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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

October 2025

As we head into October, we are also heading into our last month of “Stage I” of “RAISE THE ROOF”! That’s right, we are getting down to the wire and while the campaign has certainly been a success, we still have a way to go!

In the last month or so, your donations have allowed us to actually put our new roof on! However, as we have mentioned throughout, our campaign was not solely for the roof. It also was to raise money for various HVAC concerns that we might have as well. We are currently trying to update and replace all of the HVAC systems, some of them that have been around for a long, long time! Your generosity is allowing us to begin to replace those systems. However, we need to finish the campaign so we can have them all in good working order or can replace them if we need to. Just this summer, we have had to replace two, with anticipation of having to fix or replace them soon.

Currently, we are at 2/3 of our goal. I know we can finish this up! Plus, who doesn’t want to see me on a roof for a full 25 hours... I mean, besides me! In all seriousness, this will help us get our house in working order and will hopefully ensure that we will not have to focus on these things for a long time. And that certainly is in the best interest of everyone!

Again, if you have contributed, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you haven’t yet, you still have plenty of time! I humbly ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help to RAISE THE ROOF! If we can take care of our house, then I know we can take care of all that God has given us! So let’s go!!!! One more month to RAISE THE ROOF!

Faithfully,

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Pork Shoulder Cook

Sponsored By:

Covenant Church Student Ministries

Pork Shoulders average about 20 pounds (Pre-Cooked Weight) and are being sold for \$70.00 per shoulder. The shoulders are only available on a **Pre-Order / Pre-Paid Basis**. They are being slow-cooked in the BBQ Pit behind the church and need to be picked up by 10:00 am on Saturday, October 25th, at the church picnic shelter (CCUM, 1526 Skeet Club Rd., High Point). Orders must be placed by Friday, October 17th. Forms with payment can be turned in to the main church office. You can also contact Todd Shoemaker at 336-840-4742 or by email at twshoemaker@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Number of Shoulders: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Cash / Check # # _____

Name of person picking up Shoulder(s): _____

Please bring a large pan to collect your shoulder
For Questions Call Todd Shoemaker at 336-840-4742



IT'S SUPER

SUNDAY, OCT. 5 AT 11 AM

SUNDAY!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



**ONE SERVICE FOLLOWED BY
A POTLUCK LUNCH**

COME TOGETHER AROUND THE COMMON TABLE
WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY. BRING A DISH TO
SHARE. WE WILL WORSHIP TOGETHER (ONE
SERVICE ONLY) OUTSIDE AT 11 AM AND THEN
ENJOY A MEAL TOGETHER IN THE SANCTUARY.

GO SERVE

Thursday, October 2, 2025

A mission experience for 3rd-5th graders!

Hosted by: Covenant Church UMC and West Market Street UMC

Have fun doing local mission with us on a GCS Teacher Workday! Our day will be filled with field trips to local service organizations as we seek to be a part of God's work in the world.

Capacity for Go SERVE is 25 participants. Registration is first-come, first-serve.

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025

Time: 8:30am-5:30pm (with optional extension for Covenant participants)

For Ages: 3rd-5th graders

There is no cost to participate. Participants are asked to bring lunch and a water bottle.
Snacks will be provided.



Register Today!



**GO. SERVE.
LOVE**





Prayers and Praises

- Prayers for Polly Morgan and her family as they mourn the passing of Gerald Morgan.
- Prayers for Marcus Ray, the nephew of Brandon and Shelli York. He suffered a serious hand injury and is facing several surgeries.
- Prayers for David McIntosh as he battles cancer.
- Prayers for Vanessa Collier who is facing health concerns.
- Prayers for Janice Meservey as she recovers from femur repair and knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Jeff Howell, Megan Sutton's father as he is beginning treatment for a relapse with cancer.
- Prayers for Gale Sicard who has health concerns.
- Prayers for Shane Bennington, Richard Bennington's son, who has health concerns.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers

Cover-to-Cover Covenant Book Club is open to anyone who loves a good story as much as we do. Our book for October is

Matt Haig's "The Midnight Library".

Please join us on October 2nd at 6:30pm in Room 10. Everyone is invited.

DID YOU KNOW.....

A QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) allows you to give up to \$100,000 of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA / 401(k) directly to your church or a charity of your choice when you are over age 70 ½. Although you would not receive an income tax deduction for the contribution, the amount of the RMD donated to charity is removed from your adjusted gross income (AGI) for the tax year in which the donation was made.

This may put you into a lower income tax bracket and may allow you to avoid certain penalties that come with a higher AGI, such as:

- higher Medicare premiums
- higher taxable portion of your Social Security benefits
- missing out on medical expense deductions (deductible only when they exceed 7.5% of AGI)
- the 3.8% tax on net investment income if you own taxable accounts
- can potentially minimize or avoid the Alternative Minimum Tax altogether

For more information, please reach out to your financial advisor or our Finance Manager, Stephen Anderson. Remember that any checks that are made out need to be addressed to COVENANT CHURCH UNITED METHODIST to ensure that is not taxable income to you or your estate.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

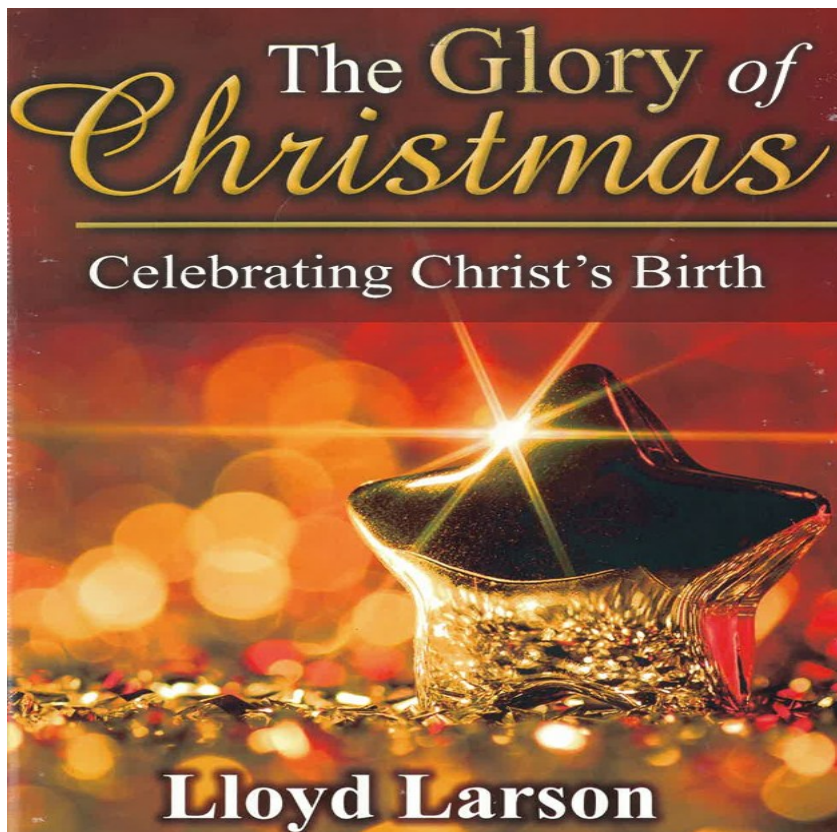
- 1.
2. Phyllis Johnson, Addy Henry
3. Jim Pettie, Mike Ritchie
- 4.
5. Heath Gilley
6. Ella Smith, Camden Gilley
7. Mike Ropson
8. Lance Harrington, Ben Gowdy
9. Brenda Palmer
10. —
11. Skip Palmer
- 12.
13. Aaron Hilmer
14. Chase Spencer
15. Heather Hopper
16. Keith Chastain
17. Deanea Pettie, Ryan Gleeson, Jenny Johnson, Amaya Shackley
18. Linda Johnson, Lydia Durr, Laine Ropson
19. Wendy Mitchell, Cullen Luther
20. David Williams, Oakley Roberts
21. Andrew Bullock
- 22.
23. Derek Spencer, Pat Murphy
24. Karen Williams, Sean Sayers, Michael Hopper
25. Nolan Reep
26. Carlee Henry
27. Brandon York, Brian Norris
28. Beth Mungo, Holly Labiak, Lawson Simmons
- 29.
- 30.
31. Dora Lancaster, Susan Keeling, Cathy Leonard, Anthony Piraino, Colbie Bellows



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 October.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Cantata, "The Glory of Christmas", performed by the Covenant Chancel Choir on Sunday, December 15th. The Cantata will start at 3pm with a reception to follow. Rehearsals will start Sunday, October 19th from 2pm to 4pm.



Need help with transportation?
Contact Laura Danford!

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Covenant Kids Club

For ages Kindergarten - 5th Grade

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

October 5: World Communion Sunday

(One Service at 11 AM) Psalm 133



October 12: "The Fear of Not Being Enough" Exodus 3:2-10; 4:10-13
Big Idea: Moses feels small at the burning bush

October 19: "The Fear of Losing Control" Matthew 14:22-33
Big Idea: Fear grows when we fixate on the wind, but faith grows when we focus on Jesus.

October 26: "The Fear of the Future" Jeremiah 29:1-14
Big Idea: God's promise in exile... God's plan is still good—even in seasons that don't feel good.

Book Recommendations for this Series:

- *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton
- *Faith After Doubt* by Brian D. McLaren
- *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu
- *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur

Articles for this Series:

- "The Opposite of Fear" - Richard Rohr (Center for Action and Contemplation)
- "Love > Fear" - Enfleshed



"You Make Me Brave" - Bethel Music
 "Whom Shall I Fear" - Chris Tomlin
 "Fear Is a Liar" - Zach Williams
 "No Longer Slaves" - Bethel Music
 "Raise a Hallelujah" - Bethel Music
 "Even If" - MercyMe
 "I Am Thine, O Lord" - UMH
 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - UMH

Happening this Month:

Cabaret Fundraiser (10/4) World Communion Sunday with 1 Service (10/5 at 11 AM), Trunk or Treat (10/26)

September 7th
6th Graders & Parents
4:30-6pm
Meet & Greet

September 10th-12th
Consignment Sale
Youth Volunteers
(Signup)

September 14th
Fall Kickoff
4-6pm
@ Deep River Park

September 21st
Youth Group
MS 4:30-6pm
Dinner 5:30-6pm
HS 5:30-7pm

September 28th
Youth Group
MS 4:30-6pm
Dinner 5:30-6pm
HS 5:30-7pm

The 2025-2026 Youth Season is Here!
 We're thrilled to kick off a brand-new season of youth ministry with this year's theme: "Ignite Discipleship."
 This year, we're focusing on helping Middle Schoolers build a solid foundation of faith and guiding High Schoolers toward a deeper understanding of Christ in their daily lives. It's going to be a powerful season of growth, connection, and purpose!
 To jumpstart the year, we have two exciting opportunities coming up quickly: The Miracle League of High Point and the fall Youth Retreat. Please see Mr. Matt for more information and to get registered.

Youth OUTLOOK

September & October

October 4th
Miracle League of High Point
8:30am-12:30pm
See Mr. Matt to volunteer

October 5th
Youth Group
MS 4:30-6pm
Dinner 5:30-6pm
HS 5:30-7pm

October 10th-12th
Youth Retreat
@ Snowbird Wilderness
See Mr Matt to Register

October 19th
Youth Group
MS 4:30-6pm
Dinner 5:30-6pm
HS 5:30-7pm

October 26th
Trunk or Treat
MS & HS Trunks

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Girl-friend Bible Study (Rm 10) 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Kid's Club 6:30 pm Wednesday Communion Service (Rm 6) 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	2 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Go Serve Youth Mission 6:00 - 7:30 pm Scouts (FH & Rm 6) 6:00 pm Cabaret Rehearsal 6:30 pm Cover-to-Cover book club (Rm 10)	3 6:00 pm Cabaret Rehearsal	4 8:30 am Youth help with the Miracle League of High Point 3pm - 4:00 pm (Rm 10) Scouts 6:00 pm Cabaret
5 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Combined Service followed by a potluck meal 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Middle School Youth 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm High School Youth	6 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Northwood Community Center 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Scouts	7 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	8 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Girl-friend Bible Study (Rm 10) 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Kid's Club 6:30 pm Wednesday Communion Service (Rm 6) 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	9	10 Youth Retreat 3:30 - 5:30pm Simple Gestures	11 Youth Retreat
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