



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

## TODAY: YOUNG ADULTS FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

Join fellow Young Adults as we grab a bite to eat and enjoy fellowship at Optimist Hall today at 12:30 p.m. No RSVP required – all are welcome! Questions? Contact Molly Smerko ([molly.smerko@covenantpresby.org](mailto:molly.smerko@covenantpresby.org))

## OPEN TABLE BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Open Table Fall programming begins on September 8. There will be three seatings for a community dinner (seating outside) at 5:00, 5:45, and 6:30, or there are Grab-N-Go (take-out meals) available between 5-6:30. For more information and to make reservations by September 5 at [covenantpresby.org/wednesdays](http://covenantpresby.org/wednesdays).

## REV. DR. JAIME CLARK-SOLES

Next Sunday, September 12, our Adult Education Ministry will host our annual Convocation Sunday event at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year's speaker will be author and professor Jaime Clark-Soles. Jaime will present on "Knowing and Being Known: Experiencing God Near or Far?" Childcare will be available, and refreshments will be served. All are welcome, and no RSVP is required. To learn more, please contact Grace Lindvall ([grace.lindvall@covenantpresby.org](mailto:grace.lindvall@covenantpresby.org)) or write "Convocation Sunday" on your WR card.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH REMINDER

As we continue in-person worship this fall, please remember that all individuals ages five and up must be fully masked while indoors on the Covenant campus. Thank you!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT ELDERS

A congregational meeting Sunday, September 19, 10:30 a.m., is to elect ten adult elders to the Session class of 2024 and two Youth Elders for one-year terms beginning January 1. The class of 2024 nominees are Katie Coley, Drew Quartapella, Burnet Tucker, Kerry Hamilton, Ann Reed, Grace Williams, Tim Kendrick, Lecia Shockley, Erin Nixon, Courtney St. Onge, Wilson Bacon, and Anna Wade DuPuy.

## LEARN & GROW

### YOUTH MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

An informational meeting for youth singers is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, at 10:30 a.m. in Ed Wing Room 315. The Youth Strings Ensemble begins rehearsing on Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The Youth Handbell Ensemble begins rehearsing on Wednesday, September 8 at 5:15 p.m. in Ed Wing Room 320. Questions? Contact Heather Potter ([heather.potter@covenantpresby.org](mailto:heather.potter@covenantpresby.org)) or write "Youth Music" on your WR card.

## SEPTEMBER HIKE AT SEVEN OAKS PRESERVE

Join us at Seven Oaks Preserve on Saturday, September 11, for a 3-mile hike along the banks of Lake Wylie. This hike offers plenty of shade and opportunities to spot wildlife. Visit [covenantpresby.org/recreation-ministry#hike](http://covenantpresby.org/recreation-ministry#hike) or write "Seven Oaks" on your WR card to learn more.

## 2021 FALL YOUTH KICKOFF EVENT, SEPTEMBER 12

Our 2021 Fall Youth Kickoff will feature a friendly and fun Olympics-themed competition on Sunday, 9/12 at 6:00 p.m. You won't want to miss it! Youth are encouraged to bring friends, parents, siblings, and anyone else with a knack for competition. Youth will also have a chance to hear more about retreats, fellowship, and programming for the year ahead. Contact Martin Pruitt, High School Youth Director ([martin.pruitt@covenantpresby.org](mailto:martin.pruitt@covenantpresby.org)), Alyssa Pacheco, Middle School Youth Director ([alyssa.pacheco@covenantpresby.org](mailto:alyssa.pacheco@covenantpresby.org)), or write "Youth Kickoff" on your WR card to learn more and RSVP.

## UPTOWN BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14

Our Uptown Bible Study group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 14, on the Recreation Wing, outdoor patio on the Covenant campus. These weekly gatherings offer a meaningful respite from meetings, to-do lists, and work calls, helping you return to the day grounded in faith. Email Grace Lindvall ([grace.lindvall@covenantpresby.org](mailto:grace.lindvall@covenantpresby.org)) to join and learn more or write "Uptown Bible Study" on your WR card.

## COMMUNION TRAINING FOR FIRST GRADERS

First graders and their parents are invited to join us for "Ready, Set, Worship - Communion" for three consecutive weeks: September 12, 19, 26 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Gym. Children will use chalices made in class to participate in World Communion Sunday, October 3 at the 9:30 a.m. service to receive Communion. To sign up, contact Sally Jackson ([sally.jackson@covenantpresby.org](mailto:sally.jackson@covenantpresby.org)) or write "Communion Training" on your WR card.

## SERVE GOD, COVENANT AND OUR NEIGHBORS

### SERVE AT LOAVES AND FISHES THIS MONTH

Join Covenant members as we sort and pack food boxes from 9 to 11 a.m. for neighbors in need on two dates this month: September 14 and 28. To sign up, contact Lucy Crain ([lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org](mailto:lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org)) or write "Loaves and Fishes" on your WR card.

### KNIT FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AT ROOM IN THE INN

Join knitting friends in socially distanced fellowship as make warm scarves for sharing this Christmas. We provide yarn, needles, and a simple pattern. We ask that you commit to completing the scarf by mid-December, in time for giving it to Covenant's Room In the Inn guests at Christmas. Contact SallyGraves ([sallysgaves@att.net](mailto:sallysgaves@att.net)) to learn more or write "Knitters" on your WR card.

### NEW WAYS TO SERVE AT COVENANT THIS FALL

We have a fun opportunity for you to help as an Online Host for our virtual worship experience. As a host, you will engage with our online community during worship at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. If you are interested in more information or serving this fall, contact Lora Borrelli ([lora.borrelli@covenantpresby.org](mailto:lora.borrelli@covenantpresby.org)) or write "Online Host" on your WR card.

### SUPPORT STUDENTS & EDUCATORS THIS FALL

All members are invited to continue supporting students and educators at Highland Renaissance Academy and Renguti (in Kenya) as we head into the fall. From tutoring at Highland to sponsoring a student to attend secondary school in Kenya, there are many ways to show your support. Contact Lucy Crain ([lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org](mailto:lucy.crain@covenantpresby.org)) for more details on how you can serve or write "Students & Educators" on your WR card.

### SEEKING YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES

Covenant plans to participate in the Impact Youth Basketball league this winter. We are currently seeking adults who are interested in coaching a team. Basketball experience is preferred, but not necessary as we can help train you. To learn more about this opportunity and coaching requirements, please contact Kevin Harper, Recreation Ministries Director ([kevin.harper@covenantpresby.org](mailto:kevin.harper@covenantpresby.org)) or write "Basketball" on your WR card.

