

THE COVENANTER

September 29, 2019

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



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 in honor of Coffee Worth, 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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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.

Beecher's remarks at the Sept.15 luncheon - -

I'll never be able to say thank you enough - for the love you have poured upon me all these years and especially today. What a life we have shared, with all its ups and downs - - truly a gift from God to get to stay in one place for so long, having moved too many times in my youth.

Though I must admit about 3-4 times, I did have my bags packed in secret, but then a kind word, a new project, a reconnection, would heal what was broken - and I stayed on the roller coaster, ready for another ride around the sun.

But now it's time to go - and however difficult this last year has been with all the changes in my family - now I can see God's hand preparing me for each next step. Though I have felt robbed of my last days with you - as my night shift with Mother took away all the good work & worship & great fun Covenant shares in the evenings (I really missed all that) - it has made the parting a little easier, as I've had to distance myself gradually instead of all at once. And that's a good thing. Thank you so much for all your patience & generosity through the changes.

You've made me who I am. Covenant is the sweet fruit on my tree of life. I've learned so much from you about courage & compassion, about forgiveness & grace. You've helped me face so many fears by standing with me - and sometimes against me too. So now I hope that I can take all the good experience that you've given me, into my new community of faith, whoever that may be - I don't know - and so keep the piece of my heart labeled Covenant alive & lively, to be as helpful to some others as you have been for me.

I'm not doing a "Transition with Continuity" - ask somebody if you don't know what that means. I'm actually saying goodbye. You have way too many pastors here already. It's the wise thing to do, I think. But I plan to come to Coffee's 100th birthday party on Nov.2nd - and maybe I'll get to come to the Christmas Choral Worship - we'll see. And I think I've gotten approval to keep on bringing my Terracycling here and my 1.5 bags of trash to Covenant's garbage cans - till Mother and I make our move to Presbyterian Village next fall 2020. I didn't finish packing up my office this past week, for all the parties you were showering upon me, but I hope to this coming week. I promise I'll be outta here by pay day, the end of the month!

Well, here we go! Thanks for the memories - I love you all - and I'll see you at the grocery store!

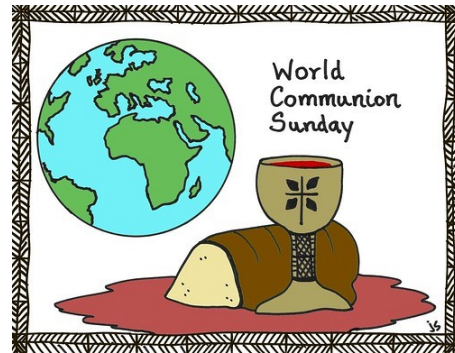
And another big THANK YOU for such a wonderful send-off - -

Wow! I've never been to such a beautifully decorated and smoothly run occasion, so full of love and kindness in every single detail - Covenant really knows how to worship God with such creativity and then throw a fabulous party! You put in so many hours to make this happen - way too many, but thank you for creating such a good memory! What a treasure in my heart & mind, to feel so much love from you all - the choral rendition of Cliff's anthem, the LaMotte girls all grown up now with their own at Time with Children, your pastors' artistry at expressing their faith & ministry in word, the Celtic flavor of music, Mark's kind description of how we can all be shepherds for each other - and then the youth who served lunch, the dishwashers who stayed & cleaned up, the flowers and tables so gorgeous, Patrick's fabulous cooking & catering, the full house, Hank's bow tie, your kind welcome of my nieces, the fact that the microphone was across the room from introverted me, and those 2 huge cakes that were all eaten up, yea! I can't even begin to list every joy, and I'm a good lister! Yet all those secrets you kept so well, for I would have stopped you from doing so much, if I had known! The presenters of your endless array of gifts (so perfectly thought to suit me & such extravagant financial support) were also very generous with their compliments, and I was so glad you didn't roast me for all that I've messed up through the years - such good friends! I'm ever grateful for what I've learned from you and shared with you to make a life together, good & helpful & strong. The Lord truly had a hand in bringing me to you - and most clearly this past year in caring for my family through you, step by step. May your continued ministry with Mark & Rindy and all the staff go beyond what we can imagine yet be confident in the Lord's leading you there. Blessings and peace in your new beginnings each & every year.
Love everlasting, Beecher

Remember in Prayer: Rebecca Rea recovering well at home after successful knee surgery on Thursday, September 26; 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. 30	Lamentations 1: 1-6
Tuesday	Oct. 01	Lamentations 3: 19-26
Wednesday	Oct. 02	Isaiah 25: 1-8
Thursday	Oct. 03	2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Friday	Oct. 04	2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Saturday	Oct. 05	Luke 17: 1-4
Sunday	Oct. 06	Luke 17: 5-10



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.

For the month of October we will be collecting these items:

*Thank you Covenant
and may we all have enough!*

2019-2020 Financial Summary Week #12

Anticipated Pledges: \$107,026.15

Actual Pledges: \$118, 039.75

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.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the FEAST on Saturday, September 21. Over 12,000 pounds of food from the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia was distributed to over 145 families.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL, "Born in the Night" has 10 openings for you to choose from. Please sign up today on the table in front of the church office. And thank you to all of you that have already signed up.

Remember the devotions are due by Sunday October 13th.

Email them to kwetherington@covpresathens.org.

Thank you!



Essay Contest—Win a Telescope

Maurice Snook has refurbished 4 amateur grade reflecting telescopes for Sandy Creek Nature Center. These are high quality telescopes, NOT toys and will give beautiful views of lunar craters, the phases of Venus, Jupiter's moons and cloud belts, the Rings of Saturn as well as show star clusters, nebulae and galaxies.

To win one of the telescopes, students in 4th grade through high school in public, private, and homeschoools from Clarke, Jackson, Oconee, Madison and Oglethorpe counties must write a ½

-1 page essay on "Why I Want A Telescope & What I Would Like To Observe With It". .

Visit <https://www.accgov.com/9005/Telescope-Contest> for more information about essay details and submission form.

Session Highlights for September 24, 2019 Stated Session Meeting:

1. Endowment Committee to consider best use of Central's Settlement funds was elected. The Committee consists of Carol Wheeler, Paige Cummings, Katy Terry, Jim Newland, Don Bower & Paige Campbell.
2. The October 6th Peace & Global Witness offering that remains local (25%) will go to Jubilee Partners in honor of Coffee Worth.
3. Rich Reaves on behalf of Building & Grounds presented a proposal for possible installation of Solar Panels on the Fellowship Hall roof. The Session will consider funding options in the near future.
4. The Session gratefully welcomed the presence of the Athens Nurses Clinic Diabetes Clinic class, as well as the recent SNAP Nutrition Classes, and the proposal for a UGA run mobile medical clinic (in coordination with the FEAST), as new partnerships in serving our community.
5. The Session unanimously accepted a gift of 3 octave Hand Bells and the accoutrements from Central Presbyterian Church.





Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant
(eastside)

Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 11:30am

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



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, October 7th at

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



GRADUATES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 8th at 12:30pm

"Getting to know the Athens Nurses Clinic" with
Central/Covenant Session member: Paige Cummings.

Bring a dish to share. Beverages provided.
Plenty of laughter and fellowship.



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

1. For good and bad sports
2. Voice for golden agers
3. radio spinmeister

By Marilyn Brown

Answers to **SHORT TALK:**
1. ESPN 2. AARP 3. DJ

WHO'S WHO at Covenant? Why was the "Who's
Who" column created in January 2005?

WHO'S WHO: It was a way to introduce
The Graduates to the congregation, with all
the wonderful accomplishments they have
had in their lives. Now it's for all ages!
Please submit to Karen Wetherington some-
thing about yourself or a friend, so we can
get to know each other better! It doesn't have
to be funny or stupendous – just a word
about what you do, a favorite pastime or
place you've traveled, where you work or
how many papers are on your desk! Many
thanks!



Want to give a helping hand? Join our ministries at **Our Daily Bread**, the soup
kitchen for Athens, based at First Baptist Church downtown.

Dorothy Newland coordinates preparing lunch on fifth Wednesdays, arriving at
10am. The next day of service is Wednesday, October 30th. Contact Dorothy at
706-202-0474 if you would like to help.

Paige Cummings coordinates preparing lunch on first Fridays monthly, arriving at 11am. Contact Paige
at paigemercercummings@gmail.com if you would like to help. The next day of service is Friday,
October 4th.

No More Chip and Salty Snack Bags for TerraCycle, except the Late July Brand – Why are Chip and Salty Snack Bags the black hole of TerraCyclables 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



1 Jere Bowden

Diane Davies

2 Isaac Ritzler

3 Mike Hale

5 Reginia Smith

Joseph Page

6 Bill Barstow

8 Kathryn Fowler

Shirley Reinert

9 Heidi Wolfe

12 Ellen Stoneburner

Timothy Simpson

14 Rose Kisaalita

16 Nathan Weaver

18 Linda Rogers

19 Ron Cervero

Charlie Martin

20 Jason Braswell

21 Marcia Page

22 Charles Swanson

24 Tamara Stam

Kathy Boardman

25 Sue Goodyear

26 Cindy Barber

Juanita Gilbert

28 Coffee Worth

29 Zia Topple



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.

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL begins this Sunday September 29th 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 & High School Youth Groups—"Hunger Games"

MEALS: Sept 29th meal –Richard & Marcia Page.

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!*

Wonderful Wednesdays October 2nd

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 –*Pizza, salad, fruit, ice cream sandwiches*

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 .*

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!

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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 10th at 9:30am

in the Gathering Room! Please read the Horizons study guide, "Love Carved in Stone" chapter 2. Study books are available in the copy room. \$11 each. Join us for fellowship and light refreshments.

WEEK OF September 29, 2019—

SUNDAY—

8:30am Worship
9:30 Church School for all
10:45am Worship
3:30pm Debtors Anonymous
5pm—7pm Youth Groups

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
10am Tuesday Adult Bible Study at 525 Westview Drive, Athens
5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
10am Adult Bible Study with Mark Harper
2:30pm Conf. Room reserved
5:30pm—7pm Covenant Connection
6:30pm—7:30pm Evening Adult Bible Study with Rindy Trouteaud
7:30pm Adult Choir
7:30pm LAG

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & 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— 10:30am HILFEST at Hillsman
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—September 29, 2019

8:30am

Reader: Jim Smith

Ushers: Alan Edwards, Jim Smith

10:45am

Reader: Jim McMinn

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

Greeters: Paige Campbell, Betsy Pless

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 & Marcia Page

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SUNDAY— WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30am Worship
9:30 Church School for all
10:45am Worship
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3:30pm Debtors Anonymous
5pm—7pm Youth Groups

4pm Blessing of the Pets



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Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

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Ushers: Bob Trouteaud, Steve Rathbun, Paige Cummings,

Linda & Phil Koehler

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Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5 years old: James & Robyn Malone, Don Bower