

COVENANT *News*

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Message from Bob



Dear friends,

I hope you will consider joining me on Sunday, Nov. 12 for our largest ever Covenant Impacts Charlotte, a day to serve our neighbors and strengthen partnerships with 20+ nonprofit organizations.

A unified worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary will feature many talented musicians, including Jason Graffis, our new director of contemporary worship and arts, as well as our Covenant Choir and organist Rob Dicks. Following lunch in the Fellowship Hall, we will head into the community for projects to fit all ages, skills and experience levels.

Whether you are a newcomer to Covenant or a CIC veteran, it promises to be a memorable day.

Our Walk with Us stewardship campaign enjoyed a successful launch thanks to the leadership provided by our co-chairs, Sarah and Will Gaston and Lecia and Steve Shockley. Thank you for your commitment to the life and mission of our congregation. We hope you'll pledge generously and help us complete the campaign in strong fashion.

We are continuing to build momentum for next year's capital campaign. As many of you are aware, we intend to partner with Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing Partnership to build a multi-family, multi-income-level apartment complex on Freedom Drive. And we will open a full-day child development center on our Covenant campus to increase access to high quality early care for families at all income levels.

Stay tuned for details on these projects, as well as planned improvements on our campus to create more welcoming, functional spaces.

I wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving and a joyful start to the Advent season.

Warmly,

Bob

Lunch & Learn

Friday, Nov. 10, noon to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall



A panel discussion will explore early child care and education in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, with a special focus on the work of the Opportunity Task Force.

The luncheon, led by the Charlotte hub of the Global Shapers Community, is open to all. Visit the Covenant website under "Latest News & Announcements" to reserve your spot.

A child's earliest years have a lasting impact on his or her success, yet programs focused on the development of children from birth to five are rarely regarded as economic development initiatives.



Financial Update

Pledge Receipts (Year to date through Sept. 30, 2017)

2017 Budgeted:.....	\$1,778,600
2017 Actual:.....	\$1,795,480

100.9% of Budget

Give Online at www.covenantpresby.org/give

Young Adults Upcoming Events

Join us at any time. Get connected: jen.christianson@covenantpresby.org

YA First Sunday Brunch

First Sunday of every month at noon
Join us at Babalu on East Boulevard on
Nov. 5. Meet in the FH after worship or just
come to the restaurant.

YA Book Club

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at
Amelie's at Park Road Shopping Center
Join us for a discussion on *It Happened On
The Way to War* by Rye Barcott.

YA Friendsgiving Party

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. at Catawba
Brewing
Join us for a great tradition! We'll provide
main dishes (including vegetarian option).
Please bring a side or dessert to share.

YA Winter Retreat

Jan. 12-15, 2018 (MLK Weekend)
Just like last year, we plan to rent a house
in the Boone/Banner Elk area with food
and lodging for a set cost.



Care ministry offers two new groups

Gain insights and plan a path forward



Susan Ferone
Care Coordinator

Two new groups reflect Covenant's
elevated focus on providing care
for those facing life transitions and
challenges.

Susan Ferone joined the staff almost
one year ago as care coordinator. In
this role, she helps the church family
respond to needs in a proactive way.

To reserve your spot, contact Susan.ferone@covenantpresby.org
or call 704-804-7585.

Grief and Healing - Taking the Journey Together



Beginning Wednesday, Jan.
10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

In our second season,
we will once again offer
a discussion and support
group for bereaved adults
who are experiencing loss

from the death of a spouse, parent, sibling or friend.

The group will be small and help integrate an
understanding of grief, assist in the healing process and
find a path forward with others on this journey. The
group will meet for eight weeks on Wednesdays from
6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Parlor.

Facilitators are Judith Allen, Licensed Practicing
Counselor (LPC) and Susan Ferone, LCSW. Judith has
23+ years counseling experience with 15 of those years
as a support group leader with KinderMourn.

If you or someone you know is struggling with a death of
a loved one, please join us in healing together.

Bringing Baby Home - A Workshop for Couples Experiencing the Transition to Parenthood

Feb. 10-11 or June 2-3. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m



Are you expecting? Did you recently welcome a new
baby? Covenant's care ministry invites you to a two-
day workshop to prepare for the normal challenges of
becoming a family.

- Increase friendship in your relationship
- Deal effectively with conflict
- Involve dads in infant care and parenting
- Improve the quality of parent-infant interaction
- Recognize the psychological and emotional needs of your child

Bringing Baby Home workshops help you to be the best
parenting team possible. In a relaxed and supportive
environment, parents learn to strengthen their
relationship and foster baby's development.

The workshops are led by Gottman-certified educators
Susan Ferone, LCSW, and Parish Nurse Mary Mattiacci,
RN, who has many years of experience as a labor and
delivery nurse.

Covenant Impacts Charlotte: A day to serve our city

Join a team – Sunday, Nov. 12

Two ways to sign up:

- 1) Complete the form that you received in the mail and return it to the offering plate or church office.
- 2) Visit Covenantpresby.org and click the big Covenant Impacts Charlotte image.

1. Unified worship at 10:30 a.m.

Expect a joyful contemporary worship service with a message from Bob Henderson and music led by Jason Graffis, our new director of contemporary worship and arts.

2. Simple lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Join Covenant friends for lunch (donations welcome) to 'fuel up' before we head into the community.

3. Service projects across the city

Join a team and make an impact at any of our 20+ mission partners across the city. These are nonprofits that Covenant supports throughout the year.

CAN'T MAKE IT ON NOV. 12? CONTRIBUTE ITEMS IN ADVANCE

- Travel size toiletry items
- Gently used books for students of all ages
- Food drive items - canned fruit, pasta, cereal, 100% juice
- Towels, twin sheets and pillow cases

Bring to church offices during business hours



A bold commitment to Room in the Inn

Covenant will welcome guests for two additional months

To get involved, contact co-director Lucy Crain at lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org or call 704-804-7574.

Covenant's faithful partnership with Room in the Inn will grow even stronger next year.

Our congregation will welcome guests to campus through May - two months more than in previous years - to show our care for folks experiencing homelessness.

The commitment means that Covenant will need more support for a variety of roles: driving, serving dinner and breakfast, chaperoning overnight, making sandwiches for lunch or simply sharing a conversation.

Covenant newcomer Loretta Brown got involved as a volunteer last winter. Her motivation was simple.

"Some days, we are probably the only face of Jesus these folks will ever see," said Loretta. "If we don't play that role, we are missing our calling."

Would your group consider hosting RITI one Tuesday night beginning Dec. 5? Contact Lucy to learn more.

Serve at Highland, our CMS partner school



Read, Roar, Soar: Volunteers serve as reading buddies on second Thursdays every month from 2 to 3 p.m. You will be in a classroom with other volunteers and a teacher.

Heart Math Tutoring: Tutors work one-on-one with students. Slots are 11:15-12:15 p.m. and 12:15-1:15

p.m. on day of your choice.

Highland Heroes Brunches: On third Mondays every month, we deliver a brunch spread to the teachers' lounge. Bring items to the church.

Harris Teeter VIC Card: Choose Highland as your recipient and the store will contribute a portion of your purchase to the school.

A Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors at Moore Place

Tuesday, Nov. 21



Join the team to serve at Moore Place, a community for folks overcoming homelessness. You can help by serving food, preparing side dishes and delivering supplies on the day of the event. This partnership is special to both Covenant and Moore Place — we are the only group each

year that serves a dinnertime meal to the residents!

Mission trips in 2018

Covenant groups will travel to Africa in September and the Yucatan in spring/summer. Stay tuned for an information session this month.

Save the Dates

Alternative Gift Market: This Christmas market on Sunday, Dec. 3 (all morning) offers a different way to give. All gifts and honor cards benefit mission partners.

Mission Festival Auction: A fun event on Sunday, Feb. 25 that makes it possible for people to go on mission trips. We sell anything from a week at a mountain house to pearl necklaces, and from gift baskets full of goodies to furniture.

Weekly Worship Schedule

8:45 a.m. Chapel

An intimate, meditative worship experience. Rev. Bob Henderson preaches two Sundays per month, complemented by associate ministers and residents.

9:30 a.m. Contemporary

A Sanctuary service featuring a worship team of instrumentalists and singers as well as a sermon by the week's preaching minister.

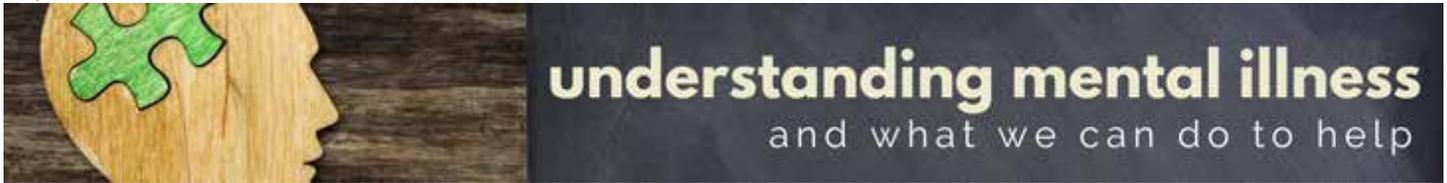
11 a.m. Traditional

A Sanctuary service with the full Covenant Choir, accompanied by orchestral musicians on special occasions.

11 a.m. Contemporary

Come as you are for a service in the Fellowship Hall that blends Americana-style music, a message and talk-back opportunity.





Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 25-Nov. 15 Fellowship Hall (Main)

Each diagnosis of a mental illness gives the church family opportunities to love and support those who are suffering. Whether from lack of knowledge or fear of the unknown, we too often miss chances to assist people on this path.

Nov. 1: Mental illness as a disease of the brain Kevin Marra, MD, Hopeway's Director of Medical Services, explains symptoms, diagnosis and treatments of specific disorders.

Nov. 8: The Need for Early Mental Illness Detection in Adolescents and Teens Dr. Bradley Reddick of Eastover Psychological Group discusses the need for early intervention. Fifty percent of all mental disorders develop before age 14. How can we distinguish between "normal" teenage behavior and early symptoms of mental illness in our children?

Nov. 15: Navigating Mental Health Care in Charlotte Martha Whitecotton, from Behavioral Health at CHS, helps us understand how to seek treatment options available in the Charlotte area.

Wednesday Vespers in the Chapel



6:30 p.m. every week

Join Grady Moseley, Martha Isaacs and Anna Rainey Dickson for spiritual disciplines helpful in seeking God - and being attentive to God seeking us. All are welcome.



wednesday night series

A NEW REFORMATION?

christianity in a changing culture

A New Reformation?

Wednesdays, Oct. 25-Nov. 15
at 6:30 in FH203

Are big changes happening in Church and culture as seismic as those 500 years ago?

The team at In Christ Supporting Ministries (Sarah Kromer, Dee Smart, Merwyn Johnson) will address this question in four sessions hosted by Covenant pastors.

Nov. 1: What's the enduring center of our faith tradition that we'll carry with us?

Nov. 8: What biblical and spiritual resources do we have for navigating our way forward?

Nov. 15: What might define the church's role and identity in culture in the days ahead?

TLC Upcoming Events

Travel, Learn, Connect – Covenant's active adults group enjoys learning and travel (and good food).

RSVP: Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org

A conversation with Bob P. Taylor

Learn about a man's journey with ALS

Bob Peabody Taylor will tell us about his life, travels and journey with ALS. *Wednesday, Nov. 8. Snacks at 10:30 a.m. with program at 11 in Ed Wing Room 201*

A road trip to Hopewell Presbyterian

Enjoy lunch and a tour

Join us to learn about the history of northern Mecklenburg County. Hopewell was built in the 1830s but the congregation dates to the 1740s. We'll have a barbecue lunch on site. *Wednesday, Nov. 15. We'll leave at 10 a.m. and return around 3 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 10. A \$12 check to Covenant reserves your spot and covers lunch.*

Christmas at Covenant: An early look

From caroling to Christmas Crafts, make plans for a joyful December

Wreath sale

In support of children's ministries

Order a 12- or 32-inch wreath by Wednesday, Nov. 8 in support of Covenant's children's programs. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church beginning Sunday, Nov. 26. Visit covenantpresby.org to reserve your wreath.

A new tradition begins

Christmas Caroling with Covenant friends

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 13 for a new Christmas tradition as we sing carols to our Covenant neighbors.

All ages are invited for favorites including: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, The First Nowell and Silent Night.

5 p.m. - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

5:45 p.m. - Practice singing our carols

6 p.m. - Depart on foot to visit homes of our neighbors (They're expecting us). We'll carry song booklets and light-up candles.

7 p.m. - Return to church for cookies and hot chocolate.



Christmas Crafts

Fellowship and fun for all ages

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. This beloved Covenant tradition is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun for kids of all ages.

Have questions or want to volunteer? Contact Heather Grey McNaull at 704-533-1380.

Contemplative Advent services

Led by Anna Dickson, Grady Moseley

In the hustle and bustle of Advent, it can be hard to find time to reflect on the true meaning of the season. Covenant will offer two contemplative Advent services in the chapel on Nov. 29 and Dec. 5.

Through scripture, poetry, art, and silence, we will slow down and ready our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. Anna Dickson and Grady Moseley will lead us.

Lessons & Carols is Sunday, Dec. 17

Featuring Covenant Choir, handbells

This historic service will feature prelude music from the CPCC Early Music Consort. The service will be led by the Covenant Choir with handbell music from Covenant Ringers, as well as children's choirs at 11 a.m. and Youth Chorale at 5 p.m.



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Four services

9:30 a.m. Children's Worship
(with nativity animals on the Circle)

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

3 p.m. Contemporary Worship

5 p.m. Traditional Worship

Health & Wellness

Give blood. Save a life.

Blood drive is Sunday, Nov. 5

Stop by the Rec Wing to give blood. Recent world events make your donation more precious than ever. To schedule an appointment, contact Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org or 704-804-7561.



Music Notes



Special music on All Saints Day

Sunday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m.

Join us for beautiful music featuring Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* under the direction of Dr. Kenney Potter. Sung by the Covenant Choir, the strings of the Carolina Chamber Players and organist Rob Dicks will accompany the work.

Soloists will be baritone, Quinton Busch, and soprano, Dr. Melinda Lein.

Nurse's Note

Contact me at Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org.



Mary Mattiacci
Parish Nurse

Dear Ones,

Cranberries are such a traditional part of our Thanksgiving meals but this wonderful little berry should be part of our diet all year round.

One half cup is only 25 calories and provides Vitamin C, Vitamin A and Vitamin K. Cranberries are a good source of fiber.

They contain proanthocyanidins, antioxidants which are associated with disease prevention, particularly cardiovascular disease, cancer, dental cavities and urinary tract infections.

Folks with a history of kidney stones or who are on blood thinners should avoid increasing the amount of cranberries they consume. Cranberry juice is usually made with a lot of sugar so you are better off cooking fresh cranberries or adding them to smoothies.

They make a great dessert mixed and cooked with apples. They are tasty, adding a bit of zip, to blueberry muffins. Fresh cranberries can be refrigerated for up to two months or stored in the freezer for up to a year. Look for them in the groceries now, fresh ones won't be around much longer. Have a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Take care,

Mary

Preschool News

Toys & Co. supports Covenant Preschool

Week of Nov. 4-11

Shop at Toys & Co. in Cotswold Shopping Center and support Covenant Preschool. Just tell them that you are with Covenant and the store will contribute 20 percent of accumulated purchases.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Friday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m.

The Preschool will hold our annual celebration in the Sanctuary with music by the Cherub Choir under the direction of Rob Dicks. Anne Lowrance will share a message for children in the 3's and 4's/5's classes.

Sisters in Spirit Breakfast

Tuesday, Nov. 14 in Fellowship Hall

Covenant member Kim Moseley on Finding Balance

When: Breakfast and program from 7 to 8 a.m.

RSVP: Send an email to reservations@covenantpresby.org.



First *Sunday Talks*

Sunday, Nov. 5: "What I Love Most About Being Quaker"

Hear from Sandy Kohn and other members of the Charlotte Friends Meeting.

Quakers are members of a group with Christian roots that began in England in the 1650s. There are about 210,000 Quakers across the world.

Sandy and friends will speak at 9:30 a.m. in Room 207 of the Fellowship Hall.

A special invitation on Sunday, Nov. 19

Join the Charlotte Friends for their Sunday meeting at 10 a.m. at 570 West Rocky River Road. No RSVP is needed, but if you know you want to come, contact Jen Christianson and our Covenant group will be sure to look out for you.

Covenant Kids Education



Congratulations to first graders who learned about Communion through Ready, Set, Worship.

Thanksgiving food collection for

Highland: Elementary classes will once again collect Thanksgiving canned food items for 25 families at our CMS partner school. It's a great service activity for the whole family. Drop off items on Ed Wing 2nd floor by Sunday, Nov. 12.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented to third-grade students on Sunday, Nov. 19 during the 11 a.m. Sanctuary service. These Bibles are a gift from Mrs. Velda Gallegra in memory of her mother, Bertha Dugger, a long-time Covenant Sunday School teacher. Join us for a class photo in Room 207 at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday afternoons

4-4:45 p.m. Angelus Choir EW201

4:45-5:30 p.m. Choristers EW201

Anne and Mollie will lead children's

activities for those in Angelus and Choristers who are waiting while the other choir rehearses. Games, kids yoga or reading. Meet in EW207.

Open Table Wednesday nights

Young Scholars, an elementary age Bible study, meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in EW218. Activities for young children are provided 6 to 6:20 p.m. - look for volunteer with shepherd's crook in back of Fellowship Hall!

Save the Dates

2nd Grade Ready, Set, Worship - Baptism

Sundays, Jan. 21 and 28, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

5th Grade Faith & Sexuality Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (open to 4th graders also).

Sunday Mornings

Early Childhood First Floor, EW

Child Care 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Crib Nursery (infants-walkers)

Toddler Nursery (walkers to 2 years)

9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School

(2 years - Kindergarten)

10:30-11 a.m. Play Time

11-11:30 a.m. Music & Bible Story

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Snack &

Playground or Gym

Elementary Education

Grades 1-5, Second Floor, EW

9:30-9:45 a.m. Small Groups

9:45-10:10 a.m. Large Group

10:10-10:30 a.m. Small Groups

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Elementary

kids attend worship

Youth (Grades 6-12)

Education Wing, 9:30 a.m.

Base/6th & 7th Grades EW318

Quest/8th Grade EW312

PEAK/9th-12th Grades EW207

Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. unless noted

Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m.

FH205

Open to all men, studying scripture and reflections.

Millennials

FH105

A class for (self-defined!) Young Adults

Foundations (10:45 a.m.)

FH205

A supportive network for parents nurturing families in faith.

Open Door

FH201

A diverse gathering of adults of all ages and a great first class for people new to Covenant.

People Class

FH Library

Adults ages 50s-70s enjoy discussing a wide variety of topics.

The Fellowship Class

FH203

Largely adults 60+, but open to adults of all ages.

Sun. PM Women (6 p.m.)

Various

Women in our late 20s and 30s meet for fellowship.



Middle School Youth

Reach director Perrin Tribble at perrin.tribble@covenantpresby.org or call 704-804-7569.

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday School

Explore bold new ways to live out Scripture in our daily lives.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

6th and 7th graders, EW318

8th grade Quest, EW312

Sunday Nights

We play fun games, learn about spiritual disciplines and pursue service opportunities.

Dinner is 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Program to follow; locations vary; pick up in Circle at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Nights - Open Table

Join us for dinner followed by games and recreation in the Gym.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Gym Night in Rec Wing

Upcoming Highlights

Quest Mentor Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m., EW 312

Mentors will join the Quest class for the first time. We will share in a light breakfast and fellowship as we get to know each other.

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Sunday, Nov. 12

Quest will head to the Charlotte Bilingual Preschool with the St. Onge family.

Base will join the Davis family to work on Operation Sandwich at Covenant.

Friendsgiving - Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, Nov. 19, 5:30 pm

Middle and high school youth will come together and give thanks. Location will be at a house off-campus.

Save the Dates

Nov. 26- Thanksgiving (no evening youth fellowship)

Dec. 3- Quest class and mentors visit Elevation

Dec. 10- MSY Christmas Party at 5:30 p.m.



High School Youth

Reach director Levi Bannerman at levi.bannerman@covenantpresby.org or call 704-804-7563.

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday School

Explore bold new ways to live out Scripture in our daily lives.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

9th to 12th graders, EW307

Sunday Nights

We gather for dinner with MSY and then separate for an hour of programming, ranging from service to recreation.

Dinner is 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Program to follow; locations vary; pick up in Circle at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Nights - Open Table

Join us for Film + Theology to explore Christian themes in popular movies

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., EW Theatre

Upcoming Highlights

Corn Maze Adventure

Sunday, Nov. 5 at Country Day Farms at 4 p.m.

Covenant Impacts Charlotte

Sunday, Nov. 12 starting with worship at 10:30 a.m.

Our high school group will partner with Epiphany School for a project on the Covenant campus. No Sunday School or evening fellowship today.

Friendsgiving Thanksgiving meal

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Middle and high school youth will come together and give thanks. Location will be at a house off-campus.

HSY Christmas Party - Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Location TBA.

Welcome New Members



Hugh and Julie Gaither



Joe Gavin and Kathryn Tumen



Lisa DeLuke and Justin Marshall



Ryan Cox and Kali Nelson



Catherine Martin



Jim and Alysja Carlisle



Sara Fazzari

Interested in Joining Covenant?

We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We also welcome new members on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at noon.

Contact Lora Borrelli, membership and engagement director, at Lora.borrelli@covenantpresby.org or 704-804-7562.

Starting Point BBQ Dinner

Learn about Covenant and our mission on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for a catered dinner and Q&A with Senior Minister Bob Henderson. Child care is available. Feel free to bring children. Get connected: Lora.borrelli@covenantpresby.org.

Congregational Notes

Do you have announcements? Let Covenant know by contacting: Cindy.friday@covenantpresby.org.

Births

Congratulations to Betsy and Lewis Sugg on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Mae Sugg, on September 24; and to Mary Jordan and Jason Benoit on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Jane Benoit, on October 19; and to Casey and Ben Unger (and big brother William) on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Elizabeth Unger, on October 20.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Gillian Burgess and Grant Mandsager who presented their son, Milo Morris Mandsager-Burgess, on October 8; and to Ashlee and Michael Anderson who presented their son, Wesley Thomas Anderson, on October 15; and to Brandon and Rob Mayo who presented their daughter, Sarah Hale Mayo, also on October 15; and to Jessica and Rob Christenson who presented their son, Ryan William Christenson, on October 22.

Weddings

Congratulations to Michelle Brooks and Matthew Jernigan who celebrated the occasion of their wedding in the Covenant Chapel on October 14; and to Hannah Leaf and Zach Leitner who celebrated the occasion of their wedding in the Covenant Sanctuary on October 21.

In Memoriam

Patricia Lloyd Johnson
June 30, 1961 - September 19, 2017
Elizabeth (Pat) Carswell McEwen
April 9, 1933 - September 25, 2017
Louise Lawing
February 1, 1926 - October 18, 2017

Deaths In The Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Patricia Weeks Johnson, on the death of her daughter, Patricia Lloyd Johnson, and to Jeff McEwen, on the death of his mother Elizabeth (Pat) McEwen; and to Irene and Marley Carroll on the death of her mother, Mary Gillogley; and to the family of Louise Lawing; and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

Walk with Us

Commitment Sunday is Nov. 12



Whether this is your first Sunday here, or you've been here many decades, we would ask you to pause and reflect on your own Covenant story.

There are so many pieces that make up each of our stories - learning more about God's word, worshiping in meaningful ways, participating in outreach and much more. All of these things are made possible through your generosity.

As we approach Commitment Sunday, we will again ask you to show your gratitude to God by walking with us. Walking with us in service and giving of your time; and walking with us in prioritizing your financial commitments.

Luke 12:48 reminds us: "To whom much is given, much will be required."

So if you've never made a pledge before, we would ask you to challenge yourself to be intentional about your tithe. Not just when the plate passes you by on Sunday, but to commit, in writing, to a goal of giving. You can visit covenantpresby.org/give to make your pledge.

If you've pledged in the past - thank you - and we would also challenge you, to really consider if perhaps this year, you could give more to support all that makes up your Covenant story.

*Sarah & Will Gaston
2018 Stewardship Chairs*

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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 5

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Recreation Wing - Gym

*Appointments encouraged. Contact
Mary.mattiacci@covenantpresby.org.*