

Covenant Connections



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

January 2026

2026 Covenant Board of Leadership

Council Chair: Teresa Wilson

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Finance Committee – Pat Culver

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Family & Children Ministries – Kim Ramsey, Katie Cochran

Missions & Outreach – Matt Cochran

United Methodist Men – Scott Ramsey

United Methodist Women – Teresa Wilson

Thank you to all of you for your commitment to serve at Covenant.

**Be in prayer for these members as they do their best to serve through 2026.
If you would like a copy of the 2026 budget, call the church office. Any issues
that need to be addressed, see the committee chair. ☺**



Happy Birthday!



- 2 Kim Ramsey
- 9 Jay Raxter
- 9 Dick Cole
- 10 Matthew Choate
- 14 Sandy Tice
- 27 Lila Smith
- 28 Callum Duncan

~ January Devotion ~

“Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is”
Jeremiah 17:7

The scriptures predict that a new day is coming. There will be a golden age of prosperity when all perplexing problems, religious, social, or political will find their complete solution. It will be a marvelous time for this mixed-up world. However, the Bible teaches that man will not bring about this coming golden age. Man alone cannot. The flaw in human nature is too great. Man has no ability to repair this damaged planet. God is our only hope! His plans are already formed, and they are perfectly stated in the Scriptures.

~ Day By Day with Billy Graham

I'm praying for a new year that will bring good things for Covenant United Methodist Church! Happy New Year!

~ Rebecca Brooks

Church Council Planning Meeting

We will meet on Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30 pm for our Annual Planning Meeting. Start thinking about things you would like to do this year or changes we may need to make to be more successful in achieving our goals for 2026. Make your best effort to attend. Calendars will be provided.

**“Moving Forward”
Meeting for all Members**

January 18, 11:30

Potluck Lunch

All members, please make your best effort to be at this meeting as we look at the future of Covenant UMC.

DAILY WISDOM FOR WOMEN

**TAKE
FIVE**



“God, treat us kindly. You’re our only hope. First thing in the morning, be there for us! When things go bad, help us out!”

~ Isaiah 33:2

Every day is a new day, a new beginning, a new chance to enjoy our lives, because each day is a new day with God. No matter what happened the day before, we have a fresh start to enjoy a deeper relationship with Him!

Prayer: Before I get out of bed in the morning, let me say these words and mean them: “This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24)

Pastor's Prayer Corner

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Dear Father,

We look forward to the good plans You have for our lives and the life of the church this year. No matter what each day holds, we know all will be well because You are always with us. Join us this year. Lead, guide, and direct our lives. Give us the unquenchable fire to grow closer to You this year, and to do Your will. Your plans are better than our plans. We place our hope in You, Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Covenant Prayer Corner

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Jessica Lineberger* - recently diagnosed with breast cancer, having chemo and radiation following mastectomy, 41 yrs old with two young children

Harvey & Laura McDonald - have both been hospitalized with pneumonia

Pastor Larry Taylor* - having surgery for kidney stones on January 6

Ongoing Prayer for Health

Buddy Johnson

Beverly Cole

Mildred McElveen

Linda Raxter

Pat Leigh

Lisa Casey*

Ann Myers*

**Friends/family of members*

If you would like to send a card to Linda Raxter, please send to her son Lee's home and they will get it to her. The address is: 10319 Newbridge Rd, Charlotte NC 28278.

Harvey & Laura's address (daughter Terri's home) 1929 Faison Ave, Fort Mill, SC 29708



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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Administrative Assistant

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Music Director

Rebecca Brooks

Church Website

covenantumcgastonia.com

*January 2026
Happy New Year!*

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