

# WELCOME TO FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

#### Congregational Meeting

Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing 10 adult elders to the Session class of 2028, and two youth elders to serve a one-year term beginning January 1, 2026. A slate of nominees has been developed by the Elder Nominating Committee, see the Fall newsletter. Nominations may be made from the floor. The nominee must consent and be present.

Meet the nominees: Tom Coley, Leigh Ann Hall, Jim Hamilton, Ellen Holloway, Lauren McCormick, Alan Morrow, Kim Moseley, Ellen Schubert, Derek Thomas, Campbell Tucker, Virginia Bouknight (youth), Breiten Brown (youth).

#### **Blood Drive**

Today, September 14, 8:00 a.m. - Noon In the Big Red Bus parked on Dilworth Road

Every person has the power to save a life. Donating blood only takes a little of your time, and it can mean a lifetime for patients in need. Blood donation is easy and doesn't take a lot of time. Walk ups welcome. Feel free to bring a friend!

#### An Ethic of Peace for the Holy Land

Exploring the foundations for peace through Judaism, Islam, and Christianity

Sunday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall: Hadia Mubarak
Dr. Hadia Mubarak is Associate Professor of Religion at
Queens University of Charlotte and author of Rebellious Wives,
Neglectful Husbands. A specialist in Qur'anic exegesis, Islamic
feminism, and gender reform, she has taught at Guilford, UNC
Charlotte, and Davidson, and serves as Scholar-in-Residence at
the Muslim Community Center of Charlotte. Mubarak holds
a Ph.D. from Georgetown University and was the first woman
elected president of the national Muslim Students Association.

#### Young Adult Fall Kickoff

Rally Pickleball, September 14, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Covenant YA Ministry kicks off the new program year this afternoon with a celebration at Rally Pickleball! Whether you are a seasoned Pickler or new to the game, we'd love to have you join us. The afternoon will include a Pickleball Tutorial for anyone new to the game, as well as some light and friendly competition. For those more inclined to observe, we have several lounge areas reserved where Sunday football, good conversation, and small bites will be available.

### Open Table on Wednesday Nights

Open Table Dinners, prepared by Chef Johnny, are served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Programming is available for children, youth and adults. If you plan to join for dinner, please write "OT Dinner" on your WRC.

TRAVEL, LEARN, CONNECT (TLC)

# Using AI with Discernment, Wisdom, and Purpose led by Dr. Cori Faklaris

Wednesday, September 24 in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Fellowship | Program 11:00 a.m.

Join TLC for a discussion with Dr. Cori Faklaris of UNC Charlotte who will demystify AI—how it works, how it can support our homes and church life, and how to approach it with wisdom, discernment, and care for human connection and privacy. Everyone is welcome. To RSVP, write "TLC" on your WRC.

### Teach Us to Number Our Days: The Wisdom of Planning for the End of Life

Wednesdays in September, 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall 203
For most of us, thinking about and planning for the end of our lives, or those of our loved ones, is something we'd rather put off for another day. But responsible, faithful thought and preparation for the inevitability of the end of our earthly lives can be a true gift to ourselves and our families. In this four-week series, we will consider what it means to take seriously the truth of our mortality, and what we can do now to be more prepared in the future.

#### SAVE THE DATE

## Covenant Impacts Charlotte (CIC)

Sunday, November 16

Join us for our annual churchwide day of service! We'll gather for worship and lunch, then spread out across the city for volunteer projects that fit every age and interest. Various service opportunities will occur November 14-16. Look for signup links in your weekly emails, Sunday bulletins, and on the website. If you are interested in serving as a leader for one of our projects or want to learn more please contact Courtney Shudak.