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INTRODUCTION



Dear friends:

As I write this, I'm basking in the after-glow of the Easter services and our congregation's strong affirmation that life is victorious over the powers of death. My sincere thanks extends to all – and especially the musicians -- who work hard behind the scenes to proclaim news so astonishing it transcends the capacity of

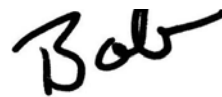
language to capture it.

We're deeply blessed that even in the period between permanent staff we will benefit from the highly capable leadership in our traditional music program. With joy, I welcome Timothy Belk to staff and to the organ bench at Covenant. One visit to the traditional service will convince you that once again God has blessed Covenant far beyond our deserving. To celebrate Pentecost, Mr. Belk has initiated a special choral presentation of John Rutter's Te Deum for the 11 a.m. traditional service on May 24th. Please plan to attend. And, if you would like to add your voice to the choir that day, see elsewhere in the newsletter for special rehearsal opportunities.

Also, at our last meeting, the Session approved a summer worship schedule from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. The summer schedule looks much the same as the present schedule, while allowing space for staff vacations and fall planning time. It will also reduce stress on musicians and ministers while I embrace a long-planned sabbatical from June 1 – August 15. Look for details regarding summer guest ministers and preachers in our next newsletter.

I remain profoundly grateful for the joy of serving in ministry with you and am humbled by the way God continues to work through this congregation.

Warmly,



Bob Henderson, senior minister

Bob Henderson's Sabbatical

Covenant's personnel policy provides that ministers earn one period of paid sabbatical leave (up to 3 months) for every six years of service to Covenant Presbyterian Church. (A sabbatical leave is a period of time provided for clergy to disengage from their regular tasks and the related stress. It is a time for rest, reflection and re-creation; a time for personal spiritual growth; an opportunity for renewed vision and commitment to ministry; and a period in which uninterrupted study and meditation can occur.)

Recognizing the tremendous value of sabbatical leave, and Bob Henderson's seven years of service, the Personnel Committee approved a sabbatical leave for him from June 1 - Aug. 14. During his time away, Bob will engage in silent retreat in Utah; study in Rome, Assisi and the Chautauqua Institute; and fulfill a lifelong dream of hiking in the Dolomites. He will return to the pulpit on Sunday, Aug. 16.

During his time away, Covenant will be privileged to

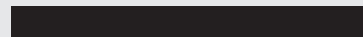
hear from several guest preachers including Richard Boyce, Dean of Union Presbyterian Seminary; Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church; and Art Ross, retired Sr. Pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. In addition, Joan Watson, Jessica Patchett, Petra Wahnefried, Grady Moseley, and Julia Watkins (Covenant's summer intern) will ably preach and lead worship in the Sanctuary services.

Financial Update

Pledge Receipts

Year-to-date through March 31, 2015

Budgeted

 \$934,600

Actual

 \$933,237



WEEKLY GROUPS

Join a small group: For groups meeting at other times and days for couples, men, and women, please check the web site. Register for a group by emailing Jessica Patchett with your interest in joining a group jessica.patchett@covenantpresby.org.

Sundays

Foundations - For Young Adults with Children

Meets at 11 a.m. in FH 205.

In May, this class will learn more about Freedom School's summer program and how we can better care for and educate Charlotte's children.

Childcare Provided

Weekday Small Groups

Couples

New small groups are always forming and typically meet 1-2 times each month in members' homes.

Contact: jessica.patchett@covenantpresby.org.

PATH for Young Adult Women

Meets weekly at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

Come grow in relationship with God and fellowship with friends. Currently studying "Jesus is..."

Contact: meredith.thomas@covenantpresby.org

Young Adult Men's Group

Meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights at local breweries.

Make new connections and develop strong friendships.

Contact: Steven Moore: sphenmoore@gmail.com

Social Media

Stay current on upcoming opportunities to meet other young adults, socialize and serve in the community.

Learn more at: www.covenantpresby.org/youngadults



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

3rd Saturday Brewery Social

Saturday, May 16, 3-5 p.m. at Sugar Creek Brewery

Join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for a low-key afternoon social at one of our local breweries. This month, we'll meet at Sugar Creek Brewery on May 16 from 3-5 p.m. You don't have to tell us you're coming in advance, but if you'd like more information or want to introduce yourself ahead of time so we can look for you, please contact Jessica Patchett at jessica.patchett@covenantpresby.org.

URBAN PLUNGE

Young Adult Mission Trip - In Review

In March, eight young adults spent four days on the Urban Plunge Young Adult Mission Trip right here in Charlotte. This group learned about issues that affect our city and how they might best serve people who are literally neighbors. They also served various non-profits. Some of the most impactful moments of the weekend were learning about how sex-trafficking runs rampant in Charlotte, visiting a homeless camp and seeing the limited options that children who live on the poverty level experience. One participant remarked, "I never really knew anything about homelessness before. And then I went on the trip and realized all my assumptions were wrong. When you open your eyes, you see the homeless people you pass, and the issues of our city. I will never be the same."

There are several educational opportunities and service opportunities that we offer to open the eyes of all people in our congregation. Look for announcements about a Bridges out of Poverty educational session, and other opportunities to engage in service.

Rutter's *Te Deum* Pentecost Sunday

The *Te Deum* is among the most ancient, and inspiring, of Christian liturgical texts. The Covenant Choir invites you to sing John Rutter's hymn of praise and thanksgiving, accompanied by organ, brass and percussion on Sunday, May 24.

Four Thursday evening rehearsals are scheduled April 30, May 7, 14 and 21 from 7:30-8:15 p.m. in the Peek Music Room. This short-term commitment is perfect for those unable to commit to weekly worship leadership.

Lorna Graves

Interim Choral Director

Lorna Graves who has been a Covenant choir member, alto section leader and soloist since 1988, will serve as interim choral director. Under both the Peeks and the Talleys she has served as substitute choir director. Lorna has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Music from Florida Atlantic University and a Masters degree in Music Education from Appalachian State University. Her work experience includes nine years at Piedmont Open School and current employment as choral director at Butler High School. She has performed in Central Piedmont Community College

Timothy J. Belk

Interim Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Please welcome Timothy J. Belk, who will serve as Interim Director of Music Ministries and Organist. Tim, a native of North Carolina, resides in Indian Trail and holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in organ performance and Artist Diploma from the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. As a North Carolina Emerging Artist Grant recipient, he studied at the Conservatory of Music in Geneva, Switzerland earning the distinguished *Prix de Perfectionnement*. His principal organ teachers include John S. Mueller and Lionel Rogg.



Tim is also a graduate of the National Institute of Church Finance and Administration at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and is a certified church administrator. He is an elected officer of the American Guild of Organists and is coordinating the Southeast Regional Convention to be held in Charlotte July 1 - 4. He presently serves the Charlotte Chapter as Sub-Dean.

Tim has served traditional and non-traditional worshipping communities in worship and music and in administrative ministries. Most recently, at First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia (2003-2014), he served as Director of Music Ministries and Organist and at Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C., (2015) he served as Intentional Interim Associate Director of Music and Organist.

A few interesting facts about Tim:

- Two of his Top 10 selections for organ service music include Charles Marie-Widor's *Toccata*, from Symphony V and Johann Sebastian Bach's *Come Sweetest Death, Come Blessed Rest*, as transcribed by Virgil Fox from Leopold Stokowski's orchestral arrangement.
- *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (NICEA) and *As the Deer* are among his favorite hymns and worship songs.
- Tim enjoys creating opportunities for children and youth to assist in worship and music leadership.

When he is not immersed in the joy of ministry or AGO opportunities, he enjoys a contagious love of people, perfecting the culinary art, biking, and visiting coastlines. He is often accompanied by his faithful companion, Vita, a gifted black Labrador who occasionally assists at the organ console!

Tim began his tenure on Monday, April 20.

Neeley Lane To Leave Covenant in July



After nearly six years leading Covenant's youth, Neeley Lane will be leaving her position as High School Ministries Director effective July 19. Neeley has been an integral part of our church family for almost six years and her presence with our youth and on staff will be greatly missed. In Neeley's own words: "While I am going to miss Covenant youth and families, the girls and I will be joining Robert in Alabama this fall. It has been a true joy and privilege to participate in God's ministry at Covenant! I am grateful for the years of God's call

to be in community with you. Covenant has not only been a gift to me vocationally but also a village to our family. I will always remember and give thanks for being church with you!"

Details for celebrating Neeley's time with us will be developed and communicated in the coming months. In the meantime, we wish Neeley success and happiness in her move to Alabama and give thanks for her devoted ministry among us.

Craig Harmon Communications/Media Assistant



Craig Harmon has accepted the position of Communications/Media Assistant and will join us on Monday, May 4. Craig holds a B.F.A. in Graphic Design from Winthrop University in Rock Hill. He is the owner/freelance designer with MPower Creative, LLC and previously served as the Creative Services Manager for the City of Charlotte Corporate Communications & Marketing department responsible for internal/employee and external/public communications as well as brand management. Craig is married to Suzanne Cravens Harmon.

Job Opening

Covenant Preschool is hiring a part time teacher or assistant teacher in a two-year-old classroom. An education degree or certificate and teaching experience are preferred.

Please submit resume to Kathleen.Grabert@covenantpresby.org

Summer Schedule

To allow for vacations and planning time, Covenant will operate on a modified schedule through the summer months:

Worship Services:

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Sanctuary

11 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary

11 a.m. Interactive Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School Class

One combined class

9:30-10:30 a.m. in FH203
"Christian Practices for a Whole and Abundant Life"s

Covenant Kids

In the summer Sanctuary services (9:30 and 11 a.m.), school-aged children will remain in the worship services through "A Time with Young Disciples" and have the option to leave with a shepherd who will take them to Education Wing 207 where they can be picked up after the services.

Additional information is available on our website at www.covenantpresby.org.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT Freedom School Partners

Looking to serve this summer? Covenant is offering a great service opportunity with Freedom School Partners.

What is Freedom School Partners (FSP)?

FSP is a Children's Defense Fund program that serves students in grades K through 8. They offer an after-school program and a summer literacy camp that seeks to "engage, educate and empower children to succeed in school and in life."

Who is impacted by FSP?

FSP's goal is "to improve academic achievement, inspire a love of reading, and involve the community in supporting children's education," for those kids "who most need and can least afford summer programming in Charlotte." Highland Renaissance Academy is one of the many title I schools that this program serves.

How does Covenant engage with FSP?

Covenant is the community partner for Highland Renaissance Academy for the six-week summer literacy program, where kids follow an integrated reading curriculum in the mornings and participate in enrichment activities and field trips in the afternoons.

How can I get involved?

The literacy program is June 18 – July 29, and you can get involved in a variety of ways. Contact Petra Wahnefried to get involved in any of the following things:

- Set-up Freedom School on June 16 and 17.
- Serve before going to work by being a morning reader at their daily pep-rally. Come read a children's book to the group of students and inspire them to keep reading!
- Help with the afternoon sessions Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Each day during these hours, the children go on a field trip of some sort – join in the fun and befriend a kid who needs somebody to believe in them!
- Provide snacks and supplies to make the camp experience possible

ROOM IN THE INN

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with Urban Ministry Center's winter housing program, Room in the Inn. Each Tuesday night, December through March, Covenant offered over 14 beds in the basement of our Fellowship Hall to our homeless neighbors. Through the hard work and the open hearts of our congregation, we offered 255 bed spaces throughout the winter. Combined with other churches and organizations who also participated in this program, Room in the Inn offered a total of 17,182 bed spaces over the course of the winter.

Do You Know Cameron Moore?

Many of us are familiar with that child. The one that can sing nursery rhymes in key and who can make a joyful noise with just about any instrument. Covenant worship leader and UNC-Asheville student Cameron Moore was that child.

This past fall, Cameron released his third album (first professionally recorded) and on Wednesday, April 29, he opened for Grammy-winning recording artist Laura Story at Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

"Having the opportunity to play is exciting and refreshing," Cameron said. "It's an escape. [Laura Story] is accomplished and it's exciting and an honor. I am hopeful for what it could mean for where things are headed for me personally."

Cameron grew up attending Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, but a friendship with Anne Lowrance brought him to Covenant in 2009 as a middle-schooler where he led worship at youth fellowship and at summer camp. He now plays guitar in the contemporary services on Sunday mornings as his college schedule allows and is currently booked three weekends a month doing live shows.

"School has been difficult this year, but I think I've kept up okay," Cameron said.





2015 Confirmation Class

Middle and High School Youth Fellowship and Activities in May

NOTES

- Youth Fellowship now ends at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings
- No Youth Fellowship on May 10
- Last Youth Fellowship on May 17. BASE and QUEST End of Year Party!

BASE (grade 6-7)

Sundays Sunday School EW 301
Youth Dinner, 5–5:30 p.m.
Fellowship 5:30-6:30 p.m.

QUEST (grade 8)

Sundays Sunday School EW 301
Youth Dinner, 5–5:30 p.m.
Fellowship 5:30-6:30 p.m.

PEAK (grades 9-12)

Sundays Sunday School EW 307
Youth Dinner, 5–5:30 p.m.
Fellowship 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays Film & Theology 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Girls Bible Study 6:30–7:30 p.m.

- Senior Sunday is June 7
- Summer Retreat to Montreat is July 12-18

Find weekly updates at
covenantpresby.org/youth
twitter.com/CovHSYOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

Senior Sunday - June 7, 11 a.m.

Celebrate with our high school graduates as we honor this milestone in their lives and offer prayers of thanks and hope for them and their families.

CROSS Missions Trip - June 14-19

Our Middle School Youth are returning to CROSS Missions this summer for a week of service and outreach in our own city. We treat this week of service like an out-of-town mission trip as we eat and sleep in community at Myers Park Presbyterian's Outreach Center.

Broad Street Mission Trip - June 21-27

Please be in prayer for the high school youth going to Philadelphia to support Broad Street Ministry (BSM), an urban service immersion experience for youth and adults that grows out of BSM's commitment to speak good news to the city of Philadelphia!

Yucatan Mission Trip - June 21-27

Please be in prayer for our high school seniors going to Mexico's Yucatan peninsula to support Friends of Accion, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the daily lives and Christian faith of the Mayan people.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Sazzy Gourley, a rising senior at Brown University was elected President of the Undergraduate Council of Students for the 2015/2016 school year.

Katelyn Horne, who will graduate from Columbia Law School next month, has been selected for a clerkship at the International Court of Justice in The Hague beginning in September.

ADULTS & TLC

SUNDAYS

Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. in FH 207

The group is intended to provide a forum for fellowship, Bible study, and faithful discipleship.

PEOPLE

9:30 a.m. in FH 105

Lively conversation on topics of faith and life for adults of all ages.

The Open Door

9:30 a.m. in FH 205

Drop in any week to explore a variety of topics in scripture and in our own lives. All are welcome. This Spring, the class will encounter scripture in new ways by exploring the Bible's scope, history, genres, interpretations, and core claims about life and faith.

**Does not meet the first Sunday of the month.*

Fellowship (largely adults 60+ but all ages are welcome)

9:30 a.m. in FH 203

Discuss a variety of subjects with Bible study and guest speakers.

Foundations (young adults)

10:30 a.m. (gathering), begins at 10:45 a.m. in FH 205

A supportive network for parents nurturing families in faith. In May, Mary Nell McPherson will discuss the Freedom School's summer program.

WEEKDAYS

Contemplative Readers

Wednesdays 1:30–3 p.m. in the Parlor

Martha Isaacs hosting. Join as the group continues its reading of "Seven Thousand Ways to Listen" by Mark Nepo.

Friday Morning Women's Group

9–11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Lucy Crain hosting. Studying "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Stories of Struggle and Hope from the Psalms." Books available in the church office or online.

TLC Visits Brattonsville

On April 15, 33 TLC (Travel, Learn, Connect) members took two buses from Covenant for a guided tour of Historic Brattonsville, S.C. Along with a costumed tour guide we explored parts of the 778-acre site containing over 30 antebellum and colonial structures depicting Southern rural life from the 1750s to the 1850s.

After the tour the group had lunch at the Garden Café in York, S.C., a quaint southern restaurant with a unique gift shop attached.



TLC May 2015

Wednesday, May 13

TLC will take a trip to Rountree Plantation Garden Center. Susie Cochran will speak on both herbs and container gardens at 11 am at Rountree. A bus will leave the church at 10:30 a.m., but participants are free to drive their own cars so they can take home any plants they choose to purchase. We should be back at the church around 1 p.m.. Come get some great ideas for spring planting at your home! No reservation needed.

Wednesday, May 20

TLC will visit Friendship Trays for a tour of the facility and an opportunity to watch a video and demonstration, see the types of meals that are prepared, and learn about the gardens. We will eat lunch at the Friendship Trays Café. \$8 per person reserves your spot and covers your lunch. Our options will include a choice of sandwiches or salads. We will review the menu on the bus on the way over to place our orders. Busses will leave the church no later than 10:15 a.m., we should be back at the church around 1:30 p.m.. Contact Mary Mattiacci to make your reservation.

Wednesday, June 3

TLC will visit the Landsford Canal State Park to see the largest known stand of the rocky shoals spider lily, a flower species found predominantly in the Southeast. A covered picnic area is reserved. Box lunches from Delores Jones will be served. Cost will be \$12 to cover lunch, admission and picnic area reservation. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m., we should be back around 2 p.m. Participants should be prepared to do a fair amount of walking and binoculars may be helpful. Your check made out to Covenant Presbyterian Church and sent to Mary Mattiacci will reserve you a spot on this trip.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

In honor of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month during the month of May, I challenge all adults to get 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week.



Did you know that regular physical activity increases your chances of living a longer, healthier life? It also reduces your risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, and some types of cancer. Just walking ten minutes a day can start you down the road to better health. Physical activity is for everyone. No matter what shape you are in, you can find activities that work for you. Together, we can rise to the challenge and get more active during the month of May!

The *Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans* recommends 30 minutes of physical activity a day for adults, 60 minutes for children, at least five days a week. Sound daunting? It's much easier than you think, regardless of your current activity level. There are plenty of ways to get moving and some may even surprise you! It's time to be active, get healthy, and have some fun! Being active doesn't require joining a gym. Look for ways to increase your heart rate during your daily routine. Walk or cycle instead of taking the car or bus, or you can choose the stairs over the escalator or elevator. Try these ways to be active and start working towards your fitness goals to jumpstart or maintain a healthy lifestyle.

There are many health benefits to being active for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, but you should consult your physician before starting a new activity program. If you haven't been active in a while, start slowly and build up. Do what you can; some physical activity is better than none. Come see me if you need to discuss your wellness plan.

Take care,
Mary Mattiaci, RN

RECREATION MINISTRY

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS AND CLASSES NOW

Game Ready Basketball Camp With Ricky Price

Register: www.gamereadysd.com
Dates: Monday–Friday week of June 15
Time: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Description: In-depth basketball camp taught by Duke player Ricky Price.

Yes I Can Basketball Camps

Register: www.yesicanbasketball.com

Camp Of Champions (Boys only)

Dates: July 6–9
Time: 9–4 p.m., Ages 9–12
Cost: \$219
Description: This camp combines the basketball skills training with daily, powerful motivational work shops.

Point Guard College (Co-Ed)

Dates: July 20–21
Time: Session #1 Ages 7–10 from 9–Noon
Time: Session #2 Ages 11–14 from 1–4 p.m.
Cost \$75 for both days
Description: Focuses on developing ball handling and dribbling skills.

Attack The Rack (Co-Ed)

Dates: July 22–23
Time: Session #1 Ages 9–11 from 9–Noon
Time: Session #2 Ages 12–14 from 1–4 p.m.
Cost \$75 for both days
Description: Nothing but developing different ways to score.

Small Hands Big Art Camps (Ages: 4–14)

Register: www.smallhandsbigart.com
Dates: Monday–Friday, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10 & Aug. 17
Time: 9–noon
Cost: \$220 per week
Description: Kids explore painting, drawing, 3D sculpture from clay, dough, wood, recycled materials, collage, printmaking, marbling, book making, and plaster.

Soccer Shots Soccer Camp (Ages: 3–5)

Register: www.soccershots.org
Dates: Monday–Friday, July 13 & 27
Time: 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$220 per week
Description: Introduce your child to soccer in a fun & energetic environment.

Bricks 4 KidZ Lego Camps (Ages: 5–12)

Register: www.bricks4kidz.com
Dates: Monday–Friday, weeks of June 15, July 6, July 13, July 20 & July 27
Time: 9–12noon
Cost: \$200 per week (Early registration discounts available)

Description: Our camps are high-energy, fast paced settings where kids explore the world of engineering, architecture and machines in a fun, comfortable environment.

Liz, Holly, & The Jolly Lollies Music Camp

Ages: 3–6
Register: dearhollylorette@gmail.com
Dates: Monday–Thursday, June 29–Aug. 14
Time: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$175

Description: Come sing, dance, and play This camp is centered around the original music of The Jolly Lollies and will include sing-alongs, acting out songs, & intro to basic instruments.

Little Buddy Yoga Camp (Ages: 3 & up)

Register: www.launchyourkid.com
Dates: Monday–Friday, July 27 & Aug. 3
Time: 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$165 before June 1, \$185 after June 1
Description: Flexible. Focus. Fun. Through music, stories, games, creative play, & crafts, children have fun exploring the path of yoga.

Princess Dance Camp (Ages: 2.5 & up)

Register: www.launchyourkid.com
Dates: August 10–14
Time: 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$165 before June 1, \$185 after June 1
Description: Princess songs, crafts, games and more! Princesses will learn basic ballet technique while letting their imaginations take them to a land of royal play.

Musical Movers Camp (Ages: 3 & up)

Registration: www.launchyourkid.com
Dates: August 24–28
Time: 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$165 before June 1, \$185 after June 1
Description: Encourage your budding musician with this fun, interactive camp! Singing, instrument play, creative movement & musical crafts.

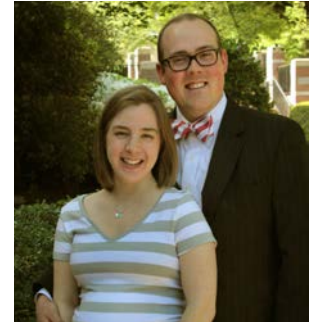
Move & Groove Summer Camp

(Ages: 2.5 and up)
Registration: www.launchyourkid.com
Dates: May 26–29, June 1–5 and June 8–12
Time: 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$165 before June 1, \$185 after June 1
Description: Move and Groove camp is a combo of everything Launch your Kid does (dance, fitness, yoga and music).

CONNECT TO COVENANT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Photos courtesy of Kathy Pickard



Top (L-R): Terry Loeb, Walker & Robin Doermann, Antonina Pondo & Levi Flair, Jenna & Brad Poole.

Bottom (L-R): Natalie & Ryan Ramsey, Alison Hoggard & Kevin Moody, Martha & Matt Allen.

Not pictured: Ann Blinn

Congregational Life Spotlight

Homebound Visitation Ministry

Covenant has many members who are homebound and are no longer able to regularly attend worship services. The Homebound Visitation Ministry has 30 Covenant volunteers who visit 51 homebound members, extending God's love and, more importantly, ensuring that homebound members still feel connected to their beloved church. Many of these individuals are charter members of Covenant and made sacrifice in the late 1940s and early 1950s so that our wonderful church buildings could be constructed. They love to talk about the early days of the church and their involvement with various ministries. Ideally, the homebound member receives a monthly visit from one of three assigned visitors.

We would welcome more volunteer visitors! It is a blessing to visit and form new friendships. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Jane H. Taylor at jhtaylor530@gmail.com or 704-365-0048.

In Christ Supporting Ministries

The Well

**Thursday, May 14, 7–8:30 p.m.
Parlor**

Well Gatherings are monthly meetings for caregivers, family members, and church leaders who provide care and advocacy for individuals navigating mental illness. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, in the Parlor, from 7–8:30 p.m..

To learn more or to register for one of these programs, please visit ICSM's website, www.InChristSupportingMinistries.org, or contact Rev. Sarah Kromer or Melissa Harding at 704-554-2490.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Births

Emory Rose Aguilera, daughter of Liz and Andrew Aguilera, April 5

Austin Thomas Alexander Good, son of Karen and Richard Good, April 8

In Memoriam

William Holt Terry
 July 25, 1932 – March 27, 2015
 Former Interim Associate Minister of Education
 and Dean of Students at Davidson College

William Arthur Kelemen
 September 19, 1923 – April 2, 2015

Margaret Theresa Schenk Gorrell
 Greensboro, N.C.
 April 3, 2015

Elder
 Ruth M. Cobb
 November 23, 1941 - April 22, 2015

Sympathy

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to:

Dotsy and Jim Leist on the death of her mother, Nancy and Alan Atwell on the death of her grandmother, and Caroline, James and William Atwell on the death of their great-grandmother, Mary Lidella Cain Merritt of Knoxville, Tenn. on April 3

Mary Sue and Chris Moore on the death of her father, Samuel Dee Thomas of Saint Augustine, Fla. on April 4

Judy and Dan Hays on the death of his mother, Ruth Jane Hays of Chattanooga, Tenn. on April 6

Irene and Marley Carroll on the death of her sister, Alice Affleck of California on April 9

Dave & Mills Cobb Smith on the death of her mother; Ashley & Parker Smith on the death of their grandmother, Ruth M. Cobb of Charlotte, N.C. on April 22

and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.



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In your pew

Each week, announcements are printed in the worship bulletins.

At our website

Find announcements, bulletins and an iCal-compatible calendar and more at www.covenantpresby.org.

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Timothy Belk	704-804-7581	Interim Director of Music Ministries and Organist
Lora Borrelli	704-804-7562	Membership and Engagement Coordinator
Steve Carriker	704-804-7592	Property Manager
Lucy Crain	704-804-7570	Executive Assistant
Sibyl Durant	704-804-7590	Food Service Manager
Kathleen Grabert	704-804-7568	Preschool Director
Craig Harmon	704-804-7564	Communications/Media Assistant
Daniel Heath	704-804-7584	Contemporary Worship and Arts Director
Bob Henderson	704-333-9071	Senior Minister and Head of Staff
James Huffman	704-804-7566	Recreation Ministries Director
Martha Isaacs	704-804-7577	Women's Ministries Director
Bill Keith	704-804-7575	Business Administrator
Neeley Lane	704-804-7563	High School Ministry Director
Carla Leaf	704-804-7578	Mission and Outreach Director
Anne Lowrance	704-804-7593	Early Childhood and Elementary Ministry Director
Mary Mattiacci	704-804-7561	Parish Nurse
Grady Moseley	704-333-9071	Parish Associate
Jessica Patchett	704-804-7572	Associate Minister of Education
Addie Rising	704-804-7565	Director of Communications
Virginia Rumbley	704-804-7576	Accounting Manager
Ashley Stowe	704-333-9071	Afternoon Receptionist
Meredith Thomas	704-804-7579	Administrative Assistant-Education
Debbie Tyson	704-333-9071	Morning Receptionist
Petra Wahnefried	704-804-7574	Pastoral Resident
Joan Watson	704-804-7580	Associate Minister for Pastoral Care and Discipleship
Michelle Williamson	704-804-7560	Executive Assistant
Sally Wright	704-804-7569	Interim Middle School Ministry Director

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Preschool	704-333-8658	Education Wing	704-333-0386
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