

THE COVENANTER October 06, 2019

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery, Synod
of the South Atlantic, General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
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World Communion Sunday TODAY – 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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS! TODAY



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.

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GRADUATES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 8th at 12:30pm

*"Getting to know the Athens Nurses
Clinic" with Session member:
Paige Cummings*

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



Remember in Prayer: Pauline Marshall (Paula Zimdars mother) with chest pains at St. Mary's; 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 & John Scott at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Oct. 07	Mark 14: 3-9
Tuesday	Oct. 08	Deuteronomy 15: 7-11
Wednesday	Oct. 09	Mark 10: 17-22
Thursday	Oct. 10	Mark 12: 41-44
Friday	Oct. 11	Mark 3: 1-6
Saturday	Oct. 12	Mark 4: 10-12
Sunday	Oct. 13	Mark 14: 1-2, 10-11



For the month of

OCTOBER

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

Canned pasta,

saltines,

and spaghetti sauce.

Thank you Covenant

and may we all have enough!

2019-2020 Financial Summary

Week #13

Anticipated Pledges: \$107,026.32

Actual Pledges: \$120,519.75

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

Sunday, October 13 at 12:15pm

Join us in the conference room outside the worship center. Sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided! We will be signing and addressing Halloween greeting cards to be sent to our college students and homebound folks and also brainstorming plans for the upcoming year.

Bring a "Central" friend and ideas you might have as to how we might be a more effective, caring ministry team.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL! Thank you to everyone that signed up and remember that the "Born in the Night" devotionals are due by **Sunday, October 20th.**

Email them to kwetherington@covpresathens.org.

Thank you!

MANY THANKS go out to specific member-benefactors who have furnished the playground with a pair of new, visually complementary as well as sturdy observation benches, which have been placed inside the fencing for use by play-supervising adults. Again the steadfast generosity of this faith community continues to be demonstrated. And also a thank you to the Harold E. Williams Memorial Fund that designated for the new playground, a check in the amount of \$4,190.00 in 2015.



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 homeschools 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.

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



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY—You are invited to the home of Georgiana Sumner, 525 Westview Drive. We will look at a wedding (John 2) through the lens of Naomi Shihab Nye's poem, "Famous".

Bring your Bibles and join us for fellowship, conversation & light refreshments.

Beginning Tuesday, October 8 at 10am—11:15am!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

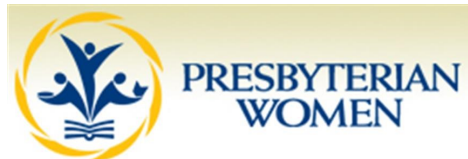
Thursday, October 10th

Lesson begins promptly at 9:30am.

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 wonderful fellowship and light refreshments.





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.



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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.

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

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 something 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!

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

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 October 6th at 9:30am!

Jesus feeding the 5,000 & World Communion activities
WoRm leaders and shepherds: Rindy Trouteaud, Jere Bowden, Wanda Oliver, and Megan Sperr

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 -we will continue our study of Exodus using the film, "Raiders of the Lost Ark". **High School**—join us for a conversation about what matters sparked by the insights of Rev. Nadia Weber-Boltz.

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 9th

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 -*Nachos & fixins, salad, fruit, and cookies*

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 look at the tough work of building relationships using the DVD study based on the NY Times bestseller, "Same Kind of Different As Me"!*

7:30pm Adult Choir

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



Athens Faith Communities Climate Change Workshops.

All dates are Tuesdays and all start at 6:30 pm.

Everyone is invited. Spread the word.

1 October @UGA Catholic Center: Theological Framework with Dr. Andy Thomson from The School of Theology, Sewanee: The University of the South

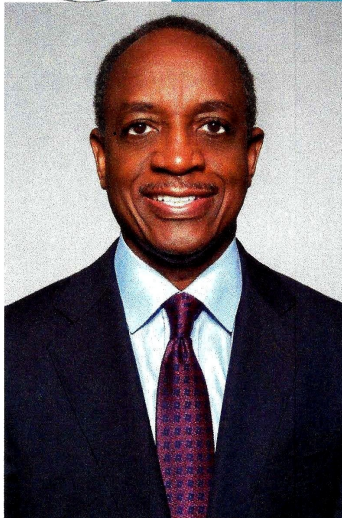
8 October at UGA Catholic Center: Scientific Framework with David Stooksbury and Dr. Jim Porter

15 October at St. Gregory the Great Episcopal: Practical things we can do with Kat Doyle from the Archdiocese of Atlanta

22 October at St. Gregory the Great Episcopal: Where do we go from here? The faith communities responses in Athens. Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, GIPL, will be joining us.



We invite you to meet...



Michael Thurmond

Longtime Democratic political leader and Dekalb County CEO Michael Thurmond will join us to talk about his recently updated book, *A Story Untold*, which details key moments in local African-American history that he first heard about as a child growing up in our community.

Please join us on
Thursday, October 17,
2019

6:30 p.m.

Bogart Library Auditorium
200 South Burson Avenue
Bogart GA 30622

To R.S.V.P. or for more
information, please
contact Pam Davis
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Informational Meeting
to gauge interest in starting an
Athens Chapter of
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
www.shpbeds.org

No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in our Town!

Friday, October 11, 2019
1:00 - 2:00 pm
First Baptist Church (Rotunda)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization that believes that all children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the US too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. SHP is an organization dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

Presentation and discussion by Skip Sevier, chapter leader, Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Dawsonville, GA



Seeking to Understand

Poverty

In our Community

Thursday, October 10, 2019
6:00-7:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Athens Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Conversation about Poverty in Athens and in the USA

Addressing the questions:

What does poverty mean?

What are factors that contribute to poverty?

What are the consequence of poverty?

How does poverty correlate with issues facing our community?

How does poverty manifest in the human spirit?

Led by Megan Bolado, an Independent Nonprofit Professional formerly with Prosperity Now (a national organization focusing on financial stability, wealth and prosperity for all)

SUNDAY- WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

MONDAY-

TUESDAY-

WEDNESDAY—

FRIDAY-

SATURDAY—10:30am—11:30am OEA in Upper Room
B&G work in the back field Fellowship Hall Cleaned

8:30am

Reader: Bruce Menke

Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

10:45am

Reader: Betsy Pless

Ushers: Bob Trouteaud, Steve Rathbun, Mike Swanson,
Linda & Phil Koehler

Greeters: Sandy & Jim Whitney

Congregational Care: October—Linda Koehler

Counters: Pam Knox, Caren Snook

Flowers: Juergen Wiegell

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Oct. 7–13)

Nursery/Super: Pam Knox

Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5 years old: James & Robyn Malone, Tim Foutz

WEEK OF
SUNDAY-

MONDAY-

TUESDAY– Karen on leave Office Hours 9am—12noon

WEDNESDAY– Karen on leave Office Hours 9am –11:45am

THURSDAY– Karen on leave Office Hours 9am –11:45am

FRIDAY- Karen on leave Office Hours 9am—12noon

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned
10:30am OEA in Upper Room

8:30am

Reader: Sonja Holden

Ushers: Alan Edwards, Jim Smith

10:45am

Reader: Paula Zimdars

Ushers: Robyn Malone, Juergen Wiegel, Hank, DeLynda & Carrie Tweedell

Greeters: Joan & Hannah Baird

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Counters: Randy Parish, Paige Campbell

Flowers: Juerqen Wiegell

Plant Care: Frank Allen

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Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Jim Bowden (Oct. 14-20)

Nursery/Super: Lola Bell

Birth—Walking: Lola Bell

Walking—5 years old: Steve Bell, Megan Sperr, & Hannah Barnett