

THE COVENANTER January 5, 2020

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(USA)



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!

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Organizational Meeting

CLIMATE CRISIS - WORKING GROUP

Sunday, January 12, 2020

**MEETING TIME: After Youth Group lasagna luncheon
Conference Room**

See page 4 for more
information!

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL - Sunday, January 5th!

We begin looking at the “post-Christmas stories” about Anna and Simeon with creative activities led by Rindy Trouteaud and our shepherds, Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver.

YOUTH GROUP January 5, 2020—



Middle schoolers and high schoolers will meet at our new “regular time” – 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. High schoolers will work on plans for the Lasagna Fundraiser, and middle schoolers will talk about meeting room “facelift possibilities” and continue looking at Exodus using the movie, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Are you willing to make a light lunch for our youth groups? If so, please contact our Lunch Volunteers Coordinator, DeLynda Tweedell, 706.540.2473. **We need help this Sunday!**

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 5:30pm – 7:00pm

This month during Servant Time we’ll take a deeper look at what it means to love our neighbors. We start with the question, “Who are our neighbors?” and we’ll read *The Name Jar* and have fun with some activities about names.

6:30pm Adult Bible Study Join us in the church parlor, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., as we look at the challenging story of the unnamed woman “caught in adultery”, John 8.

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!

We resume our ongoing study of Anne Lamott’s book, *Grace Eventually*, Tuesday, January 7, 10 a.m., in the home of Georgiana Sumner, 525 Westview Drive. This week we’ll talk about the section, “Bodies”. Come join us for great conversation, fellowship, and refreshments!

THE GRADUATES



Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside)

Tuesday, January 28th 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!



Graduate Gaming Group Will Meet January 7

The January meeting of the G3 (Graduate Gaming Group) will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 10 AM. Betsy Pless will bring some games from home, so we will all be surprised. All ages of adults are welcome to participate in this group, so come and bring a friend.



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, Jan. 6th at 8am.

Cracker Barrel on Epps

Bridge Road. Join us for a

good time of conversation and food.

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

1. Sign of surrender
2. IBM
3. Oil

By Marilyn Brown

Answers to True Colors:
1. white flag
2. big blue
3. black gold

Restaurant Road Trip

Let's meet for lunch!

Tuesday, January 28, 12:30 p.m.

Taqueria La Parilla

855 Gaines School Road, Suite B.



Lunch and a Tour

We're arranging a tour of the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital and lunch and will provide details when arrangements are finalized!

Dear Covenant Family,

On December 19th my father, Curtis P. Harper, Jr., died in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was 90 years old, and had lived a full and fruitful life as a husband, parent, Presbyterian pastor, peacemaker, and care-taker of God's garden here on earth. I had the great privilege and gift of being with him just before he passed on to the next chapter of the story he is living with God. He was very much at peace, and that helped me to be at peace, as well. Over the years I have offered my own prayers and attempts at consolation to many others as they have grieved the death of a loved one. Now I know what it feels like to receive them. On behalf of my mother and family, I need to tell you how deeply grateful we all are for your beautiful, heart-felt support and acts of compassionate kindness. Mom continues to be astonished and comforted by the many cards from you that she is still receiving – as am I. Thank you for your love and faithful presence in our lives! Grace and peace, Mark



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*God, who stretched the spangled heavens Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance Through the silent fields of space:
We, Your children in Your likeness, Share inventive powers with You;
Great Creator, still creating, Show us what we yet may do.*

— Catherine Cameron 1967
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
The Presbyterian Hymnal, Number 24

Two weeks ago 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.

*Thank you to our Covenant Family for all the
wonderful gifts this Christmas Season!*

Karen, Sharon and Judy

thank you

FINANCIAL REPORT for
Week Ending 12/29/2019

ANTICIPATED PLEDGES:

\$231,890.00

ACTUAL PLEDGES:

\$245,206.87

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

Meals On Wheels \$11,629.50

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Have You Earned a Green Star? Did

you wrap at least a few Christmas gifts in an eco-friendly manner? Maybe you used reusable bags made of cloth or paper; maybe you used newspaper or chip/salty snack bags; maybe you used pretty boxes or metal containers that only needed a bow or some ribbon; maybe you gave a double gift by wrapping a present in a towel or a t-shirt. If you did any of these things (or others that I haven't thought of) let Caren Snook know what you did so that she can print out a Green star Award in your name. It will be displayed on the Green Dream Team bulletin board.

Caren Snook for the GDT



It's Cookie Time!



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES – All Your Favorite Cookies!

Tagalongs, Samoas, Do-Si-Do's, Trefoils, Thin Mints, NEW Lemon Cookie are \$4.00 per box.

SPECIALTY COOKIES: Girl Scout S'More's, and Toffee-Tastic, are \$6.00 a box. See Carrie Tweedell to order.

FEED MY SHEEP

Covenant is collecting these items for the Athens Emergency Food Bank: Saltines, Cold Breakfast Cereals, Canned Tomatoes, (*such as stewed, diced, whole and etc*).

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



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

All women are invited to our
monthly

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 9 Beginning promptly at 9:30am.
Please read the Horizon's study guide, "Love Carved in Stone" chapter 5. Fellowship and refreshments following. Please come and be fed spiritually and physically.



FAMILY PROMISE—IHN of Athens Training Session.

Want to know how you can help with Family Promise?

Join us Sunday, January 26th in the fellowship hall after the 10:45am worship service, with Nathan Byrd, the network's associate director for a training session.

Phil Hale's world famous B-B-Q will be served at lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board to let us know how many to expect. Thank you!

Dear Covenant Family,

I've heard more than one person say that you can tell what drives our lives by looking at the ledger of our checkbooks. As the recipient of a generous Christmas gift check from you, it's clear to me that your love and support of me as your pastor is one of the driving forces in your lives. And I am deeply grateful. It is not only my calling, but my privilege and my joy to share with you the life and mission God has given us as a congregation.

As time passes and changes come, some anticipated and some not, it is a source of great comfort to remember that none of us is alone. In this season of Incarnation, your gift to me and my family is a tangible reminder of the covenant between us. It bears witness to the gospel way of not letting good intentions replace actions of love and sacrifice. And in this season of gift wrapping, I feel wrapped and embraced by your generosity and grace in ways that could never be adequately recorded in any ledger. Because of you and the God who binds us together, I am richly blessed.

Grace and peace, *Mark*

WEEK OF January 05, 2020—**SUNDAY— Installation/Ordination of Elders**

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**

8:00am Covenant Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road

6:30pm Scouts 7pm—8pm AA (New Freedom)

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

10am Graduates Gaming Group

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 PW Bible Study in gathering room

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

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12:15pm YOUTH LASAGNA LUNCHEON in FELLOWSHIP HALL

Climate Crisis—Working group—Following luncheon

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THURSDAY—

7:30pm Happy Squares

7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— 7:00am FEAST food truck distribution

10:30am OEA in Upper Room

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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: DeLynda Tweedell

Counters: Pam Knox, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (January 6—12)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

Walking—5 years old: James & Robyn Malone

WORSHIP—January 12, 2020**10:45am**

Reader: Paige Campbell

Ushers: Paige Cummings, Kent Silver, Phil Koehler, Bob Trouteaud

Greeters: Joan & Hannah Baird

Congregational Care: DeLynda Tweedell

Counters: Judy Capie, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Jan 13—19)

Nursery/Super: Joan Baird

Birth—Walking: Joan Baird

Walking—5 years old: Clayton & Grace Adams, Robyn Malone