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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

March 2024

They say that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. The phrase is generally used to talk about the weather in reference to March beginning more like winter and by the end being more like spring. This year, I want to use the phrase to talk about something even better than warmer weather...Easter!

This March, there will be many ways to get ready for the celebration that we will have on March 31st. Each Wednesday in March, you can join us for a short communion service at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. From 6:30-7pm, we will have a short message, prayer time, and communion to help us focus on the Lenten season. I think it will help to focus each of us as we walk the Lenten journey together.

On Marcy 28th, we will have our Maundy Thursday service at 6:30pm. This will be a service of communion and foot washing as we trace the last night that Jesus spent on earth as a human. We will also strip the sanctuary that evening in remembrance of Jesus's sacrifice for each of us.

This will lead to that glorious day, March 31st, as we celebrate our risen Savior! We will begin the day at 7:00am with our sunrise service. Breakfast will be served after. Besides our 9:00am and 11 :00am services, we will have our Easter Egg Hunt happening at 10am for our children. Be sure to bring your flowers for the cross as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as only Covenant can!

So, March might come in as a lion, but trust me it will go out like "The Lamb" as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lamb of God and follow our Star into a new Easter world! I cannot wait to see how the resurrection is going to come alive in all our hearts this Easter!

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



What is a PRAYground?

For those with wiggles and happy feet, a PRAYground is an engaging place for families to worship together on Sunday mornings. The space is supplied with a rug, quiet toys, books, puzzles, drawing materials, and other tangible ways for children to spend time with God.

How do we use the PRAYground?

- For younger children, we invite parents to sit in the space with their children. For older children, parents may want to sit in the nearby vicinity, as the PRAYground will not be staffed by volunteers.
- Some children might do well sitting in their seats until a certain part of the service and then moving to the PRAYground to let their wiggles out or to enhance their engagement. Our hope is that it provides space and tools for families to meaningfully encounter God in worship together.

Why a PRAYground instead of Children's Worship?

- Research shows that children being in communal worship is the strongest indicator for future church participation in adulthood. Worship is one of the basic ways people learn what it means to be a Christian.
- Worship gives us a glimpse of God's great big love here and now. When children participate, they are able to experience God's vision for us as people of faith.
- Being fully present in worship gives more space for children to lead in worship as readers, acolytes, ushers, greeters, as the body of Christ is incomplete without their gifts!

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





**Covenant's
Children's Choir**

We will be singing
Sunday, March 10th 9am worship
Sunday, May 12th 9am and 11am worship

Practices will be on the following
Sundays at 10am in Room 103:

- Sunday, February 25th
- Sunday, March 3rd
- Sunday, April 28th
- Sunday, May 5th

Please contact Laura for more information: Laura@covenantchurchhighpoint.com



Candy Donations Needed

**Covenant Kids
egg hunt**

Please bring in donations to marked containers around the church. Thanks for your support. We will be collecting candy through March 24th.

Dear Covenant Friends,
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unwavering support of my annual trips to the Dominican Republic. Your outpouring of love overwhelms me. Prior to my recent mission trip, Matt Henry and Kevin Smith interviewed me on *The Pew*, inviting me to talk about my mission. I was able to highlight the need for clean water in Cielo, available locally through water cards that give access to the Mission Emanuel treated water. Covenant stepped up! I was able to provide Dr. Sarah with 38 water cards, enabling new moms to access clean water for use in baby formula. In Cielo, clean, filtered water is instrumental in preventing death and disease.
Thank you so much!
Karla Priska



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

Give Blood

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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

Prayers and Praises

- Prayers for Jim & Judy Gibson's daughter, Patti Akers who has medical concerns.
- Pray for the family of Jim Crozier who passed away February 14, 2024.
- Prayers for Wayne Williams. He recently had a bad fall.
- Praise that Sandy Douth is now home and is in complete remission!
- Prayers for Jan Phillips as she mourns the passing of her daughter Marcy Phillips.
- Prayers for Cynthia Bodnar's niece, Sarah Haynes, who is facing health concerns.
- Prayers for Carol Floyd, a friend of Anne Lawson. Carol is in need of prayer.
- Pray for Rick William's sister, Sharon DeFord, as she faces health concerns.
- Praise for the collection of 1051 items from the Super Bowl Can Goods Challenge. All items will be distributed at Northwood.
- Prayers for Jennifer Esarey as she mourns the loss of her uncle.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers



Wednesday Lenten Worship

Communion Service Each Wednesday in Lent for all ages
from 6:30 – 7:00 pm beginning Wednesday, February 21



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

1. —
2. Harrison Strag, Payton Aust
3. Kellie Whelan
4. Peggy Kozuch, Jimmy James
5. Dave McIntosh, Bob Satterfield
6. Carroll Moseley
7. Bucky Snider, Susan Garren, Kara Bense
8. Merle Little, Tom Bush, Susan Williford, Kevin Smith, Cody Weavil, Gail Satterfield
9. —
10. Mark Pyles, Linda Overton, Patrick Knoll
11. Phyllis Hobson, Bill Schneider, Jeff Crumpler, Jenna Burns, Libby Justice, Abby Repko
12. —
13. —
14. Karla Priska, Ben Strag
15. Julie Daniel, Cara Davis, Lauren Matlosz
16. Jeff Stewart, Cindy Clinch, Sarah Overton, Ayden Flanagan
17. Fred Harrill, Stephanie Piraino
18. Beth Berry, Mark Schroeder, Savannah Peck
19. George Parker, Phil Hall
20. Andrew Welborn, Austin Crouell
21. Pam Smith, Camden Saylor
22. Tanner Royals
23. Lorraine Thielmann
24. Gayle Beal
25. Beth Riggsbee
26. Dave Scott, Jake Riggsbee
27. Sharon Kilpatrick
28. Deb Davis, Olivia Massengale
29. Susan Johnson, Arjun Patel, Alyssa Sutton
30. Clem Richardson, Barb Collins, Turner Holt
31. Garrett Williams



Please save this list for reference throughout the month of March

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!



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

HELP PROVIDE DINNER FOR THE YOUTH DURING SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

CONTACT MR. MATT
Matt@covenantchurchhighpoint.com

Covenant Kids Ministry

Preschool
336-841-8847

After School & Summer Camp
336-881-4030

Come Grow With Us

NOW ENROLLING

Covenant Church 2024 YTD Jan

	<u>Actuals</u>
	\$
Church Standalone Net Income (Loss)	19,617
Offerings	69,226
Expenses	(49,609)
	\$
Weekday Ministries Net Income (Loss)	12,957
Revenue	45,524
Expenses	(32,567)
	\$
Northwood Community Net Income (Loss) *	1,194
Offerings/Revenue	2,765
Expenses	(1,571)
	\$
Total Church Net Income (Loss)	33,768
Total Offerings / Revenue	117,515
Total Expenses	(83,747)

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

* Irish Blessing *

May the road rise to meet you.
 May the wind always be at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 And rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



The Chancel Choir will be performing *The Song Everlasting: A Sacred Cantata Based on Early American Songs* by Joseph M. Martin at the 9am service on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.



Handbell Ringers wanted!

If you're interested in playing in a handbell choir for the March 31st Easter Sunday Traditional Service, rehearsals start soon! see Stephen Durr or email him at stephen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com.



Covenant's Kids
consignment sale



March 13-16th

at Covenant Church United Methodist — 1526 Skeet Club Road, High Point

Consignor & Volunteer Presale:

Wednesday, March 13th

TICKET ONLY

Visit www.covenantconsign.com to sign up for a volunteer shift and earn TWO tickets to our presale AND free childcare while you shop!

Public Sale Dates:

Thursday, March 14th • 5pm - 9pm

Friday, March 15th • 9am - 8pm

1hr FREE childcare for shoppers

Saturday, March 16th • 8am - 12pm

Most Items HALF PRICE



Over 25,000 items!

Scan the QR code to visit our Facebook page for the latest contests and giveaways!!



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March 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					1	2 3:00pm-4:00pm Daisy Girl Scouts (Rm 10)
3 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group	4 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) 7:00-8:15pm Boy Scouts (Sanctuary and FH)	5 6:30 pm CLC (Rm 10)	6 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) 6:30pm Lent Communion Service (Sanctuary) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)	7	8	9 Youth Task force in Kernersville
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24 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Easter Cantata 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 31 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 7:45 am Breakfast 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Easter egg hunt 11:00 am Worship	25 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	26 1:30pm –6:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FH) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	27 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) 6:30 pm Lent Communion Service 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)	28 Holy Thursday 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Worship	29 Good Friday Church Office Closed	30