

# COVENANT CONNECTION



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

July 2023

→ DON'T FORGET!

## Church Members Meeting

July 30th at 3 pm

The week of June 12th all members were sent a letter from the church council chair informing you of this called meeting. In this meeting we will have a vote to decide if we would stay United Methodist or disaffiliate if the UMC votes at the Annual Conference in April 2024 to change the Book of Discipline. Please make your best effort to attend as this is the future of Covenant United Methodist Church.



## Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser!

August 1 - 5 (all online sales)

Fresh popped just for you!

See more details inside 😊



calling all  
**Vendors**

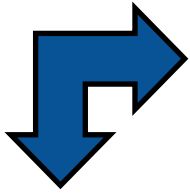
## Third Annual Craft Vendor Event

September 9th, 9 am - 3 pm

10x10 space outside, 8' table space inside

**\$25/space (tables available if needed)**

If you would like to JOIN IN THE FUN, contact the church office  
at 704.865.5055 or call Pat Culver at 330.240.5589



# Covenant Prayer Corner

## New/Updated Prayer Concerns

**Brenda Johnson** - had two procedures recently done on her heart, first results were all good, waiting on results from second procedure

**Jimmy Lynch** - surgery scheduled for July 5 to repair his broken shoulder (in Gastonia)

**“Spoon” Witherspoon** (friend of Pastor Larry) recently passed away from cancer, be in prayer for his family, wife and two children (54 years old)

## Continued Prayer Concerns

**Ann Dees**

**Jim Taylor\***

**Beverly Cole**

**Mildred McElveen**

**Jay Raxter**

**Dean Atkinson**

**Laura McDonald**

**Tom & Val VanAntwerp\***

**Libby Grose**

**Dennis Dees**

**Jeff & Lisa Casey\***

**Don Oglesby**

**Jerry Smith\***

*\*Friends/family of members*

*FYI: Dean & Tommy Sue Atkinson no longer have their landline phone. If you need to reach them, call Tommy Sue's cell at 704-678-2477.*

*Dear friends,*

*I would like to share what a blessing it is to be able to worship with my church family again, and also to be able to have my daughter along side of me as well. I feel so blessed with the love you all show me and Sandy, and assisting me when needed. Thank you to Pastor Larry for coming to the car each week and helping with my wheelchair. God is so wonderful! He has given me the strength and healing to be able to attend church and it means so much to me. Covenant is a loving church family and I (and Sandy) are so blessed to be part of your family. ♥ God Bless you all!*

*Love,*

*Beverly and Sandy too!*

*Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*



## Happy Birthday!

- 1 Sydney Armstrong
- 3 Drew Merritt
- 4 Sherri Poole
- 5 Erin McGinnis
- 6 Linda Harrison
- 9 Emily Choate
- 12 Cora Jane Mathews
- 14 Harvey McDonald
- 14 Mark Merritt
- 14 Linda Raxter
- 14 Cindy Mathews
- 16 Sharon Taylor
- 17 Tony Wilson, Jr.
- 20 Ken Aldridge
- 21 Johnnie Flanagan
- 23 Dob Phillips
- 26 Josh McMillan

## Happy Anniversary!

- July 1 - Ken & Amy Aldridge
- July 3 - Larry & Sharon Taylor
- July 30 - Joaquin & Brenda  
Rodriguez

## June Giving & Worship Attendance

June 4 32 \$1,260

June 11 33 \$2,205

June 18 22 \$1,645

June 25 23 \$2,384

*\$2,535 is needed weekly to meet our 2023 budget.*

*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-8*



**August 1 - August 5**

## Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser

Double Good Kids Foundation began fundraising opportunities to help young athletes purchase equipment, uniforms, travel for games, and education, and experience for kids with special needs. They make 15,000 lbs of handmade popcorn each day! Using the Double Good app, teams sell popcorn for just four days by sharing a link with friends and family, and keep 50% of the sales. Double Good then ships made-to-order popcorn directly to buyers, (the popcorn is made fresh upon receiving your order and is shipped right to you!) so there's no paperwork or product to handle. We are planning to do this as a fundraiser for the church.

Come the end of the month you will receive a link in an email from the church office and you can share with friends and family. More information to come.





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Methodist Church**

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Pastor**

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**Church Office**

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Monday - Thursday**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Tammy Bassett  
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**Music Director**

**Rebecca Brooks**

**Church Website**

**covenantumcgastonia.com**



*July 2023*

**Regular Scheduled Activities**

**Sunday**

10:30 am Join us for worship!

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Covenant Praise

6:00 pm Joyful Noise Ringers

**Thursday**

4:00 - 7:00 pm Kids at Work

6:00 - 8:00 pm Girl Scouts (resumes in the Fall)

**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

# JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Women's Circle Meetings this month.						
<b>July 30th at 3 pm - Important Meeting for all church members.</b>						
2 Communion 10:30 Worship 3:30 HH game	3	4 	5 4:00 Youth Bible Study with Pastor Larry	6 4:00 Kids at Work	7	8
9 9:15 Council Mtg 10:30 Worship	10	11 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	12 4:00 Youth Bible Study with Pastor Larry	13 4:00 Kids at Work	14	15
16 10:30 Worship 3:30 HH game	17	18 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells 6:30 HH game	19 4:00 Youth Bible Study with Pastor Larry	20 4:00 Kids at Work 6:30 HH game	21	22 11:00-12:30 
23 10:30 Worship	24	25 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	26 4:00 Youth Bible Study with Pastor Larry	27 4:00 Kids at Work	28	29
30 10:30 Hymn Sunday 3:00 Member Mtg	31					

**Enjoy your Summer!**