

Covenant Connection

COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA



*In His great mercy
he has given us new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ"
1 Peter 1:3*

*April
2020*

*From dusk to dawn,
from start to finish,
from death to life,
from the cross to
the throne . . .*

*JESUS
is
Risen!*



1 Henry Raxter
 3 Caitlin Ramsey
 3 Glenn Leigh
 7 Claire Merritt
 11 Emma Kayler
 12 Sarah Bentley - 85 yrs!
 12 Trish Bridges
 15 Larry Taylor
 17 Brittany Hodge
 19 Holden Raxter
 23 Tom Pilon
 24 Declan Meek
 25 Jean Stewart
 25 Pat Culver
 25 Sara Kaylor
 27 Jonathan Cole
 30 Charlie Lowe
 30 Suzanne Kayler
 30 Stephanie Lowe

Happy Anniversary!

April 8 - Tom & Helen Pilon

Just a quick little note from me ☺

I miss y'all! I have talked to some of you as I usually do, but it's not the same. I miss my visits from Buddy as he checks on things around here at the church, Joan as she stops in here and there, Andrea and she brings me the deposit slips every Monday....oh, and that guy that comes in during the week "warning" me he is coming down the hall so I don't fall out of my chair!....yeah, miss you too Larry!

I pray y'all are staying home, staying healthy, and trusting the Lord to get us through. He will bring us through this! Pray for one another, and give each other a call! Just a quick hello means so much! Love y'all!

Tammy Bassett ☺

March 2020 Worship Attendance Tithes & Offerings

March 1 38 \$1,220
 March 8 47 \$1,228
 March 15 --- ---

Offerings received & deposited:

March 22 \$705
 March 25 \$900
 April 1 \$2,995 (incl. refund ck \$1300)
 April 3 \$1,714
 April 6 \$2,280

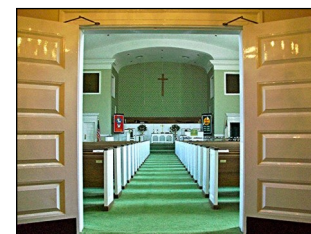
For tithes and offerings during this time,
you may mail to the church or drop in the
mail slot on the office door.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Covenant United Methodist Church

801 W. Franklin Blvd
Gastonia, NC 28052

Larry Taylor
Pastor

taylorlorgang24@yahoo.com
(828) 413-4067

Church Office

(704) 865-5055
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Monday - Thursday
 covenantgastonia@gmail.com

Tammy Bassett
Administrative Assistant

Laura McDonald
Director of Music

Rebecca Brooks
Pianist

Church Website:
www.covenantumcgastonia.com

April 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

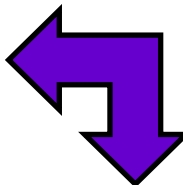
Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Covenant Prayer Corner



Praise God!

Tommy Sue Atkinson - doing well! Thank you for your prayers!

Jack Bridges - doing well after having stents put in his legs

Brenda Johnson - continue prayer for healing as Brenda is recovering from two stays in the hospital and surgery

Helen Pilon - doing well following carpal tunnel surgery in both wrists in February

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Lib Grose- recovering from surgery at Covenant Village Health Care, she is doing well

Judy Hoffman - broke her arm from a fall, thankfully no surgery is needed

Ina Jones - recent stroke, will be in rehab for several weeks, (address below)

Harvey McDonald - fell on March 31 and cut his ear, required stitches

Malcum Meek - recovering from Bell's Palsy and testing positive for the virus. However he did not have severe symptoms and is recovering.

Continued Prayer Concerns *non-church members

Fran Ellis*

Don Gibson

Mary Payseur*

Jay Raxter

Sue McMillan*

Dennis Dees

Pat & Glenn Leigh

Jean Stewart

Tammy Welch*

Larry Moore*

Marcia Campbell*

Jerry Moore*

Covenant Shut-Ins

Betty Lynch - Covenant Village, Room B116

B.A. Moore - Belaire, Room 20 for rehab (address below)

Novant Health Medical Center
Ina Jones, Room 203
Stanback Rehab
612 Mocksville Ave
Salisbury NC 28144

Belaire Health Care
B.A. Moore, Room 20
2065 Lyon St
Gastonia NC 28052



Dear Covenant Family,

We thank all of you for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food and memorials during Eileen's illness and passing!

The Lowe Family

pray for one another 

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.
Philippians 4:6-8

Wow what a Lenten Season...

First just an update, which probably most of you already know, we will not be able to have Easter services together. I am planning on videoing a service for Easter Sunday.

I hope all of you are hanging in there. I know it is hard to comprehend what is going on. There is so much negativity out there that together we need to stay positive as much as possible. I am trying to call some of you each day, just to talk and maybe help lift each other up. These are the times the Lord is telling us we must stick together and be there for each other. So, when you can, pick up the phone and call somebody. I know I would love to hear from you.

We are told in Galatians 6:2 to "Carry each other's burdens and in this way fulfill the law of Christ" See, none of us can do anything alone. You can help each other get through life's big and small obstacles and they will do the same for you. REMEMBER WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!!!

Love you all, miss you greatly and can't wait to be together again,

Pastor Larry

Greetings to all!

Hope that you are safe and sane during this very challenging time! This virus has truly changed our convenient way of living and hopefully has drawn us closer to God! It has been my prayer that all who don't know the Lord personally, will examine their lives and see the blessings that they have been given, Number 1 being the gift of salvation!

As some of you know, I work in Special Education at an elementary school. Since we've been out of school, I have volunteered to help provide students with meals. The fact that some kids don't eat except for the meals they get at school, bothered me that they wouldn't be fed. God has provided a way for them to have at least two meals a day through volunteers and I'm thankful I have the opportunity to be a part of it. As with other trying times in our past, God has made a way. Trust Him for "Great is Thy Faithfulness!"

Don't forget to thank Him for all He's done, is doing, and will do for His children. Until we praise the Lord together again, take care of yourself and others!

Rebecca Brooks

"In times like these, we need a Savior" is a phrase, I think, from a gospel hymn I seem to remember. Such words speak loudly to the terrible scourge that has temporarily changed our lives and challenged our faith. From the age of thirteen I have been involved in the ministry of church music. The words of many beautiful hymns, over the years of my life, have lifted me out of scary and troublesome times and given me strength to persevere. If we "walk with the Lord in the light of His word" (words from another hymn) and not give in to negative forces, we will again be worshipping together in the holy place called Covenant United Methodist Church. I love and miss all of you my church family.

Laura McDonald