

# WELCOME TO FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

## An Ethic of Peace for the Holy Land

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

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

September 7: Peter Beinart September 14: Mitri Raheb September 21: Hadia Mubarak

Join us for this timely lecture series exploring the spiritual and ethical foundations for peace in the Israeli-Palestinian context through the lenses of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Featuring three of the leading voices from each tradition — Jewish-American writer and political commentator Peter Beinart, Islamic scholar Dr. Hadia Mubarak, and Palestinian Christian theologian Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb — this series invites participants to engage deeply with the teachings, movements, and moral visions within each faith that call for justice, reconciliation, and the flourishing of all people in the Holy Land.

### 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.

# Life Groups Begin Meeting in September

Life Groups are an expression of dynamic Christian community, in which groups of 5-15 individuals are nurtured in discipleship and in faith. Life Groups at Covenant resume and launch the first week of September and will meet for 6 consecutive weeks. We hope you'll join us in study and conversation centered around discernment using a curriculum titled, "God's GPS: Finding Your Way With Faith." Write "Life Groups" on your WRC to learn more.

# NEW DAY, TIME & LOCATION Grief Support Group

Third Thursday of the Month, 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Rm 201 Join a group of compassionate hearts for a time of support and sharing for anyone grieving a loss. Contact Katherine Kerr with questions.

#### SOS Kickoff Lunch

Surviving Our Spouses (SOS)

Sunday, September 21 – 12:30 p.m. – Rooster's SouthPark

Meet with the group for our kickoff luncheon in the private dining
room of Rooster's Wood-fired Kitchen, SouthPark, 6601 Carnegie
Blvd. There is plenty of free parking. We will order from the menu with
separate checks provided. Write "SOS Lunch" on your WRC to RSVP.

# 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.

# Cook Texas Hash, Bake Cookies, or Serve a Meal. We need your help!

Deadline: Sunday, September 28

On the fifth Tuesdays (about four times a year), volunteers from Covenant serve donated Texas Hash casseroles to neighbors who rely on the shelter. Casseroles and desserts are needed to help with this Ministry! We also need help delivering and serving the food. This is a great way for families to be involved and help our neighbors. Write "Texas Hash" on your WRC for details.

#### Youth Basketball

The new Youth Basketball season at Covenant is almost here! Sign-ups for players will begin September 15 (link to come). If you are interested in coaching or have questions, email our Recreation Ministry Director, Kevin Harper.

# Support Highland Renaissance Academy When You Shop

Do you shop at Harris Teeter? Link your VIC card to HRA so they can earn "Together in Education" dollars every time you shop. Write "Vic Card" on your WRC and we'll email you the link to sign up.