



Covenant United Methodist Church

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May 2020

Regular Scheduled Activities

Sunday

- 8:00 United Methodist Men's Breakfast/Devotion (bi-monthly)
May - July - August - October - December
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 2:00 Council Meeting (2nd wk)

Monday

- United Methodist Women Circle Meetings (1st wk)
- 10:00 Mission Keepers Circle
- 6:00 Hope Givers Circle

Tuesday

- 12:30 Young & Lively Luncheon (3rd wk)

Wednesday

- 6:00 Hand Bells Rehearsal
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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A Message from Pastor Larry

God's grace to all.

This has really been a tough time. I was thinking, which is usually dangerous, about church service and what is missing. I hope all have been able to watch church services, hopefully mine, and get something out of it. It is a new way to be able to worship. But there is just something missing. We are told in Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them". First, I want to say that it doesn't really take but one person for God to be there. But I still feel something is missing. That something is you, and you and you ... all of the loving people of Covenant United Methodist Church. That incredible fellowship we feel when we get together for one purpose, to worship our Heavenly Father.

The good news is it looks like we will be able to start going to church soon. Not sure of the exact date yet, but will let you know as soon as it has been decided. Now I know not everyone will be able to attend right away, so I am in the process of making sure that the services will be videoed and will be on Facebook and our Covenant website.

And finally, I just want everyone to know how honored I am to be able to continue as your Pastor. When I was asked if I wanted to return to Covenant there was no pause in my reply "YES". This church has enlightened my life. Sharon and I have felt loved by everyone from the very first day. We have a lot to do, but together with God's help, we can accomplish all things.

Love ya, Miss ya and God bless ya,
Pastor Larry

*May
2020*

*Happy
Mother's Day
to our wonderful
mothers of
Covenant!
God Bless You!*





1 Jim Brendle
 4 Wesley Lowe
 5 Brenda Johnson
 8 Greg Turner
 12 Don Gibson
 12 Bob Perkins
 15 Margie Martin
 18 Ann Dees
 23 Cole McGinnis
 23 Amberic Lowe
 24 Sharon Brendle
 24 Marcia Phillips
 25 Abigail Fairfield
 25 Hillary Kaylor
 30 Buddy Johnson

4 Shawn & Erin McGinnis
 13 Joseph & Leanne Flowers
 23 Don & Sallie Gibson
 26 Wayne & Ruth Houser
 28 Jim & Sharon Brendle

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM
all blessings flow

April 2020

**We had 8 deposits for the
 month of April totaling \$13,567.00!**

**Thank you for your continued support
 and being faithful with your giving.
 God Bless You!**

God loves a cheerful giver ♥



Hold on to your Lenten Jars! Keep on adding through the month and when everything gets back to normal we can bring them in and Matt can send them to B.R.E.A.D. Ministry.

*So
 Thankful
 for You*

Thank you for your cards, calls, visits, and most of all your prayers during my time in the hospital and recovery at home. I am doing much better and am ready to get back to work.

Brenda Johnson

Calendar of Events for



Stay at home is extended through May 9th for Gaston County. We pray this will be lifted soon so we can all be together again! At this time since we don't know when it will be lifted, I have included the regular activities on the calendar for the rest of the month.

May 17 & 24 If we are able to hold our worship services at the church, we will be having Contemporary Worship both of these Sundays.

May 23 8:00 - 10:30 am Community Breakfast is planned

You will be notified when Choir and Hand Bells rehearsal can resume.



Pastor Larry & Sharon have moved into an apartment as they make plans to build their new home. Here is their new address:

**Larry & Sharon Taylor
 305 E. Union St, Apt C202
 Morganton NC 28655**

Covenant Prayer Corner

Praise God!

Lib Grose- recovering from surgery, she is back at home and doing well!
 Continue prayers for healing.

Brenda Johnson - recovering well!

B.A. Moore - is finally home!

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Judy Hoffman - cast removed, brace for a few more weeks

Ina Jones - discharged from rehab after several weeks, staying with her daughter at this time so she can help care for Ina, continue prayers for healing

Continued Prayer Concerns *non-church members

**Jay Raxter
 Don Gibson
 Mary Payseur***

**Larry Moore*
 Sue McMillan*
 Dennis Dees**

**Pat & Glenn Leigh
 Jean Stewart
 Tammy Welch***

**Jerry Moore*
 Marcia Campbell***

Covenant Shut-Ins

Betty Lynch - Covenant Village, Room B116
B.A. Moore - home