

Covenant Connection



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

September 2023



3rd Annual Craft Vendor Event
September 9, 9 am - 3 pm
New Vendors, Lunch, & Basket Raffle!

September 11 at 6:30 pm
United Women in Faith General Meeting



Worship in the Park
September 17, 10 am - 2 pm
Rankin Lake, Shelter 11

Monthly Community Lunch
September 23, 11 am - 12:30 pm



Support our **Gastonia Honey Hunters!**

September 1st - 3rd BAM's Birthday Weekend!

Friday - Kids Night, Saturday - BAM's Birthday

Bash, Sunday - BAM's Birthday Block Party

Kids 12 and under get in free!

Last season game is September 14!

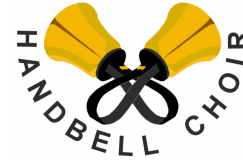


happy
birthday

- 1 Amy Aldridge
- 4 Wayne Houser
- 6 Libby Meek
- 8 Dennis Dees
- 12 Jimmy Lynch
- 17 Lisa Lowe
- 19 Arianna Lowe
- 20 Doug Gibson
- 22 Caitlin Merritt
- 24 Malcum Meek
- 25 Teresa Wilson

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Tom & Joan Turner - 52 yrs!
- 16 Ron & Pat Culver - 56 yrs!
- 19 Scott & Kim Ramsey - 36 yrs!



**Beginning September 6, bell practice will be
Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.**

Anyone who would like to play bells is welcome to join us!! You don't have to know how to read music, but you do have to know the colors pink and green and how to count to 4! Please come out and ring with us...you'll have a good time!

**Craft Vendor Event - We need you!
September 9th**

Baskets for our raffle are being made and some of the vendors are going to pitch in as well! Sandwich lunches will be available to purchase (sloppy joes or chicken patty). We need some desserts to go along with the lunches; (cookies, cupcakes, brownies...) something we can individually wrap. If you can make some, bring by the church on Friday. If you cannot help in that way, but can donate towards the cost of the food, this would be appreciated as well. Thank you to all who help make this a success . . . especially Pat Culver that has led us each year! There will be a nice variety of crafts, start your holiday shopping! If you can help on September 9th (even for a little while), call Pat and let her know. Pray for nice weather to bring many shoppers in!

Desserts needed!!

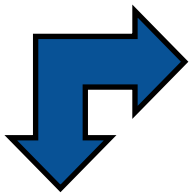
Helpers needed!!

Call Pat Culver or the office.

August Worship Attendance & Giving

August 6	34	\$2,940
<i>Popcorn Fundraiser \$692.50!</i>		
August 13	38	\$1,350
August 20	31	\$ 994
August 27	21	<u>\$1,698</u>
		(\$3,158)

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



Covenant Prayer Corner

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Jimmy Lynch - continue prayer, he is not back at his own apt yet, still in care center at Covenant Village

Elaine Mason* - two fractures in her pelvis from a recent fall, is at Courtland Terrace, (704-671-6867)

Margaret Quinn* (friend of Beverly Cole) is feeling better, went to Duke and they will not be doing surgery and will try water therapy, surgery is too risky, she appreciates your prayers

Polly Schuerg* - former member of Covenant, health issues (*new address below*)

Jim Taylor* (Larry's father) lymphoma, having treatments, he is very weak, pray for Larry and Sharon as they help care for him and wisdom for future decisions

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 😊

Continued Prayer Concerns

Beverly Cole

Mildred McElveen

Jerry Smith*

Libby Grose

Dean Atkinson

Laura McDonald

Val VanAntwerp*

Jeff & Lisa Casey*

Dennis Dees

**Friends/family of members*

Polly is now residing in a retirement center. She is having some health issues and needs prayer.

Elaine has been transferred to Courtland Terrace for rehab. If anyone would like to send cards, addresses for both ladies are below.

Polly Schuerg

Westminster Towers

1330 India Hook Rd

Rock Hill, SC 29732

Elaine Mason, Rm 71

Courtland Terrace

2300 Aberdeen Blvd

Gastonia, NC 28054

BE **JOYFUL**

IN

hope...

FAITHFUL IN

prayer.



ROMANS 12:12 (NIV)

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

Hard to believe summer is over, it seems like it just started. Before we know it, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. Sometimes I look back to see what I've done, what I've accomplished, and it seems at times I feel like it's been nothing.

God's word tells us to use our time wisely because there are many things in life that will distract us from what's truly matters. We should not waste our time so that we look back with regret. I don't know about you, but it seems just too easy to put off until tomorrow something we could do today. (Like my newsletter articles, right Tammy?) Every moment today is so important because we don't know what tomorrow will bring. Time just seems to be going by faster and faster the older I get. *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."* Proverbs 27:1

So, as we go into the season of holidays stop and enjoy but first make sure you don't put off God's work for tomorrow what you can do today because none of us are promised another second.

Also, just a reminder make sure to check the calendar we have a lot going on in September don't miss out on the fun, service, and fellowship.

Love you and May God bless you today and always,

Pastor Larry

"As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." John 9:4

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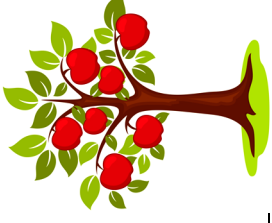
Worship at the Lake - September 17 - Join us!

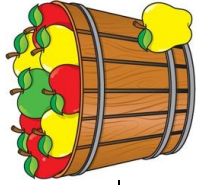


September 17 we will have worship in the park! Worship will begin at 10 am following with a fellowship picnic. Everyone brings a dish (or 2) to share, desserts, and beverages. Dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair if you would like. We will be at Shelter 11 which is up by the lake and close to the restrooms. There will be no worship service at the church on this Sunday. If rain is predicted, we will move all to the church, however worship will still begin at 10 am. (A calling post will be done if we have to change plans due to weather) Hope to see y'all there!



**Worship
in
the
Park**

September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>September 8-10 - WNCC United Women in Faith Annual Celebration - Lake Junaluska Girl Scouts will begin meeting again on Sept. 6, and then will meet the 2nd/4th Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the following months.</p>						
3 Communion 10:30 Worship 3:30 HH game	4 6:30 HH game	5 10:00 Praise Team	6 6:00 Hand Bells 6:00 Girl Scouts	7 4:00 Kids at Work	8 6:00 -8:00 Early set up for Vendors 6:30 HH game	9 9:00 - 3:00 3rd Annual Craft Vendor Event Double Header game
10 9:15 Council Meeting 10:30 Worship 3:30 HH game	11 6:30 UWF General Meeting	12 10:00 Praise Team 6:30 HH game	13 6:00 Hand Bells	14 4:00 Kids at Work 6:30 HH game	15	16
17 10:00 - 2:00 Worship in the Park! Picnic following	18 	19 10:00 Praise Team	20 6:00 Hand Bells	21 4:00 Kids at Work	22 First day of Fall is tomorrow! 	23 11:00 - 12:30  Community LUNCH
24 10:30 Worship	25	26 10:00 Praise Team	27 6:00 Hand Bells 6:00 Girl Scouts	28 4:00 Kids at Work	29	30



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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