robin and her husband Andrew are now retiring to Ecuador. We are not happy about that. We also enjoy three other members of our household: our two Persian cats Archimedes and Aliyah and our coton de tular puppy, Amina: Warrior Queen of Zazzau."

Over the years, Sherry & Barry visited numerous churches in Madison. They were inspired by the welcoming atmosphere and thoughtful and objective sermons at Covenant. Following their initial meeting on membership, the Covid-19 pandemic arose. Until she can join us in person, Sherry will join our Covenant family virtually.

The Mace Family

Joe, Katie, Eli, Maya, and Piper

JOINED JULY 28, 2020



The Mace family started visiting Covenant Church last fall and were attracted to the kindness of others and the welcoming environment. Looking for a church that will allow them to grow together as a family in their faith, they look forward to their future at Covenant.

They live in the town of Middleton. Joe works for CUNA Mutual. Katie taught elementary school for years before staying home with the kids. Eli and Maya will start 3rd grade in the fall. Piper will begin 1st grade.

As an active family, they enjoy hiking, biking, boating, traveling, and cheering on local sports teams.

Hee Soo Jung

JOINED NOVEMBER 23, 2020



Hee Soo Jung started to visit Covenant Church late last year and was drawn to the warm and welcoming nature of the members and church leaders. He is looking forward to developing connections at Covenant Church as he continues on his journey of faith.

Hee Soo grew up in New Jersey. He moved to Madison 7 years ago after education and training throughout the Midwest. He works at the University of Wisconsin as a surgeon. He and his wife, Sarah, live in the Midvale Heights neighborhood. Sarah, who is from Minnesota, is a learning scientist who also works in the UW Department of Surgery. They have two children Olivia (9) and Edward (1). They also have a lovable Maltese poodle named Ozzie.

Hee Soo enjoys running, biking, watching movies, and finding new culinary experiences. He is an avid basketball and football fan who has a soft spot for underdogs. He is thankful for being able to connect virtually during the pandemic but looks forward to when he can meet and connect with people in person.

Steve & Beckie Fulton

JOINED JANUARY 26, 2021



Steve and Beckie Fulton moved to Madison from Rochester, MN last May and have been worshipping virtually with Covenant. Steve is retired and has had several career paths, including wood carving, landscape architecture, and massage therapy. Beckie, a physical therapist, continues to work as a Therapy Manager for Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

The Fultons were past members of the United Presbyterian Church, Rice Lake, WI, and more recently Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach, FL. They look forward to becoming actively involved with Covenant.

Steve and Beckie have one son and daughter-in-law who live in Sun Prairie with their two beautiful grandchildren, ages 3 and 4. They are also the parents of a son Nathan, who died in August 2020. Their interests include hiking, kayaking, cooking and having people over to share a meal. They both can't wait for the pandemic to end! They are avid readers, card players, and Wisconsin sports fans.

Craig & Sherry Anderson

JOINED FEBRUARY 23, 2021



Craig and Sherry Anderson are excited to join Covenant after experiencing a similar church environment in Grand Junction, Colorado. While commuting (yes, we said commuting) between Colorado and Wisconsin to share in caring for Sherry's aging parents, they started attending First Presbyterian Church in Grand Junction, which led them to Covenant through the pastor in Colorado. Sherry is a retired Registered Nurse. Craig, a retired Respiratory Therapist, has a daughter, Katie, from a previous marriage. Together with Sherry, they have two additional daughters, Jessica and Rebecca. Katie and her family live in Madison; Jessica and her husband live in Texas; and Rebecca and her family live in Illinois. Craig and Sherry have three grandchildren.

Craig has a profound love of the water. He is a Navy Veteran, having served as the quartermaster on an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War. Boating is an absolute favorite hobby of this couple. Their other hobbies include spending time with family, traveling, playing in the dirt around their home, and reading.

They were drawn to Covenant's friendly atmosphere and sincere, caring community. Pastor Charlie has made them feel connected even though we are "apart." The sermons resonate with them, and the efforts to reach out to them before they decided to join left a lasting impression. They look forward to being a part of this community of faith.

Congratulations Confirmands!

JOINED APRIL 18, 2021



On Sunday, April 25, we welcomed into membership high school confirmands **Michael Fussell, CC Girard, Caroline Potter, Sam Qastin, Maeve Sebastian, Scarlett Smith, and Claire Von Bergen.**

The program included material from the PCUSA and other sources and was led by Youth Ministries Coordinator Steve Royalton and Pastor Jeff Fox-Kline. The service was recorded and included in our May 2 online worship video.