



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023**

**SYMPATHY TO:**

Carol Marzahn on the loss of her sister, Deborah Pruitt.

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

Are you a guest visiting with us today, or did you meet a guest this morning? We encourage all our guests to stop by our guest kiosks in either the main or north lobby. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at [christcovenant.org/online-guest-card](http://christcovenant.org/online-guest-card). You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the online guest card. There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary you can fill out and place in the offering. If you do not have a Bible, we invite you to take a Bible from one of the pews to take home with you today. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today!



**FAITH PROMISE & SUPPORTED WORKER PRAYER GUIDES**

It's not too late to give your Faith Promise commitment card. You can place your card in either the offering or in the tithe boxes. You can also give your commitment online at <https://christcovenant.org/faith-promise-commitment-card-online/>. Supported worker prayer guides are in the south and main lobby if you did not pick one up last weekend or would like to take an extra copy.

**Holy Week**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Thursday, April 6  
Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Friday, April 7  
Service at 12:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

**EASTER**  
Sunday, April 9  
Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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**HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is quickly approaching, and we hope you are making plans to join us for these special worship services. Each service is located in the sanctuary in the worship center. If you are unable to join us in person for any of these worship services, we hope you will join us online for the livestream at [christcovenant.org/live](http://christcovenant.org/live).

Children's programs are available on Thursday, April 6 during the Maundy Thursday worship service for children 4 months - 35 months. There are no children's programs available during the Good Friday worship service. For morning worship on Easter Sunday, children's programs are available for ages newborn - preschool. For evening worship on Easter Sunday, children's programs are available for ages newborn - 2 years old. If you have any questions regarding children's programs, please contact Amy Wallace at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org).

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Children's ministry invites you to attend our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, from 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Community Life Center (CLC). This is a family fun time for children 5th grade and younger to come for story time, crafts and an egg hunt. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to join you. Have questions, contact Amy Wallace at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org).

## NO COMMUNION TODAY

It is our practice at Christ Covenant Church to observe communion each month. However, due to a manufacturing issue with the company that supplies our communion elements, we were unable to receive the needed communion elements. Our next communion is scheduled for Sunday, April 2. We are still having a deacons' special offering today. We invite you to read and to consider giving to HisAbilities ministry.



### MEN'S RETREAT

All men are invited to attend the Men's Retreat on April 21-23, 2023, at Ridge Haven Camp and Retreat Center. The early registration rate is \$57, and the deadline for early registration is Friday, March 17, 2023, at 11:59 pm. The regular registration rate is \$67, and the deadline to register is Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 11:59 pm.

Registration includes Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, and Sunday breakfast. The total cost of the men's retreat is registration plus lodging. The lodging options are as follows: share a room with 1 other man (2 beds) for \$119; share a room with 2 other men (3 beds) for \$77; share a room with 3 other men (2 bunk beds) for \$50. Learn more and register at [christcovenant.org/mensretreat2023](http://christcovenant.org/mensretreat2023).

### CANDY NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's ministry is requesting donations of bags of individually wrapped candy for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1. The candy does not have to fit inside a plastic egg. Baskets are available for donation drop off at the Children's Ministry Welcome Desk in the north lobby and at the Guest Center in the main lobby. Have questions, contact Amy Wallace at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org).

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: DEACONS' SPECIAL OFFERING HISABILITIES MINISTRY

Today's special offering will support the ministry of HisAbilities. HisAbilities is a ministry of Christ Covenant Church that seeks to come alongside those families and individuals impacted by disability with advocacy, resources, encouragement and support. It also aims to encourage and equip our church to be a body that embraces those members affected by disability as vital to our fellowship and integral to our ministry. In addition to ministries like the Kings Community Sunday School class and regular fellowship opportunities, one of the ways that HisAbilities is seeking to facilitate both of these is through the provision of Respite opportunities.

Respite Night is an opportunity for our church to come alongside our families doing life with disabilities by providing a few hours of respite support for parents while their children are cared for and enjoy a time of fun and friendship in a safe and loving environment. God's grace is richly evident in the blessings received by parents, children and volunteers alike during Respite events hosted by our church! And we are excited about our upcoming Spring Respite Night on April 22 in the Community Life Center (CLC). Please see the additional article in today's Courier for more information and how to get involved!

HisAbilities also seeks to support respite care to our families by providing scholarships to Family Retreats by Joni and Friends Charlotte, a ministry partner of Christ Covenant. These annual week-long retreats provide the opportunity for families affected by disability to enjoy worship, spiritual encouragement, physical rest, relational engagement and expanded access to recreational experiences. We have been able to provide these scholarships to families for several years, and they continue to be a source of great blessing and needed refreshment for our families who are able to attend.

In supporting the ministry of HisAbilities, today's offering will go in part to the continued provision of vital respite opportunities like these. We are grateful for the ways that Christ Covenant continues to invest in this ministry of our church. To learn more about HisAbilities contact Dave Baxter at [dbaxter@christcovenant.org](mailto:dbaxter@christcovenant.org).

Please place all special/monthly communion offering gifts in an envelope (found in pews) and label it 'Special Communion Offering' and include the name of the ministry, HisAbilities, before placing your gift in one of the tithe boxes located inside the sanctuary at our main doors in the north, south and toward the main lobby. You can also give online at [christcovenant.org/members/giving](http://christcovenant.org/members/giving). Thank you for your gift!

### HISABILITIES RESPITE NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christ Covenant's HisAbilities ministry needs volunteers for our upcoming Spring Respite Night April 22, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to come alongside Christ Covenant families impacted by disability by providing a few hours of respite for parents while their children are cared for and engaged by a team of volunteers providing a safe environment with a variety of fun activities! Volunteers must be a member of Christ Covenant, but no experience with disabilities is needed to serve, and our volunteers find the evening to be a rich blessing and a great time to make encouraging connections with this special part of our church body!

Respite Night serves parents with children impacted by disabilities, or who are living with disability themselves, and will be in the lower level of Community Life Center (CLC). Training resources including a brief zoom video will be provided to our volunteers and we work to make sure our volunteers are serving in a capacity in which they are comfortable. If you would like to serve or learn more about this opportunity, please email Amy Van Dusen at [avandusen@christcovenant.org](mailto:avandusen@christcovenant.org). Deadline for volunteer registration is March 26.

#### WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision throughout 2023.

<i>Inflow 1/1/23 – 3/5/23</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	1,175,629	1,140,000	35,629	3.1%
Faith Promise Budget	110,269	72,700	37,569	51.7%