

Covenant Connection



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

March 2024

Celebrate the Risen Savior with Us!

March 31st - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 7:15 am

Family Breakfast following

Worship at 10:30 am

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

As Christians we fight battles every day. We fight temptation, trials, heartaches, and sickness, and we don't always win all the battles. We deal with stress, anger, pain, and struggles. We worry about our jobs, our families, our friends, and even this church and we must realize that we don't always win when there is so much against us. Our world measures us by our financial, personal, social, and sports success. Sometimes you just want to say, "I am tired and sick of feeling like a loser!"

But there's hope, remember as Christians we need not forget, especially during this time of Lent, Psalm 16:1 which tells us, "Keep me safe my God, for in you I take refuge." We will be victorious in the end, "Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken," Psalm 16:8. We may not always be victorious here on earth but there is one battle, the most important battle, that has already been fought. It's the battle that Jesus fought on the cross that assures us we will be victorious in the end. Jesus won that battle on the third day when he arose from the tomb so that all our enemies would be defeated. No matter what is going on in your life, remember during this Lenten season you are a winner, so let's go team, on to the championship.

May God bless you today and every day.

Pastor Larry

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



Happy Birthday!

- 4 Brooklynn Merritt
- 6 Mildred McElveen
- 16 Jim Mathews
- 21 Robert Kayler
- 24 Laura McDonald
- 31 Katie Cochran
- 31 Caleb Lowe

Happy Anniversary!

- 23 Mark & Melisa Armstrong

Covenant Prayer Corner

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Tommy Sue Atkinson - recovering from surgery
Pastor Janet Dixon* - recently diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, pray for her husband, Steve, as well
Elaine Mason* - Elaine is home, home health coming in, pray for Pastor David as well. Pray for strength and healing for Elaine, she is slowly gaining strength to walk with assistance
Jay Raxter - will be in rehab at Courtland Terrace following another surgery on his amputee leg, keep Jay and his family in prayer

Continued Prayer Concerns

Beverly Cole	Mildred McElveen	Jerry Smith*
Libby Grose	Dean Atkinson	Jeff & Lisa Casey*
Dennis Dees	Tammy Bassett*	

**Friends/family of members*

If you would like to send a card to Pastor Janet, her home address is 446 Brittiny Ct, Winston Salem, NC 27103.

February Worship Attendance & Giving

February 4	30	\$2,225
February 11	29	\$2,820
February 18	27	\$16,653 ☺
February 25	35	\$2,721

To meet our 2024 budget, we need \$2,504 weekly.



United Women in Faith

Western North Carolina

Covenant Women in Faith Giving Hope & Mission

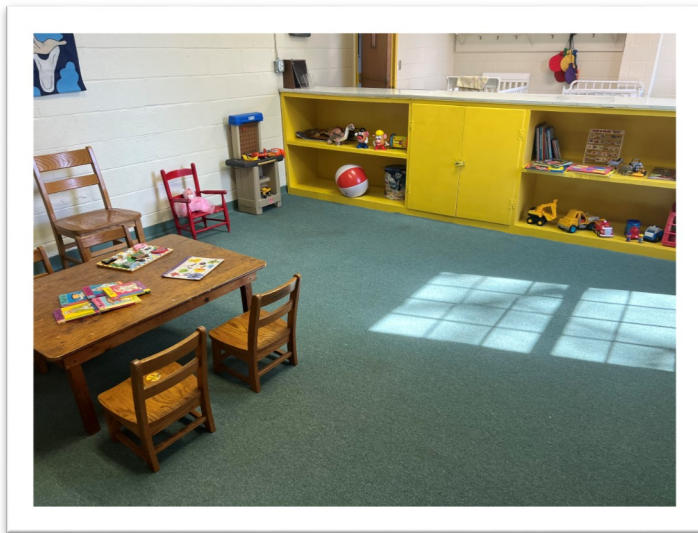
March 4

10:30 am United Women in Faith Circle
Hostess: Trish Bridges
Program: Pat Culver
Call to Prayer & Self Denial

The two circles are now combined into one circle which will meet at 10:30 am at the church on the first Monday of the month.



Welcome to Our Nursery!



The nursery has been refreshed with new paint, and all cleaned up! We are ready for your babies and toddlers! We could use some little girl toys. We have two baby dolls, maybe a doll cradle or high chair or anything else you would like to donate would be appreciated!

40 day Lent

GIVING CHALLENGE

We are challenging you again, let's see if we can beat last year's total of \$2,250! In the Narthex we have three boards. On those boards are envelopes numbered from 1 to 100. Pick an envelope, or two, any number you would like. The number that is on the envelope, put that dollar amount inside and bring it back the next week and put in the offering plate. All that is collected will go directly to our general fund. When all the envelopes are returned we will have collected \$5,050! Let's do this! Take the challenge! **The first few weeks we have collected \$764!**



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Methodist Church**

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

12:00 - 4:00

Wednesday

Administrative Assistant

Tammy Bassett

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Music Director

Rebecca Brooks

Church Website

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March 2024

Weekly Scheduled Activities

Sunday

10:30 am Join us for worship!

Tuesday

10:00 am Covenant Praise Team

Wednesday

6:00 pm Joyful Noise Ringers

Thursday

4:00 - 7:00 pm Kids at Work

**COME
WORSHIP
with us!**

Monthly Activities








First Monday

10:30 am Covenant Women in Faith Circle Meeting

Fourth Saturday of each month

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Community Lunch

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3 3rd Sunday in Lent 10:30 Worship Communion	4 10:30 United Women in Faith Circle Mtg	5 10:00 Praise Team	6 6:00 Joyful Noise Ringers	7 4:00 - 7:00 Kids at Work	8	9 Tonight! 	
10 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 Council Mtg 10:30 Worship UMCOR Sunday	11	12 10:00 Praise Team	13 6:00 Joyful Noise Ringers	14 4:00 - 7:00 Kids at Work	15	16	
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24 10:30 Worship 	25	26 10:00 Praise Team	27 6:00 Joyful Noise Ringers	28 4:00 - 7:00 Kids at Work	29 Good Friday 	30	
31 Easter Sunday 7:15 Sunrise Svc 7:45 Breakfast 10:30 Worship	