



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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).

TODAY

INTERESTED IN JOINING COVENANT?

10:30 in the Parlor or Noon in Fellowship Hall Library

In addition to our regularly scheduled Sunday meeting to accept new members at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor of the Sanctuary building, you can also join on the 4th Sunday of each month (today) in the Fellowship Hall Library at noon.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS: FUTURE OF MISSIONS

Drop in at noon in the Chapel

Carla Leaf plans to retire in June 2018 after 15+ years as director of mission and outreach. The church is moving toward a search for staff leadership, and the Personnel Committee invites you to share your hopes and dreams. To share in writing, contact Amy Capitano at vardell2@msn.com. Amy is chair of the search committee.

THIS WEEK

MEN'S BREAKFAST WELCOMES ERIC DAVIS

Tuesday, February 28 at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

The monthly men's fellowship breakfast will welcome guest speaker Eric Davis, a Covenant member and at-large representative on the Charlotte-Meckleburg Board of Education as well as the state Board of Education. Eric will give an update on student assignment plans and the work of the new superintendent. RSVP to reservations@covenantpresby.org or write "Men's Breakfast" on your WR card.

DINNER, TWO SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1, Ash Wednesday services at noon in Chapel and 7 p.m. in Sanctuary

Covenant will offer two services on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent signaling the approach of Easter. Joining the 7 p.m. service will be the Meredith Chorale from Meredith College, a vocal performing ensemble of 30-35 auditioned women, including Maggie James, a Covenant member. Prelude begins at 6:45. There is also a service at noon in the Chapel. Join us for dinner before the evening service from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Adults: \$7; kids: \$5; maximum: \$25. RSVP for dinner to: reservations@covenantpresby.org or write "Open Table" on your WR card. Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Rolls, Cobbler, Ice Cream.

YOUNG ADULTS ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER

Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Dilworth Neighborhood Grille

Covenant's Young Adults will meet for dinner across the street at Dilworth Neighborhood Grille after the Ash Wednesday evening service.

JOIN THE TEAM FOR HABITAT BUILD

Friday-Saturday, March 24-25

Help build a Habitat home for a deserving family here in Charlotte. Adults ages 16 and up are invited for one or both days. No experience necessary. Prior to the build, we'll come together for dinner on Sunday, March 19 in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our local team as well as a mission team headed to Reynosa, Mexico. Contact Evan.amo@covenantpresby.org or write "Habitat Build" on your WR card.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TRANSITION PLAN

Search committee seeks director

Perry Dixon, Covenant's former high school youth director, has joined his home church, Highland Baptist Church in Louisville, as an Associate Minister. A search committee is seeking a successor. The group includes Mike Ferone (chair), Kate Capitano, Jack Schriefer, Libby Wallin, Kerry Hamilton, John Beyer and Anna Ferone. Contact Mike at mferone007@gmail.com. Covenant's education staff and parent volunteers will oversee activities during the transition.

NEXT WEEK

PARENTS OF COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS

Sunday, March 5, 6 to 8 p.m.

Parents of college-age students and parents of current high school seniors are invited to a social hosted by Nancy and Alan Atwell. Reconnect and meet new people going through a similar life milestone. RSVP to nklatwell68@gmail.com or write "College Parents Social" on your WR card.

FIRST SUNDAY TALK WITH LIZ CLASEN-KELLY

Sunday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall 207

Liz Clasen-Kelly is executive director of Men's Shelter of Charlotte, which works to provide emergency shelter to 400 men year round. A former Stapleton-Davidson intern with Covenant, Liz previously worked as the associate executive director of the Urban Ministry Center. She'll share reflections on the topic of faith and suffering.

COMING IN MARCH

TWO SERIES WILL EXPLORE CAREGIVING

To learn more or get connected, contact Susan Ferone, Covenant's coordinator of care teams and support groups, at Susan.ferone@covenantpresby.org or call 704-804-7585.

Care for Your Aging Parents - and Keep your Sanity

As we age with our parents, our relationships with them begin to change. Prepare for challenges such as finances, health decisions, living arrangements and more. *When: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. beginning March 5.*

Being a Caregiver to a Spouse

Connect with peers and learn helpful ways to take care of yourself. Upon request, a volunteer can sit with your spouse while you attend the group. *When: Thursdays at 11 a.m. beginning March 2.*

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., March 8 - April 5

Heeding the Call to Neighborliness: The future of affordable housing

Hear from nonprofit leaders, advocates and experts in the field. We'll also hear personal stories from people who have struggled to get by. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall (main).

- March 8 - The Unavoidable Burden for our Neighbors
- March 15 - The Underbelly of Development and Growth
- March 22 - The Difference a Home Makes
- March 29 - And Who is My Neighbor?
- April 5 - Heeding the Call to Neighborliness

Suggested Reading to support the series:

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by JD Vance

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

Forging Your Own Path: A health and wellness series

Be proactive about how you want to live in your later years. It's not as depressing as you might think. We'll meet upstairs in the Fellowship Hall in Room 207.

- March 8 - We'll watch the 55-minute film "Being Mortal" based on the book by Atul Gawande, a Boston surgeon and writer for *The New Yorker*.
- March 15 - Tanise Love and Bobbie Meisenheimer will share their stories on organ donation and heart transplants.
- March 22 - Ken Garfield, former Observer religion editor, will speak on "Always Leave Them Laughing: How to Write Your Own Obituary."
- March 29 - Dr. Randy Schisler and Mary Ann Miller will speak on informing our loved ones about our health wishes.
- April 5 - Attorney Kim Gossage will share expertise in legal matters surrounding healthcare and end of life decisions.