



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 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).

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

A congregational meeting is 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 for the installed ministers and elect members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. After soliciting and receiving many nominations, the Personnel Committee is pleased to present these names: Marilynn Mickle, Chair; Henry Trexler; Terry Horne; Mollie James; and Leslie Pack Rankin.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REMAINS SHORT

We are grateful to have made additional progress toward reaching the 2019 pledge goal. As of now, the congregation has pledged \$2,605,800, which, while strong, still leaves us \$369,200 short of our goal of \$2,975,000. The Session will adopt a 2019 budget Wednesday evening and will make the requisite budgetary adjustments. 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 QR code at right via smart phone or go to [CovenantPresby.org/pledge](http://CovenantPresby.org/pledge).



## THIS WEEK

### TWO OPEN TABLE SERIES CONTINUE 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. An evening on how gun violence shapes our communities and how we can craft a different future. With Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler; Andrea Manigat and Susan Browder, Moms of Murdered Offspring; and guests from CMS and CMPD. 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).
- 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](http://CovenantPresby.org/OpenTable)

## JANUARY BOOK CLUB MEETS THIS WEEK

Thursday at 7 p.m. at home of Debbie Enna

Join Debbie Enna, Jacqueline McAbee and Loretta Brown to discuss *Children of the Stone*, the story of a child from a refugee camp who dreams of something bigger than himself: a school to change lives through music. To RSVP, write "Book Club" on your WR card.

## SERIES FOR PARENTS OF EMERGING ADULTS

Tonight at 7 p.m. at home of Anne and Jimmy White

Covenant's College Council invites you to explore your changing relationship with your emerging adult. We're studying the book *How to Really Love Your Adult Child*. Tonight's gathering welcomes newcomers and will examine the definition of "success" in our changing world. To get connected, contact [Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org).

## NEW TO COVENANT? DINNER IS ON US

Sunday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Learn about Covenant and our mission at Starting Point, a barbecue dinner with Senior Minister Bob Henderson. Child care is available. Feel free to bring kids, too. No RSVP is needed, but if you'd like to let us know, write "Starting Point" on your WR card.

## COVENANT NAMES DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Kenneth (Ken) M. Muenster will join the staff on Feb. 1 as Covenant's first director of operations. Ken will report to Business Administrator Bill Keith and oversee technology, property, recreation and food services. Ken brings a diverse background across IT systems, operations and facilities with a passion to train and lead staff. Ken and his wife, Susan Moorefield, are parents of a college-age student. Please join us in welcoming Ken to Covenant and supporting his work among us.

## PRESCHOOL WILL HOST OPEN HOUSES

Thursday 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.

## AUTHOR OF "THE COLOR OF LAW" WILL SPEAK

Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church - West

A Covenant small group has been discussing *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 next includes a talk by author Richard Rothstein. Please RSVP for the event at [ColorOfLawCLT.com](http://ColorOfLawCLT.com) and write "Color of Law" on your WR card.

## MISSION FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

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

Covenant mission trips provide transformational experiences of faith. Proceeds from the Mission Festival keep trips affordable for youth and adults while supporting partners in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and elsewhere. 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](mailto:Lucy.Crain@covenantpresby.org) by Jan. 31 to register items for donation or learn more.*

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR HABITAT BUILD

13 build dates in March and April

This spring, we will do a full house build between March 7 and April 27. All are welcome to swing hammers, provide lunch or fill other roles. To get connected, write "Habitat build" on your WR card and a missions team member will contact you.

## PROVIDE DINNER FOR MEN'S SHELTER GUESTS

Help serve our neighbors 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 of contributions, write "Men's Shelter" on your WR card.

## CURRENT JOB OPENING

Covenant is seeking a summer intern for Christian discipleship. The intern will enjoy a broad range of experiences. A stipend is paid. Applicants should email a letter of interest and a cover letter to [Jessica.Patchett@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Jessica.Patchett@covenantpresby.org) by Monday. For details, visit [CovenantPresby.org/news/current-job-openings](http://CovenantPresby.org/news/current-job-openings).