



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

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

### YOUNG ADULTS MEET FOR FRIENDSGIVING

Sunday, Nov. 20, 5 to 7 p.m. at Unknown Brewing

We'll provide main dishes (with vegetarian option). Bring side or dessert. Taproom will be open. Visit the YA Facebook page or contact Kate Bothe at [bothe.kate@gmail.com](mailto:bothe.kate@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK

### NEEDED: YOUR INPUT ON COVENANT'S FUTURE

Final week to complete congregation-wide survey

We are exploring the possibility of a major campaign to address specific needs in our city and to re-define Covenant's role in Charlotte. Please share candid opinions on these projects and other dimensions of our congregation's life and mission. To access the online survey, visit [surveymonkey.com/r/Covenant2017](http://surveymonkey.com/r/Covenant2017). The deadline is Saturday.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2017

Please support Covenant's ministries and outreach programs

Current pledges total \$1,672,440, or 60 percent of our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge, consider doing so online ([www.covenantpresby.org/pledge](http://www.covenantpresby.org/pledge)) or by returning a pledge card (available in pews, narthex and the church office). For questions, contact Virginia Rumbley or Bill Keith in the church office at 704-333-9071.

## 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. Nov. 22: Pizza; Nov. 23: Hamburgers with chips; Nov. 24: Closed. Soup of the week: Vegetable Beef. Visit [www.covenantpresby.org/](http://www.covenantpresby.org/) menus for details or to sign up for weekly menu emails.

## NEXT WEEK

### PROVIDE THANKSGIVING FOR MOORE PLACE

Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m.

We have plenty of servers but we need stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and green beans. Make at home and deliver to the church in advance. To volunteer, write "Moore Place" on your WR Card or contact [evan.amo@covenantpresby.org](mailto:evan.amo@covenantpresby.org) (704.804.7574).

## SING WITH THE CHOIR

Sunday, Nov. 27 in 11 a.m. worship

All are invited to join the Covenant Choir in singing an easy anthem with one rehearsal that morning. No experience is necessary. Join us at 10 a.m. in the Peek Music Room under the Sanctuary. Folders and robes will be provided.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m., Chapel

Life changes and loss leave many of us facing the holidays with anxiety and sadness, in need of comfort and peace. We'll gather to sing, pray and remember the hope of Christmas.

## JOIN THE TEAM TO SERVE AT MEN'S SHELTER

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1210 North Tryon Street

Join the team and serve hot dinner to our neighbors at the Men's Shelter on Tuesday, Nov. 29. We're in need of Texas Hash and desserts. Please place in the Local Outreach freezer in Fellowship Hall. Texas Hash recipes can be found on our website under "serve" and "in the community." Contact [evan.amo@covenantpresby.org](mailto:evan.amo@covenantpresby.org) (704-804-7574) for more information.

## A LOOK AHEAD TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

**Christmas Crafts**, Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall: This Covenant tradition is an opportunity for fellowship and fun for children of all ages. For details, contact Heather Grey McNaull ([hgrey75@gmail.com](mailto:hgrey75@gmail.com) or 704-533-1380).

**Alternative Gift Market**, Sunday, Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Rec Wing: This Christmas market offers a different way to give. All gifts and honor cards benefit our mission partners.

**Open Table Christmas Party with Santa**, Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall: Join us for dinner and photo time with Santa.

## FIRST SUNDAY TALKS – KARL PLANK

On the first Sunday of each month, we pause regular adult Sunday School classes and invite the entire congregation to hear from wise voices. This year, we'll focus on life lessons from the Gospel of John. Join us in Fellowship Hall 207 at 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 4: Karl Plank on "Word Made Fresh: Four Contemporary Poets"**

Karl Plank, a religion professor at Davidson College, will address themes from John's gospel of incarnation and spirituality through the work of modern poets.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S GETAWAY – ETOWAH LODGE

March 31 – April 2, 2017

This weekend brings together newcomers and guys of all ages for golf, hiking and more. We'll travel to Etowah Valley, a lodge nestled in the mountains near Hendersonville, NC. Register at [www.covenantpresby.org/mens-fellowship-group](http://www.covenantpresby.org/mens-fellowship-group). Contacts: [paul.steffens@troutmansanders.com](mailto:paul.steffens@troutmansanders.com) (704-650-8521).

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7 a.m. in FH105

Men of the church are invited for fellowship and a message from Charles Odell, executive director of the Dilworth Center, a drug addiction treatment center. Cynthia Simms, development director, will also speak. \*Please note the change in date this month.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT – PINEHURST

"Living Faithfully In Today's World" February 3-5, 2017

How do we live faithfully as Jesus-followers in a culture that seeks to influence our ethics, our beliefs and our decisions? What would it look like to shape culture instead of allowing culture to shape us? Join us for a weekend in Pinehurst to seek answers. Visit [covenantpresby.org/presbyterian-women](http://covenantpresby.org/presbyterian-women) for details and registration.

## SAVE THE DATE – TLC TRIP TO HARPER HOUSE

Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

We will depart from Covenant at 9:30 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. RSVP to Mary Mattiacci, 704-804-7561 by Dec. 7. Your check for \$6.00 reserves your spot. Lunch on your own at The Old Hickory Station.

## STAFF NEWS – WELCOME, SUSAN FERONE

Covenant's new coordinator of care teams and support groups

In this new position, Susan will help the church family respond in a focused way when members face life events such as cancer diagnoses, grief and divorce as well as transitions such as job changes. Susan has a Master's degree in social work and has served in many leadership roles during her membership at Covenant. Susan joins the staff on Dec. 1.

## WORSHIP TEAM CD – GREAT STOCKING STUFFER

\$10; Benefits Highland Renaissance Academy and the Renguti School

The *Rebuild* CD, by our own Contemporary Worship Team, raises funds to support Highland and Renguti schools. Pick up your copy from the church office or recreation desk during the week (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or see Daniel Heath after the service.