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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

November 2023

As we approach November, there are many things that we are thankful for here at Covenant. We have various activities that are going on throughout the month that will keep Covenant very busy. Here are some that I am very thankful for!

On November 1 we will meet at “The Table” for soup, sandwiches, and a program on the history of All Saints. This will lead into our November 5 worship, as we will celebrate our Saints at both our 9 and 11 AM services. We hope that you will come as we remember the lives of our family and friends who have shaped each of us in so many ways. It will be a very special time for the Covenant community.

On November 19, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving dinner! It will be from 5-7 PM. If you have ever been to our dinner, then you know what a wonderful, amazing time it is! All we ask is that you bring a dish that you can share with others. This event is one of a kind, and we hope you and your family will come and be a part!

On November 29th, we will begin an Advent Bible Study on the United Methodist Church: Past, Present, and Future. This three-week series will talk about who we were, who we are, and who we are going to be. I am excited to lead this, and I think all of us will get a ton of information about who we truly are called to be in this season. It will be offered in person, as well as Zoom so I hope you will make all effort to be a part of this study!

These are just a few of the things that we are offering in November. Please take a second to peruse the entire newsletter. We have various activities and ministries going on throughout the month not only on our Covenant campus but our Skeet Club Road campus as well. So much to be thankful for here at Covenant...let us come together and give thanks to the God that has given us so much, including each other!

Faithfully,

Darren

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

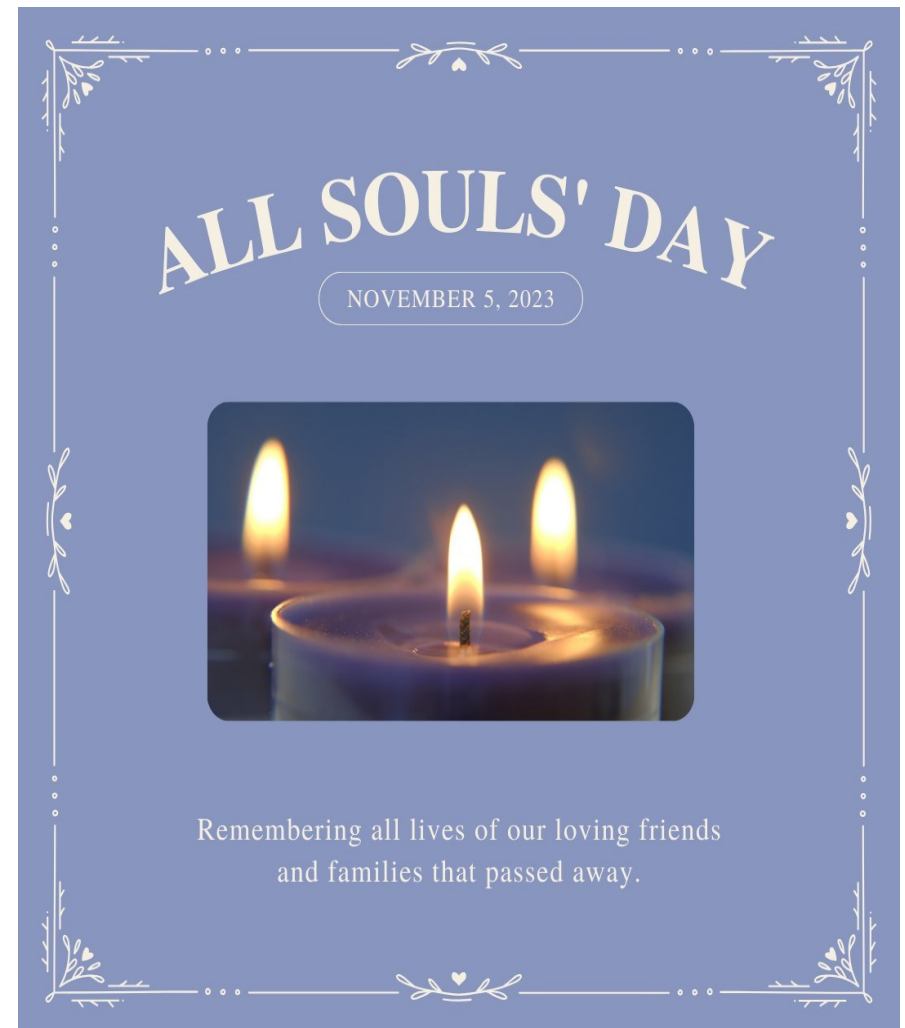
- Pray for peace in Israel and the Gaza region.
- Prayers for Joe Long and his wife Beth as Joe recovers from a serious accident.
- Prayers for Lew and Sherry Stookey in light of Lew's recent diagnosis.
- Prayers for Cathy Leonard's dad.
- Congratulations to Mark Steed and Sonja Thompson on their marriage which was held November 4th.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers



Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Charge Conference 6:30pm in Room 10

The charge conference sessions are open meetings in The United Methodist Church. If you are not a member of our church council/charge conference, you are invited to attend. However, only elected church council/charge conference members will be able to participate in the meeting and vote.



Wednesday, November 1st
Join us for an All Saints
Day Party!

JOIN US @ THE TABLE

1st Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30PM
Join us in November for Potato Soup from
5:30PM-6:30PM followed by an Activity for all
Ages from 6:30-7:30pm.

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are available
each month. Pay what you can dinner.
Questions reach out to Laura at
Laura@covenantchurchhighpoint.com

OWLS

(60ish+)

Thursday, November 9th @ 11:30am
**Join us for a fun time of fellowship, food
and games!**

Bring a dish to share. If you are not able to bring a dish no worries
there will be plenty.
Fellowship Hall at Covenant Church

Sunday Mornings for Children

- Nursery and Small Groups: Nursery is available for children during both the 9 am and 11am worship service in room 102.. Small Groups for children are available during the 10am hour. We are always striving to incite wonder, provoke discovery and fuel passion in our glorious Creator!
- Children's Worship at 11am: After a Time with Children during 11am worship children are invited to go to children's worship across the hall from the Sanctuary.
 - Children are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary to worship.

SPARK
ACTIVATE FAITH

Girlfriends Bible Study

We Invite You To Join Us
Who: All Ages & Stages
Day: Wednesday mornings
Time: 9:15 am-11:30 am
Location: Room 10
Start Date: September 27

Fall Study: "Elijah-Faith & Fire" by Priscilla Shirer. Priscilla is a Bible teacher, author, and founder of "Going Beyond Ministries".
Study Guide: Available on Amazon or Lifeway

We love to study the Bible's teachings through fellowship, participation, and prayer.
"The Creator made you for HIS wonderful purpose-keep going Sweet Girlfriend!"
Contact Sue Jones at Covenant Church for more information.

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 208. Leader: Hilah Cook



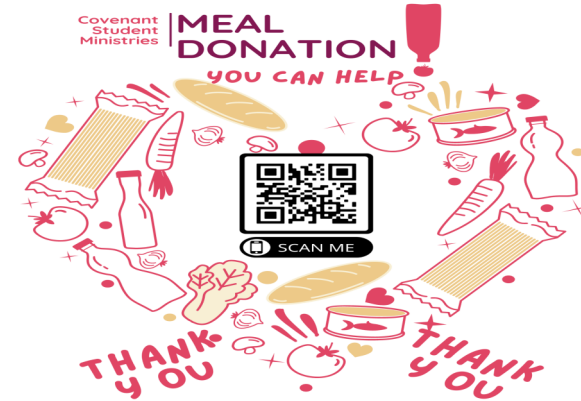
Discover Covenant

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



Now is the time to take advantage of
THE YOUTH TASK FORCE.

For a donation, the youth will come and rake leaves, bring holiday decorations down from the attic, spread mulch, anything you may need. Call Matt Henry at 757-350-0935 to deploy his troops!



Purchase online and ship directly to you!
<https://covenant-church.terri Lynn.com>
Support our Backpack Ministry!

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.



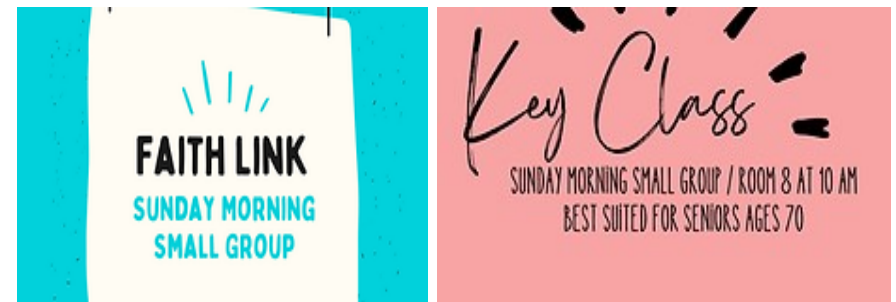
Familiar Faces

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. If you are interested in participating or co-leading this group, contact Ellen Florian. Leader: Ellen Florian



Leader: Beth & Brian Norris

Leader: Jason Trost



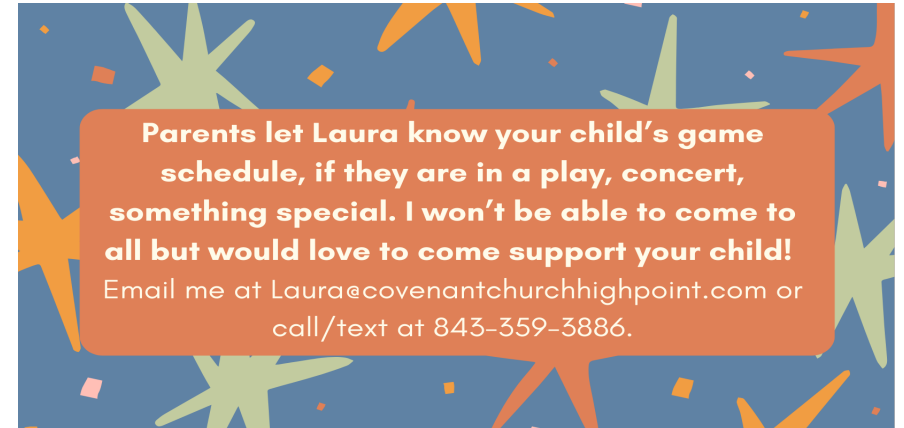
Leader: Kent Kabler

Leader: Bill Schneider

Covenant Church 2023 YTD Sep

	Actuals
	\$
Church Standalone Net Income (Loss)	(81,138)
Offerings	489,147
Expenses	(570,285)
	\$
Weekday Ministries Net Income (Loss)	(13,941)
Revenue	324,448
Expenses	(338,389)
	\$
Northwood Community Net Income (Loss) *	(4,680)
Offerings	5,375
Expenses	(10,054)
	\$
Total Church Net Income (Loss)	(99,759)
Total Offerings / Revenue	818,969
Total Expenses	(918,729)

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



American Red Cross

Blood Services

Give Blood

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

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



This year's **Holiday Market** is November 4, from 9am to 3pm. There will be 40+ crafters, artisans, and small businesses inside the church with their crafts, offering seasonal and holiday themed décor, pottery, hand sewed items, woodwork, soaps, dog treats and more. In addition, there will be fun throughout the day including visits with Santas, free hot cider and multiple door prizes. There will also be pulled pork, hot dogs, and pimento cheese sandwiches for purchase. Sausage biscuits will be available for sale in the morning.



Holiday MARKET
Nov 4
9am-3pm
Covenant Church
1526 Skeet Club Rd
High Point



First Mondays at
Northwood Community Center
5:00PM-7:00PM
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
CLOTHING CLOSET
FOOD PANTRY
Northwood Community Center 2409 Ambassador Court, High Point, NC 27285

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

1. Kent Simmons
2. Connie Peace, Tia Oakley, Jeff Gilley, Nathan Scott
3. Richard Taylor, Stephanie Paylor, Lisa Williford,
Antonio Alamillo, Zhou Smith
4. Heidi Summey, Jonathan Luther, Katie Reavis, Gavin Hedrick
5. Patsy Waugh, Ronnie Hayes, Janet Kramer
6. Brittany Ivey, Brayden Collins
7. Dave Swift, Jaquelyn Trost, Emily Williams
8. Ted Dyer, Bryan Cooley, Sam Johnson, Justin Sampson, Corbin Luther
9. Robin Monroe
10. Robert Pollio
11. Braxton Brown
12. Andrew Moore, Megan Williams, Rachel Taylor,
13. 13. Dot Oliphant, Andrea Heilborn, Liam Martin
14. Herb Lewis, Kyndall Pettie
15. Judy Gibson, Emma Turner
- 16.
- 17.
18. Hudson Talent
19. Wayne Pray, Patty Bullock, Beth Deaton, Paige McGee
20. Jessica Taylor
- 21.
22. John Fitzwater
23. Sharon Fouts, Ryan Furrow, Mila Riggsbee
24. Ed Bradshaw, Maria Dickenson, Deven Snyder, Kate Patton
25. Martie Little, Nathan Ritter, Emily Merriam
26. Julie Patton
27. Midge Simpson, Terri Green, Shelli York, Sarah Hogan
28. Sharon Parker, Todd Perry
29. Glenda Joyce, Hailey Ingram, Kylie Stewart
30. Gerald Morgan, Tammy Reep, Chris Whitaker, Matt Johnson, Max Dyer



Please save this list for reference throughout the month of November

COVEY CAROLS
Christmas Songs
 YOU PICK 'EM WE SING 'EM

- O COME O COME EMMANUEL
 - SILENT NIGHT - FROSTY THE
 SNOWMAN - RUDOLPH - DECK THE
 HALLS - HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS - 12
 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - IT'S
 BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE
 CHRISTMAS - WE WISH YOU A
 MERRY CHRISTMAS - I'LL BE HOME
 FOR CHRISTMAS - HAVE YOURSELF A
 MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS - GOD
 REST YE MERRY GENTLEMAN - OH
 CHRISTMAS TREE - HARK THE HERALD
 - OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL -
 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
 - AWAY IN THE MANGER - JOY TO
 THE WORLD - JINGLE BELLS

DIGITAL EMAIL OR CELL PHONE CAROL \$5
 IN PERSON CAROLS UP TO 3 SONGS \$20

Sign up and
 payments due
 November 22nd!

The youth will be holding a **youth lock in** December 1st-2nd. We will decorate the youth room, watch Christmas movies, make cookies, decorate gingerbread houses, and even have some hot cocoa. We will also spend some time talking about the meaning of Christmas and what makes it so special to us. Youth are free to bring a friend. On Saturday Dec. 2nd, the youth group will be caroling to houses that are part of our Covey Carols fundraiser. See info below...

The first Annual Covey Carolers Fundraiser - All monies raised will go towards youth events and missions

Sponsors will have 2 options to send Christmas Song(s) to someone of their choice (Song List Coming Soon):

Option 1: For a donation of \$5, the Covey Carolers will send the chosen recipient a digital audio/video recording of 1 song of choice to an email or text message

Option 2: For a donation of \$20, the Covey Carolers will drive to the recipient's house and will sing up to 3 Christmas songs of the sponsor's choice

Signups will be in the narthex, by contacting Mr. Matt in person, or by email (matt@covenantchurchhighpoint.com) November 1st to November 22nd. Please, if you are able, make your donation when signing up.

Past ♦ Present ♦ Future
WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT
 NOV 29, DEC 6, DEC 13

Pay What You Can Dinner
 5:30pm-6:30pm in the
 Fellowship Hall.

At 6:30PM (2 options)
3 Week Series Led by Pastor Darren:
 We will take a look at the past, present and future
 of the United Methodist Church and Covenant
 Church. Room 10 (Youth and Adults)

Advent Activity
 Fellowship Hall (All Ages)

RSVP to Michelle in the church office by Monday before by calling
 336-841-3242 or via email Michelle@covenantchurchhighpoint.com

**CHRISTMAS
 MUSIC
 SHOWCASE**

JOIN US FOR A BEAUTIFUL
 EVENING OF MUSIC!

DECEMBER 10 AT 4:00PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

COVENANT SANCTUARY
 1526 SKEET CLUB RD. HIGH POINT

please join us for a

PARENTS MORNING OUT

9 DECEMBER
9AM-1PM

Cost is \$10 per child. \$25 max per family.

Sign up by scanning the QR code or going to:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/parentmorningoutdec>

Covenant Kids Ministry

Come Grow With Us

Preschool
336-841-8847

After School & Summer Camp
336-881-4030

NOW ENROLLING



On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and in honor of **Clergy Appreciation Month**, we would like to thank **Pastor Darren** for his service and commitment to Covenant Church over the years! We are grateful for how you touch our hearts as you shepherd us all on our spiritual journeys. You are such a blessing and have a special gift for sharing God's love.

We honor you just as Paul says in 1 Timothy 5:17, "Give double honor to those who preach and teach".

Please join us and take a moment to shower Darren with love and appreciation!



November 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			<p>1 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 5:30-7:30 pm THE TABLE (FH) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00 - 3:00 Holiday Market</p>
<p>5 All Saints Day 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>6 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 Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm Charge Conference Rm 10 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>8 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>9 11:30 am OWLS (FH) Cover Dish and Games</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>13 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:00 pm Northwood Volunteer Dinner at Northwood 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-8:15 pm Boy Scouts Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>14 6:30 pm Weekday Planning Meeting (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>15 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 3:00-4:00 pm Girl Scouts (Rm 10)</p>
<p>19 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 5:00 - 7pm Churchwide Thanksgiving Covered Dish.</p>	<p>20 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 Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>21 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>22 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Church Family Breakfast—ALL WELCOME! 11:00 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>27 8:30am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy Rm 10 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00-8:15pm Boy Scouts Picnic Shelter</p>	<p>28 1:30 - 6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FH) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>29 9:15-11:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 5:30 - 6:30 pm Pay What You Can Dinner (FH) Baked Spaghetti 6:30 - 7:30 pm Pastor Darren's Advent Study (Rm 10) 6:30 - 7:30 pm Advent Activity (FH) 7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 9)</p>	<p>30</p>		