

8:30am Worship Resumes
Sunday, January 19th

THE COVENANTER
January 12, 2020

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery, Synod
of the South Atlantic, General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
(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-
TODAY**



January 12 at 12:15pm

Adults \$8.00 each

Children 12-4 \$4.00

Children 3 and under FREE!

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

PCUSA Joy Gift Offering

When you give to the Joy Gift Offering, you honor the wondrous gift of Jesus by nurturing the faith we have in God and one another. 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related school and colleges equipping communities of color. 50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. You will find a brochure and envelope in your mailbox. *Please give generously.*

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TODAY—Sunday, January 12 at 10:45am worship we will celebrate the Ordination and Installation of our new class of Elders, *Don Bower, Kay Brooks, Tamara Stam and Brian Striggow*, to serve on the Session. **Many thanks** to Dennis Calbos, James Malone, Sandy Whitney and Dick Zimdars who have served a 3 year term on the Session.

THE GRADUATES

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!

Graduates Council Meeting-

We've been working to create a ministry that meets the needs of our wonderfully creative and gifted older adults, and our Graduates Council will meet in the Conference Room to finalize those plans for this year on

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1:00 p.m.

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, January 16th 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. 20th at 8am.

Cracker Barrel on Epps

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

DOUBLE HITS — *the same words or phrases can share a common expression.*

Example: Peter's Family; judge unfavorably. P A N

1. Courage; sandy residue

2. Epidermis; mask

3. Patriot Nathan; healthy

By Marilyn Brown

 * Dear Covenant Family, *
 * Thank you for your wonderfully generous Christmas gift! It was *
 * such a lovely reminder of the beautiful ways you respond to the grace in *
 * your lives by using your gifts and talents to bless the lives of one another, *
 * especially those called (unexpectedly!) to serve our church family and *
 * community. Bob and I are so touched and grateful to find a home among *
 * folks who are surprised and delighted by the (unexpected) Love-that- *
 * Came-Down-at-Christmas. *
 * Rindy Trouteaud *

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL - Sunday, January 12th! We continue our look at the “post-Christmas stories” about Anna and Simeon with creative activities led by Rindy Trouteaud and our shepherds, Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver. Are you interested in brightening the morning for our young people? Please consider bringing a snack for them to enjoy during the Sunday School hour. The box to receive donations is in the hall across from the church office. Thank you!

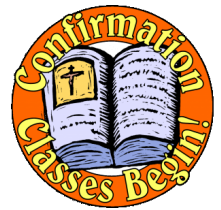


YOUTH GROUP January 12, 2020— Middle schoolers and high schoolers will gather after worship to serve a lasagna lunch to our wonderful Covenant family and friends! There is plenty of work to do so all hands (and feet and willing hearts) are needed to make this fundraiser a success.

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. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the church office.

Confirmation for 6th -12th graders will begin **Sunday, January 26, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

For our first gathering, we need magazines with plenty of pictures for making a life wheel. If you have magazines to spare, please drop them in Rindy’s office.



Wednesday, January 15, 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 dig deeper in to the question, “Who are our neighbors?” as we read *The Name Jar* and have fun with some activities about names.

We continue to need volunteers to help with this vital ministry. If you are able to assist with table set up, meal prep, or “hanging out” with our middle and high schoolers, please sign up on the CovConn Volunteers Sign -up on the bulletin outside the church office.

6:30pm – 7:30pm ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Join us in the church parlor as we look at the peculiar story of the man born blind”, John 9.

6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult Choir



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
YOUTH AT
COVENANT
CONNECTION on
Wed, Jan. 15th**

*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, “In Circulation”. Come join us for great conversation, fellowship, and refreshments!



Prayer Concerns: Caren Snook in ICU at St. Mary's; Robert Terry, Katy Terry's brother, recuperating from surgery, Nancy Rogers, recovering from injuries sustained in a fall; Dick Zimdars now at home with a heart monitor; Deb Agostini in the passing of her kitty, *Midnight*; Tineke Van Veenendaal, mother in law of Kate Stam and close friend of Tam & Ton, who has just been diagnosed with cancer of the cheek and jaw, with surgery in the near future to remove and reconstruct her jaw and cheek and radiation; 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.



CLIMATE CRISIS - WORKING GROUP

Organizational Meeting

Sunday, February 2 (NEW DATE)

12:30 PM (light lunch) in Conference Room

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

— Colossians 1: 36-37

The primary MISSION of the 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. Please bring your calendar! For information: Carolyn 706/255-9021 (talk or text) neverstopsearching@yahoo.com, Steve 814/418-0785 rathbun@uga.edu or Ed 706/543-2760 ralphsathens@att.net.

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, January 29, 2020. 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, Feb. 7, 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORT for Week Ending 01/05/2020

ANTICIPATED PLEDGES:

\$240,808.85

ACTUAL PLEDGES:

\$254,673.80

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Dear Ministry Team chairs,

Please remember that January is the month when budget requests for the next fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020 are prepared by the Ministry Teams and sent to Pam Knox, the treasurer. I would love to receive your requests by January 31 so that we can get the next budget done with a minimum of fuss. Since many of you are new, a good place to start is by looking at the current year's budget (which is on the financial summary sheets, or Karen can provide a copy) and review what you have spent so far. Once you have reviewed that, you can decide if the current budget is OK or if you need to make changes.

I will be out of town January 10-16 but will be checking email in case of any questions.

Thanks for your help and your service to Covenant!

Pam Knox

pnknox@yahoo.com



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.

If you purchased a poinsettia for the worship center during the Christmas season, you are welcome to take it home. Thank you!

Jennifer Frey, Co-Chair Worship Ministry Team

FEED MY SHEEP for January

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!*



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!

Opportunity to Practice Hospitality–*Family Promise*

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 **February 9th–February 16th** when we host temporarily homeless guests for Family Promise (formally IHN). 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)

Answers to Double Hits:
1. GRIT
2. HIDE
3. HALE

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 12:15pm YOUTH LASAGNA LUNCHEON in FELLOWSHIP HALL
 3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

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 7pm—8pm AA (New Freedom)

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Ushers: Mike Swanson, 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, Sue Loegel

WORSHIP—January 19, 2020**8:30am**

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Ushers: Wayne Crowell, Alan Edwards

10:45am

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Ushers: Robyn Malone, Juergen Wiegel, The Tweedell Family

Greeters: Bert Ballard-Myer, Katie Bemisderfer

Congregational Care: DeLynda Tweedell

Counters: Paige Campbell, Katy Terry

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Brian Striggow (Jan. 20—26)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Juergen Wiegel

Walking—5 years old: Lindy Bowden, Thomas Bowden, Stephanie Cahill