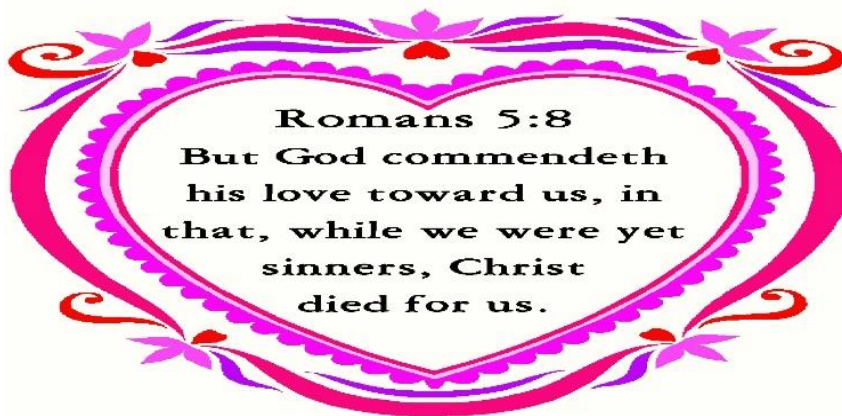


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"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG, AND TO THE SAVIOR FOR WHOSE KINGDOM IT STANDS, ONE SAVIOR, CRUCIFIED, RISEN, AND COMING AGAIN, WITH LIFE AND LIBERTY TO ALL WHO BELIEVE."



# COVENANT COVERAGE

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## COVENANT PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Church & Our leaders, The Lost, America, USA Leaders, World Leaders, The World

Gayle Mull  
Winnie Elliott  
Gloria Navy  
Katheryn Goodman  
Pat Hatley

Jo Ann Murphy (Sister-in-law of Gayle Mull)  
Luis Osuna (Son-in-law of John Helms)  
Nancy Blanton  
Houston Crane, Jr.

Ray & Pansy DeViney  
Barbara Hurley  
Jim Wallace  
Louise Mingus

Judy Dotson  
Christine Sexton  
Katheryn Goodman

Glenn Monteith, Aldersgate Ret. Community  
Polly Wright, Brookdale Sr. Living

Virginia Townsend, The Haven  
Buford Nance, Williams Place

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST.**

## *From the Pastor's Desk!*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We find ourselves heading to the second month of the year. As we start the month of February, we will begin to see many things happening here at the church. We will begin many of our programs again and there is information in our newsletter about all the upcoming activities. We will once again this year have a mission emphasis on creating flood buckets to be used locally and sent out to help those in need. This year we will be seeking out to find ways to help the students at West Mecklenburg High School and be supportive of those students. We will also be looking into some new things this year like having outside groups come in and help teach us about things such as living wills, help with our finances and many areas of life that we do not always have the answers to and don't always know where to go for help. We will also have many of our regular activities like lemonade on the lawn, Wonderful Wednesdays, Vacation Bible School and the list goes on and on.

When our council held our annual planning session at the beginning of January, there was a concern that was shared with the leadership and I want to share that here. We were told that there is a communication gap that happens here at the church. People don't always know all of the great things that are going on here at the church due to our communication gap. So, we need your help. Please contact the church office and share with us your current phone number, any type of address change you have had, and your current email address. From time to time I will send out a text blast as a reminder of things at church, or of a prayer concern. If you would like to get those, please let Wanda know that as well.

We are excited about the opportunities that God has given us for this new year and we want everyone to be a part of it all. We will strive to inform you about activities at the church through the newsletter, the bulletin, the screens during the prelude to worship, our church Facebook page, the church website, text messages, phone calls and so forth. We want to keep everyone informed and involved. So, please update your records at the church and join with us as we look forward to a great year here at Covenant!

Elise B. Kennedy, Pastor

### **MISSION COLLECTIONS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR FLOOD BUCKETS:  
33-45 GALLON HEAVY DUTY GARBAGE BAGS,  
8 OZ. CAN OF AIR FRESHNER,  
50 OZ. BOTTLE OF LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT.**

### **FEBRUARY, 2019 SCRIPTURE READING PLAN**

For the month of February, we will focus our scripture readings on refreshing our faith and our connection to scripture and to God. Please take time each day to read these passages and let them grow in your heart and in your spirit.




**February 1 Isaiah 53:1-12  
February 2 Matthew 1:18-25  
February 3 Matthew 3:1-4:11  
February 4 John 2:1-11  
February 5 Luke 14:14-30  
February 6 Luke 5:1-11  
February 7 Luke 6:17-46  
February 8 Matthew 8:1-13  
February 9 Matthew 12:1-13  
February 10 Matthew 13:1-43  
February 11 Luke 8:22-25  
February 12 Mark 5:1-43  
February 13 John 6:1-14  
February 14 Luke 9:18-27  
February 15 Mark 9:14-32  
February 16 Matthew 17:40-18:20  
February 17 Matthew 18:21-19:15  
February 18 Mark 10:17-31  
February 19 Luke 10:1-24  
February 20 Mark 12:28-44  
February 21 Luke 10:25-37  
February 22 Luke 11:1-13  
February 23 John 11:44  
February 24 Matthew 21:1-27  
February 25 John 13:1-17  
February 26 John 14:1-15:27  
February 27 Matthew 26:36-75  
February 28 John 18:19-19:16**

### **ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT & FIRST COUNCIL MEETING**

On January 5, several members of the Administrative Council, the church and Pastor Elise met for our annual planning retreat. After setting the stage with a devotional, the group discussed our goals for the year, including ideas on how to accomplish them; identified our goals for missions, including local and regional missions; and established many calendar dates for the year. Some of the goals for 2019 include improving communication and the website, building pride in our church and its facilities, and strengthening the connection to the Crane Building congregation. Our mission goals include flood buckets and support of our local schools. It was a successful meeting that has the Council ready for 2019! Check this newsletter, the bulletins on Sundays, the Facebook page and the website for things we are doing. Covenant will continue to be a welcoming church with many activities throughout 2019 that will share the love of Jesus Christ with others!

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">                 Office Hours Monday- Thursday 9-2 PM             </div>	BULLETIN INFO IS DUE BY <b>TUESDAY</b> EACH WEEK		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">                 Body &amp; Soul Exercise Class Mon, Wed &amp; Fri: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM             </div>
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<b>FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S TIME SERVANTS</b> February 3 Communion February 10 Linda Smeltzer February 17 Elaine Snipes February 24 Jim Smeltzer	<b>FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS</b> Welcome: Billy Joy Head Usher: Tim Cox Church Sign: Ralph Percival Media: Roger Smartt Security: Tim Cox Communion Steward: Grace Hrisak	<b>FEBRUARY NURSERY SERVANTS</b> February 3 Joe & Sandy Moss February 10 Melanie & Ken Smith February 17 Judy & Michael Lowe February 24 Nancy Roland & Cornelia Watson
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DUE BY FEBRUARY 10</b>					1	2
3 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Communion	4 9:30 AM Exercise  <b>7:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL</b>	5	6 9:30 AM Exercise	7 7:00 PM CHOIR	8 9:30 AM Exercise	9
 <b>MARCH NEWS DUE</b> 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11 9:30 AM Exercise	12 <b>11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH @ SHOWMARS</b>	13 9:30 AM Exercise	14 7:00 PM CHOIR  	15 9:30 AM Exercise	16
17 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM <b>SENIOR VALENTINE LUNCHEON</b> 	18 9:30 AM Exercise	19	20 9:30 AM Exercise 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study <b>5:30 PM - Meal WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY</b> 6:15 PM Kidz 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study	21 7:00 PM CHOIR	22 9:30 AM Exercise	23
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## Body & Soul Senior Fitness Exercise Classes meet

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Monthly fees are \$25.00.  
 No charge if you have Silver Sneakers in your insurance.  
 If you have any questions, call Kathy Joy: 704-277-3267



## SENIOR VALENTINE LUNCHEON



**Our annual Senior Valentine Luncheon will be Sunday, February 17 immediately following worship. This luncheon is for those 60 and older and we hope everyone in that age group will attend.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO LINDA SMELTZER OR SHERRY SMITH BY FEBRUARY 10. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## KAIROS COOKIES NEEDED SOON



Please start gathering supplies for our cookie drive.

We will be at Kershaw Prison March 21-24 and will need lots & lots of cookies.

Please bring by March 17<sup>TH</sup> .

Thanks in advance!

John & Grace Hrisak



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hallie Threatt
- 2 Eli Reames
- 3 Caroline Bui
- 5 Judy Hendrix
- 7 Dawn Glover
- 9 Randy Beacham
- 13 Alex Jackson
- 17 Peggy Eddens
- 20 Louise Mingus 99 YEARS!
- 23 Jason Ridenhour
- 24 Emily Siu

#### *Louise Mingus*

*will be 99 on February 20, 2019*

*If anyone would like to send her a card, the address is:*

*Mrs. Marquerite Louise Mingus*

*8016 Old Plank Road*

*Charlotte, NC 28216*

*(704-392-6527)*

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Jeff & Kandice Murphy

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the office.*

CYCLING  
WITHOUT  
AGE



## THE RIGHT TO WIND IN YOUR HAIR

### CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

FEBRUARY 20

3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM

**WALLACE PRUITT REC CENTER**  
**440 Tuckaseegee Road**  
**Charlotte, NC 28208**

**COME FOR FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS  
AND**

**"THE RIGHT TO WIND IN YOUR HAIR"**

**NO MATTER YOUR AGE**

**(Working with Council on Aging)  
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WHITE  
AMERICA**

**A DOCUMENTARY PLAY  
WRITTEN BY: MARTIN DUBERMAN  
DIRECTED BY: RUTH SLOANE**

**Come experience the strength of the  
human spirit to survive from slavery to freedom.**

**American history and African-  
American history is one inseparable story!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019  
2:30 PM & 7:30 PM**

**Sunday, February 24, 2019  
4:00 PM**

**Admission: Adults \$15.00  
Children: \$10.00 (Ages 5-12)  
Groups of 10 or more: \$12.00**

**1421 Statesville Ave., Charlotte, NC 28206**

**DR. THOMAS MOORE WILL BE PERFORMING IN THE SHOW ON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
Make plans now to attend!**

# **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!**



**FEBRUARY 20 TO APRIL 10**

**(EXCEPT FOR MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WILL REPLACE WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY)**



**5:30 PM MEAL  
Adults \$5.00  
Children eat free**



**6:15 PM  
(Groups Meet)  
Kidz Group  
Youth Group  
Adults Bible Study \*(SEE NOTE BELOW)**

## **\*ADULTS BIBLE STUDY**

**Starting on Wednesday, February 20th, our Wonderful Wednesday program will begin for the spring. There are some folks who have stated that they cannot come out in the evening. So, on February 20th, WE WILL HAVE A BIBLE STUDY AT 11:00 A.M. AS WELL AS AT 6:15 P.M. following our Wednesday evening meal.**

**If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Elise.**

# 2019 Metro District Lay Servant Ministries

REGISTER NOW FOR THE METRO DISTRICT LAY SERVANT TRAINING.  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 4, 2019

*(ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY! IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN REGISTERING ONLINE, CONTACT JATANA ROYSTER 704.451.3816) OR*

*CALL WITH QUESTIONS AND HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE:*

*Metro District Lay Servant Training - 704.525.3395*

*Jatana Royster (COORDINATOR OF LAY MINISTRIES)- [JRoyster@wnccumc.org](mailto:JRoyster@wnccumc.org)*

## **March 30 & 31**

Saturday: 9am - 4pm  
Sunday: 2pm - 6pm

Pineville UMC  
110 South Polk Street  
Cost: \$30

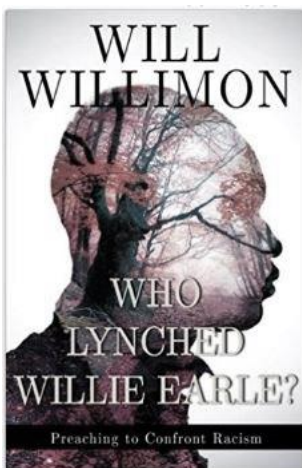
## **April 6 & 7**

Saturday: 9am - 4pm  
Sunday: 2pm - 6pm

Central UMC (Charlotte)  
6030 Albemarle Rd.  
Cost: \$30

- 1. Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course**
- 2. Advanced - Discover Your Spiritual Gifts (Each One a Minister)**
- 3. Advanced - Leading Worship (Worshiping with United Methodists)**
- 4. Advanced - Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders**
- 5. Cursos de Servidor Laico que se ofrecen en español (Basic and Advanced Courses in Spanish) - ONLY at Central UMC (6030 Albemarle Road, Charlotte on April 6 & 7)**

## Also:



**March 25, 8:00am - 10am**

**Harrison UMC (15008 Lancaster Highway)**

**A morning with Bishop Will Willimon, sponsored by The Metro District**

**Bishop Will Willimon will lead us in a discussion of his newest book "Who Lynched Willie Earle?" Preaching to Confront Racism.**