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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

Dear Covenant Church Family,

April 2023

Spring is always about new birth and revival. For Christians, it is also about another special thing: resurrection. Over the last few months, we have seen resurrection happening at Covenant. We are beginning to see new life spring forth around us in various ways. I want to thank all of you who are a part of who Covenant is becoming. One of the beautiful gifts that God blesses each of us with is the chance to be renewed and resurrected. Life is hard. However, when we follow where God is leading we can not only get to where we need to be, we can also be transformed into the people that God truly needs us to be.

My hope is this Easter, you will see how God is calling for resurrection in your life! Each of us has something in our heart and soul that God wants to ignite and make known to not only you, but those around you as well. There are so many ways that you can get involved at Covenant and Northwood right now. Opportunities that might only happen when you answer God's call on your own heart. You will never know, however, until you let the resurrection truly come alive in your life. Why not make it this Easter?

I, as well as the staff, look forward to this new season with each of you! And we will be celebrating resurrection not just Easter Sunday, but every day after. Because right now, resurrection is upon us at Covenant. And it is a pretty awesome thing to see! How can you live into the resurrection in your own life this Easter? What gifts and ministries do you have to make the resurrection more real in all things we are doing?

I hope to see you at the various Easter activities that we have set up throughout early April. I truly believe that these services and events will help you to see how important resurrection can be in your own life. Because without resurrection, then there would be no church. And God is calling us to live into the resurrection at Covenant with every ounce of who we are. It is amazing to see how God is transforming us each and every day. Come and see what the celebrations are all about at Covenant! From Skeet Club to Ambassador Court to every place in between: this new season is going to be one of the best seasons that Covenant Church United Methodist has ever seen! I can't wait to walk the road with you!

Faithfully,

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Covenant Kids

Now Enrolling!

Preschool After School Summer Camp

 covenant.afterschool@gmail.com
covenantkidspreschoolum@gmail.com
covenantkids.summercamp@gmail.com



Pork Shoulder Cook

Sponsored By:
Covenant Church Student Ministries
Family Fun Day – May 6th

Pork Shoulders average about 20 pounds (Pre-Cooked Weight) and are being sold for \$60.00 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 May 6th at the church picnic shelter (CCUM, 1526 Skeet Club Rd., High Point). Orders must be placed by Friday April 28th. Forms may be turned in to the main church office.

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*

BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD

This first Monday night of March 140 hot meals were served, 77 boxes of food were given out, and 47 families (consisting of 163 individuals) took home 85 (13 gallon trash bags worth of clothing and household goods). Also, each week 90 bags of food for 3 different elementary schools in Guilford County go out through our backpack ministry.

Building work:

The fellowship hall has been painted and the floors stripped and polished.

The downstairs bathrooms in the sanctuary building have been re-done with new paint, toilets, vanities, and grab bars.

The main doors off the foyer have been replaced with glass doors making the entering room so much airier and bright.

The bathrooms upstairs are still to be painted and new toilets have been installed.

Two new Northwood signs are going up, one off Ambassador Court and one on Eastchester.

The tall wall on the fellowship building has been painted that will allow movies to be projected and the Northwood logo is going to be painted on it as well.

All of this has been done with grants, donations, and volunteer work.

All of this could not be happening without the wonderful group of volunteers we have for the clothing closet, food pantry, hot meal prep/serve, and backpack ministry.

There are many opportunities to serve and support Covenant's Northwood Community Center. These include volunteering for any of the ministries (backpack, clothing closet, food pantry, and hot meal), volunteering for the grounds/building maintenance, and coming out when we are open to see what is going on and get to know the residents in the communities we are serving.

As for support we are always in need of your prayers, donations of goods to any of the ministries, and monetary donations for building maintenance and utilities.

You can find out more about all the areas to serve by contacting Cathy Leonard 336-337-8639, Gale Vitamvas 336-442-3273, or call the church and speak to Laura Danford.

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 Sherri Scott's mother, Becky Phillips, as Becky is facing health issues.

Prayers for Laura Blacksten who is recovering from surgeries on her back and foot.

Pray for Shirley Williams and Bobby Wood who both are recovering from surgery.

Prayers for Bob Escue, Sam Escue's brother, who will have open heart surgery March 15.

Pray for Gracie Escue Strawn who recently had cancer spots removed and suffered an aneurism.

Pray for Joyce Sharp, Sam Escue's half sister, who will undergo neck surgery.

Pray for Joan Russ to feel the love of her community.

Continued prayers for Doug Ritchie's health concerns.

Pray for Jacqui, Jimmy and Kim Adam, relatives of Pam Laue. They all have serious health concerns.

Pray for Monica Durr Davis as she begins aggressive chemo therapy.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayers.

Join the Choir!



**CONTACT CHOIR DIRECTOR STEPHEN DURR
OR JOIN THE GROUP FOR REHEARSALS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN ROOM 9 AT 7:30 PM

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. This month the food pantry has been busy remodeling are storage area. Removed old cabinets and installed new racks. Ready to receive more food as we grow. 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.



We're Going Digital!

In an effort to keep our community up-to-date on every detail of what happens here at Covenant Church AND to be more environmentally conscious, we are GOING DIGITAL this fall. You have until July 1 to "resubscribe" if you'd like to keep receiving a mailed paper copy of the newsletter. If you'd still like to receive a printed newsletter, please call the church office at 336-841-3242 and let Michelle know you wish to continue receiving a mailed paper copy. If you are ready to receive a digital version of the newsletter please subscribe at: www.covenantchurchhighpoint.com/newsletter



YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

FIRST MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH!

AT NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER 2409 AMBASSADOR CT. HIGH POINT, NC

EVERYTHING IS FREE!!
COMMUNITY MEAL, CLOTHING CLOSET, FOOD PANTRY
OPEN FIRST MONDAYS FROM 5 - 7 PM

Facebook/Instagram: @northwoodcommunitycenter
www.northwoodcommunitycenter.org

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our church family for all that was done for us to honor our 50th anniversary. The church provided a space for a wonderful party, Amy Wilcox worked selflessly & tirelessly with attention to every detail & Stephen Durr arranged a bogus rehearsal to make sure we were there. Darren & Ellen Alexander & dozens of other friends & family took time to help us celebrate. Thank you to all who attended & for all that was lovingly done for us.

Karla & Jerry Priska



Candy Donations Needed!

We are now accepting candy donations for the Easter egg hunt. Please bring your donations to the front office or buckets around the building. Thank you!



We are asking for everyone to please bring fresh flowers to the church on Easter morning to decorate the cross for Easter.



Family Fun Day is now accepting donations for items or services for our silent auction. To commit to or coordinate drop-off of a donation, please reach out to our Family Fun Day Coordinator, Jennifer Esaray at (252)717-6052.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS **Happy Birthday to:**

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

1. Noah Piraino
2. Tess Abbott, Nathan Wilcox, Aiden Holt, Gabe Holt
3. Sam Hedrick, Zack Douglas
4. Lester Schloen, Karen Brewer, Chris Amador, Andrew Coggins, Stephen Durr
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6. Teagan Johnson
7. Bill Nagy, Beth DeGraff
8. Deborah Key, Laura Blacksten, Owen Norris
9. Tracy Ennis, Meaghan Mehling, Stephen Kerr
- 10.
11. Roger Stewart
12. Kay McIntosh, Stephen Coggins
- 13.
14. Anne White, Matt Gowdy, Alice Gleeson
15. Kellie Sayers
16. Christopher Kerr, Kelly Williams
- 17.
- 18.
19. Doug Mitchell
- 20.
21. Nancy Lewis, Makenzie Knight, Hazel Turman
22. Kathy Poston, Leslie Hawn, Michael Ivey, Isabella Snyder
- 23.
24. Judi Marshall, Cory Burns
25. Jane Stutler, Ed Barber, Debbie Hodges
26. Robin Coggins, Jordan Moseley, Kristen Taylor, Mary Kate Johnson
27. Kathy Martin, Lynn Ritter, Owen Merriam
- 28.
29. Butch Johnson
- 30.



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!



Covenant's 2023 Budget

Costs for Church Ministry and Programming:

Staff (\$485,211)
Programming (\$53,950)
Property Maintenance (\$154,530)
Administrative (\$30,937)
Apportionment Cost (\$71,102)

Total Cost for Programming and Ministries: (\$795,730)

Weekday Ministries:

Revenues \$487,288
Expenses (\$482,345)

Net Cost for Weekday Ministries: \$4,943

Northwood Community Center (Covenant Mission):

Donations and Revenues Received in 2023: \$14,600
Expenses (\$22,310)

Net Cost for Northwood (\$7,710)

Total Cost of Ministry for Covenant Church (\$798,497)

Offerings to Fund Ministry:

Pledged \$389,388
Non Pledged \$335,612

Total Offerings Budgeted \$725,000

**Additional Offering Needed to Totally Fund
Covenant Church Ministries (\$73,497)**

Covenant Church 2023 YTD February

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Church Standalone Net Income (Loss)	\$ 15,437	\$ 5,674	\$ 9,762

Offerings	142,458	132,670	9,788
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Expenses	(127,022)	(126,996)	(26)
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Weekday Ministries Net Income (Loss)	\$ 10,534	\$ (5,956)	\$ 16,490
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Revenue	78,262	71,642	6,620
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Expenses	(67,728)	(77,598)	9,870
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Northwood Community Net Income (Loss)	\$ (2,962)	\$ (1,285)	\$ (1,677)
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Offerings	665	417	248
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Expenses	(3,627)	(1,702)	(1,926)
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Total Church Net Income (Loss)	\$ 23,008	\$ (1,567)	\$ 24,575
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Total Offerings / Revenue	221,385	204,729	16,656
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Total Expenses	(198,377)	(206,295)	7,919
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O.W.L.S.
(Older Wiser Loving Seniors 60ish+)
Thursday, March 30th
Covered Dish Lunch 11:30am

Please bring a dish to share and join us for some food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall(Room 5). We need your input as we plan what OWLS looks like for the rest of the year!



YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY NIGHTS
6:00 - 7:30
DINNER, PRAISE & WORSHIP,
GAMES, AND BIBLE STUDY



Saturday, November 4, 2023
Holiday Market

Early Bird Registration
Open For Vendors
April 1 - May 31



APRIL 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						<p>1 10am—6pm Ethics Training Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary 1:00pm—5:00pm Northwood Community Center private event</p>
<p>2 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 3:30 pm Egg Hunt 7pm Consignment Team Meeting (Rm 6 & 8)</p>	<p>3 Holy Week 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 12:30 Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 5pm—7pm Northwood Community Meal 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 Holy Week 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>5 Holy Week 9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm "Luke" Pastor Bible Study Rm 10 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p>6 Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>7 Good Friday</p>	<p>8 Holy Saturday 1:00pm—5:00pm Northwood Community Center private event</p>
<p>9 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service outside 8:00 am Easter Breakfast for all 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)</p>	<p>10 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 12:30 Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:00am—6:00pm Northwood Community Center and the High Point Quilt Guild private event</p>
<p>16 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 12:30-2:30 pm Choir (Sanctuary) 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)</p>	<p>17 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>19 9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Wednesday Kids Club 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:00am—11:00am Northwood Community Breakfast</p>
<p>23/30 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)</p>	<p>24 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 6:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>26 9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Wednesday Kids Club 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>