



THE COVENANTER

November 18, 2018

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



Your ministry at Thornwell makes a lasting impact on the lives of hurting children and families. Last year, we received gifts that ensured that...

- ◆ 106 children found safe, loving homes through our Residential program
- ◆ 1,681 struggling children and families found hope and healing through our innovative, community-based Building Families program
- ◆ 150 children received academic support through our Learning Center
- ◆ 102 children received professional counseling and therapy services

Please see the insert and envelope in your mailbox and thank you for your generous giving.

Deck The Halls!

The Congregational Fellowship Ministry Team will be decorating in the Fellowship Hall on November 24 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). Come and join us at 11:00am as we "deck the halls!"



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st at
6:30pm –**

ANNUAL COVENANT PROGRESSIVE DINNER!

You are invited to join us for this moveable feast. **SING UP NOW**

on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes, to enjoy an evening of fellowship. Bring an appetizer/salad, veggie or dessert and if you would like to host a course, note that on the sign up sheet as well. Consider inviting folks that have visited church or an individual who can no longer drive in the evening.

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605
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www.covpresathens.org
covenantp@covpresathens.org



Covenant is collecting for the Athens Area Emergency Food bank for the month of **NOVEMBER: Fruit Juice, Canned Soup, Canned meats, (ie beef stew, Spam, chicken, Chili)** And as always brown paper bags. Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

Remember in Prayer: Sue Rathbun and family in the passing of her Aunt Sharon Shaffer on November 9th in Adrian, PA; Carol Huber's sister, Ruth Lucas, in the lose of her home and in the hospital because of the fires in Paradise, California; Michael Capie undergoing tests for severe leg pain; Karen McConnell, a faithful volunteer of the FEAST, recovering slowly from a foot wound; Beecher and her mother Jacqueline: Jean Gibson at The Oaks; Victims in the recent shooting in CA; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta, Marion Wilmot at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Nov. 19	I Samuel 8	
Tuesday	Nov. 20	2 Samuel 23: 1-7	Title: <i>The Ruler of Kings</i>
Wednesday	Nov. 21	Psalms 132: 10-18	Theme: The power of our Lord Jesus comes from truth and loved shared.
Thursday	Nov. 22	Revelation 1: 4b—8	
Friday	Nov. 23	John 18: 33-38	
Saturday	Nov. 24	Isaiah 32: 1-8	
Sunday	Nov. 25	I Timothy 6: 11-21	

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. A Sign: _____
2. Well Done! _____
3. Let the Good Times Roll: _____

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD WEEK #20

Anticipated Pledges: \$179,020.42

Received Pledges: \$165,015.54

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Thornwell \$66.00



Answers to HINTEROO:
1. Libra
2. Bravo
3. Celebrate

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final Tuesday of the month, at DePalma's Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is Tuesday, November 27. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks – meet you there.

Purchase a beautiful live Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special! They are used in the Worship Center throughout the Christmas Season. Sign up sheet is outside the church office. Make your check payable to Covenant and put poinsettia in the memo portion of your check. \$10 each.



CHIME CHOIR REHEARSALS

Saturday, November 17	11:30am
Sunday, November 25	12:15pm
Saturday, December 1	11:30am (tentative)
Saturday, December 8	11:30am



Everyone's invited to join our retirees for their monthly **Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** on Tuesday, December 11, at 12:30pm to enjoy good food & fellowship and a program of Christmas music provided by Covenant's quartet of singers – Linda Rogers, Carol Huber, Rich Reaves, and Jim Anderson, with Betsy Burmeister on piano. We'll join them for some caroling too. Bring a dish to share, and bring a friend. Ham and beverages will be provided. A great way to celebrate the season of Advent!

Hello December



Congratulations to Clair & Ryan Bertram and big sister Laurel on the birth of their son, Brock Charles on October 26.

Proud grandparents are
Chuck & Chandler Rosenberger.

Sunday, Dec. 2	8:30am Worship (final) 9:30am Church School (WoRM) (final)
Monday, Dec. 3	8am Covenant Breakfast Club
Tuesday, Dec. 4	6pm Stated Session Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 5	10am Adult Bible Study 5pm Youth (downstairs with adult supervision) 5:30pm–7:00pm CovConn 7:00pm Taize 7:30am Adult Choir
Thursday, Dec. 6	2pm Knitters & Knotters
Friday, Dec. 7	10am Presbyterian Women Cookie Party
Saturday, Dec. 8	10:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 11:30am Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 9	10:45am Christmas Choral Worship Catered Luncheon (all are welcome)
Tuesday, Dec. 11	12:30pm Graduate Covered Dish Luncheon with Christmas Carols 6:30pm Finance
Wed., Dec. 12	5:30pm–7:00pm CovConn with Santa 7:00pm Taize
Thurs., Dec 13	2pm Knitters & Knotters
Sunday, Dec. 16	10:45am Worship
Sunday, Dec. 23	10:45am Worship (Christmas Pageant with Children and Youth)
Monday, Dec. 24	5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Candlelight
Tuesday, Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS—OFFICE CLOSED



Just wanted to give a heads up that I will be attempting to get the Angel Tree up this weekend. Each ornament on the tree represents a need or wish of young children connected to the Athens DFCS. This year we are sponsoring 3yo Alora, 2.5 yo Sophia, and 5yo Kason. Covenant folks and Athens Mothers Center (AMC) moms are encouraged to take an ornament, purchase the item indicated, and turn it in unwrapped to the church office by Dec 4. If you have questions, call or message me at 706.424.5907. If anyone with the means would like to privately sponsor a child's full wish list, message me and I can provide the name of this year's coordinator at DFCS. *Ruby*



Santa Claus Express 2018

Each year Presbyterian Women celebrate the holidays with residents of the health services centers at Presbyterian

Home, Quitman, Presbyterian Village, Austell, and our residents at Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments. In September, the joyous task of collecting gifts for our residents begins. Santa's elves pick up the gifts from depot churches and deliver them to the campuses to be wrapped for residents. Santa himself delivers the gifts to residents at Christmas parties. Whether carefully selected from a store or made lovingly by hand, these gifts remind our residents of the joys of the holidays. Throughout the year, gifts are given to honor birthdays and to welcome new residents, and are treasured prizes for games and therapy sessions. Please select items from the "Suggested Gift Items" and place them in clear, plastic sandwich or storage bags.

PLEASE do not wrap your gifts. See list of suggested items on pg 9. Leave in the container in the hallway across from the church offices no later than November 28th.

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



3rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday November 18, 2018
4:30pm

Sponsored by:
Interfaith
Clergy
Partnership
Of
Greater Athens

ICPGAthens.org
ICPGAthens@gmail.com
ICPGAthens

Location:
Piedmont College Meeting House
595 Prince Ave., Athens, GA

Donations Support:
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Athens

Athens Master Chorale, *Joseph Napoli, Conductor*

30th anniversary season

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

The Classis Center Atrium at 4pm

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

It is time for the Worship Ministry Team to create the schedule for *Ushers, Scripture Readers, and Greeters* for the first half of the new calendar year 2019. If you are not on the current schedule(s) and would be willing to participate in the Sunday morning worship with any of these responsibilities, please let Julie Bower or Dick Zimdars know by December 2.

5th Sunday Worship - Our next 5th Sunday worship will be on a 4th Sunday during a month with 5 Sundays. Sunday, December 23 rather than Sunday, Dec 30th presents a *wonderful* 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, think of it as children and youth Choral Music Sunday, along with a **Christmas Pageant**. Christine Carpenter has graciously agreed to lead the pageant. Cliff Brock, Sarah Parido, and Betsy Burmeister will be helping to coordinate music. For now, please consider Christmas musical offerings your child might present in worship, and be on the lookout for announcements about the pageant.

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)

11/18 Ruby Topple
11/25 Isaac Carpenter
12/2/18 Eli Stone
12/9/18 Jacob Page

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 November Scripture: Exodus 15 - 17 *Memory Verses:* "When the dew evaporated, there was something thin and flaky on the surface of the desert. It was as delicate as frost. When the Israelites saw it, they didn't know what it was and asked each other, "What is it?" Moses said to them, "This is the food that the Lord has given you to eat. The Lord has commanded that each of you is to gather as much of it as he needs." Exodus 16:14-16a (*Good News Translation*)

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

DATE	K-2	3rd—5th	Music Time	Story Teller
11/04/2018	Luanne/Susan (Loaves/Fishes)	Jerry/Jere (Oasis Theatre)	Betsy B.	Megan
11/11/2018	Christine/Jennifer (Oasis)	Patrick/Jere (Loaves/Fishes)	Betsy B.	Christine
11/18/2018	Kay/Adam (Temple Courtyard)	Combined	Betsy B.	Adam
11/25/2018	Christine/Jere (Loaves & Fishes)	Combined	Betsy B.	Pageant Workshop

Parents Corner: "What is it?!" It's not unusual for me to suggest to my girls they try a new food. First question they ask, "What is it?!" Any of you remember the original name for the Atlanta Olympic games mascot? "Whatizit!" "What is it?!" That's what the Israelites asked when they saw "manna" for the first time, "What is it?!" In November, we continue our Exodus journey, which will be the last visit to this dramatic story in WoRM for the school year (we'll be back in Egypt after the birth of Jesus). Like a frog, we leap over the plagues (feel free to look through those with your child(ren)), and emerge on the other side of the "Red Sea" (Exodus 15:22). This emergence could be seen as a birth or even a baptism--the Israelites are a new creation, who now have to figure out what this new life is all about. It's hard! So, it should be no surprise there is a fair amount of "grumbling" as they "wander in the wilderness" for 40 years. Moses and his brother Aaron have their hands full of challenging "children." But, the story is preserved because it is a story of struggle, identity, and growth, alongside God's liberation, faithfulness, and provision. Quail and Manna rain down from heaven! Water springs forth from rocks! The people of God learn to live in community, to trust God will provide, to take only what they need, and to take Sabbath rest. Continue to read through chapters 15 - 17 with your children--before going to bed, after supper, whenever is convenient. I'd love to hear any questions that surface in these readings. This story 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: Please help prepare your children for WoRM by telling them who their teacher and shepherd are and where their lesson will be: Temple Courtyard, Potter's Workshop, Loaves and Fishes, or Oasis Theatre.

Wonderful Wednesdays Resumes Nov. 28th

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)

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

5:00pm Supervision for Middle and High School Youth in the youth rooms begins—
Youth Rooms will NOT be open until then.

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—

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



Covenant's Annual Christmas Choral Worship

Sunday, December 9, Beginning promptly at 10:45am

Join us for a morning of carols and festive music on Dec. 9th at 10:30. This is our annual tradition of Christmas Choral Worship, and there will be offerings from our chime choir, adult and children's choir, as well as solos and instrumental pieces. We will also hear the premiere of the song entitled *A Not so Silent Night* lyrics written by Mark Harper with music by Cliff Brock.

Please join us for this music filled service.

A Catered Luncheon of sandwiches, veggies, and fruit hosted by Congregational Fellowship will follow in the fellowship hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

WHO'S WHO at Covenant? Who at Covenant used to inspect bottles for a glass factory?

Who's Who: *Judy Capie*



YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

Youth Leaders wanted! Would you be willing to help out with the Sunday Evening youth programming from time to time. We have a group of committed adult leaders, but sometimes schedules don't always permit enough adults to be present as we need. Please contact Craig to say "yes" or for more details:

ctopple@covpresathens.org



Sunday Mornings, 9:35-10:30, Abby Horvath is leading B.A.S.I.C. in the youth room!

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

Nov 18: Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship - Youth from the four Athens area churches will gather at Frist Pres (parking lot) at 4pm and go from there to the event at Piedmont College Meeting House.

Nov 25: Youth Group

Wednesday Covenant Connection at 5:30 -7pm

(5pm Youth are invited to hangout in the youth rooms- The youth rooms will not be open until 5pm as there will not be adult supervision until that time)

5:30 - 6 - Bible Study with Pastors Mark and Beecher

6-6:30 - Supper

6:30 - 7 - Faith and Film with Craig Barber

Mark Your Calendars! The Christian Ed team is looking ahead to some great summer activities for youth

Lasagna Lunch, Jan 13 after church. Participants in any summer youth conference are expected to assist with this yummy event.

Montreat High School Conference, June 2-8. An awesome week is in store for any rising 9th - graduated from HS! We will again share the GA Lodge with Covenant Augusta. Registration has begun, and if you know you (your child) wants to go, please submit a \$100 deposit by Dec 1. For more information visit montreat.org, and contact ctopple@covpresathens.org

Middle School Conference--Montreat at Maryville College, July 17-21. A unique energetic week is in store for rising 6th - completed 8th graders! Registration has begun, and if you know you (your child) wants to go, please submit a \$100 deposit by Feb 1. For more information visit montreat.org, and contact ctopple@covpresathens.org

[Presbyterian Youth Triennium](#) is July 16-20 at Purdue University. What is Presbyterian Youth Triennium? A gathering of over 3000 students from PCUSA churches all over the country. The Northeast Georgia Presbytery is planning to send a delegation. Space for each church in the presbytery is limited, but if any rising 10th - graduated HS student wants to attend, please contact Brian Herndon. We estimate 40-45 students from the presbytery joining in this summer adventure.

WEEK OF November 18, 2018

SUNDAY-

8:30am Worship
9:30am Church School for all Ages
10:45am Worship
12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
1pm—4pm Officer Training *****
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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS-

No Adult Bible Study
No Evening Activities

THURSDAY-

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY-

OFFICE CLOSED
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY-

11am DECK THE HALLS with the Fellowship Ministry Team
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



WEEK OF November 25, 2018

SUNDAY-

8:30am Worship
9:30am Church School for all Ages
10:45am Worship
12:15pm Chime Choir Rehearsal
12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
1pm—4pm Officer Training
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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS-

10:00am Adult Bible Study
5pm—7:00pm Cov Conn
(youth rooms will open with Adult Supervision at 5pm)
6:30pm Adult Bible Study
7:00pm Taize
7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

2pm Knitters & Knotters
7pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY-

11:30am Chime Choir Rehearsal (tentative)
6:30pm Progressive Dinner
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—November 18, 2018

8:30am

Reader: Wayne Crowell
Coffee: Warren Combs
Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell, Warren & Arnelle Combs

10:45am-

Liturgist—Ruby Topple
Reader: Jim Newland
Ushers: Heide & Juergen Wiegel, The Tweedells
Greeters: The Herndons
Congregational Care: June Meyers
Counters: Pam Knox, Bill Barstow
Flowers: Juergen Wiegel
Plant Care: Frank Allen
Open the Building: Steve Bell
Close the Building: Hank Tweedell
Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Nov 19-25)
Nursery/Super: Christine Carpenter
Birth—Walking: Christine Carpenter
Walking—5 years old: Sydney Braswell, Megan Sperr

WORSHIP—November 25, 2018

8:30am

Reader: Dennis Calbos
Coffee: Lola Bell
Ushers: Kent & Heidi Wolfe

10:45am-

Liturgist—Isaac Carpenter
Reader: Juergen Wiegel
Ushers: Phil & Sallie Hale, Jerry & Sarah Shannon, Dianne Simpson
Greeters: Gloria Pylant, Maurine Wathen
Congregational Care: June Meyers
Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner
Flowers: Juergen Wiegel
Plant Care: Frank Allen
Open the Building: Alan Edwards
Close the Building: Rich Reaves
Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Nov. 26—Dec. 2)
Nursery/Super: Annemarie Braswell
Birth—Walking: Annemarie Braswell
Walking—5 years old: Patrick, Alice, George & Lila McMaster

2018 SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS

ITEMS MARKED * ARE MOST NEEDED

LADIES

- Cosmetics (lipstick, light blush, powder) *
- Perfume *
- Hair Picks and Hairspray
- Knee-high Hose (Large or queen) *
- Robes, Dusters (Med -XL) *
- Sweat Suits (Med - XL) *
- Socks *
- Costume Jewelry *
- Scarves (silk-like material) *
- Nightgowns (over the head L-XL) *
- Cardigan Sweaters *
- Orange Sticks *
- Nail Polish *
- Nail Polish Remover



MEN

- Pajamas/Nightshirts (Med - L)
- Aftershave and Cologne *
- Robes (M - L) *
- Undershirts (M-L) *
- Sweat Suits (Medium - XL) *
- Cardigan Sweaters *
- Belts (Medium)
- Non-skid Socks *
- Polo Shirts (M-L)
- Socks *

GROOMING ITEMS

- Combs and Brushes
- Kleenex (large box) *
- Effident and Denture Brushes *
- Deodorant (spray-type) *
- Shampoo *
- Rubber-soled Shoe Slippers with closed backs (Medium - L) *
- Body Lotion *
- Body Powder (non-perfumed) *
- Mouthwash and Dental Floss
- Nail Clippers
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes *
- Body Wash (Men & Ladies) *

CRAFT, KEEPSAKE & PARTY ITEMS

- Watercolor Markers
- Large Art Paint Brushes
- Craft Glue
- Acrylic Paint *
- General Wrapping Paper and Ribbon *
- Silk Flowers (in small pots) *
- Scissors
- 12" Balloons (colorful) *
- Photo Frames * and/or Albums
- Assorted colorful Stickers
- Hard Candies *
- Sugar-free Candies

EQUIPMENT & MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

- Stamps and Calendars *
- Adult-Sized Bibs *
- Lap Robes & Blankets (non-electric) *
- Board Games, Large Print Crossword Puzzles or Sudoku Books
- Jigsaw Puzzles (easy, 10 pieces or more, large, wooden or with pegs) *
- Jigsaw Puzzles (100 -200 pieces)
- Small Bulletin Boards (approx. 18" x 24", cut-outs and borders)
- CDs (Broadway, classical, 1920s-'50s, hymns, swing)
- Laundry Markers & "Sharpie" Permanent Pens (fine point)
- DVDs (Gaither Family, nature, light and short comedies, musicals) *
- Walker and Wheelchair Caddies *
- Large Print Books
- Decorative Items for Residents' Rooms *
- Writing Pens and Small Legal Pads
- Decorative Items for Resident Rooms *



SPECIAL NEEDS & SENSORY ITEMS



- Small Stuffed Animals (stitched eyes) *
- Life sized Baby Dolls (washable) *
- Birdfeeders
- Mobiles (large and colorful but not too noisy) *
- Sunglasses—PV
- Sun hats—PV

PV - Presbyterian Village only

Please Do Not Send

- Previously owned items
- Used Items
- Sample Items
- Bar Soap
- Bubble Bath
- Bath Beads
- Candles
- Medical Supplies (Aspirin, Tylenol, etc.)
- Cash or Checks *

*If you would like to show your support financially, please contribute to our Christmas Angel Offering.

Thank You for your support!