



## THE COVENANTER

September 02, 2018

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

**Laurie Anderson Memorial Mission, Peace and Justice Fund**—Those who knew Laurie Anderson would agree that she was a strong advocate for a world at peace, free from violence, war, hunger, poverty, injustice and oppression. Covenant congregation gave generously to start a Laurie Anderson Memorial Fund in 2014. This fund is dedicated to support Covenant church missions, including opportunities to contribute to vital issues of peace and justice in the world. We would like to continue this tradition supporting further mission work. *"As most of us have experienced, when we help others, we are truly the ones who are blessed. There are ample opportunities for us to reach beyond ourselves with a helping hand."* - Laurie Anderson Envelopes are provided. We encourage you to give generously. It will be an opportunity to enhance the mission efforts of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *Thanks for your support.*



**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FEAST ON Sept. 15!** Covenant Presbyterian Church in conjunction with other local churches will join together to distribute food from the Food Bank of NEGA to our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the mailboxes. Volunteers will need to arrive as early as 7:00 am, with the distribution itself beginning at 9 a.m. for approximately 200 people. It is estimated that we will wrap things up around 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in participating in **FEAST** please visit our sign-up sheet in the hallway. For more information contact Sue Rathbun, Juanita Floyd, or Mark Harper. *Let us pray for God's continued blessing on this ecumenical effort in our community!*

Covenant is collecting for the Athens Area Emergency Food bank for the month of **SEPTEMBER**: *diced or stewed canned tomatoes, cold boxed cereal* and as always brown paper bags.  
Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1065 Gaines School Road  
Athens, Georgia 30605  
706-548-2756 or 706-613-2344  
[www.covpresathens.org](http://www.covpresathens.org)  
[covenantp@covpresathens.org](mailto:covenantp@covpresathens.org)



Everyone's invited to join with our retirees for the **Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon on Tuesday, September 11**, at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. We'll enjoy hearing from Terry Centner about his recent travels, "A Visit to Tibet and Its Buddhist Heritage." Be on time, because we'll start promptly at 12:30pm, as Terry has an afternoon class to teach at UGA. Hope you will be able to attend!

**Remember in Prayer:** Donny Whitehead's Mom at Hospice House; The ministry of Extra Special People this celebratory month; Eli Stone's friend, now cancer-free; Christine Carpenter's husband Bruce, healing very well after a second surgery; Robert Holden & family, in the sudden death of his mother Aug.21 in San Diego, CA; Nathan Weaver's brother Henry, beginning med school; our neighbor Mrs. Bowen and her family; our 2018 Nominating Committee, seeking the movement of the Spirit in our lives together & our need for dedicated leaders; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Marion Wilmot, at home.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon.	Sept.	3	Leviticus 19:13-18
Tues.	Sept.	4	Psalm 123
Wed.	Sept.	5	Psalm 124
Thurs.	Sept.	6	Psalm 125
Fri.	Sept.	7	James 2:1-8
Sat.	Sept.	8	Mark 7:24-37
Sun.	Sept.	9	Matthew 12:43-45

Title: *Hide and Seek*

Theme: We're drawn to the love of Christ, trusting what we don't yet understand.

**THE NAME'S THE GAME** by Marilyn Brown.  
Find the first name and discover a new word or expression.

1. \_\_\_\_\_shaw
2. \_\_\_\_\_winkle
3. \_\_\_\_\_ante



Answers to The Name's the Game!

3. penny
2. Perry
1. Rick

**WHO'S WHO:** Who at Covenant says Savannah is her favorite city?

**WHO'S WHO :** Mary Anna Wynes

#### 2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD WEEK #09

Anticipated Pledges: \$80,559.17

Received Pledges: \$69,835.86

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

We welcome **Justin Molnar** back for 2018-19 season. Justin is our Waddel Fellowship Intern and will be assisting Sarah and Cliff during Covenant Connection and Adult Choir practice on Wednesday evenings. He is both a trombonist and a singer, and he also participates in the chime choir. In addition to helping with the music program, Justin will also be helping out with youth on Sunday evenings.

## 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](http://milledge.org/soulshop) or by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13th.

## WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, September 15**

**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.



**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](mailto:cbrock@covpresathens.org)

**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.*



## 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 Sutherlun 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

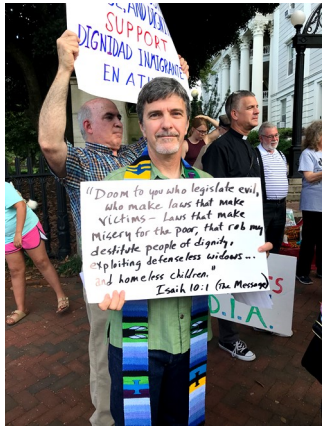
& poignant promise in Scripture.

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](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)

## September Birthdays!

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|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jean Gibson    | 9 Nami Kisaalita    | 23 Grace Eubank     |
| Dennis Calbos    | 10 Susan Harper     | Paula Williams      |
| 3 Beecher Mathes | 11 Freeman Chamblee | 24 September Hoeler |
| Maurine Wathen   | 12 Joyce Placek     | 25 Dave Zimmer      |
| Megan Sperr      | Steve Follin        | Janet Smith         |
| 4 Blanche Carper | Haylee Capie        | 27 Chris Harper     |
| Adam Brooks      | 15 Jimmy Avants     | Asher Hill          |
| 5 Kay Swan       | 16 Mary Barnett     | 28 Alice Herndon    |
| 8 Shari Cobb     | Ginger Davis-Beck   | Christina Reaves    |
| 9 Jeremy Reaves  | 20 Zoe Brewster     | 29 Anne Page        |





**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!"

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final Tuesday of the month, at DePalma's Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is Tuesday, September 25. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks – meet you there.

**Congregational Care** is sponsoring a Visitors and New Members Luncheon on **September 16** immediately following the 10:45am worship service. Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes if you would like to bring something for this light luncheon. Marilyn will get in contact with you as to what you can bring. Thanks!

# 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.*

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
1065 Gaines School Rd Athens GA 30605

### The 15th Annual IHNA Whole-In-One Golf Tournament, Monday, October 8, 2018.

Jennings Mill Country Club (1500 Cambers Ct, Bogart, GA 30677)

Individual Fee \$125—18 holes, green fees, cart, lunch and prizes.

Tournament times: 11am registration; 11am Chick-fil-A Lunch; 12:30pm shotgun start

For more information go to <http://www.ihnathens.org/golf-tournament.html>







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/o>

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

### **Digital Disciples: Friday-Saturday, October 12-13**



Do you love social media? Are you willing to help Covenant implement it even better than we are, to connect folks to the good news? We need 4 people to attend an overnight FREE seminar in Decatur, to learn more and bring the "how to" back to our congregation. Northeast GA Presbytery, in cooperation with Cherokee & Flint River Presbyteries, has received a grant to train church leaders to use digital media & social networking to strengthen communication between members, churches, and presbyteries. Participating churches will also have access to consultant John Fong monthly for one year. (Substitutions are permitted. If you need to change your plans there is a cancellation fee) There are 80 places reserved, double-occupancy, on a first-come, first-served basis. Presbytery also plans to have a block of rooms reserved at a local hotel. Please let Mark Harper or Beecher Mathes know of your interest, and they can help you register b e f o r e   S e p t e m b e r   2 7 . Thanks so much for helping Covenant!

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: [ATHENSWATERFESTIVAL.COM](http://ATHENSWATERFESTIVAL.COM)**

**BE A WATER AVENGER!**

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



## 5th Sunday Worship

### Experience - 5th Sunday Worship

**Experience** - The *NEXT 5th SUNDAY* is September 30th! At the suggestion of the "Presbyterian Planning Calendar" the theme for this 5th Sunday worship will be that of celebrating the gifts of New Immigrants. Ideas are

beginning to emerge as we seek to celebrate those gifts while at the same time engaging our children and youth in worship participation and leadership. Share your ideas for songs and liturgy with any of the church staff.

**Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)** - Would you like for your child to participate in a rotation leading the "Call to Worship" this year? Last year in worship we began a practice of having the grade school children with at least a 3rd grade reading level lead the call to worship. This was a great way to have our children participate in worship, and the general feedback from those worshiping was *very positive*. Please let Craig Topple know if your child would like to be part of a rotation: [ctopple@covpresathens.org](mailto:ctopple@covpresathens.org)

**Instructions:** The bulletin is 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.

### Going underground with WoRM! "let the little children come unto me." - Jesus

We are excited for a new WoRM school year! Great teachers and shepherd are involved, providing our children the opportunity to learn the faith! The September Schedule is:

	K—2nd	3rd—5th
9/2/18	Kay & Adam Brooks (Temple Courtyard)	Combined
9/9/18	Christine Carpenter/Megan Sperr (Oasis Theatre)	Patrick McMaster/Jere Bowden (Loaves & Fishes)
9/16/18	Luanne Rigsby/Susan Parish (Loaves & Fishes)	Craig Topple/Jere Bowden
9/23/2018	Cary Ritzler, Megan Sperr, Jennifer Frey (Potter's Workshop)	Jerry Shannon/Jere Bowden (Oasis Theater)
9/30/2018	Christine Carpenter/Craig Topple (5th Sunday Prep)	Combined



*Corny Bible joke* (good prep for the Frozen Chosen Cup!):

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?      A. *Samson. He brought the house down.*

## YOUTH NEWS!

**Sunday Mornings (9:35-10:30):** Abby Horvath is back for B.A.S.I.C. in the youth room!

**Sunday Evening Youth Group 5pm - 7pm at church unless otherwise announced:**

Sept 2: NO Youth Group (Labor Day)

Sept 9: Youth Group (Youth Leader Meeting @ 7)

Sept 16: Youth Group

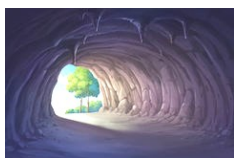
Sept 23: Youth Group

Sept 30: Youth Group

Welcome Waddell Fellow, Justin Molnar, who is helping out this year!

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](mailto:dtweedell@hotmail.com) or sign up outside the church office.

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



**"The Cave" - Fridays for Youth!** Every Friday that school is in session. The goal of the Cave is to provide a safe, supervised space for youth while fostering positive relationships among the youth's peers and adults alike. Youth are invited to recreate with one another through indoor games (ping pong, pool Wii, board games, etc) and outdoor games (basketball, soccer, etc, or to simply fellowship with one another.

# *Wonderful Wednesdays beginning Sept 5th*

**10:00am Adult Bible Study**—This fall we explore the relationship between our Christian faith and science, guided by a DVD series from Living the Question, “Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and a Evolving Faith!” Facilitated by Mark Harper.

## **COVENANT CONNECTION (CovConn)**

5:30pm—6:00pm K-2nd grade choir; 3rd—5th Servant Time

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

6:30pm—7:00pm 3rd—5th Grade Choir; K-2nd Servant Time

## **WEDNESDAY COVENANT CONNECTION For Youth**

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

5:30pm “Wednesday School—Bible Study” for Middle School Youth led by Mark and Beecher (optional for High School), High School Youth continue to fellowship

6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm Faith and Film

7:00pm Depart

**6:30pm Adult Bible Study**—This fall, it's *Jesus: Countdown to Calvary*, narrated by actor Hugh Bonneville who is a Cambridge theology graduate. This PBS production explores the last 6 days of Jesus' life. Facilitate by Beecher Mathes

## **TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**

**7:00pm—7:30pm**

Come & join us for this new offering at Covenant every Wednesday night.

This introspective worship is built on these 3 tenets: *repetitive song, prayer, and silence.*

Led primarily by the pastors and Cliff Brock, the services will include devotional music and chants from the Taize tradition, along with scripture and prayer. This time of centering and prayer is open to the community, so please share this invitation with colleagues and neighbors and all who are spiritually hungry and thirsty.



### **2018 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET—*A Not So Silent Night***

**Theme Verse:** Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

***On Rally Day, Aug.26, see the Advent Devotional display table near the church office door and sign up for one particular day. Devotionals are due in the office by Sunday, October 7. Questions? See Pam Knox***



The Presbyterian Mission Agency has created a scholarship fund to honor the name and legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, a pioneer and legend in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Women's Ministry Fund (E049991) supports Presbyterian women of color, clergywomen, college women, and other women with opportunities for leadership and spiritual development as well as mission opportunities in the Presbyterian

Church (U.S.A.). Gifts in memory of Dr. Cannon can be made online or by mail. Those wishing to donate towards the scholarship should [click here](#) to donate online. To send a check please make it payable to "The Presbyterian Mission Agency" and write "in memory of Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon – E049991" on the memo line.

**Please mail your gift to:**

Presbyterian Church U.S.A.  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264—3700

**Covenant Breakfast Club**

Tuesday, September 03 at 8am

Join us at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road  
for a good time of conversation and food!



**Cub Scout Pack 96**, who meet at Covenant Presbyterian, will be conducting a popcorn fundraiser sale on **Sunday, 9 September** immediately following the 10:45am service. Popcorn fundraising is the major fund raising program for Scouts and helps offset costs of activities like camping trips. Pack 96 appreciates the ongoing support of Covenant Presbyterian Church!



**WEEK OF September 02, 2018****SUNDAY-****8:30am Worship****9:30am Church School for all Ages****10:45am Worship**

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

5:00pm Youth Groups

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

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

6:30pm Scouts

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

7pm CE Ministry Team Meeting

8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY-**

10am Adult Bible Study

5:30pm—7:00pm CovConn

6:30pm Adult Bible Study

7:00pm Wednesday Evening Vespers

7:30pm LAG Meeting

7:30pm Adult Choir

**THURSDAY-**

2:00pm Knitters &amp; Knotters

6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA

7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

7:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting

**FRIDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY-** Fellowship Hall Cleaned**WORSHIP—September 02, 2018****8:30am**

Reader: Steve Bell

Coffee: Steve Bell

Ushers: Steve Bell

**10:45am-**

Liturgist—

Reader: Sallie Hale

Ushers: Phil &amp; Sallie Hale, Randy &amp; Susan Parish

Greeters: Don &amp; Julie Bower

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby

Counters: Caren Snook, Pam Knox

Flowers: Ellie McMinn

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (Sept. 3-9)

Nursery/Super: Jennifer Frey

Birth—Walking: Jennifer Frey

Walking—5 years old: Patrick, Alice, George &amp; Lila McMaster

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7:00pm Wednesday Evening Vespers

7:30pm LAG Meeting

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**THURSDAY-** 9am PW Bible Study

8am—4pm COM in the Fellowship Hall

2:00pm Knitters &amp; Knotters

6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA

7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

8pm Happy Squares

**FRIDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY-**

7am FEAST food truck distribution

9am EFBC Women's Prayer Breakfast

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

**WORSHIP—September 09, 2018****8:30am**

Reader: Bruce Menke

Coffee: Shirley Hunt

Ushers: Judy Capie, Elsie Bothwell

**10:45am-**

Liturgist—Jacob Page

Reader: Jim Newland

Ushers: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Dick Zimdars, Stephanie Cahill,  
Betsy Pless

Greeters: Jim &amp; Dorothy Newland

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby

Counters: Sue Loegel, Randy Parish

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Sept. 10—16)

Nursery/Super: Annemarie Braswell

Birth—Walking: Annemarie Braswell

Walking—5 years old: Richard & Marcia Page, Sydney &  
Delaney Braswell