

THE COVENANTER

October 07, 2018

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



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

TODAY—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. *This year, three fourths of our offering will support PCUSA ministries of justice & reconciliation, and one fourth will be used locally, to support the Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition of Athens. Please mark your check P&G W in the memo portion. Thanks!*

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.



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! Our IHN guests now have a wonderful, new shower downstairs. What a difference this will make in their stay at Covenant. **SO, we need donations of bath towels.** If you would like to donate towels to Covenant IHN then please leave them in the church copy room on the counter or you can make a cash donation in the offertory marking the memo line IHN bath towels. . Many thanks!

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A **Congregational Meeting** is called by the Session TODAY – Sunday, October 7, at 12 noon, following worship, to consider electing the Nominating Committee's slate of names for the office of Elder. The slate includes: Jennifer Frey for the Class of 2020(to replace Carl Cartledge who moved to TX); and Paige Campbell, Steve Rathbun, Rich Reaves, and Sarah Shannon for the Class of 2021. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting, with the nominee's permission. We hope you will plan to attend. **Many thanks** to this year's Nominating Committee for their persistent prayer & faithful work – Marilyn Brown (chair), Jennifer Frey, and Brian Herndon. We are very grateful!

■ **Remember in Prayer:** Brian Striggow on October 8th at Emory University Hospital undergoing surgery to
 ■ donate a kidney; Beecher's mother, Jacqueline, recovering well after a fall and Beecher's sister, Elizabeth
 ■ hospitalized after a fall; Joan Prittie recovering well after surgery on a broken, fractured wrist;
 ■ Barbara Burnett with a final diagnosis of a migraine *not a stroke*; those affected by the recent floods &
 ■ damage from Hurricane Florence—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. 08	Psalm 22: 1-15
Tuesday	Oct. 09	Jeremiah 32: 1-15
Wednesday	Oct. 10	Isaiah 61: 1-4
Thursday	Oct. 11	Hebrews 4: 12-13
Friday	Oct. 12	Hebrews 4: 14-16
Saturday	Oct. 13	Mark 10: 17-22
Sunday	Oct. 14	Mark 10: 23-31



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. Home work is one: _____
2. Some like it hot: _____
3. ABC's—R—US:

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD
WEEK #14

Anticipated Pledges: \$125,314.27

Received Pledges: \$108,771.21

Thank you for your faithful giving!



1. CHORE
2. CHOCOLATE
3. SCHOOL

Answers to HINTEROO:

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant has toured the crew quarters & anchor room of the USS United States - and could see the backside of the Statue of Liberty, which is unusual?

AthHalf

Pre-Race Service

6:30 - 7:00 AM • FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • 185 E HANCOCK AVE

REFLECTION AND INSPIRATION FOR THE RACE AHEAD

10.21.18 | INFORMAL • ATHLETIC CASUAL • OPEN TO ALL
SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, MUSIC, AND
A MESSAGE BY THE REV. CRAIG TOPPLE

Hot jittery Joe's coffee will be available for all to enjoy. Runners and Supporters are welcome to use the church restroom facilities prior to the race, just two short blocks from the starting line.

First Presbyterian
Church of Athens



BLESSING OF THE PETS

TODAY—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.

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

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.

THE CAVE NEEDS YOU!

Please consider volunteering for Covenant's 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!

Who's Who:

Jim Anderson



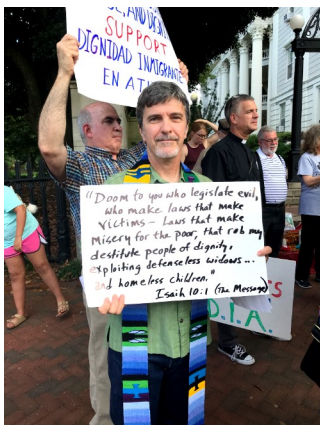
The 15th Annual IHNA Whole-In-One Golf Tournament, Monday, October 8, 2018.

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!"



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.

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



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Our Witness Team continues to support Christ's mission to the world, offering a global focus on ways we can be helpful. This year, we will 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, 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.

Special Sundays Ahead

Sun. Oct. 7 World Communion Sunday with 12:15pm bread & grapes 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



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



5th Sunday Worship Experience - Wow! Was that not inspiring, challenging, and we pray glorifying to God! Thanks to all participants: readers, prayers, singers, preachers, facilitators, teachers, coordinators, musicians, congregants, and everyone for helping make 5th Sundays so special. A big shout out to Andrew Mote and Dibenhi Reyna for their offerings. Mil gracias! Let us continue to Celebrate the Gifts of New Immigrants.

Planting a seed, 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 seemed a good time to live into the spirit of the 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)

10/07	Ruby	Please let Craig Topple know if your child would like to become a part of the rotation: ctopple@covpresathens.org
10/14	Luke Shannon	
10/21	Jacob Page	
10/28	Eli Stone	

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 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



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 the **Loaves and Fishes** room seems to be near completion. As soon as word comes we can move back in there, we'll do so.

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. 7: Youth Group (7pm Youth Leader Mtg)

Oct. 14: Youth Group

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](#). 5:30pm Dinner at Covenant; 6pm departure for bowling alley; 8pm P/U at bowling alley—555 Macon Hwy, Athens, GA 30606 706-548-1028.

"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.*

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.

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. 10

**Ham, Mac/Cheese,
broccoli, fruit**

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-



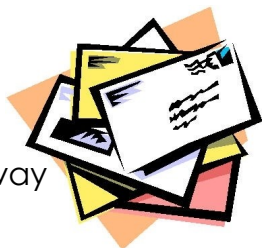
Covenant is collecting for the Athens Area

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



A Note from Kathy Boardman aka Serial Pilgrim!



After what will total 18 months of preparation and adopting new habits, my German Shepherd Robbie and I will be **embarking** on a great adventure to see the western states and visit significant sites and happenings along the way. November 18th is the expected launch date for what, at the front end, I am calling The Cousin Tour. We will leapfrog between family and friends on our way out to Arizona for the Rubber Tramp Rendezvous (RTR) in Arizona in January. Check out Bob Wells and Cheap RV Living on social media. Following warmer temperatures and formal training for Robbie as a therapy dog and us as a crisis response team, we will travel north to Washington State and Colorado for long-awaited reunions.

I call you my Signal Corps. You are communicators. You have great knowledge and vital connections. You know people we will want to know and places we will want to see as this journey unfolds. You are also my Home Team. Your engagement will sustain us as we boldly go, which is why it is essential for you to know that my birth name will go into hibernation and on the Road we will be known as Katiemac and Robbie @ Serial Pilgrim. Please Follow, Like and Share us where you connect on social media. Katiemac S. Pilgrim and Serial Pilgrim pages are already growing on Facebook. Serial Pilgrim also has a place on Instagram, Pinterest, and Youtube which will expand as I learn the tools and share experiences.

****Please add serialpilgrim@gmail.com to your address book.**** Future emails will come from that address.

I promise not to inundate you with emails, and if at any time you would prefer not to be part of our story, let me know and I will remove your name from Signal Corps. These last weeks before launch are busy and stirring: filled with moments of frenetic industry, clingy inertia, and quiet hope. Robbie and I thank you in advance for a surge of encouragement, prayers and positive vibrations to help propel us into this new life.

More to come. Onward Bound!

From the NEGA Presbytery Newsletter: Facebook Security Breach

The presbytery's Digital Disciples consultant, John Fong, shares that Facebook recently announced a security breach affecting at least 50 million users. Hackers could have exploited the vulnerability in Facebook's code related to the "View As" feature, which allows users to see how their profile appears on other people's screens. If you used this feature, hackers were able to get access and potentially take over your account.

Should you change your password? Yes, especially if Facebook recently required you to manually log into your account; that means your account may have been compromised. There's no sign that hackers stole any passwords, but changing it will block hackers from accessing your account in the future.

John offers [these tips](#) for how to protect yourself on Facebook.

Warm thanks to the youth and adults who lent hands toward hanging denim insulation in the van which will be home for Robbie and me for several months. Wrestling a 4 foot by 75 foot roll of material, cutting it and hanging it goes so much better with lots of hands! And I think we all learned something new. Extra appreciation to Bert Ballard-Myer who communicated and coordinated, to Hank Tweedell for tools and know-how, Patti Huberty for food and fellowship, and Marie Ballard-Myer with Kai for an extra touch of style and affection.

Kathy Boardman aka Serial Pilgrim!

Congratulations to **Tom Cooney** who was recently awarded the 2018 J. W. Fanning Humanitarian Award from the Piedmont Athens Regional Foundation for his contributions to the Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support. Tom's primary contribution consisted of writing more than 70 stories over a ten year period about cancer patients' experiences which were published in the Smith Center's Newsletter "Facing Cancer with Love and Laughter".



All women are invited to the October **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** on Thursday, October 11, at 9:30am, in the Gathering Room, on "God's Promise: I Am With You." We enjoy missions, devotions, fellowship & refreshments, so come and see! Study booklets (\$11) are in the copy room. Read chapters 2 & 3, and especially the less familiar Bible passages from Judges and Haggai.

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!

Come one & all on the next **Restaurant Roadtrip** to Zoe's Kitchen, 145 Alps Road, on Tuesday, October 16, at 11:30am. Signup on the bulletin board to let us know you're going, and/or carpool from the church at 11:15am. Separate checks. Good Mediterranean food this month, and always great fellowship!



The Athens Mother's Center is hosting an indoor yard sale October 20- 7:30am-12:30pm.

This event is open to the community. We have a maximum number of spaces available, so make sure to sign up. Register to rfmarchette@gmail.com. Each table is \$10. You keep all profit. Please be prepared to set up your table Friday after 5:30pm before the event. *You will be in charge of your own table and pricing*

If you'd like to just donate items, AMC will have a table for donations!

Happy Selling/Shopping!



Our Covenant retirees invite you to their monthly **Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** on Tuesday, October 9, at 12:30pm, in Fellowship Hall. We'll hear from Rich Kimmich about "Attracting Birds to Your Backyard," creating bird-friendly environments, both at home and at the Botanical Gardens where he volunteers. Beverages are provided, and we'll celebrate Coffee Worth's 99th birthday (Oct.28) with a cake for her! So bring a dish to share, and bring a friend!

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 in the office by Sunday, October 7. Questions? See Pam Knox or call the church office.

WEEK OF October 07, 2018**SUNDAY- WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School for all Ages
 10:45am Worship 12:00noon Congregational Meeting
 12:15pm Bread & Grapes Reception in FH
 12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
 3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
 4pm Blessing of the Pets
 5:00pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 12:30pm Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon
 7pm Athens Stamp Club
 7pm NF Council 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- 9:30am PW Bible Study in Gathering Room

10am Committee on Ministry Meeting
 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

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned**WEEK OF October 14, 2018****SUNDAY-**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School for all Ages
 10:45am Worship 12:15pm Cong. Care Meeting
 12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
 3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
 4pm Blessing of the Pets
 5:00pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8am Covenant Breakfast Club
 6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 13:30pm Restaurant Road Trip Luncheon at Zoe's Kitchen
 6:30pm Stated Session Meeting 8pm New Freedom

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10am Adult Bible Study
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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
 5:30pm Set up for AMC Yard Sale
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

7:30am—12:30pm AMC Yard Sale in FH
 Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—October 07, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Bruce Menke

Coffee: Dennis Calbos

Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

10:45am—

Liturgist— Ruby Topple

Reader: Phil Hale

Ushers: Phil & Sallie Hale, Jerry & Sarah Shannon

Greeters: Joan & Hannah Baird

Congregational Care: Linda Koehler

Counters: Sue Loegel, Judy Capie

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Oct 8—14)

Nursery/Super: Lola Bell

Birth—Walking: Lola Bell

Walking—5 years old: Sandy Whitney, Lindsey Bowden, Steve Bell

WORSHIP—October 14, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Rich Reaves

Coffee: Lola Bell

Ushers: Alan Edwards, Jim Smith

10:45am—

Liturgist— Luke Shannon

Reader: Sarah Shannon

Ushers: Heide & Juergen Wiegel, The Tweedells

Greeters: The Tweedells

Congregational Care: Linda Koehler

Counters: Paige Campbell, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (Oct 15—21)

Nursery/Super: Pam Knox

Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5 years old: Chuck Rosenberger, Kathy Stege