



## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

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 sign up for upcoming events.

Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, online under the "Connect/Care" tab or to Parish Nurse Mary Mattiacci ([Mary.Mattiacci@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Mary.Mattiacci@covenantpresby.org)).

### WELCOME TO EASTER AT COVENANT

Our community gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith, boldly proclaims the gospel, bravely works toward a whole and just world, and passionately nurtures discipleship.

- Each Sunday, we are delighted to accept new members at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. You can also join on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at noon.
- Meet other newcomers and learn about life at Covenant at a barbecue dinner and Q&A with Senior Minister Bob Henderson on Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary building Parlor. Feel free to bring children. Child care is available.
- For a guide to upcoming opportunities, visit [CovenantPresby.org/entrypoints](http://CovenantPresby.org/entrypoints) or write "Entry Points" on your WR card and a team member will contact you.

### EXPERIENCE THE CRAFT OF SCRIPTURE TELLING

Long before the narratives of the Bible became "scripture" ("writing"), they existed in oral form as stories passed down from generation to generation. Covenant member Danette Rosenberg, today's scripture teller, has been text telling in churches and retirement centers for 20+ years in hopes of making the scripture come alive for others as it did for her. If you are interested in discovering this craft – and perhaps even cultivating it with a team – please write "Storytelling" on your WR card and church staff will contact you about future hopes and plans.

### WRITE A BLESSING FOR NEW BUILDING

Today is the last opportunity! Signing stations are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Rec Wing. Our general contractor will insert messages into the sheetrock of the new hospitality space and child development center. This initiative, part of a capital campaign called *For a Whole Community*, has three components:

**Constructing affordable housing:** We are teaming with Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing Partnership to invest in a 185-unit apartment complex for residents of mixed income levels. The building on Freedom Drive will open in spring 2020.

**Caring for children:** A full-day child development center will increase access to high-quality early care and education for families at all income levels.

**Creating a more welcoming campus:** We are improving our campus to make it more welcoming, safe, functional and accommodating of special needs.

### UPTOWN BIBLE STUDIES LAUNCH NEW SERIES

Covenant offers lunchtime Bible studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at Foundation for the Carolinas. Choose the day that fits your schedule. This week, we'll kick off a study on "The Bible's Problematic Texts" exploring controversial and troubling verses. To get connected, write "Uptown Bible Study" on your WR card.

## SEE & HEAR WHAT HAPPENS IN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel

This sharing service is a chance to see Covenant's children's music ministry in action. Young singers will demonstrate spiritual concepts they have learned over the year. Fifth grade Chorister Choir graduates will receive hymnals for faithful service. Bring a picnic to enjoy beforehand. Ice cream is provided after the concert.

- **Sing or play an instrument?** Covenant offers opportunities to fit your child's schedule, style and experience level. Together, we worship God through the gift of music. To get connected, write "Children's Music Ministry" on your WR card.
- **Invitation to fifth graders:** Join the Youth Singers to prepare a song for 11 a.m. Sanctuary worship on May 19. Rehearsals are April 28, May 5 and May 12 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

## THREE DATES LEFT IN HABITAT BUILD

Our remaining build dates are Thursday through Saturday, April 25-27. A dedication ceremony is at 3 p.m. on April 27 for future homeowner Olivia, a Charlotte native who is excited for a new beginning for herself and her 5-year-old daughter, Miya.

Visit [CovenantPresby.org/Habitat2019](http://CovenantPresby.org/Habitat2019) or write "Habitat build" on your WR card.

## PREPARE TEXAS HASH FOR MEN'S SHELTER DINNER

Next meal is Tuesday, April 30

We are in need of Texas Hash and desserts. Please place items in the Fellowship Hall freezer at your convenience. Small groups and families - this is a great way to share the gift of service. Find the recipe at [CovenantPresby.org/shelter](http://CovenantPresby.org/shelter). To let us know you made a drop-off, contact Terry Horne at [thorne@sbhlaw.net](mailto:thorne@sbhlaw.net) or write "Men's Shelter" on your WR card.

## FIRST SUNDAY TALK: FAITH & THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

Sunday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. in FH207

Amid difficult debates among churches and LGBTQ+ communities, we can find beautiful stories of love, compassion and acceptance. Hear from a panel of Covenant members whose faith journeys have been shaped by LGBTQ+ issues in various ways. No RSVP needed. This is part of our year-long *Walk a Mile of Faith in My Shoes* series.

## YOUNG ADULTS HOST LOWCOUNTRY BOIL

Sunday, May 5 at 1 p.m.

This year's Spring Social includes food, drinks, live music, cornhole and – of course – great fellowship with friends at the home of Christie and Ryan Collins. To RSVP, write "Spring Social" on your WR card or contact [Ian.Clark@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Ian.Clark@covenantpresby.org).

## THIS SUMMER: BE A CAMP BUDDY TO A CHILD

Camp buddies guide families in preparing for YMCAs Camp Harrison by helping with forms, packing lists and transportation to the church parking lot. Consider serving June 16-22 or 23-29. Financial support at any level is also welcome; it costs \$550 to send a student. This ministry supports Highland, our CMS partner school. To learn more, write "Camp Buddy" on your WR card and a missions team member will contact you.

## FRESH AIR. FELLOWSHIP. HIKE WITH COVENANT

Next hike is Saturday, May 11

Join Covenant friends and families for hikes led by Lauren Sawyers and Grady Moseley. Next up, we'll gather in Linville, NC mid-morning. Hikes will be accessible for all skill levels. We'll also meet for barbecue at Suzanne and Bob Henderson's nearby home. To RSVP, write "Hike with Covenant" or visit [CovenantPresby.org/hikewithcovenant](http://CovenantPresby.org/hikewithcovenant).

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