



**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017**

Please take a minute to complete the Worship Response Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. This helps us record your attendance and show our appreciation for your presence.

It also is an easy way to update your information and sign up for upcoming events.

Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, online under the "Connect/Care" tab or to Joan Watson, associate minister for pastoral care and discipleship ([joan.watson@covenantpresby.org](mailto:joan.watson@covenantpresby.org)).

## TODAY

### FIRST SUNDAY TALK - SUZANNE HENDERSON

9:30 a.m. in FH207

Why did Jesus die? And in what ways did his crucifixion offer redemption to the world? Learn something new about these questions from Suzanne Henderson, co-author of a new book, *Reflections on the Cross in Contexts: Suffering and Redemption in Palestine*.

### YOUNG ADULTS - FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH

Noon at Earl's Grocery in Elizabeth

Young adults are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall following 11 a.m. worship to carpool to Earl's Grocery. You can also meet us at the restaurant. For details or to get connected with Young Adults, contact [Jen.christianson@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Jen.christianson@covenantpresby.org).

## THIS WEEK

### SISTERS IN SPIRIT - POWER OF MEDITATION

Women's Fellowship Breakfast, Tuesday, 7-8 a.m.

Guest speaker Debbie George will introduce us to the power of meditation. Debbie teaches many forms of yoga and brings forth the wisdom and guidance of her participants. All women are invited to this monthly 2nd Tuesday gathering. (April is a week early due to Holy Week). RSVP to [reservations@covenantpresby.org](mailto:reservations@covenantpresby.org).

### FINAL OPEN TABLE @ COVENANT UNTIL FALL

Wednesday night dinner: 5 to 6:30 p.m., Programs: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: \$7; Kids, \$5; maximum: \$25. RSVP for dinner to: [reservations@covenantpresby.org](mailto:reservations@covenantpresby.org) or write "Open Table" on your WR card. **April 5 Menu:** Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Tres Leches Cake, Ice Cream

**Heeding the Call to Neighborliness: Affordable Housing in Charlotte, Fellowship Hall**

In the finale of this five-part series, we ask: How do we as individuals, churches and communities respond?

**Forging Your Own Path, a health and wellness series, FH207**

Attorney Kim Gossage will share expertise in legal matters surrounding healthcare and end of life decisions, including living wills and powers of attorney.

## WEEKDAY LUNCH AT COVENANT

Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Salad bar, soup, entree, dessert and drink for \$7. **April 4:** Carolina Burgers & Fries; **April 5:** Breakfast Bar; **April 6:** Reserved for group - no public lunch. **Soup of the week:** Vegetable Beef. Visit [www.covenantpresby.org/menus](http://www.covenantpresby.org/menus) for details or to sign up for weekly menu emails.

## IS YOUR CHILD READY TO START KINDERGARTEN?

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in FH205

Covenant will host a public workshop on common questions: What's the ideal cutoff date for school entry? Will waiting a year affect your child's self-esteem? Our speaker is development specialist Judith Kuhn. Contact [Kathleen.grabert@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Kathleen.grabert@covenantpresby.org) or write "Kindergarten Workshop" on your WR card.

## CONCERT ORGANIST WILL VISIT COVENANT

Peek Memorial Masterclass and Concert, April 21-22, Sanctuary

Considered one of the continent's finest concert organists, Ken Cowan will play a concert Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. followed by a reception at 8:30 p.m. Students from area colleges will play for Ken Saturday in a masterclass. Visit the Covenant website for details.

## TLC WELCOMES SUZI ROSEN

Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. in Education Wing 201

Travel, Learn, Connect (for adults midlife and beyond) meets twice a month to watch movies, take day trips and enjoy learning and living in Christ. Suzi Rosen will speak on the topic of "Don't Fall Off Your Balance." She will share some simple chair exercises to promote core strength and balance. No reservations needed.

## FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC AND LAWN GAMES

Sunday, April 30, 5 to 7 p.m.

Covenant friends and neighbors are invited for food trucks and live music by the band Leslie and Friends. Two trucks will be on the Circle serving hot sandwiches and barbecue. Lawn games include cornhole, ladder golf and more. This event is sponsored by the Rec Wing.

## COMING IN MAY: A RETREAT FOR WIDOWS

Sunday, May 7 at Covenant

A one-day retreat will bring together widows of all life stages to listen, reflect and grow. Our facilitator is Donna Marie Todd, a certified grief specialist who designed a program called A Widow's Tale after becoming a widow in 2011. Contact Susan.ferone@covenantpresby.org.

## REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Aug. 7-11, 9 a.m. to noon

Get ready for an adventure with Noah's Ark for ages 4 to rising fifth graders. We hope to raise \$5,000 to purchase a gift ark for Heifer International. Registration is now open. Visit [covenantpresby.org/connect/for-children](http://covenantpresby.org/connect/for-children).

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

For undergraduate and graduate students

For many years, Covenant has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college freshmen students. Scholarships are also available for study at Union Presbyterian Seminary and any graduate study that leads to a life of Christian service. Applications are available on the Covenant website and are due by April 17.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, April 9, traditional services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. and contemporary services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. (sanctuary services streamed live)**

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday as we mark the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem beginning with the organ and brass quintet arrangement of Richard Strauss's *Solemn Entry*, followed then by the hymn of praise, *All Glory, Laud and Honor*. The children's Angelus & Chorister's Choirs will sing a lovely setting of the text of *Into Jerusalem* which is accompanied by Orff percussion instruments and piano. The Covenant Choir will sing Handel's setting of *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs* from the *Messiah*, accompanied by organ, timpani and brass quintet. Come and join in this festive occasion as palm branches are strewn about our Lenten pathway.

**Maundy Thursday Contemporary Service, April 13, Sanctuary at 7 p.m. (streamed live)**

Remember Jesus' last hours through song, prayer and communion at this contemporary service. Our own Ron Boozer will create an original art piece during worship.

**Good Friday Service, April 14, Sanctuary at 7 p.m. (streamed live)**

We will remember Christ's passion, suffering, and burial through hymns, with an early German passion chorale by Johann Sebastian Bach and a more contemporary chorus by Twila Paris.

**Children's Easter Service, Saturday, April 15, Sanctuary/Green at 10 a.m. (streamed live)**

Children will present the Easter story and sing. Following the service, there will be a "new life" baby animal petting zoo on the Circle and Easter Egg hunts for preschool & kindergarten.

**Easter Sunday, April 16 (sanctuary services streamed live)**

**Traditional services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. and contemporary services at 9:30 and 11 a.m.**