



COVENANT

presbyterian church

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

Please complete a Worship Response (WR) card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate to express interest, submit a prayer request, or to sign up for an opportunity.

RE-OPENING TASK FORCE – JULY UPDATE

The Covenant Re-Opening Task Force met earlier this month to assess our community protocols and how they relate to current COVID-19 conditions. Some modifications have been made to our protocols and will stay in place at least until the next Task Force meeting in August. These updates and more can be found at covenantpresby.org/covid-19.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – EVERYDAY THEOLOGIAN

Adult Sunday School takes place in the Fellowship Hall each week at 9:30 a.m. and continues to focus on today's "everyday theologians," featuring contemporary people who have influenced our world. Today's talk is on The Avett Brothers.

TONIGHT: YOUNG ADULTS GO TO THE BALL GAME

Covenant Young Adults will meet at the Knights Game tonight at 5:00 p.m. as they take on the Gwinnett Stripers. Tickets cost \$25 and include an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Should you be interested in joining us this evening, email Sally Jackson (sally.jackson@covenantpresby.org).

UNCLAIMED CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Some church directories remain unclaimed. If you ordered a directory and have not yet picked it up, please do so in the Welcome Center on Sundays or on a weekday.

Questions? Contact Kathy Pickard (kathy.pickard@covenantpresby.org).

LEARN & GROW

SEE. GROW. ACT: A SUMMER RACIAL JUSTICE SERIES

Join us at The Brooklyn Collective on August 29 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Brooklyn Collective is a diverse community that includes local individuals and organizations that strive toward our collective mission of inclusivity and upward mobility every day. Located in the historic Brooklyn neighborhood, once a booming neighborhood of black businesses, residences, churches, and entrepreneurship, the Brooklyn neighborhood was unjustly destroyed in the name of "urban renewal." The Brooklyn Collective seeks to take the Spirit of the Brooklyn neighborhood into today by supporting small businesses, local artists, cultural opportunities, and community engagement. This event will begin with a tour hosted by Executive Director, Monique Douglas. Following the tour, we will enjoy refreshments together at Studio 229. Learn more and register at covenantpresby.org/we-will or write "Brooklyn" on your WR card.

CELEBRATING COVENANT YOUTH TRANSITIONS

As we look toward the fall, we are excited to welcome new members to both our middle and high school youth programs. Rising 6th and 9th graders are invited to a formal celebration of this special transition on August 15 at Covenant. Rising 6th graders (and their parents) are invited to join us at 2:00 p.m. and rising 9th graders (youth only) are invited to join us at 4:00 p.m. Questions about these events or our youth programs? High School: Contact Martin Pruitt (martin.pruitt@covenantpresby.org). Middle School: Contact Alyssa Pacheco (alyssa.pacheco@covenantpresby.org) or write "Youth" on your WR card.

YOUNG ADULT JOINING DAY – AUGUST 1

Joining a church means becoming part of a community bigger than yourself. Have you always wanted to become a member at Covenant? Meet Lora Borrelli in the parlor at 10:30 a.m. to join, worship at the 11:00 service, and then meet your young adult friends for lunch at Kid Cashew! Questions? Contact Molly Smerko (molly.smerko@covenantpresby.org).

SERVE GOD, COVENANT AND OUR NEIGHBORS

FILL BACKPACKS FOR HIGHLAND & THE MEZZANINE

Our ongoing partnerships with Highland Renaissance Academy and The Mezzanine provide critical support for students and families in some of the most economically disadvantaged areas of Charlotte. This fall, we will fill 200 backpacks for children across both communities with supplies/materials for the year ahead. We are collecting supplies from now through August 13, and will bless these backpacks during worship on August 22. Learn more about how to participate at covenantpresby.org/highland-renaissance#backpacks or write "Backpacks" on your WR card.

TEACH AND LEAD: 2021-22 SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are currently looking for volunteers to teach Early Childhood Sunday School (ages 2-K) and to lead Small Groups for Elementary Sunday School (grades 1-5). Leaders rotate weekly and participating is a great way to meet other families at Covenant! Email Anne Lowrance (anne.lowrance@covenantpresby.org) or Sarah Askins (sarah.askins@covenantpresby.org) or write "Sunday School" on your WR card if interested.

HELP EXTEND A WARM COVENANT WELCOME

Worship Ministry is seeking volunteers to join our Usher Team as we continue with our return to in-person worship. Ushers serve as an important extension of our church hospitality, extending a warm welcome to Covenant members and guests alike.

Contact Ashley Roehrig (ashleyroe1010@gmail.com) to join the usher team or write "Usher" on your WR card.

OUTDOOR MINISTRY GROWTH & AUGUST HIKE

On August 7, join Covenant friends for a day outing to Linville Falls, featuring a hike, followed by a BBQ lunch at Bob and Suzanne Henderson's house. On August 11, join an informational meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Covenant about our growing Outdoor Ministry. Visit covenantpresby.org/congregational-care#outdoor-ministry or write "Outdoor Ministry" on your WR card to learn more and sign up.

FALL ADULT MISSION TRIP TO AVERY COUNTY

Join us in Avery County from September 26 - October 2 to build habitat homes and partner with local organizations such as Crossnore School and Children's Home.

Learn more about the trip, cost and requirements at covenantpreby.org/in-the-community#mission-trips or write "Avery County" on your WR card.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

We all experience challenges in life –times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Covenant's Stephen Ministers are trained lay people who can bring the caring presence of the church to those experiencing difficult life situations, large or small. Stephen Ministers offer a confidential, faith-based, caring one-on-one relationship designed to offer help in the midst of a challenging time such as death, loss of a job, life transition, illness, divorce, empty nest, isolation, and more. Should you or someone you know be interested in being paired with a Stephen Minister, please contact Katherine Kerr (katherine.kerr@covenantpresby.org) or write "Stephen Ministry" on your WR card.