

COVENANT *News*

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Dear Friends:

We're grateful for your interest in our Wednesday evening series, shown in the photos on this month's cover. We continue to have open and civil discourse on important topics of race, justice and economic opportunity. To

see nearly 300 people of many races, ethnicities and political persuasions working and talking together for the good of our city is a vision of hope. Thank you. I trust these conversations will lay a strong foundation for continuing work.

Speaking of our work across the city, our Session retreat was abbreviated due to the 2" snowmageddon we experienced that weekend. However, we were able to make excellent progress on all the feedback we received from the congregational surveys regarding capital projects at Covenant. The Session – and particularly the Planning and Evaluation Board – is working very hard to refine and more clearly define the proposals. I trust you will be pleased with the final recommendations. As soon as they are sufficiently considered, they will be presented to the Session and congregation. I ask for your prayers, that the committee would be visionary, wise and faithful, and the Session would be sensitive to the leading of God's spirit.

Finally, for eleven years, Debbie Tyson has offered every caller to Covenant a competent and friendly voice as our first contact with the church. Debbie has announced her intention to retire. With a smile on her face, she said she "intends to garden, scrapbook and spend lots of time with my grandchildren." We're thankful for Debbie and hope you'll take time soon to extend your gratitude directly to her.

With gratitude for you all,

Bob

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Financial Update

Pledge Receipts (Year to date through Dec. 31, 2016)

2016 Budgeted:.....\$2,670,000
 2016 Actual:.....\$2,711,294
 101% to Goal

Thank you for your generosity in 2016! During their recent retreat, members of session received a report highlighting that at the end of the year, operating budget contributions (pledges and loose offering) totaled 101 percent of our annual budget. The session also approved the operating budget for 2017 that was presented at the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Operating Budget 2017

Total Income\$4,083,250
Total Expenses.....\$4,083,250

Expenses

Worship Ministry \$112,850
 Congregational Life..... \$36,650
 Engagement.....\$8,200
 Mission and Outreach..... \$510,000
 Education \$155,658
 Preschool \$262,086
 Administration \$572,520
 Food Service \$66,500
 Recreation Ministries \$40,180
 Personnel\$2,318,606

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Christmas Eve Offering

Lifting up children in need

On Christmas Eve, your generosity made it possible for Covenant to bring joy to children at home and around the world. We raised \$49,186 to support Covenant's mission partners at Highland Renaissance Academy in Charlotte; Crossnore Elementary School in western NC; and Tomorrow's Youth Organization, working for peace in the Middle East.

Fourth and fifth graders from Highland will travel beyond Charlotte – many for the first time. They'll tour museums and visit historic sites in Raleigh and Atlanta.

Children in a refugee camp in the West Bank will have a pool party and get brand new swim clothes - a time to escape the worries of everyday life and have some fun through their involvement with Tomorrow's Youth Organization.

Once again this year, we'll take youngsters from Crossnore on a trip aboard the Polar Express. And we'll give them gifts of books and sleeping bags to take home to Avery County.



Covenant Staff Updates

Carla Leaf to retire in 2018

Reflecting on an eventful tenure



For Carla Leaf, it all started on a train.

On her first foray into mission work in 1997, Carla helped lead a group of Covenant youth and chaperones to San Francisco. They took Amtrak to save money – and it was not an easy way to travel.

"The adults hardly slept...and the youth did not sleep at all," she recalls of the railroad adventure.

Thirty mission trips later, Carla has collected enough mementos to fill every shelf in her office, from pottery to crosses to framed photos of children she met in Africa: "For me, it all represents lives touched."

Carla has announced plans to retire in June 2018 as Covenant's director of mission and outreach.

During an action-packed two decades, Carla traveled the world with church members, introducing them to mission experiences that brought a deeper understanding of Jesus' call to lift up the overlooked and oppressed.

The missions program grew from one international partner (Accion Ministries in Yucatan, Mexico) to relationships with six national and international organizations. Covenant invested

more than \$5 million to help educate children, improve health care and empower young leaders.

"I am so grateful to have walked in sacred places," Carla said. "People from all over the world have become like family."

Debbie Tyson to retire this month

"The Friendly Face" of Covenant



We are both excited (for her) and saddened (for us) that Debbie Tyson has announced her retirement from Covenant after almost 11 years as THE friendly face at the front desk.

Debbie states, "I have truly enjoyed my time as receptionist at Covenant. It has been a real blessing to be here...working with the great staff, getting to know some of the wonderful members and...serving God here...I look forward to spending more time with my grandchildren...my crafts and gardening."

Join us in wishing Debbie much happiness in her new chapter and in giving thanks for her ministry among us.

My summer at Urban Ministry Center

Duncan Richey, a Tar Heel raised at Covenant, reflects on the power of a name

Duncan Richey served as a People in Mission intern through Covenant last summer. He was assigned to work at Urban Ministry Center. Duncan is a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill majoring in Public Policy.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for a similar internship this summer, contact Carla.leaf@covenantpresby.org. Applications are due March 1. We will offer four internships.



I interacted with hundreds of people at Urban Ministry Center. It would have been impossible to remember them all, but I made a list of almost 50 names and stories of the people who stuck with me this summer.

The first name on that list, who taught me a lesson I will never forget, was James Sackett. He showed me the power in a name. How important it is to recognize people as whole and worthy of remembering. This is true for everyone with whom we interact.

All persons, no matter their pasts or who they are, deserve to be treated as individuals. The following is a journal excerpt of mine I wrote in mid-August:

James was one of the loneliest people I had ever met. He

"A person is more than the circumstance he or she is in."

always talked in a way that was just sad, to put it simply. Not just what he said, but also how he said it. It was a tone that sounded defeated and hopeless.

I didn't see James for about a week after our first meeting until he walked into counseling again. I was coming out of the hallway into the lobby when I saw him. I looked at him and said excitedly, "Hey! Mr. James Sackett, you're back! How are you?"

He turned towards me and a great grin grew onto his face. Through his white, grey-speckled beard, he smiled at me and said slowly, in a delighted tone, "Hey! You remembered my name!"



"Well, of course!"

Names are such a seemingly small aspect of life, but they have so much power. The most beautiful word in any language to someone is his or her name. James felt that power and beauty after I remembered his name. I can't say for certain, but I am willing to bet that he hasn't felt as wanted or as important as he did in that moment for a long time, especially just after being in jail for over a decade. His tone and expression showed pure joy and delight.

At that moment, James was not recognized as an old, white ex-convict, a poor person applying for disability, a lonely person living with a bunch of strangers, or another person in poverty eating lunch at Urban Ministry.

He was recognized as James Sackett. His basic human decency was acknowledged by someone other than himself. And to be called by your name and not what you've done or what you're experiencing is a beautiful thing. James epitomized that.

A person is more than his worst moment. A person is more than the circumstance he is in. A person is more than what other people say about him. A person is even more than a name. To be recognized as true and wholly acceptable is magical. To think that you are worth remembering is empowering.

Care & Support

Contact Susan Ferone, Covenant's care coordinator, at susan.ferone@covenantpresby.org or 704-804-7585.

As we age with our parents, our relationship with them begins to change. Join us for a Sunday morning series to prepare for challenges such as finances, health decisions, living arrangements and even talking with mom or dad about when it's time to stop driving.

Learn how to develop a long-term plan and deal with tough conversations. Our series is led by Jennifer Szakaly of Caregiving Corner, a Charlotte counseling office.

When: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for three weeks beginning March 5 in FH 205.



Gain a deeper understanding of how your marriage will evolve as your caregiving role expands.

Being a caregiver to a spouse can be both rewarding and isolating. Learn helpful ways to

take care of yourself and connect with peers through this time together led by Ashley Brooks of Caregiving Corner.

When: Thursdays at 11 a.m. for five weeks beginning March 2 in the Parlor. Upon request, a member of our volunteer team can sit with your spouse while you attend the group.

Nurse's Note

Contact me at Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org.



Dear Ones,

In keeping with the traditional symbol of Valentine's Day, let's talk a little bit about heart healthy diets. Many foods can help keep your heart at its best. Some help lower your blood pressure. Others keep your cholesterol in line. Consider adding these items to your shopping list this month:

1. Salmon - Coldwater, wild caught fish are high in omega-3 fatty acids which help keep blood flowing by reducing clotting. They also help lower triglyceride levels which can lead to heart disease. Aim for two 3.5 ounce servings of fish weekly for maximum benefit.
2. Walnuts - Walnuts are high in both monounsaturated fats and omega-3 fats. These "good" fats help raise your "good" HDL cholesterol and lower the "bad" LDL cholesterol. They are high in calories so stick to a small handful daily.
3. Raspberries- All berries are great choices because they deliver fiber, Vitamin C and antioxidants called polyphenols. In addition to keeping your heart health, berries help reduce the risk of stroke and cancer. Consider buying organic ones as the conventionally grown ones are often highly treated with pesticides.

Enjoy these yummy foods and happy Valentine's Day!

Grace and peace,

Mary

Young Adults Upcoming Events

Join us at any time. Get connected: jen.christianson@covenantpresby.org

First Sunday Brunch

Join us the afternoon before the Super Bowl for some of Charlotte's best tacos. Sunday, Feb. 5 at noon at Sabor Latin Grille in Elizabeth.

Millennials, a Sunday School Class

Join this new class for young adults and young parents. We'll spend the spring exploring spiritual practices. Begins Sunday, Feb. 19. FH105.



Open Table @ Covenant **Wednesday night programs**



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. through Feb. 22 Fellowship Hall 205

Discover the power of storytelling - and how it can help you to know yourself and others more deeply.

In this small group series, we listen to gifted storytellers and seek to understand the meaning of narrative. Drop-ins are welcome.



Professional storyteller and writer Donna Marie Todd (left) will present a program on February 8 on "How to Harness the Power of Your Story." A TEDx speaker and editor of "The Biblical Storyteller" magazine, Donna Marie will share how story influences us, how it connects us and how we can harness our personal story to survive difficult events.

A resident on Black Mountain, Donna Marie is a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist and founder of A WidowsTale.com, a recovery and wellness program for widowed women.



Maureen Ryan Griffin (left) returns on February 15 to teach us engaging tools and techniques to retrieve and record our adventures, love, loss, successes and more with ease and enjoyment, no matter where we are in the process.

We close on February 22 with an interactive exploration from "The Book of Questions," facilitated by Mary Lynne Calhoun, because "what really matters are the questions."

Questions: Contact Mary Lynne Calhoun at mcalhou@uncc.edu



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 11 - Feb. 8 Fellowship Hall (Main)

It's not too late to engage with this popular series. Gain a deeper understanding of implicit bias and systemic racism in our community and the broader culture.

Co-sponsored by Covenant, CN Jenkins Presbyterian and the Women's Intercultural Exchange, we welcome guest speakers:

February 1: Investing in a Better Future: Affordable Housing in Charlotte: Speakers Terry Shook, Hugh McColl (left) and Rev. Dr. Robert Scott will share their own commitments to and models for investing in affordable housing as an avenue for addressing racial inequality and economic opportunity.



February 8: What Have I Learned? What do I do now? Spiritual and moral leaders of diverse backgrounds will offer ways for participants to make their own commitments to building trust and opportunity across race and culture.

Questions: Contact Jessica Patchett at jessica.patchett@covenantpresby.org

In case you missed it: Two Sunday School classes (Gathering and Foundations) are holding companion discussions during the series. Diane Powell and Juliet Kuehnle are leading these respective classes.

Hear about the previous Wednesday's presentation and talk about economic mobility, race and faith. Open to all. Sundays, through February 12; 9:30-10:30 a.m. in FH 105 and 10:45-11:45 in FH 203.

Questions: Contact Jen Christianson at jen.christianson@covenantpresby.org

Habitat Build: Friday & Saturday, March 24-25

Want to be a part of providing a safe and stable home for someone? Join us as we partner with the Reynosa team, joining hands and swinging hammers to build two homes, one in the colonias of Mexico and one in our own community.

Get connected: Contact Evan.amo@covenantpresby.org

What does it mean to raise a resilient child?

Mary Moore, a therapist at Southeast Psych who counsels children under 13, will lead two workshops on Purposeful Parenting. Mary shares thoughts on the topic below.



In today's world, what are the qualities of a 'resilient child' and how are those qualities different from 10 or 15 years ago?

A resilient child is one who can cope with challenges and bounce back from setbacks. Today's world poses more adversity and stressors on families. The need is even greater to cultivate healthy coping, problem solving, relationship skills, and a sense of optimism, so that children can grow and thrive.

When you talk with parents, what is the most common misconception that you encounter about what it means to raise a resilient child?

The belief that hardship or failure and the associated stress are bad for a child. The belief that if I protect my child from distress and failure, my child will feel better and therefore, do better. When, in fact the opposite is true. It is a natural instinct for parents to want to protect their children. Well-intentioned parents, however, can fall into the pitfall of over-protection, or "helicopter" parenting. This can rob a child of resiliency-building opportunities.

Purposeful Parenting: How to Raise Resilient Children

Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall 205

Rooted in the latest research in parenting, resiliency, positive psychology and behavioral science, this session distills expert knowledge into simple, effective, and practical skills to help parents and children flourish.

Purposeful Parenting: Strengthening Children's Social & Emotional Skills

Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in FH205

Develop a deeper understanding of your child's strengths (what is working) and needs (what areas need developing) and practical strategies to enhance both areas.

Do you think parenting in today's culture is more difficult than it was for earlier generations?

Parenting today has unique challenges, namely the role of technology, video games and social media. I've seen the positive ways that technology and social media connect parents to other parents and fortify their village of support. I've also witnessed the dark side - the insurmountable stress and struggles parents experience when managing technology use with their kids, who oftentimes are more tech-savvy than their parents.

Coming up in March

Affordable housing in CLT: A closer look Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., March 8-April 5

Learn about the issue of affordable housing in Charlotte from nonprofit leaders, elected officials and experts in the field. What are barriers to economic stability? What do we know about access to schools, transportation and healthy food?

As part of the experience, we'll hear personal stories from members of our community who have struggled to get by.

March 8: The Unavoidable Burden of 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

Get connected: Contact Carla.leaf@covenantpresby.org.



Forging Your Own Path

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

Health and Wellness presents a five-part series open to all in FH207. We'll watch the film "On Being Mortal" based on the book by Atul Gawande. We'll also learn how to write our own obituaries, inform loved ones about health wishes and prepare living wills and powers of attorney.

Get connected: Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org

Healthy in 2017

Rec Wing announces summer camps for kids

Join Covenant Recreation this summer for a wide range of summer camps for ages 3-14. With offerings from PlaySpanish, Small Hands Big Art, Yes I Can Basketball, Natural Wonders, Discovery Summer, Liz Holly & the Jolly Lollies music, and GameReady Basketball, we have something for everyone.

For full class schedules, visit covenantpresby.org/connect/recreation-ministry.

Soccer Shots: For children ages 3-5 on Fridays at 12:45 p.m. Our program offers a high energy, fun, age-appropriate introduction to the wonderful game of soccer that emphasizes both soccer skills and character development. Session begins Feb. 3.

Kids Yoga on Saturday afternoons: For children ages 5-8 on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Stephanie Jeon, a Covenant member and yoga instructor, leads a fun mix of individual and team skills.



TLC Upcoming Events

Travel, Learn, Connect is an active group of adults who enjoy learning and travel (and good food). RSVP: Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org

Hymn sing-along with Rob Dicks Rob will lead us in favorite hymns



Rob oversees Covenant's children's choirs, plays the organ for worship services as needed, accompanies the adult and youth choirs, and assists director John Richardson in leading the church's vibrant traditional music ministry. Come meet him and sing some favorite hymns.

Wednesday, Feb. 8. Snacks at

10:30 a.m. with program at 11 in the Peek Music Room.

A trip to Ronald McDonald House Lunch at Mama Ricotta's restaurant

We'll tour Ronald McDonald House, a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children. The House provides a safe haven for families to rest, eat and find community. *Wednesday, Feb. 15. We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. We should be back by 2 p.m. Please RSVP by Feb. 8 so that we may make a lunch reservation.*



Worship Arts Notebook

Sing with us on Easter!

Daniel Heath and the Contemporary Worship Team invite you to sing with us on Easter. To prepare, 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.

Covenant Appalachian Band

Did you enjoy the Appalachian-themed Christmas Eve service? Expect to hear more banjo, fiddle, mandolin, harmonica and upright bass this year.

Lenten Worship Arts Retreat

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25



All are invited to a Lenten Worship Arts Retreat led by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, founder and creative director of A Sanctified Art, an arts ministry that fosters creativity and connection to Scripture, each other and God.

Join us to explore Lenten themes in community through art. We welcome children and youth. Lunch is provided.

First Sunday Talk

Sunday, February 5 at 9:30 a.m.: Paul Galbreath in FH207

Paul, a professor of theology at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, will talk to us about communion in the gospels.

Paul seeks to explore connections between worship and daily life. This work led to the publication of a trilogy of books: *Leading from the Table* (Alban, 2008), *Leading through the Water* (Alban, 2011) and *Leading into the World*, all of which examine the Eucharist and baptismal liturgies and a Christian commitment to earth care.



Sunday Mornings

Early Childhood First Floor, EW

Child Care 8:30 a.m.- noon p.m.
Crib Nursery (infants-walkers)
Toddler Nursery (walkers to 2 years)

9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
(2 years - Kindergarten)
10:30-11 a.m. Play Time
11-11:30 a.m. Music & Bible Story
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Snack & Playground or Gym

Elementary Education Grades 1-5, Second Floor, EW

9:30-9:45 a.m. Small Groups
9:45-10:10 a.m. Large Group
10:10-10:30 a.m. Small Groups
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Elementary kids attend worship

Youth (Grades 6-12)

Third Floor, EW, 9:30 a.m.

Middle School Youth EW301/303
High School Youth EW307

Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. unless noted

Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. FH205

Open to all men, studying scripture and reflections.

New! Millennials FH105

A class for young adults and young parents! We'll spend the spring exploring spiritual practices

Foundations (10:45 a.m.) FH205

A supportive network for parents nurturing families in faith.

Open Door FH201

A diverse gathering of adults of all ages and a great first class for people new to Covenant.

People Class FH Library

Adults ages 50s-70s enjoy discussing a wide variety of topics.

The Fellowship Class FH203

Largely adults 60+, but open to adults of all ages.

Covenant Kids Education



Get connected: Contact Anne Lowrance, director of children's ministry, at anne.lowrance@covenantpresby.org or reach Anne at 704-804-7593.

Kids Yoga (K-5)

Sundays 4 to 4:45 p.m. in EW204

Kids Yoga meets only on the Sundays when Angelus and Choristers Choirs practice

Open Table Wednesday nights

Childcare for infants-K is available from 6 to 8 p.m. in EW102. Young Scholars, a children's Bible study, meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in EW218.

Youth in Worship

Fourth and fifth graders are invited to

take a turn lighting the Christ candle and filling the baptismal font with water for the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Volunteers needed!

Don't forget to sign up to volunteer on the 1st or 2nd floor this semester. Your involvement keeps us safe and successful! Contact Anne to connect.

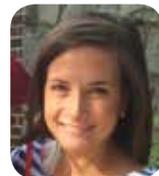
Preschool Enrolling

Registration for the next school year runs through Feb. 7.

You can schedule a tour with Director Kathie Grabert by calling 704-333-8658.

Middle School Youth

Reach Director Perrin Tribble at perrin.tribble@covenantpresby.org or call 704-804-7569.



Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sundays

Sunday School

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

6th and 7th EW318

8th/Confirmation (Quest) – EW301

Sunday Evening Fellowship

Bells – 4 to 4:45 p.m. Choir – 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

Dinner- 5:30 to 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Fellowship – 6 to 7 p.m. EW 301

Wednesdays - Open Table at Covenant

Middle School Wednesday Game Nights

6 to 7 p.m. EW318

Join us Wednesday evenings for fun games. Parents - this is a great time for you to enjoy Wednesday night programs.

Week-by-Week Calendar

- Sunday, February 5 – NO AM Sunday School, NO PM Sunday evening Fellowship,

Youth Bell Choir and Youth Chorale in 11AM Traditional Worship, NO Evening Music Rehearsals

- Wednesday, February 8 – Open Table, Small groups

- Sunday, February 12 – AM Sunday School, PM Sunday Evening Fellowship/Spring Kick-Off
- Wednesday, February 15 – Open Table, Small groups
- Sunday, February 19 – AM Sunday School, PM Sunday evening fellowship
- Wednesday, February 22 – Open Table, Small groups
- Sunday, February 26 – AM Sunday School, PM Sunday evening fellowship

MSY Winter Retreat

February 4-5; Camp Thunderbird; \$100

Meet at Covenant on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 4 and return at noon on Sunday, Feb. 5. We'll do service in the morning followed by ice skating. **There will be no Base or Quest Sunday School or MSY Fellowship on Feb 5.*

Quest/Confirmation Beach Retreat

March 24-26, 2017; Edisto Beach, SC; \$150

This will be a weekend full of fellowship, service, and the writing of faith statements.

CHAPERONES WANTED

Adult volunteers are needed as chaperones. Please let Perrin know your availability at Perrin.tribble@covenantpresby.org.

High School Youth

Reach Director Perry Dixon at Perry.dixon@covenantpresby.org or call 704-804-7563.



High school youth Sunday School

- Perry Dixon and adult volunteers lead engaging, interactive discussions to help us live into God's word.
- Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Education Wing 307

High school youth Sunday night fellowship

- Bells – 4 to 4:45 p.m. Choir – 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with breakout sessions 6 to 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and EW 307

Film and Theology

- We'll watch movies and try to understand the Christian themes, including Finding Nemo, Inside Out, The Theory of Everything and other films.
- Wednesdays resuming Jan. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Ed Wing Theater

Week-by-Week Calendar

- Sunday, February 5 — Sunday School, NO Evening Fellowship, NO Evening Music Rehearsals
- Wednesday, February 8 — Film + Theology
- Sunday, February 12 — Sunday School, Evening Fellowship
- Wednesday, February 15 — Film + Theology
- Sunday, February 19 — Sunday School, Evening Fellowship
- Wednesday, February 22 — Film + Theology
- Sunday, February 26 — Sunday School, Evening Fellowship

High School Beach Retreat

March 24-26; Edisto Beach, SC; \$150

On this trip, we will find new life together by exploring resurrection theology and ecology on the coast in Edisto.

2017 Mission Trips

June 17-23—Seniors to Yucatan

June 25-July 2—9th, 10th, 11th grades to Chicago

July 9-16—HS Youth to Montreat Youth Conference

Welcome New Members



Lindsey and Kyle Massey



Stephen Hicks



Anna and Richard Bracey

Interested in Joining Covenant?

We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building.

We also welcome new members on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at noon.

If you'd like to know more, contact Lora Borrelli, Covenant's director of membership and engagement, at:

lora.borrelli@covenantpresby.org.

Congregational Notes

Do you have announcements? Let Covenant know by contacting: Lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org.

Births

Congratulations to Heather and Stephen Moore on the birth of their son, Sawyer Abbott Moore, on January 8; and to

Sarah and Lucas Askins on the birth of their son, George Elliot Askins, on January 20.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Noelle and Michael Lewis who presented their son, Taylor Michael Lewis, for the sacrament of baptism on January 15 at the 11am Sanctuary service; and to

Elizabeth and Jeff Shelton who presented their son, Tucker Reed Shelton, for the sacrament of baptism on January 22 at the 11 a.m. Sanctuary service; and to

Lee and Justin Perry who presented their daughter, Stella Anna Perry, for the sacrament of baptism on January 22 at the 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall service.

Weddings

Congratulations to Ashley Owens and Davis Shaefer who celebrated their wedding in the Covenant Sanctuary on January 21.

In Memoriam

Leslie E. Fleck, Jr.
August 21, 1921 – January 2, 2017

Deaths

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Leslie and James Ford on the death of his father and to Natalie and Veronica Ford on the death of their grandfather, Walker Hardee Ford of Anderson, SC on December 27; and to

Doug and Beth Fleck on the death of his father, Les Fleck, on January 2; and to

Cheryl and Hunter Hoover on the death of her father and to Morgan and Grace Hoover on the death of their grandfather, David Jones of Moscow, PA on January 2;

Alayne Wills on the death of her brother, Bart Cuthbertson of Charlotte, on January 15; and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February 5

8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Recreation Wing - Gym

*Contact Mary Mattiacci
to sign up.*

Contact mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org or 704.804.7561