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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

As we head into October, our Stewardship season is well upon us. We have been talking at length at what stewardship means for the Christian. In essence, stewardship is all about taking care of things that you are a part of. That can mean your family, your job, your friends, your country, your world, and for Christians it certainly means taking care of your church.

Covenant is very important to all of us. Whether we are there every day of the week or are a part of our Sunday services, we all want to see Covenant thrive. And during the COVID years, I have watched you all take this commitment very seriously. We are bouncing back: not in the old way of doing things, but in a new way that is allowing us to redefine what ministry is in the 21st century. Change is scary, however without change then the church never changes. I truly believe that the resurrection happened so we as believers can understand that change in this, and our, world is the only way we can see God truly reveal who we are to be.

Here in just a couple of weeks, we will be filling our financial pledge cards for 2024. People wonder why this is important. There are many reasons why it is important, but the two most important are simply 1) You are making a commitment to God and 2) it allows us to vision what ministry can be for the next year. It is hard to plan for something unless you have a vision. And many visions are formed through the fiscal constraints and responsibilities of an organization. Your pledge allows you to not only to commit to God, but also to ministry that will go on inside and outside of our walls as well. And it is an exciting time to be a part of Covenant! I can't wait to see what God reveals to us in the time ahead!

Whether you have pledged to Covenant in the past or have not, I invite you to be in prayerful consideration of how you can financially help us through the last three months of 2023 as well as through 2024. Your financial gifts will be a big part of how our story turns out. I love the chapters so far...let us all come together to make sure that this story is one of the greatest ever told!

If you have any questions about pledging, please reach out to me or Robin Gentile, the stewardship committee chairperson. We would love to talk to you about how your financial giving can help us to be the best Covenant we can be! I will be in constant conversation with you all over the last few months to keep you updated on our finances as we end 2023 and go into 2024. And know this: YOU make a difference with every penny you give. Whether that is a few pennies or many, all of us coming together can be the difference that makes the Resurrection come alive in this day and time. Thank you, each of you, for all you do to make Covenant such a wonderful place to call home!

Faithfully,

Darren

Names suggested for the prayer list will remain on the list as long as the person making the request wishes. After 30 days, the name will be removed unless there is an additional request for the name to remain on the list. Please contact Michelle Higgins in the front office (michelle@covenantchurchhighpoint.com) or Ellen Coppley Florian (ellen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com) with any additions, deletions or corrections.

Prayer and Praise

- Pray for the thousands of people missing from the floods in Libya.
- Prayers for Janice Gerranger's son, Nathan Gerringer, as he recovers from a recent surgery.
- Praise for the Florian family as they welcome Emilia Jane "Millie" Florian to their family.
- Praise for the highly successful Consignment Sale! They raised \$93,749.
- Praise for Stephanie Piraino who received hopeful medical news.
- Prayers for the family of Paul and Sally Hunter as they mourn the passing of their grandson.
- Prayers for Joanne Spencer as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- Prayers for Stephen & Lydia Durr's brother-in-law, Rob Hennessey, who has started aggressive chemotherapy.
- Prayers for Joe Long and his wife Beth as Joe recovers from a serious accident.
- Prayers for Lew and Sherry Stookey in light of Lew's recent diagnosis.
- Prayers for Cathy Leonard's dad.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers



Saturday, November 4, 2023
Holiday Market
Youth Ministries Fundraiser
Open to the Public from 9 am - 3 pm



**CANDY & TRUNKS
NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT**

**EVENT IS OCTOBER 29 FROM 4-6 PM
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP
TODAY!**



Covenant Church United Methodist
1526 Skeet Club Rd. High Point, NC

**Trunk
or
Treat**

Sunday, October 29 from 4 - 6 pm
CANDY, GAMES, AND HAUNTED TRAIL

PARENT'S

Children & Youth Fundraiser

EVENING OUT

Saturday, September 30 from 4 - 7 PM

\$10 per kid, \$25 family limit

Sunday Mornings for Children

- Nursery and Small Groups: Nursery is available for children during both the 9 am and 11am worship service in room 102.. Small Groups for children are available during the 10am hour. We are always striving to incite wonder, provoke discovery and fuel passion in our glorious Creator!
- Children's Worship at 11am: After a Time with Children during 11am worship children are invited to go to children's worship across the hall from the Sanctuary. Children are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary to worship.

SPARK
ACTIVATE FAITH



Hearts & Hands

Covenant Church Stewardship 2024

Girlfriends Bible Study

We Invite You To Join Us
Who: All Ages & Stages
Day: Wednesday mornings
Time: 9:15 am-11:30 am
Location: Room 10
Start Date: September 27

Fall Study: "Elijah-Faith & Fire" by Priscilla Shirer. Priscilla is a Bible teacher, author, and founder of "Going Beyond Ministries".
Study Guide: Available on Amazon or Lifeway

We love to study the Bible's teachings through fellowship, participation, and prayer.
"The Creator made you for HIS wonderful purpose-keep going Sweet Girlfriend!"
Contact Sue Jones at Covenant Church for more information.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS



Shine

A small group led by Hilah Cook focusing on engaging women to beam with steady radiance as they grow through topics looking at the intersection of womanhood and walking in the Christian faith. This group welcomes women of all stages of life, focusing on women in their 30's, 40's, and 50's. Shine meets Sundays at 10am, Education Building (Upstairs) Room 208. Leader: Hilah Cook



Discover Covenant

Open to anyone wanting to learn more about Covenant Church history, beliefs, values, and future plans. Perfect for new members starting out and everyone searching for deeper spiritual connections. Leader: various



Purchase online and ship directly to you!
<https://covenant-church.terrilynn.com>
 Support our Backpack Ministry!

OUR MISSIONS

Northwood Community Center is our mission campus located at 2409 Ambassador Ct. in High Point. At Northwood, we offer a monthly community meal, food pantry, and clothing closet as well as special outreach events for the community. We are always accepting donations of clothing or non-expired food to serve our neighbors! Food can be delivered to the Covenant Gathering area and clothes can be donated in the blue box outside of Northwood. For more info or to get involved, please reach out to Gale Vitamvas (gale.vitamvas@gmail.com).



Covenant Community Garden

Like to garden? Did you know Covenant Church has a community garden in the back of our property and we have some spaces available? You can help get the beds ready for or take a bed for the summer.

Plant whatever you like. You keep a percentage and the rest goes to Ward Street and Northwood's food pantries. If you are interested or want more information contact the church office.

Ward Street Community Resources has regular needs of boxed milk, canned goods, plastic and paper bags, and other items. Remember that hunger is not seasonal. Please deposit donations in the large gray bin under the coat rack in the hallway near the gathering entrance, or in one of the marked bins at the drive-through portico on the left side of the church. For more info please contact Judi Marshall at jmmread@aol.com.



Familiar Faces

A new small group especially for anyone seeking to connect deeper and to grow in their faith. We imagine this group is ideally for folks attending Covenant regularly but have not yet made a small group connection. This group is open to people of all ages but best suited for empty nesters and folks age 50—65. If you are interested in participating or co-leading this group, contact Ellen Florian. Leader: Ellen Florian



Leader: Beth & Brian Norris

Leader: Jason Trost



Leader: Kent Kabler



Leader: Bill Schneider

Covenant Church 2023 YTD Aug

Actuals

Church Standalone Net Income (Loss) **\$ (59,680)**

Offerings **446,902**

Expenses **(506,582)**

Weekday Ministries Net Income (Loss) **\$ (7,381)**

Revenue **283,082**

Expenses **(290,462)**

Northwood Community Net Income (Loss) * **\$ (5,360)**

Offerings **4,648**

Expenses **(10,008)**

Total Church Net Income (Loss) **\$ (72,420)**

Total Offerings / Revenue **734,631**

Total Expenses **(807,052)**

* Northwood renovations are funded by separate grants, not part of the Income / (Loss)

Parents let Laura know your child's game schedule, if they are in a play, concert, something special. I won't be able to come to all but would love to come support your child!
 Email me at Laura@covenantchurchhighpoint.com or call/text at 843-359-3886.

5TH SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
Breakfast served at 10:00 am.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US AT 9 AND 11 AM



Thanksgiving MEAL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
5:00-7:00PM
 Bring a covered dish to share.



Wednesday, October 4th
Join us for Dinner and Backpack Ministry
Service Project!
Pay What You Can Dinner

JOIN US @ THE TABLE
1st Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30PM
Join us each Month for Soup and Sandwiches
from 5:30PM-6:30PM followed by an Activity
for all Ages from 6:30-7:30pm.

RSVP for Dinner by Monday, October 2nd to
Laura@covenantchurchhighpoint.com or by
text/call to 843-359-3886.

**First Mondays at
Northwood Community Center**

5:00PM-7:00PM
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
CLOTHING CLOSET
FOOD PANTRY

Northwood Community Center 2409 Ambassador Court, High Point, NC 27285

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

1. Jordan Mitchell
2. Phyllis Johnson, Matt Barber, Addy Henry
3. Jim Pettie, Mike Ritchie, Greg Trexler, Murphy Smith
4. Mike Sharp, Skip Overton
5. Lisa Hatchell, Heath Gilley
6. Daniel Oliver, Leah Hogan, Ella Smith, Camden Gilley, Lucy Merriam
7. Gail Davis, Robin Aust, Bailey Ward
8. Carol Payne, Lance Harrington, Ben Gowdy
9. Brenda Palmer, Melissa Busick, Chase Weavil, Katelyn Hedrick, Alex DeGraff
10. —
11. Skip Palmer, Nathan Furrow
12. Wally Morrison, Autumn Ashley
13. Aaron Hilmer, Paul Green, Michael Lewis, David Hatchell
14. Dean Wood, Chase Spencer, Adam Louya
15. Jeff Wilcox, Heather Hopper
16. Keith Chastain, Sean McIntosh, Jack Price
17. Harold Ramsey, Nanette Price, Deanea Pettie, Ryan Gleeson, Jenny Johnson, Seth Witmeyer, Amaya Shackley, Emma Knoll
18. Linda Johnson, Alaina Moye, Lydia Durr
19. Sheila Morris, Wendy Mitchell, Lauren Overton, Cullen Luther
20. Darrell Welborn, David Williams, Mary Kate Knoll, Oakley Roberts
21. Bryan Johnson, Andrew Bullock
22. Lindsay Morris
23. Nadine Ostmann, Derek Spencer, Pat Murphy, Holden Southards
24. Karen Williams, Sean Sayers, Kris Dickenson, Michael Hopper, Zachary Waldroup
25. Nolan Reep, Sawyer Moseley
26. Ann Currin, Carlee Henry, Daniel Egelson
27. Brandon York, Brian Norris, Elizabeth Schroeder
28. Peter Broadley, Beth Mungo, Holly Labiak, Lawson Simmons
29. Cindy Kracht, Kate Robins
30. Evan Gould, Nicholas Schwertner
31. Dora Lancaster, Susan Keeling, Cathy Leonard, Anthony Piraino, Braydon Gibson, Colbie Bellows



Please save this list for reference throughout the month of October.

ATTENTION COVENANT MEMBERS:

If you do not see your name on the monthly Birthday List, please contact the church office (michelle@covenantchurchhighpoint.com or 336-841-3242) with your full name and birth day/month/year and we will add you to the monthly birthday list for the newsletter. Thanks!

October 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>1 World Communion 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>2 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy Rm 10 5:00-7:00 pm Community Meal, Clothing Closet, and Food Pantry at Northwood 6:30 pm Cub Scouts FH 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8) 6:30-7:30 pm Church Leadership Council</p>	<p>4 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 5:30-7:30 pm THE TABLE FH 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 3:00-4:00 pm Girl Scouts (Rm 10)</p>
<p>8 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>9 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3pm Music Therapy Rm 10 6:00pm Northwood Volunteer Dinner at Northwood 6:30 pm Cub Scouts FH 7:00-8:15pm Boy Scouts Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm Weekday Ministries Team Meeting (Rm10) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>11 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>12 11:30 am OWLS City Lake Park 5:00-9:00 pm Quilt Guild Northwood</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>16 Conference Ethics Training 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy Rm 10 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>17 Conference Ethics Training 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>18 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00-11:00 am Northwood Breakfast with Clothing Closet and Food Pantry 3:00-4:00 pm Girl Scouts (Rm 10)</p>
<p>22 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Charge Conference Rm 10</p>	<p>23 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy Rm 10 6:30 pm Cub Scouts FH 7:00-8:15pm Boy Scouts Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>24 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>25 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:00-8:00 pm Rehearsal for the Ward-Mullis Wedding</p>	<p>28 5:00 pm Ward-Mullis Wedding</p>
<p>29 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Church Family Breakfast—ALL WELCOME! 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Trunk or Treat!</p>	<p>30 8:30am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy Rm 10 6:30 pm Cub Scouts FH 7:00-8:15pm Boy Scouts Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>31</p>				