



COVENANT

presbyterian church

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Child & Adult Sunday School will resume next week (Sunday, July 11). Adult Sunday School will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and will continue to focus on today's "everyday theologians," featuring contemporary people who have influenced our world. Next Sunday, Katherine Kerr will be sharing about lessons learned from the late Christian writer, Rachel Held Evans.

Children's Sunday School will continue to be offered at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Childcare will continue to be available for infants through 3-years-old on the first floor of the Education Wing in rooms 101 and 102. Children ages 3-5 meet in the 1st floor of the Education wing for Sunday School. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade attend worship in the Sanctuary through the children's sermon, then follow the shepherd to Sunday School. They can be picked up after the service on the 2nd floor of the Education wing in room 207, the Power Up room. Volunteers are still needed to help teach Children's Sunday School. Please contact Anne Lowrance (anne.lowrance@covenantpresby.org) if you are able to help.

OPEN PICNIC TABLE SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Open Picnic Table, a weekly informal Wednesday evening family gathering under Covenant's Magnolia tree, continues through the summer. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy time together with friends. Sweet frozen treats will be provided. Grab-n-Go take-and-bake meals are taking a pause for the month of July. More information to be shared once this program resumes.

LEARN & GROW

SEE. GROW. ACT: A SUMMER RACIAL JUSTICE SERIES

We are currently wrapping up our reading of "In My Grandmother's House," by Yolanda Pierce, as part of our Summer Racial Justice Series, "See. Grow. Act." Copies of the book are still available in the Welcome Center for \$14 (cash or check) and our last Book Study will be hosted this Thursday, July 8. Our next opportunity to engage in this important series will be a visit to the Brooklyn Collective on August 27. Write "Book Study" or "Brooklyn" on your WR card or visit covenantpresby.org/we-will.

SERVE GOD, COVENANT AND OUR NEIGHBORS

OPERATION SANDWICH – JULY 12

Our next Operation Sandwich effort will be on Monday, July 12. Slots remain for individuals and families to sign up. We ask each individual/family to contribute 25 sandwiches and drop off in the Covenant Circle on July 12 between 10:00-10:30 a.m. There are also opportunities to assist with sandwich delivery to our neighbors at Roof Above. Instructions on sandwich-making and sign-ups can be found at covenantpresby.org/in-the-community. Contact Lucy Crain (lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org) with questions.

HIKE WITH COVENANT: JULY 10

Join us for a leisurely 3-mile hike around the shores of Lake Wylie in McDowell Nature Preserve this Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 a.m. Sign up at covenantpresby.org/recreation-ministry#hike.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE: JULY 11-17

There's still time to sign up for the Montreat Youth Conference, a wonderful week for our high school youth to rest, relax and engage in adventure, worship and reflection. Attendees will make new friends from all across the country and grow closer as a group. Contact Martin Pruitt (martin.pruitt@covenantpresby.org) for details and to sign up.

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.

MORE FREEDOM SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Covenant is supporting Freedom School Partners, a literacy program for students, through a number of volunteer opportunities this summer. More volunteers are needed for various roles. Sign up to help at covenantpresby.org/freedom-school or write "Freedom School" on your WR card.

PROVIDE HOSPITALITY FOR SUMMER INTERNS

Provide meals and snacks or help with laundry for Covenant's four Stapleton-Davidson interns living in The Landing in our Fellowship Hall as they serve at a variety of mission partners throughout the summer. Contact Lucy Crain (lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org) or write "Hospitality" on your WR Card.

OUR GROWING OUTDOOR MINISTRY PROGRAM

Congregational Life is excited to expand Covenant's Outdoor Ministry to include more practical opportunities for participants deepen relationships with the church, each other and our natural surroundings, growing in faithful stewardship of the environment. We're looking for leaders and people interested in getting involved. An informational kick-off meeting will be held at Covenant on August 11 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. To learn more or get involved, write "Outdoor Ministry" on your WR card.

FALL ADULT MISSION TRIP TO AVERY COUNTY

We are thrilled to announce the first adult mission trip since the pandemic began! This trip will take place in Avery County from September 26 - October 2 and will focus on habitat builds and partnerships with local organizations such as Crossnore School and Children's Home. The cost of the trip, which is for participants 18 and up, is \$375 (partial scholarships available). Proof of COVID vaccination is required. Learn more and sign up at covenantpresby.org/in-the-community#mission-trips. Contact Lucy Crain (lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org) with questions.

AUGUST WORSHIP FLOWERS

Help add beauty to our Sanctuary with worship flowers for the month of August. Worship flowers can be given in honor of an individual, a special event, or simply to add this special natural element to our worship space. Sign up at covenantpresby.org/sundays-at-covenant#flowers.

*Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.
Audio-induction hearing loops are installed for use with hearing aids.*