

Covenant Connections



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

February 2026



Upcoming Events this month:

Hope to see you all this Sunday as we gather for worship! See you at 10:30!

February 6 - 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Community Family Game Night!
Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Bring your favorite game and join us!

February 15 - 9:15 am Council Meeting

February 17 - 6:00 pm Joyful Noise Ringers Resumes

February 18 - 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service



February 28 - 11:00 am Community Lunch

“And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ~ 1 John 4:16



~ February Devotion ~

“Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.” ~ Day By Day with Billy Graham

What is love? When a group of young children were asked, “What is love?” they gave some thoughtful answers: “Love means everybody has a family” said four year old Adam. Another child replied, “When my grandma got arthritis, she couldn’t bend over and polish her toenails anymore, so my grandpa does it for her all the time now even when his hands got arthritis too!”

Grandpa’s expression of love reminds us of Jesus’ love for us! Knowing He wouldn’t be with His disciples much longer due to His crucifixion He took a towel, wrapped it around His waist, poured water in a large bowl and began to wash their feet. Peter recoiled at the thought of his Lord and Master bending down and touching his dirty feet.

Jesus, in humility and sacrifice, showed them the true nature of love! He did the same for us by dying on an old rugged cross. Although none of us would probably not die for any one or even wash someone else’s dirty feet, we can share the love of Jesus with everyone! *(taken from devotional Our Daily Bread)*

This Valentine’s Day (and every day) tell someone about Jesus’ love! ~ *Rebecca Brooks*

DAILY WISDOM FOR WOMEN

TAKE FIVE



“The Lord disciplines the one he loves.” Hebrews 12:6

Sometimes love means stop! Because God loves you, there are times when He will tell you to stop. And sometimes the way He will get you and me to stop doing something that is hurtful for us is to discipline us. His discipline is always done in love because He cares for us and He doesn’t want us to get hurt.

“Lord, thank You that You discipline me. I am so very grateful that You don’t allow me to do everything I want, especially when You know something is bad for me.”

January Worship Attendance & Giving

January 4	21	\$2,960
January 11	24	\$1,200
January 18	21	\$1,800
January 25	No worship - snow	

**\$2,465 is needed weekly to
meet our 2026 budget.**

February

- 1 Allison Smithers
- 1 Melisa Armstrong
- 4 Lily Lowe
- 8 Judy Hoffman
- 8 Mason Meek
- 11 Randy Dees
- 21 Jerry Yelton, III
- 24 Savannah Raxter



Pastor's Prayer Corner

The month of February is the month of love because of Valentines, but there is another very special day which is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent -- 40 days before Easter. Lent is a time for us to give up something. Lent is a time to sacrifice something worldly to spend more time with God.

Dear Jesus,

During this season of Lent, let me remember all that You have done for me. Help me to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice and pain that You went through for us. As I make a few of my own sacrifices, help me to stay strong and committed to this Lenten journey and use my efforts as an opportunity to deepen my relationship with you. In moments where I struggle, remind me of the incomparable sacrifice and struggles that You endured. Guide my heart and mind to stay focused on Your love and glory. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Covenant Prayer Corner

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Family of Laura McDonald

Family of Laretta Whaley (Pastor Melanie's Mother-in-law)

Ongoing Prayer for Health

Buddy Johnson

Beverly Cole

Mildred McElveen

Linda Raxter

Pat Leigh

Lisa Casey*

Ann Myers*

Harvey McDonald

**Friends/family of members*

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to Pastor Melanie, her husband, Wayne, and family, on the death of Wayne's mother on January 19th. She was 83. Praying for your family.

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to Harvey and family on the death of Laura on January 10th. Laura and Harvey were married 50 years last August. Laura became a member of Covenant in June 1975 and has served several ways in the church. The most special was as Music Director for 40+ years and retiring in December 2021. She has touched so many lives with her music. As a friend to so many here at Covenant, we share in this time of grief with the family but also share in the love and memories of Laura.





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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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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