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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

February 2024

Over January we have been talking about what it means to, “follow the star”. Following is something that we will be doing over this entire year: following each other to make the world a better place, following our past in the present moments to make a brighter future, and most of all following God.

Throughout Lent we will have a new worship service that I hope you will not only follow, but it will also become a part of your Lenten devotion. Each Wednesday of Lent, we will have a short (20-25 minute) communion service. This will be a time of personal reflection, community, and to have the sacrament of communion. I think these services will be powerful, but more than that will allow us another opportunity to come together as a community to be in worship. My hope is that in 2024 you will make worship a central part of you following God. Whether it is on Sunday in person, on-line, and/or worshipping with us on Wednesday nights, God has given us the opportunity to worship so that we can truly learn what it means to follow God. Whenever we gather to worship, we are blessed in ways that cannot be duplicated. It can, however, transform who we are individually and collectively. Which is exactly what God wants from each of us!

Also, be sure to look in this newsletter for other events that will be taking place in or around Lent, including our Shrove Tuesday pancake meal on February 13 as well as our Ash Wednesday service on February 14. There are so many ways that you can better learn to follow where God is leading you at Covenant Church United Methodist. I hope you will come and join us for each step of the journey!

Star Gazing...and Following...

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, Education Building (Upstairs) Room 11. Leader: Hilah Cook



Discover Covenant

Open to anyone wanting to learn more about Covenant Church history, beliefs, values, and future plans. Perfect for new members starting out and everyone searching for deeper spiritual connections. Leader: various



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.



Familiar Faces

A new small group especially for anyone seeking to connect deeper and to grow in their faith. We imagine this group is ideally for folks attending Covenant regularly but have not yet made a small group connection. This group is open to people of all ages but best suited for empty nesters and folks age 50—65
Leader: Judi Marshall



Leader: Beth & Brian Norris



Leader: Jason Trost



Leader: Kent Kabler



Leader: Bill Schneider

Covenant Church 2023 YTD Dec

	<u>Actuals</u>
	\$
Church Standalone Net Income (Loss)	(66,302)

Offerings	684,419
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Expenses	(750,722)
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	\$
Weekday Ministries Net Income (Loss)	(9,986)

Revenue	452,111
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Expenses	(462,097)
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Northwood Community Net Income (Loss)	\$
*	(525)

Offerings	11,812
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Expenses	(12,337)
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Total Church Net Income (Loss)	(76,813)

Total Offerings / Revenue	1,148,343
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Total Expenses	(1,225,156)
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* Northwood renovations are funded by separate grants, not part of the Income / (Loss)



Prayers and Praises

- Praise that Sandy Doult is now home.
- Prayers for Rick Williams and his family as they mourn the passing of Rick's uncle, Herby Akins.
- Prayers for Jan Phillips as she mourns the passing of her daughter Marcy Phillips.
- Prayers for Elaine Swift and her family as they mourn the passing of Elaine's mom on 1-16-2024.
- Prayers for Cynthia Bodnar's niece, Sarah Haynes, who is facing health concerns.
- Prayers Anne Lawson, as she mourns the passing of her friend Linda Sims.
- Prayers for Carol Floyd, a friend of Anne Lawson. Carol is in need of prayer.
- Prayers for David Kerr as he recovers from a surgical procedure.
- Pray for Rick William's sister, Sharon DeFord, as she faces health concerns.
- Prayers for Richard Bennington's son, Shayne Bennington, as he undergoes medical issues.
- Prayers for Joe Long and his wife Beth as Joe recovers from a serious accident.
- Prayers for Lew and Sherry Stookey in light of Lew's recent diagnosis.
- Prayers for Cathy Leonard's dad .

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

1. Nikki Gentile, Dawn Kearns, Lew Stookey
2. Lee Whitaker, Susan Anderson, Julie Izaj, William Wilcox
3. Bob Parsley
4. Gregg Weigel
5. Debbie Grant, Tate Tennis
6. Becky Smith, William York
7. Brian Manley
8. Scott Ingram, Sadie Mincy
9. Bud Blower, Jackson Ivey
10. Melissa Burgemeister
11. Sue Commerson, Frazier McGee
12. Sylvia Hines, Amy Wilcox, Quentin DeGraff, Ohara McCoy
13. Linda Richardson, Matt Caso, Jack Brown, Erin Rudolph, Sandy Douth
14. Hilah Cook
15. Cobi Ingram, Chloe Gibson
16. John Faircloth
17. Linda Schneider, Sue Jones, Mary Ellen Smith, Lisa Bradshaw, Connie Cooley
18. Sara Escue, Mike Vitamvas, Christy Leimone, Anna Knight, Emery Summey
19. Trina Sampson
20. Shirley Williams, Evelyn McKnight
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22. Clark Singleton, Mitch Peck, Madison Collins, Olivia Shoemaker, Ben Knight, Madison Gann
23. Garry Kearns, Kelly Johnson
24. Jean Utley, Matthew Ritchie
25. Roy Wood
26. Marikate Tennis, Tori Shelton
27. Halli Hogan, Jack Dyer, Micah Burgemeister
28. Greg Leimone
29. Gayle Brown

Please save this list for reference throughout the month of February

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!





Sunday, February 11th at 5:45pm everyone is invited to a Covenant Student Ministries Event in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to watch the **Souper Bowl Game** (we are not allowed to say Super Bowl due to infringement rites with the NFL) on the big screen. Games and soup will be provided, but you are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with everyone as well as canned foods which will be donated for Northwood Community Center. There are 2 teams that will collect canned goods and whichever team gets the most cans wins! Laura and Matt are team “children and youth”, Darren and Ellen are team “adults and seniors”. Fill the boxes to the brim and the losers will get a pie to the face!

HELP PROVIDE DINNER FOR THE YOUTH DURING SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP



CONTACT MR. MATT

Matt@covenantchurchhighpoint.com



We give a big Covenant Church welcome to our newest members, Herb and Cheryl Bolick! We're so happy to have you as a part of our family.



This year we are trying to offer workshops for youth in many different areas to help prepare them for life. This February we have a representative from Pinnacle Bank to talk to us about the importance of saving, budgeting, and planning. It's important that as youth and young adults we understand how to better position ourselves financially so that we can make sound decisions with our money. The class will be for youth ranging from 6th-12th graders. There's no better time to start learning about finances than now.



NORTHWOOD CLOTHING CLOSET

DONATIONS NEEDED

SPECIFIC NEEDS:

- 13 GALLON SIZE TRASH BAGS
- KIDS WINTER CLOTHES
- KIDS TOYS
- HOUSEWARES: KITCHEN, BATHROOM, LINENS, ETC.
- HOUSEHOLD DECOR
- MEN'S SHIRTS (S, M, L)
- PAPER TOWELS
- CLOROX WIPES
- TOILET PAPER



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.

First rehearsal will be Sunday, February 18, 2-4 pm in the Key Room. If you're interested in performing this work, and other wonderful anthems, feel free to contact director Stephen Durr.



Handbell Ringers wanted!

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



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
PAINT PARTY

THURSDAY, FEB. 29 AT 7:00 PM
STEP BY STEP CANVAS PAINT PARTY
LED BY ARTIST PAGE GLEESON
\$20 PER PERSON / SIGN UP BY FEB.18
FOLLOW QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



SCAN ME

February 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 4:00pm Dominican Republic group will pack for their trip (Rm 6)	2	3 3:00pm-4:00pm Daisy Girl Scouts (Rm 10)
4 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	5 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)	6 6:30 pm CLC (Rm 10)	7 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 6) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)	8	9	10
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