

THE COVENANTER

April 08, 2018

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,
Synod of the South Atlantic, General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
(USA)



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP!!! Covenant will be hosting homeless guests (3 families) overnight for IHN (*Interfaith Hospitality Network*) the week of **April 15-22**. Please examine your calendar and give thought and prayer of the way you can serve from the many options: set up, take down, provide a meal, spend a night, host for three hours one evening, transport guests to the day center, and more. The sign-up board is now in the Gallery across from the staff offices, so please sign-up and help us provide Christian hospitality to families seeking a home of their own. If you have never been an IHN helper, a training opportunity will be provided. *"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2

Covenant Stewardship Drive Update! Dear Covenant friends, We are on our way to finalizing our pledge drive for the July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year. As of April 6th, we have received pledges to cover \$429,778 of the proposed budget of approximately \$512,192. However, we still have not heard from almost 18 families and individuals who have pledged in the past. We need your help to make sure our budget for next year is fiscally responsible and covers all of the many needs that Covenant has. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please turn it into the office this week or to Alan and Sharon Edwards, who tabulate the pledges for us. If you have pledged in the past but are not planning to send in a card this year, please let us know. Otherwise, we will be calling those we have not heard from to give them a personal reminder starting next week. Thanks for your help in making this pledge drive a success! *Pam Knox*, Treasurer, for the Stewardship & Finance ministry

GRADUATES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON APRIL 10TH AT

12:30PM Retirees, don't forget! Everyone's welcome to join the fun at **The Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall, on Tuesday, April 10, at 12:30pm. Beverages are provided, so bring a dish to share – and bring a friend too.

Dr. Lisa Renzi-Hammond of UGA's Institute of Gerontology will present a program on brain health & memory, sharing ways to cope with common forgetfulness and give your brain a boost.

Y'all come!

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All visitors, new members, and even those who want a refresher! You are invited to a class discussion led by the pastors on **"What It Means to Be Presbyterian,"** held in the Upper Room (up the ramp) on Tuesday, April 10, from 7:00-8:30pm. We'll answer questions first and then briefly cover PCUSA history & government, worship & sacraments, and any theological points that engage you. **PLEASE SIGNUP** on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. *Hope to see you there!*

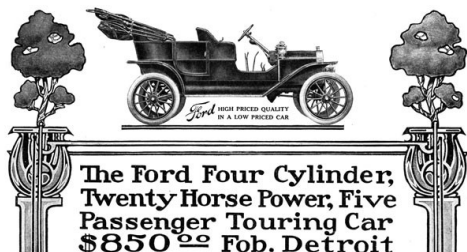
Remember in Prayer: Dot Handley (our Friday morning office volunteer), in the death of her sister Carolyn Reynolds March 30; Larry Hatfield successfully had his second partial cornea transplant yesterday in Atlanta. He is home, doing great and if the left eye does as well as the right, his vision will soon be 20/20, as it is now in his right eye; friends of Covenant, Eleanor & Tom Hightower, in the sudden death of their mother Juliette; River Bowen, the six year old granddaughter of Robyn & James Malone, with a fractured arm from her elbow up, Thursday the doctor will take another x-ray to see if she needs surgery or a cast; Jason Green, recovering at home with physical therapy for a head injury, after being struck by a car March 25; Sandy Whitney and Jim McMinn, recovering at home after recent surgeries; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Dianne Ralph, Bill Willis, and Ashley Wolfe, at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	April 09	Psalm 4
Tuesday	April 10	Psalm 5
Wednesday	April 11	Acts 3: 1-10
Thursday	April 12	Acts 3: 11-21
Friday	April 13	I John 3: 1-7
Saturday	April 14	Luke 24: 13-35
Sunday	April 15	Luke 24: 36-48



WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant as a child attended the funeral of Henry Ford in 1947?



Ed Ralph

WHO'S WHO:

2017-18 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD WEEK #40 04/01/2018

Anticipated Pledges: \$371,360

Received Pledges: \$391,411.79

Thank you for your faithful giving!

OGHS: \$3,200.00

Life's A Zoo! Answers contain the names of animals or animal related terms: Example:

Teen Romance: Puppy Love.

1. Be on to something:
2. Battle field redoubt:
3. G.I. s ID



Congregational Care Needs Your Help!

We need volunteers to drive the Dartez family to doctor appointments on Tuesday nights 6:00-7:30 in Watkinsville, Thursday nights 5:30-6:30 at the Cottage on Lexington Road and on Saturday mornings 10:30 - 12:00 in Watkinsville. May Dartez will accompany the children on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and both May & her husband, Ty, on Saturdays. You can sign up for one time or a combination of trips. To sign up, go to the website www.signupgenius.com. Under Login, enter the email address luannerigsby@gmail.com and password hunter. Click on **Drivers** and this should take you to the sign up page. Any questions, call Luanne Rigsby 706 224-3828. Many thanks for your help!



April is
EARTH
MONTH

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The purpose of Christian Education at Covenant Presbyterian Church is to nurture our discipleship, build our spirit of community and cultivate clarity of thought about our faith.

Wonderful Wednesdays

10:00am Adult Bible Study – DVD discussion of Peter Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*, on the life of Christ & his ministry

Covenant Connection

5:15pm – 6:00pm k-2nd grade choir; 3rd – 5th Servant time

6:00-6:30pm Family Dinner for children, youth and adults

6:30pm – 7:15pm 3rd – 5th grade Choir; K-2nd Servant Time

6:30pm Adult Bible Study - Discussion of PBS-DVD on the hymn "Amazing Grace," with Bill Moyers (April 11 & 18)

6:30pm – 7:15pm Wednesday Evening Devotions

7:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday Covenant Connection for Youth

3:30pm Supervision for Middle & High School Youth in the youth rooms begins

5:15pm "Wednesday School" for Youth led by Mark & Beecher

6:00pm Family Dinner 6:30pm Faith and Film

7:15pm Depart

MENU For April 11th:
Ham, Mac(Cheese,
Broccoli, fruit,
birthday cupcakes

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

APRIL 15 at noon! Elders Marilyn Brown (chair) and Brian Herndon were approved by the Session last month to begin creating your 2018 Nominating Committee.

Thank you for your prayers concerning this process. They

have secured the permission of a third person to join them on the team, Jennifer Frey. So plan now to attend the **Congregational Meeting called for Sunday, April 15,**

at noon, following worship, to consider this election. Nominations may be offered from the floor of this meeting, with the permission of those persons.

Come one, come all, on our next **Restaurant Roadtrip** to Red Lobster, 1956 West Broad Street, near King Avenue, on Tuesday, April 17, at 11:30am.

You can meet us there - or join the church carpool departing at 11:15am - but please SIGNUP on the bulletin board to let us know you're coming. Great food & fun conversation. Separate checks. Easy parking. Bring a friend!





For the month of APRIL Covenant is collecting for the AAEFB:
Hot Cereals, such as oatmeal, cream of wheat, or grits; canned diced tomatoes; canned meat such chicken, ham, chile with beans, and etc; Hamburger Helper and Rice a Roni.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!



Dancing with the Athens Stars is Saturday April 21, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Don't miss this magical night of performance featuring Covenant friend Grace Bagwell Adams (partnered with Seth Hendershot) and benefitting Project Safe. Tickets are on sale at the Classic Center box office www.classiccenter.com.

This year's event includes young people from Clarke County School District, Athens Academy, Athens Christian School and Oconee County School District among our star performers. Stars include Beau Shell (Lil Ice Cream Dude), Savie Arnold (owner, Sweetie Pie by Savie), Alonso Haro (owner La Parilla), artist Heidi Hensley and dentist Phil Durden. Can't make the show? You can still donate in the name of your favorite team,

go to <http://www.project-safe.org/ways-to-donate/dancing-with-the-athens-stars/>

Women's Prayer Breakfast

April 14, 2018 at 9am

at East Friendship Baptist Church

400 Arch Street

For more info see Bert Ballard-Myer,
 Sue Rathbun, or Jere Bowden

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final Tuesday of the month, at DePalma's Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is Tuesday, April 24th. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks – meet you there.

Many heartfelt thanks to Mark Bowden & his Boy Scout Troop hosted at Briarwood Baptist Church in Watkinsville for replacing the benches in Covenant's outdoor worship area and providing a new lectern too. Scott chose this project for his Eagle Scout work, and it's all the more dear, knowing that Scott's father Mike built the original benches for his Eagle Scout work back in the day!

We surely appreciate the beautiful & comfortable space they both have provided, for our Easter Sunrise worship and other fun activities coming this summer.

The Piedmont Gardeners present

25th ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR OF ATHENS

Saturday, April 21, 2018

10am—4pm Rain or Shine

\$15 advance, \$20 at the gardens on tour day, \$10 students with ID

Tickets available at: Always, Always Flowers, Appointments at Five, Avid Books, Cofer's Home & Garden Showplace, Frontier, Goodness Grows Nursery, The State Botanical Gardens of Georgia Gift shop, Thomas Orchards & Nursery.

For more information, including photos of the beautiful gardens please visit
www.piedmontgardens.org



ANSWERS TO Life's A Zoo:
 1. Smell a rat
 2. Fox hole
 3. Dog tags



VBS 2018, Maker Fun Factory! Mark your calendars with our Vacation Bible School Week, Tuesday, May 29 – Friday, June 1. [Online Registration](#) now open!

*Children ages 4 years old (by September 1, 2018) through rising 5th Graders are invited to join us for this exciting week as summertime begins! ***VBS Registration Fee: \$15.00/child*** Fee covers daily snacks, crafts, consumables, and take-home materials (including VBS Music CD). You can pay with cash or check on the first day of VBS or drop payment by the church office. Please make checks payable to First*

Presbyterian Church of Athens with VBS 2018 on the 'subject' line.

At Maker Fun Factory children will learn they are created by God for a specific purpose, as well as have many opportunities to fully use their imaginations and let their creativity soar! In order for the children to be as creative as possible, we need your help with collecting a wide array of art supplies. We need aluminum food cans (not soda cans), aluminum coffee cans, cardboard round “Morton” salt containers, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, yarn, buttons, soda bottle tops, and milk gallon tops. So, in other words, bring your recycling to us!

Volunteers Needed!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This will be a joint effort between Covenant and First Pres. Please let Craig know if you can volunteer for any part of the program. *Thanks!*



Join us for the final **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** for the spring semester, this Thursday, April 12, from 9:30-11:00am, in the Gathering Room, with devotions, missions, refreshments, fellowship, and a good lesson on the “Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews.” Read chapters 8-9 in the booklet, along with the listed Bible passages from Numbers, Psalms, and Hebrews. And SAVE THIS DATE: Thursday, May 3, at 6pm, for our annual PW Salad Supper – always great fun!

5th Sunday Worship Experience - April 29 is fast approaching for our next fifth Sunday worship experience. Children and youth and the congregation's collective creativity will inspire worship! *Share your ideas with anyone on staff.* Or more specifically, **musical ideas** with Cliff and Sarah; Katie Rentz and Adam Brooks have offered to share the message and will work with Mark; Beecher will work with children to coordinate prayer; Craig will help with liturgy and various moving parts. *We look forward to our children offering their gifts to God!*

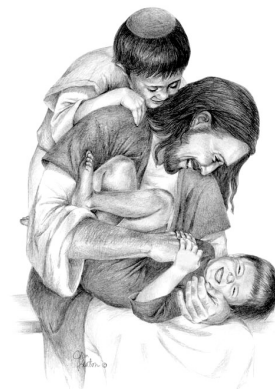
Child Liturgist (10:45 Service) 3rd - 5th graders lead the *Call to Worship* each Sunday. Next three Sundays: **April 8—Luke Shannon; April 15—Delaney Braswell; April 22— Jacob Page .** *Instructions:* The bulletin will be emailed by the end of the week on your week. Practice with your child. During the "Voluntary" of the worship service, the liturgist may join the pastors in the chancel. To begin, your child can invite the congregation, "Please join me in the Call to Worship." *Need to switch weeks? Please do so with someone who is leading in weeks after your child and let the office know.*

Going underground with WoRM! 9:30 - 10:35 Sunday Mornings

Easter Joke: Q. Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?

A. Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!

Parents/Caregiver learning note: We will focus on the resurrection story from Matthew 28 for much of April, as we celebrate our risen Lord! The resurrection is a miracle--God brings about new life. Jesus is alive, with his friends. The angels say, "Do not fear!" Explore fears of your children and help them to see that life in God is one which can help us overcome our fears, and instead have great joy. Sometimes a child might fear that they are not loved (this can happen after they are told "no" about something)--nothing can separate us from God's love.



Memory Verse: Matthew 28:7: *"The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed!"*

April Rotation - Help prepare your children for Sunday School by telling them who their teacher and shepherd will be, and how awesome they are :)

K-2nd Teacher/Class Rotation

April 8 - Luanne Rigsby, Susan Parish, Shepherd - Loaves and Fishes
 April 15 - Jennifer Frey and - Potter's Workshop
 April 22 - Kay Brooks, Adam Brooks, Shepherd - Outside!
 April 29 - Christine Carpenter - Oasis Theatre

3rd - 5th Teacher/Class Rotation

April 8 - Patrick M and Jere - Loaves and Fishes
 April 15 - Craig and Jere - Temple Courtyard
 April 22 - Craig and Jere - Outside!
 April 29 - Craig and Jere - Oasis Theatre

YOUTH NEWS! - *get together with your friends, learn about your faith, and serve God and one another.* Come to any and all of:

Covenant Connection Wednesdays, after school until 7:15;

Sunday Mornings at 9:35am BASIC with Abby and;

Sunday evenings from 5-7pm at church unless otherwise indicated.

Next Three Sunday Evening programs

April 8— Frozen Chosen Cup at Oconee Presbyterian Church

NOTE: this is from 5:30 - 7:30 at OPC; youth have the option to meet there, or meet at church at 5 to leave at 5:10. Pick up at church will be at 8pm.

April 15— helping host IHN Families, and planning 5th Sunday Worship

April 22— finalizing 5th Sunday Worship with topic: Peacemakers with the Earth!

The Cave - the Covenant Sponsored *free* after school program for middle and high school students from 3:45-5:30 every Friday there is a regular school day. *Thank you volunteers who make this valuable program happen!* Contact Christina Cotsakis Cordon, Cave Manager, for more information or to volunteer: cotsakiscordon@gmail.com

Sunday morning's at 9:30

B.A.S.I.C. Sunday school with Abby Horvath happens every Sunday at 9:30am in youth room.

Sunday Evenings: 5-7pm at church unless otherwise specified.

We are exploring the Beatitudes, specifically, experiencing the blessing of being peacemakers



WEEK OF April 08, 2018**SUNDAY- HOLY COMMUNION**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School
 10:45am Worship
 5pm Youth Groups (*FROZEN CHOSEN CUP AT OPC*)

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 12:30pm Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon
 7pm "What It Means To Be Presbyterian"
 7pm Athens Stamp Club
 1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Pattie Priester)
 5pm—7pm Sea Turtles Registration in the FH (Nancy Omdahl)
 6:30pm S&F Meeting
 8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study
 5:15pm—7:15pm CovConn
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30pm WED
 7:25pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

9:30am PW Bible Study
 10:00am Committee On Ministry Meeting 1pm P3 Meeting
 2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
 6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA
 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)
 7:00pm Worship Team Meeting 8pm Happy Squares

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 3:30pm The Cave
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned
 9:00am EFBC Women's Prayer Breakfast

WORSHIP—April 08, 2018**8:30am— Holy Communion**

Reader: Gijs Schimmel

Ushers: Judy Capie, Wayne Crowell

10:45am— Holy Communion

Liturgist: Luke Shannon

Reader: Luanne Rigsby

Ushers: Don & Julie Bower, Robyn Malone, Betsy Pless, Steph Cahill

Greeters: Sandy Whitney

Congregational Care: Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Paige Campbell, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Jim Bowden (April 9-15)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

Walking—5 years old: Lindsey Bowden, Carolyn Hatfield, McKenzie Redish

WEEK OF April 15, 2018**SUNDAY- IHN WEEK BEGINS**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School
 10:45am Worship
 12 noon Congregational Meeting
 4pm Youth Leader Meeting
 5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8am Covenant's Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road
 6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Pattie Priester)
 8pm New Freedom

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 6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA
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FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 3:30pm The Cave
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—April 15, 2018**8:30am—**

Reader: Dennis Calbos

Ushers: Dennis & Carol Calbos

10:45am—

Liturgist: Ruby Topple

Reader: Marcia Verbrugge

Ushers: Kent Silver, Marie Ballard-Myer, Shirley Reinert

Greeters: Jim Whitney, Bert Ballard-Myer, Katie Bemisderfer

Congregational Care: Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Ellen Stoneburner, Judy Capie

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (April 16—22)

Nursery/Super: Dell Whitehead

Birth—Walking: Dell Whitehead

Walking—5 years old: Megan Sperr, Christine Carpenter, Lily Herndon