

Covenant Connection



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

November 2023

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

Before I get into what is going on in November, I want to thank all of you for the cards, phone calls, flowers, thoughts, and especially prayers. I also want to thank the ladies for making the drive to Morganton to bring us dinner for the family after my dad's memorial service. The two things that really came to life for me during this past couple of months is how great it is to have such a loving, caring, and faithful church family. I also was reminded again how our faith helps us get through times like these. Last week someone said to me, "I heard you lost your dad," at which I replied, "I didn't lose my dad, I know exactly where he is." So again, a big THANK YOU!!

So, now it's November, where did the year go? It's on to the holiday season, I know everyone is excited. First, I want to remind everyone, don't forget about our Boston Butt Fundraiser, buy one and get a friend to buy one. Also, I'm sure none of you have forgotten our community Thanksgiving dinner on November 16; the best Thanksgiving dinner in town. So, let's start getting into the holiday spirit, we have so much to be thankful for.

But really, what does the holiday season mean to you? Is it family get togethers? Is it all the gifts that we give and receive? Or is it just the food? Whatever it is, let's all make sure we spend time focusing on what we are grateful for with those we love and those who are in need. Let's really make an effort to return to the core values such as joy, love, kindness, and compassion. All the rest is just sprinkles on the top of the cake.

May God bless you today and every day,

Pastor Larry

"Happy are the people who make peace, because they will be called God's children."

Matthew 5:9

Upcoming Events

November 6 - UMW Circle Meetings

November 12 - 9:15 Council Meeting

November 16 - 5:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 19 Boston Butt Sale Pickup 10 - 2

December 2 - 9:00 Hanging of the Greens

December 3 - First Sunday in Advent

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving!



November

- 7 Don Oglesby
- 9 Harper Carpenter - 1 yr!
- 11 Mark Armstrong
- 12 Carissa Mathews
- 14 Megan Wilson
- 18 Pat Leigh
- 22 Hope McMillan
- 24 Casey Ramsey

Happy Anniversary!

- 9 Matthew & Emily Choate
- 23 Jim & Cindy Mathews

October Worship Attendance & Giving

October 1	31	\$2,671
October 8	25	\$ 998
October 15	26	\$1,676
October 22	20	\$ 268
October 29	30	\$1,409

Boston Butt Sale

November 18, 2023



Pick up 10 am - 2 pm

Tickets are available at the church office thru Nov. 10, \$40 each



Poinsettia Orders

\$10 each

Order by Nov. 21st

It is time to order poinsettias for the Advent/Christmas season to decorate our sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia "In Honor" or "In Memory" of someone special, call the office or fill out the form in the weekly bulletin. Orders need to be in by **November 21st**. Delivery will December 1st.

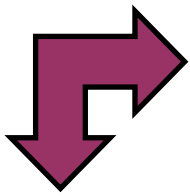


United
Women
in Faith

The United Methodist Women nut sale will begin soon to benefit local Mission Projects through the UMW. Orders are sipping soon, we will have them in time for your holiday baking. Meanwhile, get your orders in! See Andrea Bell to order ahead. All are 1 lb. bags with the exception of Chocolate Pecans which are 12 oz.

Pecan Halves.....	\$12.00
Pecan Pieces.....	\$11.00
Choc. Covered Pecans ..	\$11.00
Black Walnuts	\$14.00
Sliced Almonds.....	\$ 8.00

Thank you in advance for your support!



Covenant Prayer Corner

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Family of **Bobby Barton** (Tommy Sue Atkinson's brother) passed away October 22
Jay Raxter – at Belaire Rehab Center after being in the ICU

Continued Prayer Concerns

Beverly Cole	Mildred McElveen	Jerry Smith*	Libby Grose	Jimmy Lynch
Dean Atkinson	Laura McDonald	Jeff & Lisa Casey*	Dennis Dees	Elaine Mason*

**Friends/family of members*

Pray for Covenant, pray for the members of our church family, pray the Lord brings new visitors to worship with us, pray for the finances of the church. And if you haven't seen someone in a while, take a moment and give them a quick call and let them know you are thinking about them 😊

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 16, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 pm

*Join together in fellowship with each other and our community.
We will need servers and volunteers to help clean up following
the meal. Come join us and have a plate as well!*



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9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

12:00 - 4:00

Wednesday

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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

6:00 - 7:30 pm Girl Scouts (2nd/4th week)

Thursday

4:00 - 7:00 pm Kids at Work

**COME
WORSHIP
with us!**

Monthly Activities

First Monday

10:00 am Mission Keepers Women's Circle

6:00 pm Hope Givers Women's Circle

Fourth Saturday of each month

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Community Lunch

N O V E M B E R

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Boston Butt Fundraiser is November 18th! Get your tickets now! Call the church office or see Tony BY November 10th.			1 6:00 Hand Bells	2 <i>Fellowship Hall is unavailable for activities, floor is being buffed.</i>	3	4 Fall back... 
5 Communion 10:30 Worship All Saints Sunday	6 UMF Circle Mtgs 10:00 Mission Kprs 6:00 Hope Givers	7 10:00 Praise Team	8 6:00 Hand Bells 6:00 Girl Scouts	9 4:00 Kids at Work	10 Deadline to pre-order Boston Butts	11 
12 9:15 Council Mtg 10:30 Worship	13	14 10:00 Praise Team	15	16 5:00 pm 	17	18 Boston Butt Sale Pick up time is 10 am - 2 pm
19 10:30 Worship	20	21 10:00 Praise Team	22 6:00 Hand Bells 6:00 Girl Scouts	23 	24	25
26 10:30 Worship	27	28 10:00 Praise Team	29 6:00 Hand Bells	30 4:00 Kids at Work	Coming in December: December 2 - Hanging of the Greens December 17 - Covenant Christmas Party	