



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

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).

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We are at 55 percent of goal

If you have not yet made a pledge for the 2019 operating budget, please consider doing so. A pledge card is available in your pew. You can also visit CovenantPresby.org/pledge or use your smart phone via the QR code at right. Thank you for your faithful response.



~ Yours in Christ, Lecia & Steve Shockley, 2019 Stewardship Chairs

OPEN TABLE RETURNS THIS WEEK

You're invited for dinner Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Programs for all ages are at 6:30 p.m. Child care is available. Adult programs begin at 6:30 p.m., including these opportunities:

- Wednesday: Worship team takes over Open Table! Join Covenant musicians to talk about the evolution of worship and what Bob Henderson calls "baptizing the secular."

UPDATE ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Covenant's *For a Whole Community* capital campaign supports investments in early childhood education, affordable housing and campus improvements. Here's an update:

- **Campus construction:** Thanks to better weather, the pace has picked up quickly on the building that will house our child development center and hospitality space. Weather permitting, foundation work will begin by the end of this week.
- **Affordable housing update:** A groundbreaking will occur in early December for the affordable housing development on Freedom Drive that Covenant is supporting with a \$2 million investment.

SHARE INPUT ON ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH

Joan Watson retired Oct. 31 following 15 years of faithful service. The Personnel Committee invites your thoughts on the qualities needed in Covenant's next associate pastor. We also welcome suggestions for people to serve on the search committee.

- Stop by to share your input at listening sessions on Sundays, Dec. 2 and 9 after 9:30 and 11 a.m. services in FH203.
- To give comments in writing, contact CovenantAssociatePastorSearch@gmail.com.

PICK UP YOUR PRE-ORDERED WREATHS TODAY

In support of children's education

Your wreath is available for pickup on the Circle today through Wednesday.

If you need another time, contact Lisa Lindvall at lisalindvall@me.com.

*Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.
Audio-induction hearing loops are installed for use with hearing aids.*

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET IS NEXT WEEK

Visit CovenantPresby.org/Advent2018

- **Alternative Gift Market:** On Sunday, Dec. 2 in the Rec Wing (all morning), you'll find pottery, art, food items, jewelry and crafts from Africa and much more.
- **Christmas Crafts + Santa visits Open Table:** A Covenant tradition returns on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Go online to sign up for a Santa time slot!
- **Service of healing and wholeness:** A time of scripture, prayer and music is 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Wednesday, Dec. 12 with Bob Henderson and Julia Watkins.
- **Christmas Caroling:** After soup and sandwich from 5 to 5:45 p.m., we'll walk to sing carols to our Covenant neighbors on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 12.
- **Lessons & Carols:** The choirs of Covenant, accompanied by majestic brass, timpani, organ and bells, will lead joyful worship on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve Worship:** 11 a.m. Children's Worship (with Nativity animals on the Circle); 3 p.m. Music of Appalachia; 5 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship

CHOIR ALUMNI INVITED TO SING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m.

Is your young person in town for Christmas? College students, young adults and youth choir alumni are invited to join the Covenant Choir to sing "Masters in This Hall," a carol beloved by our youth. Rehearsal is in the Peek Music Room at 10 a.m. on Dec. 23. To get connected, write "Choir Alumni" on your WR card.

FIRST SUNDAY TALK: RAISING CHILDREN OF COLOR

Sunday, Dec. 2 at 9:30 a.m. in FH207

A panel conversation welcomes Covenant members and friends Ariel and Brad Gritter, Diane and Ben Powell, AnaRosa and Jose Covaria and LaVita and Ricko Hill to speak about their joys and challenges. Mollie and Philip James will moderate.

COMMUNITY BOOK READ: THE COLOR OF LAW

Covenant will host a small group chat series on *The Color of Law*, a book that explores "the forgotten history of how our government segregated America." A limited number of free books are available at Covenant. Many other churches and agencies are hosting their own groups. To get connected, write "Community Book Read" on your WR card.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join the men of Covenant for breakfast and remarks from our men's group co-leader Paul Steffens. To RSVP, write "Men's Breakfast" on your WR card.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ANNUAL GETAWAYS

Visit CovenantPresby.org for registration

Women in Pinehurst: Beauty is complicated. But what if it didn't have to be? Spend a weekend exploring that question in Pinehurst, Friday to Sunday, Feb. 1-3.

Men in Etowah Valley, NC: Enjoy a weekend of golf, hiking, cornhole, NCAA basketball and delicious meals at a mountain lodge Friday to Sunday, March 22-24.

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS AT COVENANT

Director of Operations: This position is responsible for the coordination of the church's general operations including oversight of technology services and operations, property management, recreation ministries and facilities, and food service

Front Desk Receptionist: Join the team to greet visitors, receive phone calls and help with office tasks. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon-Thurs and Friday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

