

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 16, 2026

- | TODAY | Ushers | Greeters |
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| 8/16 | David B. and Matt J. | Robert and Judie Nelson |
| 8/23 | Rob and Collin | Kevin and Mei McMahon |
- **9:30 am: Adult Sun. School; Summer Break Sunday School for kids**
 - **10:30 am: Morning Worship** followed by **Fellowship Meal** - all are welcome and we will share what God has provided.
 - **4:30 pm: Evening Worship:** Scripture - Jonah 1:1-2:10; Sermon -

THIS WEEK

- **Congratulations to Colin and Ella Green**, married yesterday. Ella is the daughter of the **Lyfords**. May their marriage last as long as their grandparents, **Michelle and Craig Comstock**, who celebrate 50 years this week. Congratulations for the same milestone to **Ginny and Dave Christensen**. May the Lord build our families in His grace.
- **1:30 pm: Thursday Bible study** online and in person

UPCOMING

- **August 15-22: Deerwander Youth Bible Camp**
- **September 13:** Fall Sunday School starts. The Adult class will be alternating teaching from the book *The Wells of Salvation: Meditations on Isaiah*, by Charles and Norma Ellis, and Dr. Selle’s book, *Make Smart Choices*. Children’s classes ages 3-16 will be using Great Commission Publication’s graded material.
- **Presbytery of New York and New England, meeting at COPC, October 19-20, 2026.** Please see the insert in our bulletin today for more info.
- **Abide 2026 Young Adult Conference is November 6-9** in Colorado Springs. See info on the literature shelf in the fellowship hall.

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PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK
AND NEW ENGLAND
OCT 19-20, 2026

This Oct 19-20, Covenant OPC will be blessed by hosting the semi-annual meeting of the churches in the Presbytery of New York and New England. By way of background, within the OPC, the elders of each church, meeting as a *Session*, exercise jurisdiction over the local church; the *Presbytery* exercises jurisdiction over what is common to the ministers, sessions, and the church within a region; and the *General Assembly* over matters that concern the whole OPC.

The presbytery of New York and New England regularly meets in April and October of each year. Covenant OPC last hosted the presbytery meeting in the Fall of 2023. The meetings start at 4PM on Monday and usually end by 5PM Tuesday.

What does hosting a meeting involve? Primarily the preparation, serving, set up and cleanup of dinner on Monday, lunch on Tuesday and a bagged meal for the presbyters’ ride home. It might also include arranging to have a presbyter, and possibly and his wife, stay with a COPC family Monday night. About 65 people attend, but many choose to stay in a hotel or AirBnb, so we don’t need to provide lodging for all. Lastly, just like when company comes to visit, the building and grounds should be spruced up before the meeting.

The session and trustees hope to have many members offer to help, in many capacities. We need volunteers to help with hosting, food prep/serving/cleanup, building/grounds, administrative, and so on. Serving the church and working together always proves to be a blessing, so look for announcements about various needs for this task in upcoming bulletin announcements.

Currently, we are registering our attendees and need a list of housing for those who request it. If you would be able to host a minister or elder, or a couple, overnight on Monday, Oct 19, please let Olivia know (copcoffice@gmail.com) or sign up via the link on our church website, www.copcvt.org.

