

THE COVENANTER

September 16, 2018

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



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Sunday, October 7th

PEACE is ACTIVE, not PASSIVE! PEACE is DOING, not WAITING!

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering we work together to share Christ's peace with one another. As we support the Peace & Global Witness Offering we share Christ's peace with one another, beyond the doors of this church, beyond the limits of this town and beyond the borders that may feel very distant. As we respond to those in need who make their homes among us as well as those who live in places far away, God is always near. Thank you for your participation. The Peace & Global Witness Offering collected on Sunday, Oct. 07, 2018 allows our church the opportunity to provide financial resources for PCUSA to actively work for justice and peace in resolving conflicts around the world. **Bread and Grapes for World Communion Sunday!**

Following the 10:45am worship service everyone is invited to the fellowship hall to enjoy bread and grapes and fellowship. Please bring your bread and/or washed grapes to the kitchen on Saturday, October 06 or early Sunday morning before church school.

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. The Witness Ministry Team*

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.



Remember in Prayer: All those affected by Hurricane Florence; Clayton Adams' father Travis, with plantar fasciitis; Anje Weaver's father, in difficult times; Abby Horvath's family, traveling from Philadelphia for a visit; Larry Hatfield's sister-in-law, in recovery after a major stroke, and prayers for her caregivers too; Ton Stam's brother, much better after being hospitalized 3 months for a heart infection; Tamara Stam's mother, much better after an extensive surgery for a broken shoulder; 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. 17 Psalm 1:1-3

Tues. Sept. 18 Psalm 119:9-16

Wed. Sept. 19 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Thurs. Sept. 20 Mark 9:33-37

Fri. Sept. 21 James 3:13 - 4:1, 10

Sat. Sept. 22 Job 5:8-16

Sun. Sept. 23 1 John 3:14-18



Title: *From the Least to the Greatest*

Theme: God loves all and gives us new life to share, born in gentleness, humility, and peace.

THE NAME'S THE GAME *by Marilyn Brown.*

Find the first name and discover a new word or expression.

1. _____ wrench

2. _____ forth

3. _____ Gun

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

WEEK #11

Anticipated Pledges: \$98,461.21

Received Pledges: \$89,358.79

Thank you for your faithful giving!



3. Tommy

2. Sally

1. Allen

Answers to The Name's the Game!

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant has Charlemagne & Eleanor of Aquitaine in her family tree?

WHO'S WHO : Kathy Boardman



VISITOR AND NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 16th

Following the 10:45am worship service in the fellowship hall. Join us for a light lunch and a time to get to know each other better.

Congratulations to Ton & Tamara Stam upon the birth of a granddaughter Laura Rosalie on June 28 in Amsterdam. She and parents Kate & Henk-Joost van Veenendaal will visit Athens soon! Looking forward to meeting her and big brother Roan Cyrus on Sunday, September 23.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, October 7th - 4:00pm

Covenant holds an annual ***Blessing of the Pets*** worship service in our backyard worship area. All are welcome! Please keep

your pet secured either by leash or in an appropriate animal carrier. The service is approximately 30 minutes, to focus on God's good gifts of creation, especially all creatures great and small who enrich our lives and offer such amazing companionship.

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.

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 CAVE NEEDS YOU!

Please consider volunteering for Covenants after school program, The Cave, on Friday afternoons 3:30pm- 5:30pm. There are approximately 30—40 middle and high school kids. Please email Dibenhi at dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com if you would like to help or for more information. Thanks!

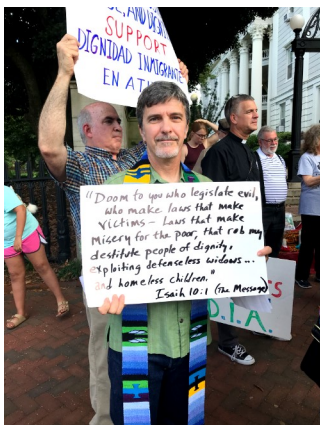
The 15th Annual IHNA Whole-In-One Golf Tournament, Monday, October 8, 2018.

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>



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!"

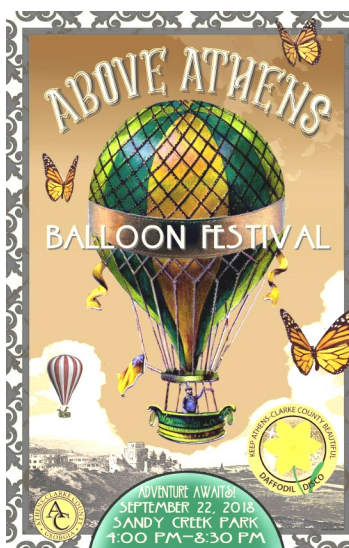


Wyatt Herndon is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 777 which serves youth from the southern portion of Madison County. In July the Troop's trailer and equipment were stolen. The trailer contained equipment and supplies used on a regular basis to support most Scout-ing activities, particularly the time 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 Any way that you can help is greatly appreciated. -The Herndon Family



The Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services will host the inaugural Above Athens Balloon Festival on Saturday, September 22 from 4:00 - 8:30 p.m. at **Sandy Creek Park**. Citizens will have the opportunity to see five amazing hot air balloons up close, weather permitting. Tethered balloon rides are available for \$10 per person. When accompanied by an adult who is paying full price, the first 200 children will enjoy a ride for \$5.

A \$5 per vehicle event entrance fee to the Above Athens Balloon Festival provides access to the park, the Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful's (KACCB) Daffodil Disco and kids activity area. KACCB will be hosting the Daffodil Disco. With dance performances scheduled throughout the afternoon, there is plenty of time for par-ents and children to shake it themselves! Face painting with a fee of \$1 per child and a photo booth will also be part of the fun. Little Athens will be on hand with activities for children. Raffle tick-ets for an Athens gift basket will be available at a cost of \$1 per ticket. A portion of the event admission fee and all Daffodil Disco funds raised go towards KACCB's Loop 10 Daffodil Project, environ-

mental education and community beautification programs!

Special Sundays Ahead

- Sun. Sept. 30 Fifth Sunday Worship with youth & children
- Sun. Oct. 7 World Communion Sunday with 12:15pm reception
4:00pm, Blessing of the Pets
- Sun. Oct. 21 IHN hosting week begins
Witness Sunday with guest preacher Edwin Gonzalez
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance consultant for Puerto Rico
9:30am, Church School for youth & adults in F. Hall with Rev. Gonzalez
12:15pm, Catered Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- Sun. Oct. 28 Guest preacher from the Czech Republic, Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus
9:30am, Church School for youth & adults in F. hall with Rev. Frey-Reininghaus
- Sun. Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday with necrology read during worship
9:30am, What It Means to be Presbyterian, led by pastors
6:00pm, Taizé Worship Service



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)

9/16/2018	Jacob Page
9/23/2018	Delaney Braswell
9/30/2018	Ruby Topple

Please let Craig Topple know if your child would like to become a part of the rotation: 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. To begin, your child can invite the congregation, "Please join me in the Call to Worship."

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
9/16/2018	Luanne Rigsby/Susan Parish (Loaves and Fishes)	Craig Topple/Jere Bowden (Temple Courtyard)
9/23/2018	Cary Ritzler/Megan Sperr/ Jennifer Frey (Potter's Workshop)	Jerry Shannon/Jere Bowden (Oasis Theatre)
9/30/2018	Christine Carpenter/Craig Topple	Combined



This September we are looking at Exodus 1 and 2. Please look through these passages with your children. Have them read the passages with you or on their own depending on the age. Be prepared to ask and answer questions. Some learning concepts:

- * God loves all people everywhere, including us;
- * Strength and courage to do the right thing is possible when we are grounded in God's love;
- * God is good even when life doesn't seem so good. God is good even when we make mistakes. God wants us to do good so that there might be good for all.

SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE: Exodus 2:10 "When the child grew older, his mother took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses saying, "I drew him out of water."

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 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:

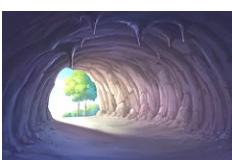
dtweedell@hotmail.com or sign up outside the church office.

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 or 505-785-4890.

WEDNESDAY COVENANT CONNECTION at 5:30pm—7:00pm

5:30—6pm Bible Study with Pastors Mark and Beecher

6:-6:30pm supper 6:30-7:00pm Faith and Film with Craig Barber



"The Cave" - Fridays after school for Youth! Every Friday, 3:30pm—5:30pm, 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. *Volunteers are needed.* Please contact Dibenhi at dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com.

Wonderful Wednesdays

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 an Evolving Faith!” Facilitated by Mark Harper.

COVENANT CONNECTION (CovConn)

MENU

Spaghetti

Salad, grapes

Ice cream

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. Facilitated 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*

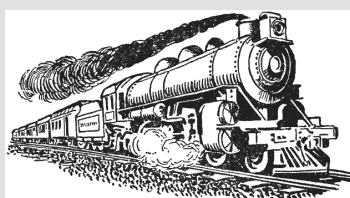
Theme Verse: Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

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 Trains Are Running!

Maurice Snook will be running his trains on Saturday, September 22 from 1 to 5 PM. All are invited. 160 Plantation Dr. 706-543-3753.





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



Come one, come all, to our monthly **Restaurant Roadtrip** heading to Watkinsville for lunch at Bella Noche, in the Bell's shopping center at Butler's Crossing, on Tuesday, September 18, at 11:30am. Delicious Italian/Latin cuisine. Separate checks. Meet us there or join the carpool from the church leaving at 11:15am. Either way – **SIGNUP** on the bulletin board to let us know who's coming. Hope to see you!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PRESBYTERIAN?

Sundays, September 23 and November 4, at 9:30am during Church School time

Join your pastors for an hour's lively discussion about the history, worship styles, sacraments, government, confessions, and traditions of Covenant Church and the Reformed faith. This is for new members & visitors, and seasoned Covenanters who'd like a refresher. A great way to get to know folks.



In case of emergency, Covenant now has an AED, an automated external defibrillator. Would you know how to use it, to help someone in need? Come to an entertaining & informative workshop, led by Sandy Whitney, a certified instructor, on Sunday, September 23, from 4-5pm. We'll have "dummies" to practice on - and mostly get comfortable with the device & instructions, which are very user-friendly. *Save a life!*

FUEL TO THE FIRE

Scientists Develop New Eco-Friendly Lighter Fluid

► Whether it's called a "barbecue" or a "cookout," we love cooking outside. Grilling steaks, hamburgers, or even veggie burgers in the backyard or a favorite tailgating spot has become such a part of our culture that nearly three out of four adults own at least one grill or smoker.

Now, thanks to scientists at the University of Georgia College of Engineering and a company in nearby Monroe, backyard chefs can reach for a more environmentally friendly and sustainable alternative to petroleum-based charcoal lighter fluids.

EcoGreen Charcoal Lighter, manufactured by ESCOGO, is made entirely from plant-based products and is now available at retailers nationwide.

The Green Dream Team



CORRECTION: It was JIM Bowden who played racquetball with Bill Barstow for 28 years, not JERE Bowden. Jere however, taught Marcia how to play & they played for many years, and Marcia beat Jere EVERY game!!"

WEEK OF September 16, 2018**SUNDAY-**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School for all Ages
 10:45am Worship
 12:15pm Visitor Luncheon
 12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
 3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
 5:00pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 11:30am Restaurant Road Trip to Bella Noche in Watkinsville
 12:30pm Green Dream Team Meeting in Conf Room
 6:30pm Stated Session Meeting
 8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study
 5:30pm—7:00pm CovConn
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study
 7:00pm Wednesday Taize Worship
 7:30pm LAG Meeting
 7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
 6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA
 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

FRIDAY—

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

SATURDAY— 8am—2pm Boy Scouts Regional Meeting in FH and outside Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WEEK OF September 23, 2018**SUNDAY-**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School for all Ages
 9:30am "What It Means to be Presbyterian" Class
 10:45am Worship
 12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
 4pm AED CLASS
 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
 8pm New Freedom in FH

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study
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 7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

2:00pm Knitters & 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 in FH

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—September 16, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Dianne Simpson
 Coffee: Dennis Calbos
 Ushers: Wayne Crowell, Alan Edwards

10:45am—

Liturgist—Jacob Page
 Reader: Luanne Rigsby
 Ushers: Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Julie & Don Bower
 Greeters: Sarah Lamb, Bob Brewster
 Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby
 Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner
 Flowers: Juergen Wiegel
 Plant Care: Frank Allen
 Open the Building: Alan Edwards
 Close the Building: Rich Reaves
 Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Sept. 17-23)
 Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner
 Birth—Walking: Juergen Wiegel
 Walking—5 years old: Ellen Stoneburner, Sarah Shannon, Megan Sperr

WORSHIP—September 23, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Sonja Holden
 Coffee: Warren Combs
 Ushers: Heidi & Kent Wolfe

10:45am—

Liturgist—Delaney Braswell
 Reader: Don Bower
 Ushers: Kent Silver, Shirley Reinert, Steve Rathbun
 Greeters: Linda Koehler,
 Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby
 Counters: Paige Campbell, Caren Snook
 Flowers: Juergen Wiegel
 Plant Care: Frank Allen
 Open the Building: Alex Clark
 Close the Building: Alex Clark
 Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Sept. 24—30)
 Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer
 Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer
 Walking—5 years old: Adam & Rebecca Rea, Christine Carpenter