



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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).

TODAY

THERE'S ROOM FOR YOUR NAME ON BEAM

We invite you to sign the steel beam in the Circle with your name, a written prayer or a blessing for the successful completion of the building and the activities it will support. This beam will be the last to be placed in the archway of the hospitality space and child development center currently under construction on our campus.

FIRST SUNDAY TALK WITH WIDOWS, WIDOWER

9:30 a.m. in FH207

On the first Sunday of each month, we hear about faith journeys shaped by unique experiences. Today, we feature speakers who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Our panel includes John Downs, Kandy Cosper, Merritt Hazzard and Kim Matthews.

YOUNG ADULTS HOST FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH

12:30 p.m. at Waterman

Join Covenant's Young Adults group at Waterman Fish Bar on South Boulevard for an unprogrammed time of fellowship and some great food! Newcomers welcome.

THIS WEEK

WHAT'S NEW WITH OPEN TABLE ON WEDNESDAY

You're invited for dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Programs for all ages are at 6:30 p.m., including these featured opportunities:

- **New! Seek the Welfare of the City.** Helms and Greg Jarrell of QC Family Tree lead Abundance Lab Live!, an interactive session about creating a culture of neighborliness in a city of diverse people and places. Looking ahead:
 - Feb. 13 – Dale Mullenix of Urban Ministry Center interviewed by Bob Henderson
 - Feb. 20 – Laura Belcher of Habitat Charlotte interviewed by Julia Watkins
 - Feb. 27 – Jimmy McQuilkin of Urban Promise interviewed by Lucy Crain
- **Make or Break: Resolutions for a Healthy New Year.** Covenant member John Ramsey shares "Getting Serious About Humor," a look at how humor can improve your health. Rec Wing. Looking ahead:
 - Feb. 13 – Karen Rubin on QiGong and the power of healing energy
 - Feb. 20 – Sgt. Roy Lewis on his philosophy of fitness
 - Feb. 27 – Suzi Rosen on how to improve strength and flexibility
- Covenant Choir: Rehearsals are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Peek Music Room.
- Children's Choirs: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., in EW201 (K-2nd) and EW315 (3rd to 5th).
- Preschool & elementary-age music and Bible stories: Drop off in Rec Wing kitchen.
- Childcare for infants-K is available from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Youth (Grades 6-12): Open Gym with Perrin, Faith + Fellowship with Levi.

For details and dinner reservations, visit CovenantPresby.org/OpenTable

YOUTH INVITED TO SUPER BOWL PARTIES

Tonight at 6 p.m. in members' homes

High school students will gather in Education Wing 307 for a viewing party and dinner. Middle school girls are invited to the Blair house at 5309 Winding Brook Road. Please RSVP to emilytblair@yahoo.com. MSY boys are invited to the Harriss house at 1029 Arosa Avenue. Please RSVP to sallyhharriss@gmail.com. Parties will last until the end of halftime. Chicken strips are provided. Bring a snack or drink to share!

ENTRY POINTS: WAYS TO CONNECT IN FEBRUARY

New series with Uptown Bible Study: Jump in for four weeks with Jessica Patchett, Ben Mallicote, Ian Clark and a host of curious Covenant friends for a short-term study we're calling "From 'Paul' with Love: 4 Love Letters to People who Love God." Noon to 1 p.m. at Foundation for the Carolinas. Same study offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

New series with Tuesday Lunch Group: Join Henry Trexler and Kelly Zellars on Tuesday to begin a 9-week study on the Parables using *The Short Stories of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. With humor and wit, Levine demonstrates how generations of Christians have 'domesticated' the parables. Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in FH Library.

Visit CovenantPresby.org/small_groups to learn more.

HEAR FROM RENOWNED ARTIST MAKOTO FUJIMURA

Sunday, Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Chapel

Artist Makoto Fujimura will speak on the intersection of faith and art, and how we can imagine a world which better reflects God's compassionate care. Moderated by Hannah Blanton, owner of Sozo Gallery, and Chip Cash, the National Vice President of Communications for Search Ministries, this talk is a profound opportunity for Covenant to hear from an individual who serves God and the world through art.

ART, VACATIONS & MORE - FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mission Festival is Sunday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Rec Wing

Proceeds from the Mission Festival keep trips affordable for youth and adults while supporting partners in Africa, Mexico, the Middle East and elsewhere. Light bites will be available for all to enjoy. To make a reservation (and reserve your bid number), please write "Mission Festival" on your WR card.

As we prepare for the auction, please consider contributing:

- Experiences: Host a dinner, cater a party, share your talents, etc.
- Services or goods: Ask your favorite stylist, shop or restaurant for an in-kind gift.
- Homemade goods: Jams, jellies or other baked treats from your kitchen.
- Tickets: Provide tickets to games, events or concerts.
- Vacations: Donate time at a beach or mountain home or other vacation experience.
- Art: Share a special piece in any medium.
- Household items: Give nice pieces (treasures, not jumbles!) that need a good home.

Please email Lucy.Crain@covenantpresby.org to register items for donation or learn more. Volunteer shifts are available. Silent auction donations will be stored in EW322 before the event. Drop-off times are Feb.

9-10 and Feb. 16-17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Other arrangements can be made with Lucy.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL

Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool school year began on Monday, continues through Feb. 7 for priority registration and completes on Feb. 8. Tours are available upon request by calling 704-333-8658. You can also write "Covenant Preschool" on your WR card and a school representative will contact you.

SHARE INPUT ON CDC DIRECTOR SEARCH

Covenant will open a full-day child development center on our campus as part of a capital campaign initiative. A search committee, chaired by Mary Nell McPherson and comprising Ann Ayers, Brad Gritter, Lauren Heald, Marilynn Mickle and Katie Stewart, has begun the process of seeking a director. Share your thoughts on the qualities most important for this position by contacting Mary Nell at MaryNell.McPherson@gmail.com. Here is the job description:

Managing director of child care development programs: For this newly created position, the key responsibility will be to start, manage and grow enrollment for the full-day child care development center.

Visit CovenantPresby.org/news/current-job-openings to learn more.