



SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 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).

STILL TIME TO SUPPORT STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our campaign stands \$386,892 short of our goal of \$2,975,000 and we need your pledge so that our budget can be finalized. We intend to invest strongly in music, children, youth and local outreach – and your support is crucial.



Please consider returning a pledge card available in your pew. You can also use the scannable QR code at right via smart phone or go to CovenantPresby.org/pledge.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to present the annual budget, vote on any proposed changes in terms of call and elect members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

TODAY

NEW GROUP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

5:30 to 7 p.m. in FH203

A new discussion group called *Making Sense of Middle School* will explore topics relevant to your family. We'll also meet on Feb. 10, March 17, April 7, and May 5. For details or to get connected, contact Perrin.Tribble@covenantpresby.org.

NEW SERIES FOR PARENTS OF EMERGING ADULTS

7 p.m. at home of Fielding and Rusty Williams

Covenant's College Council invites you to explore your changing relationship with your emerging adult. We'll study the book *How to Really Love Your Adult Child*. Tonight's first gathering is at the home of Fielding and Rusty Williams. For details or to get connected, contact Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org.

THIS WEEK

TWO OPEN TABLE SERIES BEGIN 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 opportunities:

- Embracing Jesus' Ways of Peace. Psychologist Brandon Risher will explore the power of language, racial bias and his experience of losing his grandmother at Mother Emanuel AME in Charleston. FH207.
- Make or Break: Resolutions for a Healthy New Year. Find out how a stronger mind-body-spirit connection can boost your well-being and joy. Rec Wing Gym.
- 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).
- Young Scholars, an elementary-age Bible study. Drop off in Rec Wing kitchen.
- Music & Movement: Bible story with music for ages 4-5. 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

BOOK DISCUSSION WITH THE PARK CHURCH

Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in FH207

Join Sandra Boozer, Covenant folks and our friends at The Park Church to discuss *The Color of Law*, a book on "the forgotten history of how our government segregated America." This is part of a community-wide book read that includes a visit from author Richard Rothstein on Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church - West. RSVP to sandramboozer@me.com or write "Color of Law" on your WR card.

GRIEF & HEALING: TAKING THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Parlor

Covenant's care ministry offers a 7-week discussion and support group for adults who have experienced the loss of a spouse, parent, sibling or friend. Contact Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org or write "Taking the Journey Together" on your WR card.

BE A READING BUDDY AT HIGHLAND

Covenant partners with Highland Renaissance Academy, a CMS school north of uptown, to lift up children and support educators. Here are two ways to serve:

Read one-on-one with a kindergartner: Join us Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A training session is Tuesday. To learn more, write "Kindergarten ~ Highland" on your WR card or contact Betty Graybeal at Betty.Graybeal@gmail.com.

Contribute to a teacher brunch: On third Mondays every month, we deliver a brunch spread. Please bring items to the collection point near the Fellowship Hall kitchen prior to Monday, Jan. 21. Write "Highland Brunch" on your WR card.

PRESCHOOL WILL HOST OPEN HOUSES

Thursday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Prospective parents are invited to the Preschool floor of the Education Wing for an info session and tour. To learn more, write "Preschool Open House" on your WR card or contact Kathie Grabert at 704-333-8658. Registration for next year is Jan. 28 to Feb. 8.

NEW TO COVENANT? DINNER IS ON US

Learn about Covenant and our mission at Starting Point, a barbecue dinner and Q&A with Senior Minister Bob Henderson on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Child care is available. Feel free to bring kids, too. No RSVP needed.

MISSION FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

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

Mission trips provide transformational experiences. Proceeds from the Mission Festival keep our trips affordable for youth and adults while also supporting our partners.

Volunteers will be on the Green today to tell you more. Please consider contributing:

- Experiences or services: Host a dinner, cater a party, share your talents, etc.
- 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 by Jan. 31 to register items for donation or learn more.

WORK OUT WITH COVENANT RUNNERS, WALKERS

Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. in Rec Wing

If your 2019 goals include being more active or meeting new people, consider joining Covenant Runners and Walkers. All levels are welcome. During winter, the first and last Thursdays are indoors. Each session begins with a devotional. To learn more, write "Covenant Runners/Walkers" on your WR card and a team member will contact you.

PROVIDE DINNER FOR SHELTER GUESTS

Help serve our neighbors at Men's Shelter of Charlotte by preparing Texas Hash and desserts. Our next meal is Tuesday, Jan. 29. Please place items in the Fellowship Hall freezer at your convenience. To let us know, write "Men's Shelter" on your WR card.

LOOK FOR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT IN MAIL

Be on the lookout for your year-end contribution statement from Covenant. For questions, please contact Virginia.Rumbley@covenantpresby.org.