



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 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).

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.

Feb. 22 Menu: Fried Chicken & Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Cookies & Ice Cream

Telling the Story of Your Life: The Power of Personal Narrative

The series concludes with an interactive session from the "Book of Questions," offering ways to get to know one another more deeply. Mary Lynne Calhoun will lead us. Drop-ins are welcome. Write "Story" on your WR card so that we can set up the room accordingly.

Purposeful Parenting Talk with Mary B. Moore

In part two of this two-part series, develop a deeper understanding of your child's strengths (what is working) and needs (what areas need developing), and find practical strategies to enhance both areas. Geared toward parents of children ages 4 to 16. RSVP on the Facebook event page or write "Purposeful Parenting" on your WR card.

Bible Study with Bob and Jessica

Jump in to the new year with the second half of this high-commitment, in-depth study of Jesus in the Gospels. Wednesdays 6:15 to 8, Tonight to April 5 in FH 201 & 203. Write "Bible study" on your WR card so that we may plan accordingly.

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. **Soup of the week:** Vegetable Beef

Feb. 21: Roasted Chicken & Green Beans; **Feb. 22:** BBQ Ribs & Potato Salad; **Feb. 23:**

Closed for lunch. Visit www.covenantpresby.org/menus for details or to sign up for weekly menu emails.

LENTEN ARTS RETREAT

Friday-Saturday, February 24-25 at Covenant

All are invited to a retreat led by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, founder of A Sanctified Art, an arts ministry that fosters creativity and connection to Scripture. Join us Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. as we work on silk banners and a crown of thorns. Lunch is provided. We welcome youth. Contact Daniel.heath@covenantpresby.org or write Lenten Arts Retreat on your WR card.

NEXT WEEK

MEN'S BREAKFAST WELCOMES ERIC DAVIS

Tuesday, February 28 at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

The monthly men's fellowship breakfast will welcome guest speaker Eric Davis, a Covenant member and at-large representative on the Charlotte-Meckleburg Board of Education as well as the state Board of Education. Eric will give an update on student assignment plans and the work of the new superintendent. RSVP to reservations@covenantpresby.org or write "Men's Breakfast" on your WR card.

TWO SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 1 at noon in Chapel and 7 p.m. in Sanctuary

Covenant will offer two services on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent signaling the approach of Easter. Joining the 7 p.m. service will be the Meredith Chorale from Meredith College, a vocal performing ensemble of 30-35 auditioned women, including Maggie James, a Covenant member. There is also a service at noon in the Chapel.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS

Friday, March 3, 7 to 10 p.m.

Parents of college-age students and parents of current high school seniors are invited to a social hosted by Nancy and Alan Atwell. Reconnect and meet new people going through a similar life milestone. RSVP to nklatwell68@gmail.com or write "College Parents Social" on your WR card.

FIRST SUNDAY TALK WITH LIZ CLASEN-KELLY

Sunday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall 207

Liz Clasen-Kelly is the Executive Director of the Men's Shelter of Charlotte, which works to provide safe emergency shelter to 400 men every night all year round. A former Stapleton-Davidson intern with Covenant, Liz previously worked as the associate executive director of the Urban Ministry Center. She'll share reflections on the topic of faith and suffering.

JOIN THE TEAM FOR HABITAT BUILD

Friday-Saturday, March 24-25

Help build a Habitat home for a deserving family here in Charlotte. Adults ages 16 and up are invited for one or both days. No experience necessary. Prior to the build, we'll come together for dinner on Sunday, March 19 in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our local team as well as a mission team headed to Reynosa, Mexico. Contact Evan.amo@covenantpresby.org or write "Habitat Build" on your WR card.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WILL SING ON MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 14 in 11 a.m. traditional and contemporary services

What better gift for moms than to hear a child sing on Mother's Day? Join rehearsals now in preparation for a morning of joyful music. One week later, children will offer an extended music program at Sharon Towers on Sunday, May 21 at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend. To get connected, contact Rob Dicks, director of children's music, at Rob.dicks@covenantpresby.org.

- The Angelus Choir (grades K-2) rehearses 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. in EW207.
- The Choristers Choir (grades 3-5) rehearses 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. in EW322.
- Youth Handbells (grades 6-12) rehearses 4 to 4:45 p.m. in EW320.
- Youth Chorale (grades 6-12) rehearses 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. in EW315.

STEPHEN MINISTERS: FRIENDS FOR TOUGH TIMES

Covenant is a Stephen Ministry Church

Covenant has a team of men and women trained as Stephen Ministers to offer confidential, one-on-one support if you are going through grief, separation or divorce, illness, job loss/transitions or other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is available to be a companion on your journey. If you would like to get connected on a confidential basis, contact Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org or write Stephen Ministry on your WR card.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS

Opportunities in mission and outreach and Christian Discipleship

Building on our history as a teaching congregation, Covenant offers summer internships in the fields of mission and outreach and Christian Discipleship. Seminary students can develop their ministry skills in a supportive learning environment. Visit the Covenant website for details.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

For undergraduate and graduate students

For many years, Covenant has awarded scholarships through the Douglas E. Matthias Scholarship Program. The undergraduate fund provides need-based support for 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. Visit the Covenant website for details.

NEW STAFF MEMBER JOINS FRONT DESK

Leslie Ford will join the Covenant staff on Monday as our morning receptionist. Leslie and her husband, James, have been members of Covenant since 2000. They have twin daughters, Veronica and Natalie, at Myers Park High. Please join us in welcoming Leslie and supporting her in this role. We also wish Debbie Tyson well in her retirement.