

THE COVENANTER  
August 25, 2019

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

WORSHIP

8:30 AM

RALLY DAY BREAKFAST 9:15am

Join us for a continental breakfast courtesy of the  
Fellowship Ministry Team.

OPENING PROGRAM

9:45 AM

Our Covenant family gathers for a time of singing, scripture, and devotion for all ages. Mary Barnett & Sarah Shannon, CE Co-Chairs, will say a few words about the Christian Education Ministries, and our Adult Church School teachers will introduce their studies. Enjoy this time for visiting too!

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

10:45 AM

with commissioning of our Christian School Teachers, Covenant Connection Leaders,  
and Youth Group Leaders

**FIRST GRADE BREAKFAST** for Covenant's first graders.

**TODAY—Sunday, August 25th** is a special day for our First Grader,

*Larson Rea*

Larson will have a special tour of the Worship Center, during which time will be spent talking about baptism and communion. She will be introduced to the congregation during the service and will be presented with her very own copy of our Presbyterian Hymnal, *Glory to God*.

COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Athens, Georgia 30605  
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**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

8:30am Worship

10:45am Worship

Resumes!

**Remember in Prayer:** Louis Boyd's daughter Beda Cain, following hand surgery; Jere Bowden's sister Jan in Atlanta, recovering from open heart surgery Aug.21; Anna Holshouser, hospitalized Aug.22 at Piedmont for advanced Parkinson's; Beth Nunnally, awaiting gallbladder surgery; David Boardman's wife Sally, recovering at home from breast reconstruction; former members Joe & Edie Covert, and her mother Blanche Carper now in failing health at home in NC; former presbytery executive Ken Meeks & wife Jane in NC, with many broken bones after her recent fall; presbytery's Laotian ministry in Cornelia, upon the ordination of their new evangelist Souvanh Touralack; and John Brewer, Bill Rigsby, Maurine Wathen, and Elsie Bothwell, at home.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Monday	Aug. 26	Psalm 81
Tuesday	Aug. 27	Psalm 82
Wednesday	Aug. 28	Psalm 83
Thursday	Aug. 29	Genesis 18: 1-8
Friday	Aug. 30	Genesis 18: 9-15
Saturday	Aug. 31	Hebrews 13: 1-3
Sunday	Sept. 01	Luke 14: 1, 7-14



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00AM

JOIN US AS WE VIEW AND DISCUSS KEN CURTIS' DVD ON THE 23RD PSALM. *ALL ARE WELCOME!*

**2019-2020 Financial Summary**

**Week #7**

Anticipated Pledges: \$62,431.92

Actual Pledges: \$59,869.86

**WHO'S WHO at Covenant?** Who at Covenant has climbed to the top of a black cherry tree (over 2 stories)?



Who's Who: Tamara Starn



Are you telling me some people don't want to help in the Nursery?? Are they Crazy?? Have they seen how cute I am??

Contact Ellen Stoneburner at [ellenstoneburner@gmail.com](mailto:ellenstoneburner@gmail.com) to let her know that **YES** you are interested in volunteering for Nursery Duty. Nursery duty will come around just once a quarter for such a sweet blessing from Covenants little ones.

To everyone who is interested in our Witness Ministries - we will be holding a meeting in the "Upper Room" after church on Aug. 25. Come help us prepare for Witness Sunday next month, and we will begin to plan for our next Witness project (no passport required). All are Welcome!



### Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant  
(eastside)

Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30am

Join us for a great time of food and fellowship. Separate checks!

### KNITTERS AND KNOTTERS

Join us on Thursdays at 2pm for a great time of fellowship and ministry as we join together to make blankets, hats, scarves, pillows, etc. for those in need. Everyone is invited, beginners welcome! See Pat Tinga for more information.



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, September 2nd at

8am. Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road. Join us for a good time of conversation and food.

**SHORT TALK.** *Supply the initials for the following: ex. Sandwich favorite. Ans. BLT*

1. news 24/7
2. A summer "must"
3. Immediately

*By Marilyn Brown*

Answers to **SHORT TALK:**  
1. CNN 2. AC 3. ASAP

### JOURNEY CLASS

facilitated by Steve Bell

Sunday, August 25th at 8:30am

*Climate Church, Climate World argues that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. Hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war—climate change multiplies all forms of global social injustice. Environmental leader Rev. Jim Antal presents a compelling case that it's time for the church to meet this moral challenge.*



The CAVE -

Come and serve in this ministry of presence on Friday afternoons with our neighborhood youth!

The Cave is an on-site ministry every Friday afternoon hosted by Covenant and volunteers from UGA and various campus ministries. We provide space for kids to play basketball, video games, hang out with friends, have snacks, and generally have a loving and safe place to be after school as the weekend begins. We'd love to have you join as a weekly volunteer, a regular volunteer, or even as a sub on the volunteer sub list. If you have any questions about the actual program, please contact the Cave program coordinator Dibenhi Reyna at [dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com](mailto:dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com). If you want to sign up as a volunteer, please tell Paige Campbell [drpaigec@gmail.com](mailto:drpaigec@gmail.com), Steve Rathbun [srathbun@uga.edu](mailto:srathbun@uga.edu), or Mark Harper [mharper@covpresathens.org](mailto:mharper@covpresathens.org). The Cave program will begin on August 23 from 3:30-5:30pm.

## New Pictorial Directory! September 26, 27 & 28

Sign up for your family portrait today! Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and online directory. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation! Quick Tip for your photos: Please avoid wearing green, as we will be using Green Screen Technology to photograph (Like what they use in action and superhero movies!) Please click the following link to make an appointment:

[https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2220147538.1?](https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2220147538.1?schedule=covenantpresbyterianschool)

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**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** When on the website to schedule an appointment, *an email address is required to go to the next page and confirm the appointment, so anyone who doesn't have an email address can use: [dfox@theportraitcafe.com](mailto:dfox@theportraitcafe.com)*. You can see the attachment titled "How to Make an Appointment Online for easy step-by-step instructions.

**Please check your contact info in the large notebook on the table in the gathering room. Correct or add anything that you wish to appear in the new directory. If everything is okay then just place a check mark beside your information. Thank you!**

As many of you know, Covenant is one of many Earth Care Congregations within the PC (USA). What does this mean? It means that as a congregation we strive toward good stewardship of all aspects of God's creation, from our backyard to the whole planet and every place in between.

If you have an interest in or ideas for ways that Covenant can demonstrate this good stewardship, please join with the **Green Dream Team Thursday, September 5 at 12:30 pm** in the Conference Room to work on ways to achieve this goal for the coming year. We welcome ideas on worship, use of our facilities, educational programs and outreach. If you have ideas or thoughts but cannot make this meeting, please email Barbara Burnett at [followtheheronhome@gmail.com](mailto:followtheheronhome@gmail.com) and she will bring your ideas to the meeting for you! Go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment> to get more information and ideas.



Retirees of all ages & stages enjoy active fellowship & renewing friendships. Join us on

second Tuesdays monthly for a delicious Covered Dish Luncheon, an engaging program, and lots of fun and conversation. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Beverages are provided.

Our next date is **September 10 at 12:30pm**, in Fellowship Hall, with Jacob Douylliez, Covenant's new Director of Music.

Covenant's Fall Brochure, "A Place at the Table" is published and in your mailboxes. They are also available on the table in the gathering room.

**Covenant Connection!** Popcorn, cupcakes, DePalma's pizza...those are the smells of Covenant Connection. Laughter, conversation, shouts, bouncing balls, singing...those are the sounds of Covenant Connection. What is Covenant Connection? A Wednesday evening gathering of people of all ages in the fellowship hall for fellowship, fun, Bible study, recreation, choir, mission, movies, celebrations, a great meal, and more! Covenant Connection, CovConn, is your weekly opportunity to reconnect with old and new friends around all sorts of tables and activities that promise to open our eyes and hearts to the ways God is working in our lives...today. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. (and the joy goes home with you at 7:00 p.m.), and volunteers are needed to make this happen. In the coming weeks you will find a link to a fantastic app that will allow you to sign up as a volunteer on a weekly basis, or, if you're "old school", you may wish to sign up on the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet in the hallway. Circle the date for the start-up of CovConn: **Wednesday, September 11!** Questions? Contact Rindy Trouteaud, [rindy@trouteaud.com](mailto:rindy@trouteaud.com).

**"JUBILEE PLAYGROUND" ENHANCEMENTS** - The following items are desired to enhance the usefulness and beauty of the newly installed YOUNG CHILDREN'S JUBILEE PLAYGROUND at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Session-designated early childhood playground design committee believes these optional additions will strengthen the presence as well as effective use of this new facility and its immediate surroundings. Please consider making a contribution.

**Benches**, 1 to 3, to place inside playground fencing for use by supervising adults

**Mulch**, 2 cubic foot bags, up to 40, for spreading outside the fence to prevent adjacent areas from turning to mud after rains

**Square step stones**, 16" gray, 17 for widening the breezeway sidewalk out to the new backyard steps

**Portland pavers**, 60, to extend walkway from stairs out of the WoRM building to playground

**Landscape shrubbery**, in 1 - 5 gallon containers, compatible with shade garden growth and blooming

**Daffodil bulbs**, to plant for blossoming with each new Spring

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept.1 8:30am & 10:45am Worship resumes

Sunday, Sept.8 8:30am & 10:45am Worship

9:15am, RALLY DAY light breakfast  
& CE presentation

Tuesday, Sept.10 12:30pm, Graduates Luncheon with Jacob Douylliez

Wednesday, Sept.11 5:30-7:00pm, Covenant Connection resumes

Thursday, Sept.12 9:30am, Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Sunday, Sept.15 9:30am, Church School for all ages

Beecher's final day at Covenant



## **CNN Climate Crisis Town Hall - Watch Party**

### **Everyone Invited!!!**

**Sponsored by the Athens-Clarke County Democrats, Athens Earthstrike, Athens YDSA (Young Democratic Socialists of America)**

**Loco's Eastside-1985 S. Barnett Shoals Rd., Athens, GA 30605**

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM**

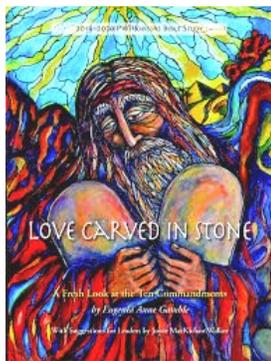
**No charge- but Loco offers a full dinner and beverage menu**

**See and hear leading Democratic presidential candidates discuss the most serious and urgent issue of our time!**

**Bring a friend!**

**No RSVP Needed**

*The purpose of Christian Education at Covenant Presbyterian Church is to nurture our discipleship, build our spirit of community and cultivate clarity of thought about our faith.*



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN begins Thursday, September 12**

**9:30-11:00am**

Covenant's women meet monthly in the Gathering Room for a time of Bible study, fellowship, and service. Childcare is available upon advance request. In the copy room, pick up the PCUSA *Horizons Study Guide* (\$11.00), entitled "**Love Carved in Stone**" and written by Eugenia Anne Gamble. A fresh look at the Ten Commandments. Each lesson begins with an exploration of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

So come and join us on the second Thursday of the month - and bring a friend! For more info, see the PW website: [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).



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| 1 Jean Gibson       | 12 Haylee Capie       |
| Bob Urich           | 15 Jimmy Avants       |
| Dennis Calbos       | 16 Mary Barnett       |
| 3 Beecher Mathes    | Ginger Davis-Beck     |
| Mo Wathen           | 20 Zoe Brewster       |
| Megan Sperr         | 22 Mark Bell          |
| 5 Kay Swan          | 23 Paula Williams     |
| 8 Shari Cobb        | 25 Janet Smith        |
| 9 Jeremy Reaves     | 27 Chris Harper       |
| Nami Kisaalita      | Asher Hill            |
| 10 Susan Harper     | 28 Alice Herndon      |
| 11 Freeman Chamblee | Christina Noel Reaves |
| 12 Joyce Placek     | 29 Anne Page          |
| Steve Follin        |                       |

**WEEK OF August 25, 2019—**

**SUNDAY—**

8:30am Journey Class Adult Bible Study  
8:30am First Grade Breakfast  
9:45am Worship 11:00am Witness Ministry Team Meeting  
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**MONDAY— OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30pm Scouts

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside Restaurant  
6:30pm Session Meeting  
8pm New Freedom in FH

**WEDNESDAY—**

8:30am—9:30am AA  
10am Adult Bible Study  
7:30pm Adult Choir  
7:30pm LAG

**THURSDAY—**

2pm Knitters & Knotters  
1pm—3:30pm UGA Extension  
6:30pm—8pm YOGA  
7:00pm Andrew Ministry Team Meeting  
7:30pm CR

**FRIDAY-**

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**WORSHIP—August 25, 2019**

**9:45am**

Reader: Steve Follin

Ushers: Steve Rathbun, Paige Cummings, Linda & Phil Koehler

Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland

Congregational Care: Catharine Tyson

Counters: Paige Campbell, Bill Barstow

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Aug. 26—Sept 1)

Nursery/Super: Rebecca Rea

Birth—Walking: Rebecca Rea

Walking—5 years old: Adam & Rebecca Rea, Marie Ballard-Myer

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**WORSHIP—September 01, 2019**

**9:45am**

Reader: Sallie Hale

Ushers: The Tweedell Family, Robyn Malone, Juergen Wiegel

Greeters: Steve Rathbun, Jim Anderson

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby

Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Sept. 2—8)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Ellen Stoneburner

Walking—5 years old: Grace & Clayton Adams, Paula Zimdars