



## **Sunday, August 3, 2025**

*Please complete the Worship Response Card (WRC) in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate to express interest, submit a prayer request, update your contact information or to sign up for an opportunity.*

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## **Installation Service for Serenitye Taylor**

*Next Sunday, August 10*

*During 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary*

Celebrate this special day in the life of our church as Serenitye Taylor is installed as Associate Minister for Congregational Life. All are invited to join us at 11:00 a.m. for worship and the installation, followed by a reception in the Welcome Center.

## **Pathways of Discipleship**

*Sunday, August 10, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel (no zoom)*

*Recordings will be available on YouTube the following Tuesday*

A group of Covenant folks recently returned from a week in Avery County where they worked and served alongside our mission partners. This upcoming Sunday, we will be joined by participants Jane Freeman, Amanda Abrahm, Tripp Moore, and Phil Koonce to hear about their week and the ongoing hurricane relief taking place. Additionally, we will have an opportunity to hear about the history of our Avery County partnerships, as well as the ways in which the established relationships have offered space for growth in faith. All are welcome!

## **Youth Leadership Recruitment**

*Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m. | Location TBD*

Our Covenant Youth want to share their faith and see how we — or an adult of any age and life stage — can support and guide them in their faith journey. Join the youth for dinner and worship, and learn how God is calling us to contribute our gifts to this beautiful, fun, and growing community. Attending this event is an opportunity for conversation, not a binding commitment.

Write "Youth Leadership" on your WRC to learn more.

## **Habitat Volunteer Days**

*September 13, October 10, November 11*

Whether you're helping with framing, painting, or other tasks, all skill levels are welcome. Habitat staff will provide direction and all necessary tools. Or support us by bringing lunch for the team. Write "Habitat" on your WRC to sign up.

# **Kickoff Sunday with Blessing of the Backpacks**

*Sunday, August 24*

*Sign up to volunteer, bring desserts, or buy backpack supplies at [covenantpresby.org/sunday-events](http://covenantpresby.org/sunday-events)*

Join us for a joyful day as we launch into the new theme for the year and celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks! Backpacks will be presented in the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship in the sanctuary.

Lunch & Fellowship 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Activities 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kickoff activities include:

- ✦ Potluck lunch
- ✦ Live music by Ellie Morgan
- ✦ Games for all ages
- ✦ Bounce house fun
- ✦ Snow cones

## **School Supply Donations drop off by August 17**

Blessing of the Backpacks is right around the corner! Through this annual event, students at Highland Renaissance Academy and Crossnore Elementary School will start the year with a backpack filled with school supplies. To join in this beloved tradition, drop any of the following items in Mission and Outreach bins in the Welcome Center.

- ✦ Washable markers (Crayola 12 count)
- ✦ Crayons (Crayola 24 count box)
- ✦ School glue (liquid in 4 oz bottle) and glue sticks
- ✦ Scissors (5" blunt tip)
- ✦ Pencils (12 pack, pre sharpened)
- ✦ Composition notebook (wide rule)
- ✦ Pocket folders
- ✦ Notebook paper (wide rule)

## **Highland Back to School Teacher Brunch**

We are excited to host a Back-to-School Breakfast for the faculty and staff of Highland Renaissance Academy on Monday, August 18. We'd love your help in kicking off their new school year by providing breakfast "extras" to go along with Chick-fil-A biscuits that the church is providing as the main course. Please drop off your items by 7:30 a.m. on Monday, August 18 in the Fellowship Hall. Write "Teacher Brunch" on your WRC for details.

**SAVE THE DATE**

## **Covenant Impacts Charlotte - CIC**

*November 16 (Commitment Sunday)*

CIC is a great way to meet new people and involve the entire family, as we'll have hands-on projects for every age and interest. We'll gather on Commitment Sunday with projects available after both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. At noon, we'll celebrate with a free chili lunch between projects. Questions? Contact Courtney Shudak.