



THE COVENANTER

December 29, 2019

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery, Synod
of the South Atlantic, General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
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PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FEAST ON January 18, 2020!!

Covenant Presbyterian Church in conjunction with other local churches will join together to distribute food from the Food Bank of NEGA to our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the mailboxes. Volunteers will need to arrive as early as 7:00 am with the distribution itself beginning at 9 a.m.

for approximately 200 people. It is estimated that we will wrap things up around 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in participating in FEAST please visit our sign-up sheet in the hallway. For more information contact Sue Goodyear, Nancy Omdahl, Ed Ralph or Mark Harper. *Let us pray for God's continued blessing on this ecumenical effort in our community!*



YOUTH LASAGNA LUNCHEON

January 12 at 12:15pm

Adults \$8.00 each

Children 12 – 4 \$4.00

Children 3 and under FREE!

You can pre-order a 1/2 or whole lasagna. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

\$15 for 1/2 and \$30 for whole

Wonderful lasagna (meat, cheese or spinach) with garlic bread, drink and dessert. Proceeds help youth with Mission Trips!

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Athens, Georgia 30605
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Meals on Wheels - received in the month of December to sponsor persons who receive a daily meal through the "Meals on Wheels" program. The annual cost (including food & expenses) to provide meals for one person is \$1,848.00. Last year's offering enabled Covenant to support close to 7 older Athenians for this year. The congregation is encouraged to give generously. **Consider making a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. You will find an envelope in the pews.**

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL

Have a wonderful New Years! We will meet again on Sunday, January 5th!



YOUTH GROUP January 5, 2020—

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL:

January 5— high schoolers will work on their lasagna fundraiser and middle schoolers will begin making "facelift plans" and, if needed, helping the high schoolers with their fundraiser efforts.

Note our new gathering time: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 08, 2020

10am Adult Bible Study in the Upper Room
Using Miriam Dunson's book, *A Very Present Help*,
the Wednesday morning Bible study which meets in
the Upper Room, 10 - 11:15 a.m.
Mark Harper leads the exploration.

Covenant Connection

Covenant Connection will resume on Wednesday,
January 8th. We will have postings for volunteers on
Sign-Up Genius and ask that you consider how you may
serve our church family

6:30pm Adult Bible Study

6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult Choir



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
YOUTH AT
COVENANT
CONNECTION on
Wed. Jan. 8th**

*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 on Jan 7th.

Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 10:30am at the
home of Georgianna Sumner's, 525
Westview Dr., 30606. We will begin look-
ing at our faith in a fresh way using Anne
Lamott's book, *Grace (Eventually)* .
Thoughts on Faith.

THE GRADUATES



Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside)

Tuesday, December 31 at 11:30am

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

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, January 9th at 2pm

Join us for a great time of fellowship & ministry as we join together to make blankets, hat, scarves, pillows, etc. for those in need. Everyone is invited, beginners welcome!



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, Jan. 6th at 8am.

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



Organizational Meeting

CLIMATE CRISIS - WORKING GROUP

Sunday, January 12, 2020

MEETING TIME: After Youth Group lasagna luncheon
Conference Room

And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that he has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and ocean – and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about – and all that we have misused – and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.

– Sigrid Undset, Norwegian novelist
Nobel Prize for Literature in 1928

This past week (December 18th) the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church– Athens, GA, officially approved the CLIMATE CRISIS - WORKING GROUP as a **ministry** of our congregation.

The primary MISSION of the Covenant Presbyterian Church - Athens, Georgia CLIMATE CRISIS - WORKING GROUP is to offer education, resource information, and empowerment on the complex topic of climate change. This **Ministry** will encourage a healthy exchange of ideas, collaboration and dialogue that are based on scripture and that demonstrate servant care for the great gift God has given us...Planet Earth.

After adopting a structure, attendees will be asked to join one of the three working groups underlined in the paragraph above. Working to save our planet will be a formidable task, but we resolve – with the help of God – to try. The meeting will last one hour. Please bring your calendar! Information: Carolyn 706/255-9021 (talk or text) neverstopsearching@yahoo.com or Ed 706/543-2760 ralphsathens@att.net.

Remember in Prayer: Carolyn Hatfield's niece, Beth Wilson Friend, suffering in Charleston with a hole in her colon and hospitalized indefinitely while doctors try to clear up the infection flooding her body; All those suffering from winter colds and flu; Ann Anderson during well now at home; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at Avery Place #104; Ruth Brewster at Arbor Terrace #222; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; Jean Gibson at The Oaks #101; and Anna Holshouser & John Brewer at home.

**Designated Opportunities to Give
Covenant Presbyterian Church
2019-2020**

As the Christmas season approaches with the New Year 'just around the corner' practicing generosity to help others brings delight to our hearts and to the holiday season. Someone has said, "The best way to catch the spirit of Christmas is to give it to someone else." To help us restore life-giving balance, Covenant offers alternatives, so that giving can once again become the sign of the season which celebrates the gift of God's serving love, born in a stable in Bethlehem long ago. On the table in the narthex are opportunities to give. Please make your check payable to: Covenant Presbyterian Church and designate how you want your contribution to be used.

TRUE COLORS. Answers contain specific colors. **Ex:** Vermont Uplands
Answer: Green Mountains

1. Fruity dessert
2. In debt
3. sad

By Marilyn Brown

Answers to *True Colors*:
1. brown apple betty
2. in the red
3. blue

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

for Month to Date-December 22, 2019

ANTICIPATED PLEDGES

\$222,971.15

ACTUAL PLEDGES RECEIVED:

\$241,281.87

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

MEALS ON WHEELS \$7,125.00

January Birthdays

2 Anna Holshouser	19 Karl Ritzler
Pam Knox	Mackenzie Bryant
4 Bob Reinert	Madison Bryant
Eli Atlas Whitehead	20 Steve Bell
5 Cheryl Devaney	21 Jim Anderson
6 Wyatt Herndon	Louise Schimmel
Jack Chamblee	James Foutz
10 Brian Parido	Lily Herndon
Paul Brooks	23 Linda Koehler
11 Jan Wolfe	25 Jessica Wolfe
Ross Johnson	27 Sharon Hix
13 Margaret Frey	Al Huber
Abigail Whitney	Charlie Huber
16 Mark Harper	29 Shannon Goodrick
17 Joan Baird	Rebecca Silver
Jonathan Green	John Chamblee
	30 William Capie



WEEK OF December 29, 2019—

SUNDAY—

10:45am Worship
3:30pm Debtors Anonymous
NO Youth Groups

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED

No Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30am—9:30am AA

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THURSDAY—

7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
NO CAVE
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

10:30am OEA in Upper Room
12noon Asher Hill in worship center
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



WEEK OF January 05, 2020—

SUNDAY—

9:30 Church School for all
10:45am Worship
12:30pm—2:30pm **NEW GATHERING TIME for YOUTH GROUPS!**
3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

10:00am Adult Bible Study
5:30pm—7:00pm Covenant Connection
6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Adult Bible Study
7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY—

9:30am Examination Board NEGA Presbytery
11:00am Committee on Ministry NEGA Presbytery
7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
3:30pm The Cave resumes
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

10:30am OEA in Upper Room
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—December 29, 2019

10:45am

Reader: Luanne Rigsby

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

Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish

Congregational Care: Chuck Rosenberger

Counters: Caren Snook, Bill Barstow

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Brian Striggow (Dec. 30—Jan. 5)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Ellen Stoneburner

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

WORSHIP—January 05, 2020

10:45am

Reader: Sarah Shannon

Ushers: Dick & Paula Zimdars, Marie Ballard-Myer, Shirley Reinert,
Steve Rathbun

Greeters: Sandy & Jim Whitney

Congregational Care:

Counters: Pam Knox, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Don Bower (January 6—12)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

Walking—5 years old: Hannah Barnett, James & Robyn Malone