

THE COVENANTER

October 21, 2018

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



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP! Covenant is to host IHN families October 21 – 28. Please check out the sign up board in the hallway across from the church offices to see the many ways you can help. And thank you for your willingness to help! Many thanks!

If anyone would like training or know of someone that has expressed an interest in Interfaith Hospitality Network please email Susan or Randy (sdp51@yahoo.com) or give us a call. (706-850-0835). We can arrange it around your schedule.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

WITNESS SUNDAY is October 21—Come and see; learn and grow!

Our Witness Team continues to support Christ's mission to the world, offering a global focus on ways we can be helpful. TODAY we welcome Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance consultant for continuing aid to Puerto Rico after the 2018 Hurricane Maria. He will preach at both worship services, host a Q&A presentation during the Church School hour for youth & adults in the worship center, and be present for individual conversation during lunch in Fellowship Hall. We hope to create a Mission Trip to Puerto Rico for the summer of 2020. Share your ideas & talents! *Terry Centner & Sandy Whitney*, chairs. *A catered luncheon by The Blind Pig will be served at 12:15pm - monetary donations are appreciated.*



OCTOBER 28—We will welcome Gerhard Frev-Reiningerhaus, who worked for the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren for 26 years and recently retired April of this year. He will speak at 8:30am & 10:45am worship and Church School at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. **LUNCH WITH GERHARD!** Join us for a soup and sandwich luncheon immediately following the October 28th 10:45am service. Please **sign up** on the sign up sheet next to the mailboxes. Any questions contact Sue Rathbun at irish_2242@yahoo.com or 814-243-4778

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday! Sunday, November 4th at 8:30am & 10:45am



This commemoration of the saints goes to the heart of our faith; death has not won (1 Corinthians 15:55-57); in all we do we are accompanied by fellow Christians, living and dead (Hebrews 12:1); and in the end, we will join others in praising God eternally (Revelation 7:9-10). We will refer to them during a moment of recognition & prayer during worship. *Please check the list in the gathering room table for additions and or corrections.*

ATHENS COMMUNITY TAIZE SERVICE—Join Covenant November 4 at 6pm for this meditative service with readings, silence, and Taize chants. (new and old). This is an ecumenical service and all are welcome.

Remember in Prayer: Shirley Hunt undergoing surgery Tuesday October 23 at St. Mary's; Beecher and her mother Jacqueline; those affected by the recent floods & damage from Hurricane Michael—remember you can contribute directly to Pres Disaster Assistance at <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/give/>; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Marion Wilmot, at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Oct. 22	Psalm 34: 1-8
Tuesday	Oct. 23	Psalm 35: 1-10
Wednesday	Oct. 24	Psalm 35: 11-18
Thursday	Oct. 25	Hebrews 7: 23-28
Friday	Oct. 26	Psalm 40: 1-5
Saturday	Oct. 27	Mark 10: 46-52
Sunday	Oct. 28	Ephesians 1: 15-20



HINTEROO. All the puzzle words have a 3-letter sequence in common. That's the "Hinteroo", which will help you find the correct answers:

1. Good for clammy hands: _____
2. Honcho of all Honchos: _____
3. A street car's moniker: _____

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD WEEK #16

Anticipated Pledges: \$143,216.31
Received Pledges: \$129,052.82
Thank you for your faithful giving!



Answers to HINTEROO:
1. Resin
2. President
3. Desire

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

A big thanks to everyone who signed up!
Please send your submissions to
kwetherington@covpresathens.org. Devotionals
are due. Questions? See Pam Knox or call the
church office.



SAVE THE DATE! The fall workshop "Let's Talk!" for our presbytery's Presbyterian Women will be held Saturday, October 27, from 9am-2pm, at Sardis Pres Church in Jefferson. All are welcome. Mark Harper is one of the leaders this year, along with Sardis pastor Cheryl Barnes, on the topic of racism & immigration. This event is **FREE** and includes breakfast & lunch. REGISTER by Mon. Oct. 22 with Julie Usry (706-814-4005) usryj@comcast.net - and SIGNUP on the carpool list on the bulletin board - hope we have a good turnout!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28—We will welcome, Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus, who worked for the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren for 26 years and recently retired April of this year.

Gerhard arrived in the Czech Republic for a two-year postgraduate study program with his first wife Adelheid in 1991 from a church in Köngen, Württemberg state. However, he did not return to Germany when the two years passed. It was a time when the Protestant Theological Faculty was facing a rapid increase in the number of its students, and Gerhard took on the difficult task of helping the Faculty find a new building. He was immensely hardworking in his fundraising activities, always open to suggestions, kind and enthusiastic – and always somehow managing to spread this atmosphere and attitude among all his collaborators. Without his help, the Protestant Theological Faculty would never have been able to develop the way it did in the new conditions. With his wife, Gerhard established the international department at the Faculty, which remains very active up until today. His work at the faculty was followed by an invitation of the Synodal Senior back in the day, Pavel Smetana, to work at the Ecumenical Department of the Central Church Office. Gerhard's mission, right from the beginning, was to work on healing the wounds inflicted by the Second World War upon both nations. A Czech-German working group was thus established, Gerhard being the secretary for the Czech part. The starting point of this cooperation was a statement made by the ECCB's Synod in 1995 on the topic of the expulsion of the Sudetenland Germans. As a result from the working group the book The Dividing Wall Has Fallen (1996) was published, which had the aim of seeking reconciliation and mutual understanding. Through his work, Gerhard demonstrated and reminded everybody that reconciliation is the true focal point of the Gospel. It was also as a result of Gerhard's effort that an agreement was signed between the ECCB and the EKD in 2003. Cooperation in the field of combatting the sexual abuse of women and children in the Czech-German bordering areas followed this agreement.

However, Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus' work did not only focus on Germany. He also initiated the cooperation of the American Working Group in the Czech Republic and the Czech Mission Network in the USA. He established and developed contacts with a number of churches across Europe and also supported the ECCB's friendship with the Presbyterian Church of South Korea. It was Gerhard's initiative, that this informational bulletin has been issued for the many international partners of the Protestant Theological Faculty, of the ECCB and its Diaconia.

Gerhard also proved a very skilled organizer and coordinator, for example when coordinating the aid during the floods of 1997 and 2002, organizing the Meeting of Christians in Prague in 2005 or during the celebrations of the 600th anniversary of the death of Jan Hus in July 2015. Gerhard supported these events with his detached view, his good estimates and communication, and he managed the preparatory teams with professional routine.

At the good-bye party for Gerhard, organized by the Synodal Council on 1 April 2017 and attended by approximately 150 Czech and international ecumenical partners, gratitude for his understanding, openness and friendliness were most often expressed. Gerhard's work has enriched our lives and serves as inspiration for many. We are glad that Gerhard's friendship lasts and we can still meet him in various roles dealing with Czech and international ecumenical activities.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, October 20th 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.

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

Special Sundays Ahead

- 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



Are You A "Wishful" Recycler?

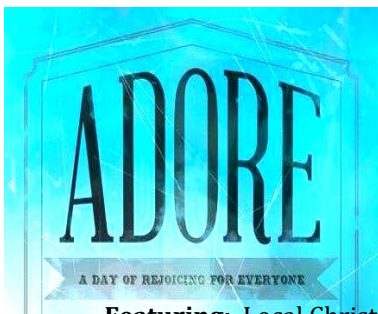
TerraCycle only accepts plastic packaging from specific products. The TerraCycle collection drawers are clearly labeled with the acceptable products.

They are:

- * Candy bags and wrappers
- * Cereal bags (liner bags from boxes of cereal)
- * Cheese bags and wrappers
- * Chip and salty snack bags
- * Arm & Hammer detergent power pak and baking soda bags
- * Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers
- * Personal care bottles and tubes (shampoo, liquid soap, makeup containers, lotion tubes, etc. NO mouthwash, artificial tears, deodorant containers.)

Any bags or wrappers that originally contained any other kind of food products contaminate the recycling drawers. Please be mindful of what is acceptable and what is not.

Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team



Community Outdoor Worship Celebration

Saturday, October 20th

Noon - 6:00 PM

**4080 S. Barnett Shoals Rd.,
Athens, 30605**

Featuring: Local Christian Worship Teams, Prayer Tents & Testimonies
Antique Cars & Hourly Prize Drawings Activities for the Kids

Bring your lawn chair and a cool beverage!

(A.D.O.R.E. is a tobacco and alcohol-free event.) Learn more @ acmin.org > events > ADORÉ

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. -Ephesians 5:19

Hosted by Athens College of Ministry and
sponsored by Cable East and Roll Off Systems

*THANK YOU to the
Zimdars for the nice red
flowers for the floral
decoration in Worship
last Sunday!*



5th Sunday Worship Experience - Our next 5th Sunday worship experience will be on a 4th Sunday during a month with 5 Sundays. Sunday, December 23 rather than Sunday, Dec 30th presents a good time to live into the spirit of the Christmas season and the spirit of 5th Sundays, as we seek the Spirit's leading in and through our children and youth. More to come. God be praised!

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)

10/21	Ruby Topple	Please let Craig Topple know if your child would like to become a part of the rotation: ctopple@covpresathens.org
10/28	Eli Stone	
11/04	Delaney Braswell	
11/11	Jacob Page	

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 October Scripture: Exodus 3: 14** Memory Verse: God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I Am has sent me to you."'

October Schedule is:

DATE	K-2	3rd-5th	Music Time	Story Teller
10/07/2018	Christine/Megan (Oasis)	Craig/Wanda (Hebrew)	Betsy B.	Megan
10/14/2018	Kay/Adam (Temple Courtyard)	Christine/Jennifer /Jerry (Oasis)	Betsy B.	Christine
10/21/2018	Luanne/Susan (Potters Workshop)	Carrie/Jere (Temple Courtyard)	Betsy B.	Craig
10/28/2018	Patrick/Jerry (Loaves & Fishes)	Combined	Betsy B.	Jerry

Parents Corner: Fellow Parents, learning Bible stories is such an important part of our self-understanding: we become connected with a deeper story; we come to recognize ourselves as part of God's story. However, if you're like me, you may cringe at aspects of some of the stories found in the Hebrew Scriptures (aka Old Testament); and, even some from the New Testament. Our challenge is often to hold those troubling aspects of the Story together with those comforting aspects, and help our children to do that as well, as they encounter a people of faith trying to make sense of who they are, who God is, and who they are in relationship with God and others in the world. All this to say, in October we continue our journey with the Israelites found in Exodus this month, specifically chapters 3-4. We find what might be considered disturbing aspects, but also aspects essential to our understanding as a "people of the Book". Please take the time to read through these chapters with your children over the course of this month. Maybe it becomes part of a family "bedtime routine" to read it together, or separately before going to bed. Take time to allow your children to ask questions, and ask your own questions! It's okay to say, "that would be a good question to ask at WoRM, or "let's go ask Pastor" about that. There's some of the coolest stuff here in these chapters, including the "Burning Bush," and Moses turning a stick into a snake! The Exodus is a story of conflict and oppression, as well as liberation and redemption. It has inspired peoples for generations. Now it's our children's turn to get caught up in the story of God found in these pages! **Remember**, be sure to help prepare your children for WoRM by telling them who their teacher is and where their lesson will be. **The renovation of Loaves and**

YOUTH NEWS!

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

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

Oct. 21: Youth Group

Oct. 28: Halloween Bowling! We will join with other area youth-in costume-for a night of fun and bowling at [Showtime Bowl](#). 5:00pm Dinner at Covenant; 5:30pm departure for bowling alley to arrive by 6pm; 7:30pm P/U at bowling alley—555 Macon Hwy, Athens, GA 30606 706-548-1028.

Nov. 04: Youth Group (Youth Leader Meeting 7pm)

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
Please note: there will **NOT** be CovConn on 10/31

"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:

Oct. 24

Chili, corn chips,
salad, fruit,
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—The Dark Ages—an Age of Light! The extraordinary art of an overlooked era. In the DVD series, witness the mysteries of early Christian art, Islam’s masterly mosques, intricate Anglo-Saxon metalwork, and the painstakingly illuminated Lindisfarne Gospels. 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 invi-



Covenant is collecting for the Athens Area

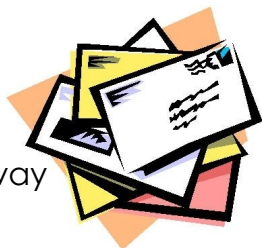
Emergency Food bank for the month of

OCTOBER: *canned tomatoes, canned pasta, canned*

meats (spam, beef stew, chicken – no seafood) and as always brown paper bags. Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

Grace Eubank would love to hear from you—her Covenant family.
Her address is:

Grace Eubank
Branchwater Village #26
763 Medical Center Parkway
Boaz, AL 35957



The Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement is sponsoring a GET ON THE BUS & VOTE tour. It is a nonpartisan movement designed to motivate youth (18 & up) and minority voters. We are looking for volunteers to drive people to the polls on Saturday, October 27th (9-3pm), Friday, November 2nd, and Monday, November 5th. Please contact Bert Ballard-Myer at mysammie1@yahoo.com or 706.207.2665 if you are interested in volunteering to drive, or if you need to sign up for a ride to the polls.

WEEK OF October 21, 2018 IHN BEGINS**SUNDAY- WITNESS SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School for all Ages
 10:45am Worship
 12:30pm—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
 9:30am Presbytery Meeting at Oconee
 12:30pm Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
 7pm—8pm The School of Thought (Cliff Brock)
 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)
 8pm Happy Squares

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 NO Cave
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WEEK OF October 28, 2018**SUNDAY- REFORMATION SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School for all Ages
 10:45am Worship
 12:15pm Soup/Sandwich Luncheon (please sign up on bulletin board)
 12:30pm—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
 7pm—8pm The School of Thought (Cliff Brock)
 8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study
 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

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
 NO Cave
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—October 21, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Rich Reaves

Coffee: Sharon Edwards

Ushers: Alan Edwards, Rich Reaves

10:45am—

Liturgist—Ruby Topple

Reader: Paige Campbell

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

Greeters: Sandy & Jim Whitney

Congregational Care: Linda Koehler

Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Oct 22—28)

Nursery/Super: Joan Baird

Birth—Walking: Joan Baird

Walking—5 years old: James & Robyn Malone, Hannah Barnett

WORSHIP—October 28, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Sonja Holden

Coffee: Arnell & Warren Combs

Ushers: Alan Edwards, Arnelle Combs

10:45am—

Liturgist—Eli Stone

Reader: Mary Barnett

Ushers: Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Julie & Don Bower

Greeters: Bert Ballard-Myer, Katie Bemisderfer

Congregational Care: Linda Koehler

Counters: Caren Snook, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Oct. 29—Nov 4)

Nursery/Super: DeLynda Tweedell

Birth—Walking: DeLynda Tweedell

Walking—5 years old: Jim & Ann Anderson, Tim Foutz, Carrie Tweedell