

THE COVENANTER

August 19, 2018

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



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th beginning at 9am

9:00am, light breakfast by the Session with the meeting following shortly after. We will review the budget for 2018-19 and consider the pastors' terms of call, as well as hear from various Ministry Teams and programs about their plans for the coming year.

10:45am Hymnsing Worship



Sunday, August 26 RALLY DAY

8:30am, Worship

9:15am, Join us for a breakfast courtesy of the fellowship Ministry Team, of grits and biscuits for each table with jams and condiments. (fruit or pastry donations appreciated).

9:45am, Mary Barnett & Katy McGill, CE Co-Chairs, will say a few words about the Christian Education Ministries. Enjoy this time for visiting too!

10:45am, Worship

"If you love me, feed my sheep."



Covenant is collecting for the Athens Area Emergency Food bank for the month of **August**:

1# packages of pasta, cold boxed cereal and as always brown paper bags.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

COVENANT CONNECTION KICK-OFF POOL PARTY! AUGUST 29th!

This year Bill Barstow is hosting the Covenant Connection Kick-Off Pool Party.

For dinner, we'll be having pizza, salad, and ice cream sandwiches.

Parents or another designated adult will need to accompany their kids.

See ya at the pool side!

Time: 5:30pm—7:00pm

Where: 375 Sandstone Drive, Athens (in Cedar Creek)



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Remember in Prayer: Our 2018 Nominating Committee, seeking the movement of the Spirit in our lives together & our need for dedicated leaders; Patti Priester, moving Aug.27 to Franklin, NC, with our blessings & gratitude for all she has contributed to Covenant; Grace Eubank, very ill after a fall, and hospitalized in AL; Pam Butts, recuperating from recent pneumonia; Marion Wilmot, at home; Boy Scout Troop 777 in Madison County, after a robbery of their trailer & camping equipment in July; Anna Holshouser, home temporarily from the hospital, with more procedures ahead; Bruce Carpenter, recovering at home after recent surgery for kidney stones & infection; Betsy Burmeister's sister, recovering from surgery to remove tumors in her kidneys; John Knox, with continued post-surgery pain, as this busy season of work begins; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topples's sister Genia in Atlanta; Ashley Wolfe, very happy to return to work this past week.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Aug. 20	Psalm 84
Tuesday	Aug. 21	Psalm 85
Wednesday	Aug. 22	Psalm 86
Thursday	Aug. 23	Psalm 87
Friday	Aug. 24	Ephesians 6: 1-9
Saturday	Aug. 25	Ephesians 6: 1 – 20
Sunday	Aug. 26	John 6: 56-71



TWO BY TWO by Marilyn Brown. Many expressions come in pairs. Example: aid & abet. Complete the following:

1. The quick and ___ .
2. ___ or shine.
3. Supply and ___ .

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant is (for now) the cover girl for the new Presbyterian Village Athens website?

WHO'S WHO : Carolyn Hatfield - <https://presbyterianvillageathens.org/>



Answers to Life's A Zoo!
 1. the dead
 2. rain
 3. demand

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD
WEEK #07
 Anticipated Pledges: \$62,657.14
 Received Pledges: \$56,755.86
Thank you for your faithful giving!

The Fall Brochure is in your church mailboxes and on our church website, with all the new beginnings for our ministries at Covenant. You'll want to read it carefully and put some dates on your own calendars. Enjoy!



The **10:00 Wednesday morning Bible Study** continues viewing the PBS Frontline video, “ From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians.” You’re welcome to join in the good discussion!



Adult choir Wednesdays at 7:30pm. I welcome anyone interested in this valuable ministry. We learn about reading music, we sing a diverse array of anthems, and we warm up with back-rubs and chocolate. Text or e-mail Cliff for more information: 706-206-7099 or cbrock@covpresathens.org

Soul Shop – Ministering to Suicidal Desperation

Life-Saving Culture. Life-Saving Conversations.

Soul Shop for the Public – Sun, Sept 16, 3-5pm no charge! *Suicide awareness training for the entire community.*

Soul Shop for Faith Leaders-Mon, Sept 17, 9-5pm \$10 included boxed lunch. Suicide awareness training for lay and professional leaders in faith communities.

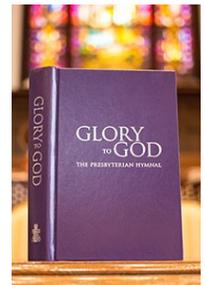
Register at milledge.org/soulshop or by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13th.

GLASSES FOR HONDURAS! Rich Kimmich is traveling to Honduras in October and is collecting reading, sun, or prescription glasses. *Please donate glasses that are in good condition.*

There is a box on the congregational desk for your donations! *Last year Rich reached 500 low income residents of Roatan and provided them with eye glasses and medications.*



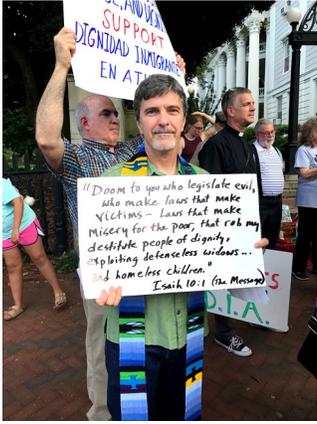
The Worship Ministry team recently purchased an additional 10 copies of the hymnals. To make them accessible to anyone who might need to have their own copy during worship, they will be placed at the main aisle ends of the last 5 rows of pews, on both sides. Thanks to the Graduates, who pointed out that there is a growing number of us whose vision requires that we have our own hymnal. Please return them to the same location at the end of the service. *Julie Bower*



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN begins Thursday, September 13

9:30-11:00am Covenant’s women meet monthly in the Gathering Room for a time of Bible study, fellowship, and service. Childcare is available upon advance request. In the copy room, pick up the PCUSA *Horizons Study Guide* (\$11.00), entitled “**God’s Promise: I Am with You**” and written by Amy Poling Sutherland of Texas, a seventh-generation pastor, now co-pastor at First Presbyterian in San Marcos, with a masters in education and a gift for teaching well. This year’s study will take us on a journey through Scripture to consider the varied circumstances in which God articulated God’s promise of presence. Not delving deeply into manifestations of God’s presence - the tabernacle, the ark of the covenant, manna, the Temple, pillars of cloud and fire - we will focus instead on the spoken words about God’s promise: “I will be with you,” the most frequent & poignant promise in Scripture.

So come and join us on the second Thursday of the month - and bring a friend! For more info, see the PW website: www.presbyterianwomen.org



Meet Our Neighbor Katia— Covenant has recently become a member congregation of the Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (ISC), a group of Athens area faith communities committed to offering friendship, hope, and compassionate support to our undocumented neighbors. Through ISC we have met Katia, a 19 year-old mother of two who has lived in Athens for 17 years. Her husband was deported to Mexico a few months ago, leaving Katia with her mother and sister to try and make ends meet. Currently Katia is working some shifts at a local flea market. In the fall she will be returning to school, seeking to complete her high school education through an on-site, on-line program at the ACC School District office. Here are some ways we can help Katia immediately and in the months to come:

*By providing Lyft gift cards or a bus pass so that she can get to work and run errands

*By offering rides to school several times a week in the fall (once we know her schedule we will set up a Sign-Up genius for volunteer drivers)

*By supplying her with plastic storage bins and age-appropriate books for her children (she has a one year-old boy and a three year-old girl)

*By sharing information about local, private cosmetology schools and helping fund her tuition

Thank you for prayerfully considering entering into this relationship with Katia and her family. In these days when many of us are rightly focused on legislative efforts to enable parents and children to stay together along our borders, this is a chance to extend gospel love to a vulnerable family that is already here.

As one of my teachers likes to say, "Justice is good, but supper is essential!"

"Try it - you may like it! "

Please consider signing up to volunteer to help in the nursery one time between September and December. It's a great way to meet Covenant's youngest and get to better know other adults." Let me know at ellenstoneburner@gmail.com.

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final Tuesday of the month, at DePalma's Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is Tuesday, August 28th. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks - meet you there.



For the month of **AUGUST** Covenant will be collecting:

1# packages of pasta, cold cereal

and as always brown paper bags.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!



I am Here! Yes I am Here! Come and find me in the gathering room!

There are oodles of yarn given to the Knitters and Knitters over the years. Please come and take All that you want!



Wyatt Herndon is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 777 which serves youth from the southern portion of Madison County. In July the Troop's trailer and equipment were stolen. The trailer contained equipment and supplies used on a regular basis to support most Scouting activities, particularly the time honored tradition of camping. A GoFundMe campaign has been started on behalf of the Troop and can provide additional information about the needs of the Troop.

<https://www.gofundme.com/nega-troop-777-trailerequip-drive?teamInvite=oeTPPfG6ieaEx27aiCn4LYmSdqXlqESmOzX77GFCf6byB8SoGWZ548evHknsE8U6>

Also, Athens Public Radio station WUGA conducted an interview with the Troop's Scoutmaster. An article that includes the interview and a list of stolen items can be found at this link: <http://www.wuga.org/post/trailer-full-camping-gear-stolen-boy-scout-troop#stream/0>

Any questions can be answered by Brian: herndon.brian1@gmail.com Any way that you can help is greatly appreciated. -The Herndon Family"

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, August 18
at EAST FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

400 Arch Street
9:00 am

All women are invited to this monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast at EFBC. If you have questions (or want to carpool), see Coffee Worth, Sue Rathbun, or Jere Bowden.

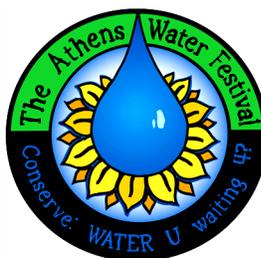


Hello! If you are planning for your young person to take part in the Rally Day skit, rehearsals will be August 8th, 15th and 22nd at 6:30 (all Wednesdays) "I've decided to let the children help me write the skit, so even if your child doesn't want to perform, if they would like to come and help out with the story, we will be doing some creative games and storytelling activities and all are welcome to join." Christine Carpenter

COVENANT CONNECTION
COMING SOON! We need your help so please consider being a blessing during the Covenant Connection season! There are many ways to help. Check out the Sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions please see Katy McGill. Thanks!

Athena Gardens is looking for volunteers to help keep their residents socially engaged. If you would like more information or to sign up contact Sherell Wilson at 706-354-8084.

Athena Gardens
 175 Dennis Dr.
 Athens, GA 30605-3051



COME TO THE
ATHENS WATER FESTIVAL
DAY: SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH
TIME: 10:30AM-2:00PM

WHERE: SANDY CREEK PARK

400 BOB HOLMAN ROAD

COST: \$2.00 PARK ENTRY;

EVENT IS FREE!

INFO: ATHENS WATER FESTIVAL.COM

BE A WATER AVENGER!

FOR ALL AGES! MEET LIVE ANIMALS,
SPLASH WITH WATER TRUCKS,
MUSIC AND MAGIC!



5th Sunday Worship Experience -

Thank you everyone for a really great job Sunday for 5th Sunday, July 29th. Next 5th Sunday, September 30th.

Going underground with WoRM! The designated downstairs Sunday School space has murals painted on the walls (some of which were painted by Pastor Mark Harper) which invite anyone who descends to enter into a sacred story. It is within these walls that songs and stories of faith are learned for a lifetime.

Lives with young children are busy to be sure! If my daughters participate in something, I want to have confidence it is worth the time and effort. Each teacher and helper seeks to meet that expectation, as they delight in the privilege of being part of nurturing our children's faith. WoRM becomes one of the few opportunities our children have to learn about the Bible and how the stories begin to shape their lives and the way they see the world. We see it as a foundational part of their development.

WoRM, stands for Workshop Rotation Model. Grouped as K-2nd and 3rd-5th graders, children rotate each month to the four workshops:

Oasis Theatre--the Story through drama;

Temple Courtyard--The Story through creative games;

Loaves and Fishes--the Story through cooking and/or science;

Potters Workshop--The Story through crafts.



Teachers and Shepherds for this school year include: *Christine Carpenter, Kay and Adam Brooks, Patrick and Alice McMaster, Jere Bowden, Megan Sperr, Cary and John Ritzler, Luanne Rigsby, Susan Parish, Jennifer Frey, Jerry Shannon, and Craig and Tracie Topple.* If your name was accidentally left off this list and/or if you'd like to teach and/or shepherd, please let Craig Topple know as soon as possible.

YOUTH NEWS! YOUTH GROUPS begin August 26 at 5pm—7pm ! During the school year, youth group for middle and high school youth typically meets Sundays from 5-7pm at church. Evenings will begin with recreation, followed by supper prepared by members and families of the congregation, and concluding with a monthly rotation of: worship, topical discussion, service project, and fellowship. That said please note the following:

- *If there is no school on Monday, following the CCSD calendar, youth group will not meet Sunday evening.*
- *We will occasionally join with area wide youth groups for special events--such as the Frozen Chosen Cup!*
- *Occasionally we will meet on a Saturday instead of a Sunday, or have a weekend retreat.*

Parents will be kept informed through the Covenanter, emails and Facebook. If there are any questions about what is going on, contact Craig Topple: ctopple@covpresathens.org or 505-785-4890.

We are grateful that DeLynda Tweedell will again be coordinating evening meals. Please, consider providing one which will feed approximately 15 people and is reimbursable up to \$65/meal. Contact DeLynda at: dtweedell@hotmail.com or sign up outside the church office.

WELCOME DIBENHI REYNA! Hey Everyone! I just wanted to introduce myself to those who don't already know me. My name is Dibenhi Reyna. I'm a graduate of Cedar Shoals & a current student at Athens tech. I'll be taking over as the CAVE manager this year. I'm very excited to be joining again for another year at the church & I hope we have as many of the volunteers & students show up this year like they did last year! The times will remain the same 3:30-5:30. I'll probably be sending emails & other information throughout the week just to keep everyone updated & to make sure I know who will be able to come volunteer on Fridays. See you guys then!! *Dibenhi*

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service) 3rd - 5th graders lead the *Call to Worship* each Sunday. *Summer NOTE:* As we move into the summer months, child liturgists will come on a volunteer basis. If you would like your child to lead the call to worship over the summer, contact Karen in the office and let her know which Sundays work for your family. *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.*

Wednesday

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

WEEKLY SERVICE

Beginning September 5, 2018
7:00-7:30 PM



Please join us for a time of:

Simple Song

Silence

Communal Prayer

This service is open to the community.

All are welcome in this place.

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Many thanks to everyone for their cards, visits, thoughts, and prayers during Anna's recent hospitalization. We are so grateful and will continue to feel your support this month, as more heart/lung procedures & tests are accomplished. Much love, *Gene & Anna Holshouser*

Congratulations to Colleen Cook for passing her ordination exams this summer, a mighty accomplishment on her path to ordained ministry. She will also have a worship liturgy published in an upcoming issue of "Call to Worship," created by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Way to go, Colleen!

Congratulations to Michael & Kristin Smith Richards of Decatur, GA, on the birth of their daughter Autumn Ray Richards on July 30. All are happy & healthy. Proud Covenant grandparents are Donna & Jim Smith. Blessings to all.

Congratulations to Adam Brooks for a great showing at the AAU National Dive Competition in San Antonio, TX, this past summer. Even as a first-time participant, he placed 6th, 8th, and 11th in the 3-meter, platform, and 1-meter dives. Way to go, Adam! Covenant is proud of you!

Our deepest thanks go to some special, hard-working people this past month, who have lovingly cleaned & prepared our church facility for the new fall season, inside & outside! A special shout-out to the Tweedell family, Cliff Brock, Betsy Burmeister, Rich Reaves, Ben Bruner, the Brooks family, Jim Newland and many others - y'all are so good to Covenant - we appreciate you!

WEEK OF August 19, 2018

SUNDAY

9am Breakfast & Annual Congregational Meeting

10:45am HYMNSING Worship

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am Covenant's Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel Epps Bridge Road

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study

7:30pm LAG Meeting

7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA

7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

8:00pm Happy Squares

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— 11am Wedding & Reception

WORSHIP—August 19, 2018

10:45am—

Liturgist—

Reader: Jim Newland

Ushers: Julie & Don Bower, Robyn Malone, Linda Koehler

Greeters: The Cobb Family

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Caren Snook, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Julie Bower

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (August 20-26)

Nursery/Super: Don Bower

Birth—Walking: Don Bower

Walking—5 years old: Sandy Whitney, Chuck Rosenberger,

WEEK OF August 26, 2018

SUNDAY- RALLY DAY

8:30am Worship (resumes)

9:15am Breakfast & CE Program

10:45am Worship

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

5:00pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside

7:30pm Athens Stamp Club in Conf. Rm 8pm New Freedom in FH

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study

5:30pm—7:00pm CovConn Pool Party at Bill Barstow's

7:30pm LAG Meeting

7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

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SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—August 26, 2018

10:45am—

Liturgist—

Reader: Carol Huber

Ushers: Juergen & Heide Wiegel, The Tweedell Family

Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Judy Capie, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Ginger Davis-Beck

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Aug. 27—Sept 2)

Nursery/Super: Pam Knox

Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5 years old: Lola Bell, Sandy Whitney,

Sarah Shannon