



COVENANT

presbyterian church

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 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

CARE FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS

9:30 a.m. in FH205, Sundays through March 19

As we age with our parents, our relationships with them begin to change. Prepare for the most common challenges. Drop-ins welcome. Our series is led by Caregiving Corner, a Charlotte counseling office. Contact Susan.ferone@covenantpresby.org or write "Care for Aging Parents" on your WR card.

LIVING AN AUTHENTIC LIFE

10:45 a.m. in Sanctuary Parlor

Juliet Kuehnle, a Covenant member and counselor, is leading a series to help you let go of who you think you should be and embrace who you truly are. Drop-ins welcome. Contact juliet.kuehnle@gmail.com to learn more.

THIS WEEK

OPEN TABLE @ COVENANT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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

Join us for food, faith and learning. Dinner: \$7; Kids, \$5; maximum: \$25. RSVP for dinner to: reservations@covenantpresby.org or write "Open Table" on your WR card.

March 15 Menu: Pasta Bar, Chicken, Meat Balls, Marinara & Alfredo Sauces, Green Beans, Brownies & Ice Cream

Heeding the Call to Neighborliness: Affordable Housing in Charlotte, Fellowship Hall
Greg Jarrell, director of QC Family Tree; Julie Porter of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership; and Mack McDonald, CEO of Renaissance West; will talk about how the lack of affordable housing threatens the health and vibrancy of real people.

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

Discover what's involved in organ donation and hear an inspirational story of survival and grace. Tanise Love, from Donate Life NC, and Bobbie Meisenheimer, a heart transplant recipient, will share their stories.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT BREAKFAST

Tuesday, March 14, 7 to 8 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Christie Matthews will speak on "Finding Voice in the Void," how to find and use our God-given voices as women to bring change. RSVP to: Michelle.williamson@covenantpresby.org

CHILDREN OF THE COVENANT

Sunday, March 19 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Covenant will celebrate babies born or adopted in 2016. A reception in the Parlor is 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for parents to meet and learn about Early Childhood ministries. A group photo is at 10:30 a.m. For questions, contact Anne.lowrance@covenantpresby.org.

HABITAT, REYNOSA TEAMS TO JOIN FOR DINNER

Sunday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Volunteers on the Habitat build team and travelers on the upcoming mission trip to Reynosa will have a group dinner to celebrate our collective efforts. Guest speaker is JoAnne Stratton Tate of Charlotte Bilingual Preschool. There's still time to join the Habitat build March 24-25. Contact Evan.amo@covenantpresby.org or write "Habitat Build" on your WR card.

DO SOMETHING KIND FOR A TEACHER

Staff Appreciation Week is March 20-24

Teachers and staff at Highland Renaissance Academy are all-stars. Let's make sure they feel that way. Sign up to contribute items or help decorate at our CMS partner school. Contact Lauren Sawyers, project leader, at lauren_y_sawyers@yahoo.com or call Lauren at 704-877-5627.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: HOPE IN HOSTILE PLACES

Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at Tyber Creek Pub

Are you concerned about the future of the Middle East? Learn about reasons for hope from Dr. Mitri Raheb, a pastor who leads a Christian congregation in the West Bank. Also joining us will be Dr. Suzanne Henderson. Visit the Young Adults Facebook page to learn more.

CHURCH IN VOCATION LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Covenant hosts a luncheon to celebrate Davidson College graduates who have embarked on careers in ministry. We are seeking volunteers to set up, serve and clean up in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are invited to the lunch and program. Our speaker is Ted Wardlaw, president of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Contact lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org.

NEW TO COVENANT? DINNER IS ON US

Starting Point BBQ Dinner, Sunday, March 26, 6 p.m.

Join us for an informal dinner and Q&A in the Fellowship Hall with Senior Minister Bob Henderson. Learn about Covenant and our mission. Child care is available. Contact Lora. borrelli@covenantpresby.org or write "Starting Point dinner" on your WR card.

MARTHA ISAACS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Martha Isaacs, coordinator of Presbyterian Women's ministries and programs, has announced plans to retire in May, at the conclusion of the program year. "I am filled with gratitude and deep joy," Martha says. "As I enter retirement, I can anticipate discovering new ways of being engaged with the church I love." The Personnel Committee will begin work to ensure continuity in this important area. Stay tuned for plans to celebrate Martha and her nearly 20 years of service.

JESSICA PATCHETT TO TAKE SABBATICAL

Time away for renewal, study begins May 27

Jessica Patchett will step away May 27 to Aug. 6 for a time provided for clergy to disengage from regular tasks and the stresses of being on call. It is a time for personal spiritual growth, renewed vision and commitment to ministry. Join us in wishing Jessica well during this chapter.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

For undergraduate and graduate students

For many years, Covenant has awarded scholarships to deserving college students, including 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.

BE A CASHIER AT LUNCH – YOUR MEAL IS ON US

A fun way to meet new people

Covenant relies on volunteers to staff the cashier desk for public lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteer as often as once a week or as little as once a month. Contact Michelle.williamson@covenantpresby.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

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

Gather with us as we remember Jesus' last hours with his disciples through song, prayer, scripture, and communion at this contemporary service.

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

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)

Join us for our regular worship schedule with traditional services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. and contemporary services at 9:30 and 11 a.m.