

Covenant Connection



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

November 2025

A Message from Pastor Melanie



During this month of November, let's be thankful for all of our blessings. Instead of focusing on what we want changed and what is going wrong, let's focus on what God has given us, and then go to God and ask what God wants us to do.

Here is a challenge for us all for the month of November: each day write three different things - specific things - you are grateful for. At the end of the month go back and read all that God has done for you. Or at the end of the month, wrap it and open it at Christmas and read all the blessings God has given you.

Dear God, I am so thankful for You and will give praise and honor to You! You give me peace, guidance, unending love, and fill my life with blessings. You give me YOU! Lord, I praise You and am filled with gratitude. Let all that I am praise Your name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*"I will praise the name of God with a song,
and will magnify Him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30*



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 19th - 5:00 pm

Let's all come together for our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner!
We will begin serving at 5 pm. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, clean up,
and you can enjoy a plate as well! Thank you to Bill and Tony for cookin'!

Covenant Prayer Corner

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Lisa Casey (Culver's daughter) recovering from two neurosurgeries, all went well!

Pat Leigh - healing from a hip replacement, in rehab at Courtland Terrace

Elaine Mason* - tumor has returned, began radiation and is going well, may only have to have three treatments rather than the scheduled five

Laura & Harvey McDonald - both were in the hospital, Laura is now home, Harvey is in rehab at Belaire

Ongoing Prayer for Health

Beverly Cole

Mildred McElveen

Ann Myers*

Jeff & Lisa Casey*

Linda Raxter

**Friends/family of members*

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Cloe McDaniel who passed away October 4th at the age of 96. She has been a church member for over 70 years. Be in prayer for her family.

Pray for the Family of Mark Saussy who passed away October 26th from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Mark's wife, Mary, is Wayne Houser's granddaughter. They have a 4 yr old son and are expecting their 2nd child. Be in prayer for the Houser and Saussy families.

~ November Devotion ~

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good because His mercy endureth forever.

~ Psalm 118:1

This year as we observe our season of thanksgiving, let us be grateful not only in word but also in deed. Let our gratitude find expression in a resolve to live a life more unselfish and more consecrated to Jesus Christ. When we sit around our tables laden with sumptuous delicacies, let us not forget that half the world will go to bed hungry. As we enjoy the comforts of our cozy homes let us not forget that great numbers in other parts of the world have no home to go to. When we step into our sleek automobiles let us not forget that most of the people in the world cannot afford even a bicycle. In the Lord's Prayer as recorded in the sixth chapter of Matthew, we read, "Give us this day our daily bread," scripture teaches that the good things of this life are the gifts of God and that He is the donor of all our blessings. Thanksgiving? Yes. Let us get on our knees humbly and thank God for the blessings He has given us, both material and spiritual. They have come from His hands!

~ Day By Day with Billy Graham

I'd like to add to Dr. Graham's words of wisdom that as we worship together here at Covenant, we give God thanks for a beautiful, comfortable and awesome building in which we can give Him praise! Count your many blessings, name them one by one!

~ Rebecca Brooks



Happy Birthday!

- 9 Harper Carpenter
- 11 Mark Armstrong
- 12 Carissa Mathews
- 14 Megan Yelton
- 17 Melanie Whaley
- 18 Pat Leigh
- 22 Hope Hyleman
- 24 Casey Ramsey

Happy Anniversary!

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

October Worship Attendance & Giving			
October 5	24	\$1,230	
October 12	22	\$2,751	
October 19	22	\$1,355	
October 26	23	\$1,152	
\$2,528 is needed weekly to meet our 2025 budget.			



United
Women
in Faith

The United Methodist Women nut sale will begin soon to benefit local Mission Projects through the UMW. We hope to be receiving our order soon! You can call the church office to put your order in. Pick up will be at the church; we will keep you up-to-date on arrival of shipment and times you can pick up your orders. All are 1 lb. bags with the exception of Chocolate Pecans which are 12 oz.

Pecan Halves. \$13.00

Pecan Pieces \$12.00

Choc. Covered Pecans . . \$13.00

Black Walnuts \$10.00

Sliced Almonds. \$ 8.00

Thank you in advance for your support!



Poinsettia Orders

\$12 each

It's 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 bulletin this month. Orders need to be in by **November 24th.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 November 9th, 2:00 pm held at Covenant UMC Council will meet Nov. 2nd at 11:30 am to prepare. All church leadership are encouraged to attend.					1 Fall back 1 hr 
2 Communion 10:30 Worship 11:30 Council Mtg.	3 10:30 Women in Faith Circle Meeting	4 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	5	6 	7	8
9 10:30 Worship 2:00 Charge Conf. at Covenant	10	11 Thank you Veterans! 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	12	13	14	15
16 10:30 Worship	17	18 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	19 5:00 till it's gone! 	20	21	22
23 10:30 Worship	24	25 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	26	27 	28	29 Meet at 9:30 
30 10:30 Worship	Coming up in December: December 14, 6 pm - Covenant Christmas Party December 18, 5 pm - Community Christmas Dinner					<i>Have a blessed Thanksgiving!</i> <i>Be thankful for the time you have with your families!</i>



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Weekly Scheduled Activities

Sunday

10:30 am Join us for worship, held in the sanctuary

9:00 am Promised Land Worship, held in the fellowship hall

9:00 am Haitian Worship, held in the chapel

Tuesday

10:00 am Covenant Praise Team

6:00 pm Joyful Noise Ringers

**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!

Monthly Activities

First Monday

10:30 am Covenant Women in Faith Circle Meeting

Fourth Saturday

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Community Lunch