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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

May 2024

Since the beginning of the year, we have talked about what it means to follow God's star in our life and in our church. One of the most important things you can do as you follow the star is to know who you are and whose you are. And that ultimately means exploring and embracing the gifts God has given you to make you who you are.

However, many of us struggle with knowing exactly what our gifts are for the church. Many people want to be more involved in the church and its activities but just aren't sure if their gifts are suited for various things. Throughout May, you will have a chance to figure out what your spiritual gifts are. There is a spiritual gifts assessment survey that you can fill out to help better understand what your gifts for ministry truly are. Even if you have already taken the assessment, we encourage you to take it again as your gifts may have changed. It doesn't take long to complete, and it will help all of us better understand where we can serve and lead in a church that is certainly experiencing the awesomeness of resurrection right now! Covenant is in a new season, and this is the perfect time to get involved!

To fill out your spiritual gifts assessment, you can simply pick it up in the gathering area, fill it out, and return the small card with your top three gifts! It will just take a few minutes, but the assessment might transform your life forever. We ask that you complete it by May 26th. We then will put a database together to better connect you not only in the church, but in ministry altogether. We promise our database of these gifts will be used to help cultivate your gifts and to help you grow deeper in your faith.

Right now, Covenant is moving in so many wonderful, amazing directions and we want you to be a part of our amazing future. Your gifts are needed, your gifts are valued, and your gifts will make a difference! Thanks for taking the time to grow in your spiritual journey. I believe this will help you follow God's star in ways that will change your life, and the life of the church, forever.

Faithfully,

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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, Room 11.

Leader: Hilah Cook



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

Give Blood

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

**Covenant Church United Methodist 1526 Skeet
Club Road High Point, NC 27265**

01:30 PM - 06:00 PM Appointments Remaining

MENTAL

EMOTIONAL

HEALTH

YOUTH WORKSHOP

May 24th 6-8pm

**Presented By:
Marikate Tennis**

**Host By:
Covenant Student Ministry**

Pizza will be provided

**MENTAL
EMOTIONAL
SPIRITUAL**

May 24th from 6pm to 8pm the youth will host our 2nd Youth Life Skills Workshop, this time focusing on mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Open to all middle and high school youth and presented by our very own Marikate Tennis.

**SOLES TO
SOULS**

SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP

Room 6 at 10 AM
Best Suited for Retirees

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.



Key Class

SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP / ROOM 8 AT 10 AM
COME JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR BIBLE STUDY OR ONE OF
OUR MONTHLY LUNCHEONS.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WHO SUPPORTS AND
CARES ABOUT ONE ANOTHER AND THE COMMUNITY AROUND US.

SUNDAY MORNING New Connections SMALL GROUP

ROOM 10 AT 10 AM
OPEN TO ALL AGES



Need help with transportation?
Contact Laura Danford!

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Covenant Kids Club

For ages 4 years - 5th Grade

Games, Mission Projects, Bible Lessons,
Music with Ms. Robin, Cooking Classes, Gardening, Art

Register today by scanning the QR code below.



Now that the 2024 vegetable gardening season has started, I wanted to give an update on this ministry. In 2023, we had five people tending eleven 4'X20' raised bed plots. I am happy to report that in 2023, this group of folks raised and donated **395 pounds** of fresh produce! This produce was shared between the Northwood Food Pantry and the Ward Street Food Pantry. This was a great accomplishment and many needy families in the High point area benefited from the fresh produce. In many cases, this is the only time some families in need get fresh vegetables.

Now in 2024, we have seven people taking care of fourteen raised bed plots. We hope to exceed the 2023 year in raised produce.

Some background on this ministry: Covenant Church provides the growing beds, seeds, gardening tools, compost and mulch to grow vegetables for the families in need. All we ask is that you donate 75% of the produce grown to this ministry. The other 25% the growers get to keep. While we have all of our 14 raised beds spoken for this year, there is plenty of room to make more raised beds should others wish to be a part of the rewarding ministry. Also, if you do not have a green thumb, we are always in need of volunteers to help mow the non-used areas of the garden. The church provides a riding lawnmower, a push lawnmower and fuel for mowing. If you are interested in becoming a part of this church ministry, please contact Rick Williams at rwilliams8@northstate.net.

Yours in Christ,
Rick Williams"

Confirmation

A Believer's Journey

Celebration Service
Sunday May 19th
8:55am & 11am

2024

May 19th join us for the celebration of confirming our 2024 confirmation class. We will be celebrating those youth that go to both the 8:55am and 11am service.

Stephen Durr will be Music Directing Rock of Ages at the Trinity High School Auditorium. Show dates/times are May 17 & 18 at 7pm, and May 19 at 2:30pm. Tickets will be available at the door.

Prayers and Praises

- Prayers for Elizabeth Snyder and her family as Elizabeth recovers from a motorcycle accident.
- Prayers for Cynthia Bodnar's niece, Sarah Haynes, as Sarah goes through health concerns.
- Prayers for Jane Kee, Laura Danford's grandmother as she faces health concerns.
- Pray for Gerald Morgan as he is facing medical concerns.
- Prayers for Vickie Merlin, formerly Vickie Susong, a friend of Kathy Poston, who is having health concerns.
- Prayers for Ann Duke who is facing serious health concerns.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers

READ - a - BOOK

Join us as we kick off our Covenant Book Club.

This is open to everyone who loves a good story as much as we do. We kick things off with Mitch Album's "*The Stranger in the Lifeboat*".

Join us at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 6th. We will continue to meet the first Thursday of each month with a different book. Let Michelle Higgins in the church office, 336-841-3242, know if you will attend.

A lite snack will be provided.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

1. Trena Williams, Jamie Lipstreu
2. Richard Peace, Vicki Martin, Susan Blair, Gloria Brown, Cooper Price
3. Sara Nagy, Allie Brown, Charles Poston, Karen Dyer
4. Johnnie Martin, Heather Brown, Kate Church, Charlotte Williams, Nolan Gilley
5. Amarilis Durante, Kris Patel, Tara Moseley
6. Tanya Green, Hunter Williams, Bryan Cooley, Tyler Brown
7. —
8. Lois Hays, Connor Jones
9. Robin Weavil, Kent Kabler, Cal Poston, Natalie Izaj
10. Ray Gilley, Phil Peck, Evren Henry, Mattie Turman
11. Jonathan Coggins, Luke Swift, Samson Pantschyschak, Jan Phillips
12. Dylan Sampson
13. Katie Ritter, David Williams
14. Chris Coggins, Rusty Pate, Peyton Gann
15. Bob Commerson, Nancy McGee, Rick Williams, Corey Witmeyer
16. Bob Collins, Steven Turbeville, Emily Gann, Haley Turman
17. Richard Bennington, Sherry Laughrey, Mark Oliphant, Greyson Tennis, Cynthia Scott
18. Tyler Dillon
- 19.
20. —
21. Lauren Ingram, Brad Crumpler
22. Joan Parsley, Kevin Busick
23. Frazier McGee
- 24.
25. Della Reavis, Gale Vitamvas
26. Patrick Moye, Darren Alexander
27. John Abbott, Dana Wichman, Carter Talent
28. Gail Collins, Sam Escue, Randy Davis, Jessica Spencer
29. Jeff Reep, Leah Aust
- 30.
31. Kamryn Dickenson



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, x10) with your full name and birth day/month/year and we will add you to the monthly birthday list for the newsletter. Thanks!

Please save this list for reference throughout the month of May

Save the Date!



SHINE - WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Tea Party

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 2024



FROM 2:00 - 4:00 PM
all are welcome

Women's Tea Party! We'd love to have you join us. If you would like to host a table, please contact Ellen Florian at ellen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com or Hilah Cook at hilah.cook@gmail.com. Thank you!

Let us know if you are in need of medical equipment, such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs. We may have it in the medical shed, in the back packing lot of the church. The shed is not fully equipped but we may have just the thing you're in need of. Call Michelle Higgins in the church office, 336-841-3242 and together we'll see if the item you need is in the shed.



In honor of Memorial Day the church office will be closed Monday, May 27.

Save the Date! VBS 2024



**Who: YOU! Kids Ages 3
- Rising Sixth Grade**

**When: July 8-11 from 6:30-8:30
PM (Family Night July 12)**

What: Vacation Bible School

Where: Covenant Church



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2. YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME
3. PRODUCTS OR SERVICES OFFERED
4. WEBSITE
5. EMAIL
6. PHONE NUMBER

AS WE WORK TO CREATE A DATABASE, PLEASE SEND THIS INFORMATION TO MICHELLE HIGGINS VIA EMAIL AT MICHELLE@COVENANTCHURCHHIGHPOINT.COM

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FIRST MONDAYS FROM 5 - 7 PM

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Northwood Community Center

ALL ARE WELCOME.
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Clothing Closet

AN OUTREACH OF
 NORTHWOOD
 Community
 CENTER
 COVENANT CHURCH UN

**OPEN FIRST MONDAYS FROM 5 - 7 PM
 2409 AMBASSADOR CT. HIGH POINT, NC**

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED CLOTHING, HOUSEWARES, SHOES, LINENS, AND MORE. DROP OFF DONATIONS AT COVENANT IN THE GATHERING AREA, UNDER THE OUTSIDE PORTICO, OR AT NORTHWOOD IN THE BIG BLUE BOX!

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

WEEKLY REHEARSALS IN ROOM 8
 WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM / SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM

CONTACT CHOIR DIRECTOR STEPHEN DURR FOR MORE INFO!
STEPHEN@COVENANTCHURCHHIGHPOINT.COM

May 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			<p>1 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) 6:30 pm Wednesday Communion Service (FH) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 3:00-4:00 pm Daisy Girl Scouts (Rm 10)</p>
<p>5 8:55 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 10:00 am Confirmation Class 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>6 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 5:00 - 7:00 pm Northwood Community Meal 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts (Sanctuary and FH)</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm CLC (Rm 10)</p>	<p>8 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) Covenant Kids Club 3:30-5:30 6:30 pm Wednesday Communion Service (FH) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 12:30 pm Preschool Lunch (picnic shelter)</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day 8:55 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>13 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Stewardship Meeting (Library) 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 May Primary at Northwood 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>15 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) Covenant Kids Club 3:30—5:30 6:30 pm Wednesday Communion Service (FH) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 5:30 - 8:00 pm Claire Clark Piano Recital (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>18 3:00-4:00 pm Daisy Girl Scouts (Rm 10) 2:00 - 4:00 pm Women's Tea (FH)</p>
<p>19 Confirmation Sunday 8:55 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Library)</p>	<p>20 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21 1:30 - 6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 pm Finance Meeting (Zoom)</p>	<p>22 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) Covenant Kids Club 3:30—5:30 6:30 pm Wednesday Communion Service (FH) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>23 Preschool Graduation 6:30 pm Finance Meeting (Zoom)</p>	<p>24 Preschool Fun Day 6:00 - 8:00 pm Mental Care Youth Life Skills w/ pizza</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:55 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>27 church office closed 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>29 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) Covenant Kids Club 3:30—5:30 6:30 pm Wednesday Communion Service (FH) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	