

## THE COVENANTER September 22, 2019

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

### TODAY – WITNESS SUNDAY

September 22, 2019

The Olomouc team will be sharing their experiences from the Olomouc Mission Trip this summer during worship. Then join us for a reception in the fellowship hall with special desserts made from recipes brought back from the Czech Republic.



### World Communion Sunday – October 06, 2019

Blessed are the peacemakers. By giving to the *Peace & Global Witness Offering* we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries. 25% of this Offering will go to support Jubilee Partners in Comer, 25% of this Offering will go to our mid-council joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians around the globe. Please give generously. *If We All Do A Little, It Adds Up to A Lot.*

### 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 05 or early Sunday morning before church school.*

### Opportunity to Practice Hospitality– *Family Promise of Athens*

To be the church is to be hospitable. Hospitality is a major way for Christians to demonstrate the *GRACE* of God who receives us with *open arms*. This opportunity begins for us the week of **OCTOBER 6—13** when we host temporarily homeless guests for *Family Promise of Athens*. (IHNA) **NOW** is the time to sign-up on the board across from the Church office. Check the board to see the many ways you can practice *Christian hospitality*. You can also call the Church office (706-548-2756) and ask Karen to sign up for you. It is an opportunity as Scripture emphasizes: *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so they entertained angels unaware. (Hebrews 13:2)*



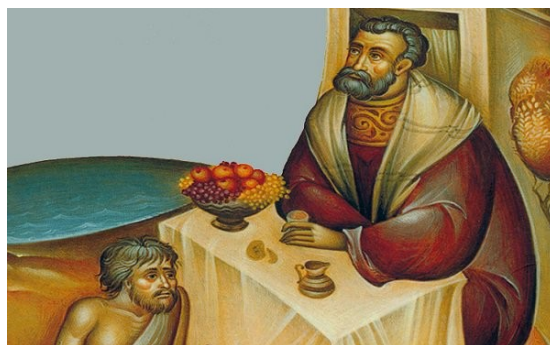
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Remember in Prayer:** Family & friends of Covenant member Maurine Wathen, upon her death Sept.3, from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma – a memorial service at Covenant is Sun.Sept.22 at 3pm; Rebecca Rea, having surgery this week for a torn knee; Clayton & Grace Adams' close friend Ashley, with advanced breast cancer and no more treatment options; former member Emily Bender with husband Pete & baby girl Cecelia, now in Costa Rica learning Spanish; Alice Rose's sister Nancy, with a second bout of cancer; Jere Bowden's sister Jan hospitalized in Atlanta, breathing on her own now and strong enough to move to a long-term care facility, after open heart surgery Aug.21; blessings & recovery for so many devastated in the Bahamas; prayers and practical support options for our homeless neighbors, at the church and around town, especially as winter approaches; Anna Holshouser at Comer Health & Rehab #311; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at Avery Place #104; Ruth Brewster at Morningside #108; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; Jean Gibson at The Oaks #101; and Sally Boardman, John Brewer, Beda Cain, John Scott, and Elsie Bothwell, at home.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Sept. 23	Psalm 91: 1-6
Tuesday	Sept. 24	Psalm 92: 1-9
Wednesday	Sept. 25	Psalm 93
Thursday	Sept. 26	Jeremiah 32: 1-3, 6-15
Friday	Sept. 27	Psalm 95
Saturday	Sept. 28	I Timothy 6: 6-19
Sunday	Sept. 29	Luke 16: 19-31



#### Wonderful Wednesdays September 25th

10am Adult Bible Study in the Upper Room

*Fellowship and discussion using Ken Curtis' DVD series on the Lord's Prayer*

#### Covenant Connection

##### 5:30pm – 6pm Servant Time

6:00pm – 6:30pm Family Dinner – *Spaghetti with sausage/sweet peppers, salad, grapes & ice cream!*

6:30pm -7:00pm Carol/Joy Choir

Sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4ca9ab23a3f49-covenant>

to help Rindy with Servant Time and to make birthday cupcakes. *Thank you!*

6:30pm – 7:30pm Evening Adult Bible Study *join us for a thought provoking look at the Jesus of the 70's .*

#### 2019-2020 Financial Summary

##### Week #11

Anticipated Pledges: \$98,107.31

Actual Pledges: \$111,819.75

For the month of

#### September

Covenant will collect for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank these food items:

*Canned Pasta (ie: beef ravioli, Spaghetti O's and etc),*

Saltine Crackers

and

As always brown paper bags.

*Thank you Covenant*

*and may we all have enough!*

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH AT COVENANT CONNECTION!

*For middle and high school students.*

3:30pm—5:30pm Supervised fellowship/recreation in the youth rooms;

5:30pm—6:00pm Bible Study; 6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner; 6:30pm—7:00pm Faith & Film

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**—You are invited to the home of Georgiana Sumner, 525 Westview Drive where Rindy Trouteaud will facilitate the sharing of experiences and insights welling up from our weekly reflections on a poem, a biblical passage & prayer. Bring your Bibles and join us for fellowship, conversation & light refreshments.

Beginning Tuesday, October 1 at 10am—11:15am!



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, October 7th at

8am. Cracker Barrel on

Epps Bridge Road. Join us for a good time of conversation and food.



### Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside)

Tuesday, Sept. 24 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.

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

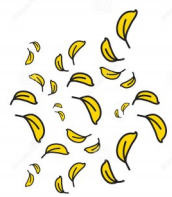
1. Designates an alias
2. School association
3. corporal, for example

*By Marilyn Brown*

Answers to **SHORT TALK:**  
1. AKA 2. PTA 3. NCO

**WHO'S WHO at Covenant?** Who at Covenant has a mortal fear of chickens?

**WHO'S WHO: Luanne Rigbsby**



**Highlights of the stated Session meeting on Tues.Aug.27 include:** 1) welcome to our newest member, Bob Trouteaud, husband to Rindy who is on Covenant's staff, as he transfers his membership from Central Presbyterian; 2) dedication of the Jubilee Playground for our children, with many thanks to Betsy Burmeister, Ellen Stoneburner, and John Chamblee, along with Rich Reaves and the Building & Grounds crew who continue to beautify this space for all to enjoy! 3) approval for the 2018-2019 budget excess to be moved to the general operating account; 4) celebration at the hiring of Piano Accompanist Kim McClain and the ongoing search for a Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministries; and 5) creation of an ad hoc committee to consider and offer support to the homeless residents currently at Covenant, with Paige Campbell & Chris Wilson serving as co-chairs and seeking volunteers from the congregation. *Ongoing copies of the minutes of Session meetings, as well as Ministry Team minutes, can be found on the table in the narthex. All Session meetings are open to anyone's attendance.*



**BLESSING OF THE PETS!** Sunday, October 6th at 4pm.

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.



We'd like to say a big  
**THANK  
YOU**

We want to offer a big thank-you to all who helped with Beecher's Reception last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration!! What a lovely way to honor our Associate Pastor of so many years! Everyone did an excellent job with planning, preparing, decorating, serving, and cleaning up afterward! We could not have done it without all our volunteers and their joyful giving of time and talent. Thank you, thank you!! Gratefully, *Jennifer Frey, Betsy Burmeister, and Betsy Pless*



**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=covenantpresbyterianchurch)

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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@theporraitcafe.com](mailto:dfox@theporraitcafe.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 desk at the front doors. 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!

**Chip and Salty Snack Bags: The Black Hole of TerraCycle Recyclables**—Why are Chip and Salty Snack Bags the black hole of TerraCycle recyclables? It's because TerraCycle does not pay shipping for this packaging material and people at Covenant seem to eat a lot of potato chips and other salty snacks (pretzels, popcorn, corn chips, etc.) Between March 2016 and April 2019, the Green Dream Team paid a total of \$202.00 to ship 7 large boxes of chip and salty snack bags to TerraCycle. In 2018, The GDT received a total of \$56.57 from TerraCycle (for collecting toothbrushes, etc., and other recyclables that pay) and spent \$55.43 to ship recyclables that don't pay. Clearly, something has got to change. For these reasons, *effectively immediately, no more chip and salty snack bags will be accepted **except: Late July corn chip bags.*** Late July is a corporate sponsor of TerraCycle; it pays shipping and it also pays the GDT for collecting the bags. If you have never eaten Late July corn chips, give them a try. They come in several flavors that are delicious. Many thanks to all who collect recyclables for TerraCycle!

Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE!** Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019 and stalled over the islands for 24 hours, causing massive damage. So far, it is reported that 27 lives have been lost. PDA is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs with a solidarity grant. Presbyteries in the U.S. are assessing the need and PDA stands ready to assist as needed.

Using our Hurricanes account, [DR000194](#), allows us to respond immediately to the needs internationally and domestically where needed most. Contribute to:

Disaster Relief-Hurricane and Typhoon Relief (DR000194)

To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700**



**Who are the Graduates at Covenant?** When Covenant was established over 50 years ago, the congregation was made up mostly of families with children. There were no retired persons. In the early 1990's when our denomination was emphasizing Older Adult Ministry the Session at Covenant established a Task Force to look into OAM at Covenant. The Task force came up with 34 names of retirees at Covenant. The church invited these 34 retirees to come to a luncheon at the church and 33 of them showed up. They said they wanted activities geared to the new stage of life. This group called themselves "The Graduates", to signify a graduation from one successful stage of life to the next stage of new opportunities and joyful growth.

Today Covenant has over 150 retired members. The Graduates still have monthly luncheons –covered dish, with a short program ranging from Jim Bowden, Bill Powell and Jake Tinga putting on grass skirts and (trying) to do a hula dance, to talks on world travel such as Terry Centner telling about his travels in Tibet, to this year's talk by Bill Lindstrom and his therapy dog, Sophie on the compassionate volunteer work in local hospitals and nursing homes. Programs have also included members sharing their hobbies, such as Jim Verbrugge telling us about oriental rugs and Maurice Snook talking on the 2017 solar eclipse. Besides luncheon, The Graduates have made trips to sight see and eat on "road trips" to Atlanta, Braselton, Lake Oconee, and area new restaurants and old favorites. They have arranged seminars on such topics as End of Life issues and Estate Planning.

Looking ahead, The Graduates will continue their present activities and hope to add new ones. All retirees at Covenant are invited to join with us. If you need more information please contact a member of the Graduate Planning Committee-Ann Anderson, Jim Bowden, Juanita Gilbert, Linda Koehler, Phil Koehler, Bill Lindstrom, Robyn Malone, Pat Tinga, Catharine Tyson, Mary Anna Wynes, Betsy Pless or Rindy Trouteaud.

**WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL** begins this Sunday September 22nd at 9:30am!

This week we look at the creation story in Genesis 2.

WoRm leaders and shepherds: Kay & Paul Brooks, Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver

**SNACKS NEEDED FOR WoRM:** such as goldfish crackers, animal crackers, etc.

Please leave them in the bin on the floor next to the *Feed My Sheep* table.

Thank you!



#### **YOUTH GROUPS 5pm - 7pm**

Middle school - Exodus Bible study using the movie, "Raiders of the Lost Ark"

High School - "Let's Talk" using a video by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

**MEALS:** We are grateful that DeLynda Tweedell will again be coordinating evening meals. Please consider providing one which will feed approximately 15 youth and leaders and is reimbursable up to \$65/meal.

Contact DeLynda if you have any questions at 706-540-2473 or you can sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. *Thank you!*



**The Scouts will be selling Pop Corn after worship in the gathering room!**

# Sing For Joy

A song for Beecher  
by Carol Huber



When Beecher was a student so many years ago  
She didn't know that Athens was the place that she would go;  
Her studies at Columbia prepared her for the task  
And we were glad that Covenant became her home at last.  
She's been Associate Pastor for 26 sweet years  
And shared her days and nights with us, our laughter and our tears;  
And through the years she's offered us her wisdom and her love  
Through sermons and through ministry with blessings from above.



She's youngest of four sisters, so Martha, Rachel and Liz  
Had to show their baby sister where the power is!  
But Beecher knew her way around their sibling rivalry;  
The four of them grew up the best of friends eternally.  
Her father was a minister, she is a "preacher's kid",  
But all her plans were musical, at least that's what she said!  
She traveled with the USO enjoying every bit,  
Rain or shine with all the troops her singing was a hit!



She spent a summer with her sister Rachel overseas,  
Who taught her about opera and music that would please.  
When David Bowden went to England, Bridgewater by name,  
Beecher went to visit him, another trip to claim!



She's traveled many countries to see the sites of old  
Like Wales, on a choral tour, with castles to behold;  
Her nephew wed in India, she wore a sari there,  
And Israel was special 'cause our Savior once lived there.



The Carolina mountains are a favorite place to be,  
And Montreat is that special spot where spirits can feel free.  
But driving home on country roads? Take note of time elapsed  
'Cause Beecher has a leaden foot, she'll get there really fast!  
Sometimes she's going home to cats, she loves her feline friends  
Even when they make a mess but never make amends.  
Then one day a real surprise, no cat, this time a snake  
Creeping in her attic - help! she did a double take!



When Beecher came she joined the choir and we were quick to learn  
She is a gal with golden voice and she could take her turn  
At singing high soprano lines and singing solos too;  
She's been a blessing to our Music Program through and through.  
Her sermons are themselves a poetry of truth and peace,  
And adding songs to sermons gains dimensions one can't preach.  
She's taught the Women's study and, of course, the Bible true,  
And kept the Graduates on track with pot luck luncheons, too.

Women's  
Ministry



Though you were born in Birmingham, and you love Blowing Rock,  
You've chosen Athens as your home where you could tend your flock.  
Now you'll make a brand new home with Mom who's hundred and four!  
Our hearts are with you as you tackle challenges galore.  
Beecher, you must know by now you are so very dear,  
And we will surely miss you now that you are leaving here.  
Your years with us at Covenant have truly been a joy,  
And though we say goodbye, you'll always be in God's employ!



**WEEK OF September 22, 2019—****SUNDAY— WITNESS SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship

9:30 Church School for all

10:45am Worship

12:15pm Scouts Pop Corn Sale

3pm Memorial Service for Maurine Wathen

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

5pm—7pm Youth Groups

**MONDAY—**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

**TUESDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

11:30am Lunch Bunch to DePalma's Italian Eastside Restaurant

5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

8pm New Freedom in FH

**WEDNESDAY—**

8:30am—9:30am AA

10am Adult Bible Study with Mark Harper

5:30pm—7pm Covenant Connection

6:30pm—7:30pm Evening Adult Bible Study with Rindy Trouteaud

7:30pm Adult Choir

7:30pm LAG

**THURSDAY— Portrait Café 1 pm—8pm**

2pm Knitters &amp; Knotters

6:30pm—8pm YOGA

8:00pm Happy Squares

7:30pm CR

**FRIDAY- Portrait Café 1 pm—8pm**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center in FH

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom in FH

**SATURDAY—****Portrait Café 9:45am—8pm**

8am—4pm Scouts Fun Day

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

**WORSHIP—September 22, 2019****8:30am**

Reader: Sonja Holden

Ushers: Heidi &amp; Kent Wolfe

**10:45am**

Reader: Jim Anderson

Ushers: Don Bower, Heide Wiegel, Phil Hale, Dianne Simpson

Greeters: Phil &amp; Linda Koehler

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby

Counters: Paige Campbell, Pam Knox

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Jim Bowden

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (Sept. 23-29)

Nursery/Super: DeLynda Tweedell

Birth—Walking: DeLynda Tweedell

Walking—5 years old: Sandy Whitney, Carrie Tweedell,

Chuck Rosenberger

**WEEK OF September 29, 2019—****SUNDAY—**

8:30am Worship

9:30 Church School for all

10:45am Worship

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

5pm—7pm Youth Groups

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**THURSDAY—**

2pm Knitters &amp; Knotters

6:30pm—8pm YOGA

7:30pm Happy Squares Business Meeting

7:30pm CR

**FRIDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY—****WORSHIP—September 29, 2019****8:30am**

Reader: Gijs Schimmel

Ushers: Alan Edwards, Jim Smith

**10:45am**

Reader: Jim McMinn

Ushers: Jerry &amp; Sarah Shannon, Dick &amp; Paula Zimdars, Marie Ballard-Myer

Greeters: Randy &amp; Susan Parish

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby (October—Linda Koehler)

Counters: Caren Snook, Judy Capie

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Jim Bowden

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Sept. 30—Oct. 6)

Nursery/Super: Joan Baird

Birth—Walking: Joan Baird

Walking—5 years old: Christine Carpenter, Richard &amp; Marcia Page