



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 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

CHILDREN OF THE COVENANT

9:30 and 11 a.m. Sanctuary worship services

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

6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Volunteers on the Habitat build team and travelers on the upcoming mission trip to Reynosa will celebrate our collective efforts. Guest speaker is JoAnne Stratton Tate of Charlotte Bilingual Preschool. For questions, contact Evan.amo@covenantpresby.org.

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 22 Menu: Chicken pot pie, broccoli, cookies and ice cream

Heeding the Call to Neighborliness: Affordable Housing in Charlotte, Fellowship Hall
Hear stories of hope and triumph from Laura Belcher, CEO of Habitat Charlotte, and Boris Henderson, a Charlotte native who grew up in a working-class neighborhood.

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

Learn how to write your obituary - the way *you* want to be remembered. (Hint: It's OK to make people laugh). Our speaker is Ken Garfield, former religion editor at The Charlotte Observer and a professional obituaries writer. Drop-ins are welcome.

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.

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.

IS YOUR CHILD READY TO START KINDERGARTEN?

Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.

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 or write "Kindergarten Workshop" on your WR card.

BE A CAMP BUDDY FOR A CHILD

A summer experience for children at our CMS partner school

Today's Minute for Ministry spotlights the camp buddy program. Each buddy will assist in getting a child to Covenant to take the bus to camp on either Week 1 (June 18-24) or Week 2 (June 25-July 1). You can also drive the bus and/or provide sack lunches for the children. On Tuesday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m., Covenant buddies will gather at Highland to meet students and parents with whom we will partner. To get involved, contact Evan.amo@covenantpresby.org.

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 on Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. followed by a reception at 8:30 p.m. The next day, students from Carolinas colleges will play for Ken in a masterclass. Visit the Covenant website for details.

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 WIDOW'S TALE RETREAT

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 retreat program after becoming a widow in 2011. To get connected, 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 open to Covenant members during March. Open to all April 1. Visit 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.

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.

COORDINATOR OF MEN'S, WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Covenant is seeking a part-time staff member

Martha Isaacs has announced plans to retire in May. Covenant will hire a part-time staff member (10 hours per week) to coordinate Presbyterian Women activities, PW Circles, Sisters in Spirit, Men's Fellowship and similar programs. Contact Bill.keith@covenantpresby.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

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.

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)

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

Want to sing? Daniel Heath and the Contemporary Worship Team invite you to sing on Easter. We'll have brief rehearsals on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. on March 22, March 29, April 5 and April 12 in the Sanctuary. For details, contact Daniel.heath@covenantpresby.org.