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## Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

April 2024

Here in just a few days, we will be celebrating one of the most important days in Christendom: Easter. A time of new hope, new chances, and more than anything a time of new life. And to prepare for this time, we will have numerous activities to get us to that wonderful day.

On Sunday, March 24 we will celebrate Palm Sunday with an Easter Cantata at the 8:55 service. If you haven't had the pleasure of hearing our choir in person over the last few years, this is a wonderful opportunity to be introduced! Stephen Durr and the choir have been working overtime to make this service a very special one and I am excited to hear how it all will come together! We also will have our Modern Worship service at 11 as well. It should be a great day to begin Holy Week.

On Wednesday Night, March 27, we will have our Lenten communion service starting at 6:30. The next night, we will have our Maundy Thursday service which will also include communion as well as foot/hand washing and a ceremonial, "stripping of the sanctuary" to remember when the world tried to strip us of God. Of course, we know the world didn't win, and we will celebrate that BIG on...

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday! We will have an amazing day! Our sunrise service will begin at 7 AM at the outdoor chapel (in case of bad weather, we will meet in the sanctuary). We also will have breakfast after the service. We will also have our regular services at 8:55 and 11 as well. And in-between? We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the first time on Easter Day!

As you can see, we have many different things going on in which you can come and worship throughout Holy Week. I hope that you will take the time to come to as many services that you can. I think it will transform you in ways that you can't even imagine, just like Jesus transformed the entire world in ways that they couldn't imagine almost 2000 years ago. Join us at Covenant as we follow the star past the grave, and into eternity!

Faithfully,

Darren

## 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





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.





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](mailto:rwilliams8@northstate.net).

Yours in Christ,  
Rick Williams"



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

## Give Blood

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

**Covenant Church United Methodist 1526 Skeet  
Club Road High Point, NC 27265  
01:30 PM - 06:00 PM Appointments Remaining**

## Special Musical Guests!



The Greensboro Flute Choir with  
perform Sunday, April 28th, at  
the 8:55am Worship Service.  
You don't want to miss it!

## Prayers and Praises

- 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 Jim & Judy Gibson's daughter, Patti Akers as she is facing health concerns.
- Praise for a very successful Spring Children's Consignment Sale. They raised \$94,000
- **Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers**



THE HOSPITALITY TEAM IS NOW SEEKING  
SUNDAY MORNING SUPPORT PEOPLE TO  
SERVE AS GREETERS AND MORE! IF YOU FEEL  
A CALL TO CHRISTLIKE HOSPITALITY PLEASE  
CONTACT ELLEN FLORIAN TO GET STARTED.

*Join the Hospitality Team*



MARCH 24 - 31, 2024

# Holy Week

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Cantata at 9 AM

March 27 - Lenten Communion - 6:30 PM

March 28 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 PM

March 31 - Easter - Breakfast at 8 AM

March 31 - Easter - Egg Hunt at 10 AM

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**7 AM SUNRISE, 9 AM, & 11 AM**



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday to:

1. Noah Piraino
2. Tess Abbott, Nathan Wilcox, Aidan Holt, Gabe Holt
3. Sam Hedrick, Zack Douglas
4. Lester Schloen, Karen Brewer, Chris Amador, Andrew Coggins, Stephen Durr
- 5.
6. Teagan Johnson
7. Bill Nagy, Beth DeGraff
8. Deborah Key, Owen Norris
9. Tracy Ennis, Meaghan Eller, 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](mailto: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 April*

### ATTENTION COVENANT MEMBERS:



**For families with 7th-8th graders, Confirmation 2024 will be each Sunday, April 7th through May 19th. It will be held at 10am during small group hour. Contact Mr. Matt for details!  
Location Room 208**

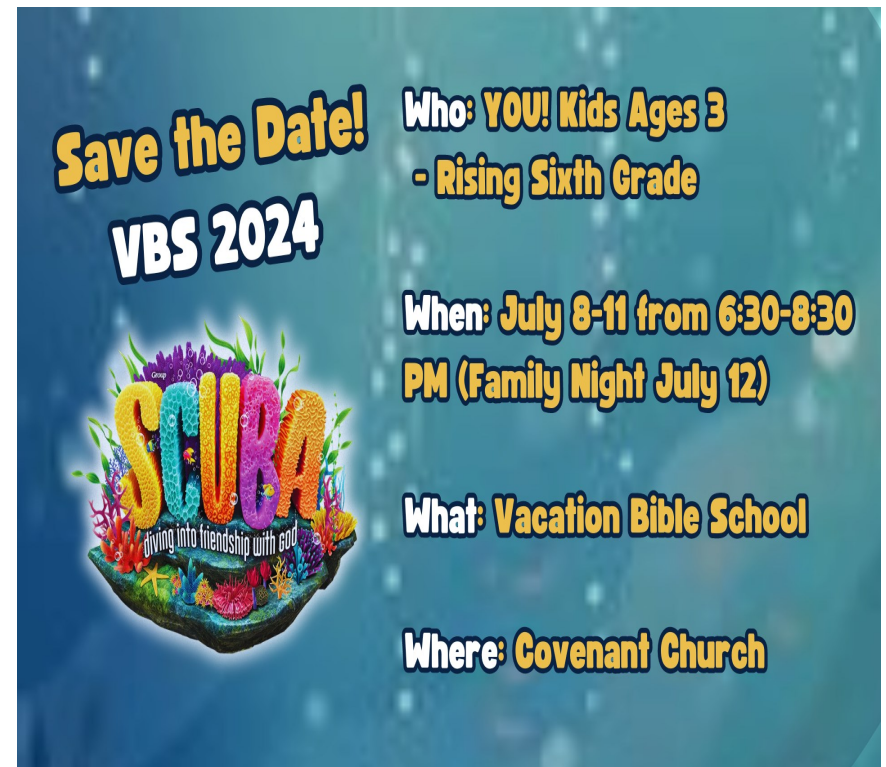


Family Fun Day is coming up soon! The team is accepting donations of completed themed baskets for raffles (such as date night, gardening, movie night etc.) and items for the silent auction (such as bikes, show tickets, furniture). To donate to Family Fun Day, please contact Ellen Coppley Florian at [ellen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com](mailto:ellen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com) to coordinate items.

**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.**

**Dear Todd Shoemaker and the BBQ Fundraising Team,  
Thank you so much for allowing me to work on your BBQ Shelter for my Eagle Project. I enjoyed getting to know the youth and your team and I appreciate the help during the build. This project meant a lot to me, as Covenant has been my preschool and my troop home!**

**Aidan Garrin  
Troop 42  
Eagle Scout Candidate**







To thank all the youth for their hard work this 2023-2024 youth season, the leaders and I are planning a day trip to Carowinds. They did so much from the Youth Task Force, fundraising, serving in the Sunday morning worship services, mission work at the church, and so much more. We would like to say a special thanks to all who support us in so many ways, **THANK YOU!** Everything we've done was because of you.



## Covenant Church 2024 YTD Feb

	Actuals
Church Standalone Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1,102)
Offerings	109,506
Expenses	(110,608)
Weekday Ministries Net Income (Loss)	\$ 16,588
Revenue	94,510
Expenses	(77,921)
Northwood Community Net Income (Loss) *	\$ (360)
Offerings/Revenue	3,220
Expenses	(3,580)
Total Church Net Income (Loss)	\$ 15,126
Total Offerings / Revenue	207,235
Total Expenses	(192,109)

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

# April 2024

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

	<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm <b>CLC</b> (Rm 10)	<b>3</b> 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)	<b>4</b> 10:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool Pictures (Key Class)	<b>5</b> 10:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool Pictures (Key Class)	<b>6</b> 3:00-4:00 pm Daisy Girl Scouts (Rm 10) 1:30-5:30pm <b>Methodist Foundation Conf (FH &amp; Sanctuary)</b>
<b>7</b> 8:55 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 10:00 am <b>Confirmation Class</b> 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 1:30-5:30 pm <b>Methodist Foundation Conf (FH &amp; Sanctuary)</b> 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 5:00 - 7:00 pm <b>Northwood Community Meal</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts (Sanctuary and FH)	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	<b>10</b> 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 8:55 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 10:00 am <b>Confirmation Class</b> 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 2:00 pm <b>DR reunion (Library)</b> 6:00pm Trustees Meeting (Library)	<b>22</b> 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	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	<b>24</b> 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00-2:00pm <b>Family Fun Day</b>
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