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THE COVENANTER

November 01, 2020

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



All Saints' Day

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020—THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS GOES TO THE HEART OF OUR FAITH; DEATH HAS NOT WON (1 CORINTHIANS 15: 55-57); IN ALL WE DO WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY FELLOW CHRISTIANS, LIVING AND DEAD (HEBREWS 12: 1); AND IN THE END WE WILL JOIN OTHERS IN PRAISING GOD ETERNALLY (REVELATION 7: 9-10). IN WORSHIP TODAY WE WILL REFER TO THEM DURING A MOMENT OF RECOGNITION AND PRAYER. (SEE NECROLOGY ON PAGE 2)

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Congregational Meeting



Daylight
Savings
Time ends
Sunday
November
1

Turn your
clocks back 1 hour.

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ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
Thursday, November 12th Beginning

at 9:30am

Presbyterian Women will meet Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 via ZOOM, which Karen, our faithful co-worker, will make work! Pastor Rindy will be our Lesson 3 leader which is entitled "Women's Lament". Please read the lesson and have your Bibles and Hymnals handy. We will be ending the lesson with Hymn #515, "I Come with Joy" so come find out what that has to do with lament!

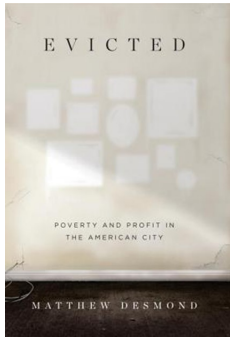
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All Saints Day

November 1, 2020

Necrology

Dianne Ralph	July 10, 2019	wife of Ed Ralph
Maggie Mercer	July 31, 2010	Paige Mercer Cumming's daughter
David Price	November 19, 2019	friend of Joe & June Meyers
Carol Wheeler	December 6, 2019	member of Covenant
Mary Fenner	December 16, 2019	member of Central/Covenant
Curtis Harper, Jr.	December 19, 2019	father of Mark Harper, grandfather of Chris, Gabe & Hanna
Dwight Dean	December 24, 2019	friend of Joe & June Meyers
Grace Eubank	January 2, 2020	member of Covenant
Jean Gibson	January 20, 2020	member of Covenant
Harriet Arnold	January 21, 2020	Jonathan Arnold's step-mother
Gerardus "Gerry" Pauptit	January 27, 2020	father of Louise Schimmel
Libby Wright	February 8, 2020	John Chamblee's Aunt
Louise "Coffee" Worth	March 25, 2020	member of Covenant & Jubilee Partners, and PC(USA) Missionary
Esther Clark	April, 25, 2020	niece of June Meyers
Ruth Brewster	May 1, 2020	Bob Brewster's Mother
Cardee Kilpatrick	May 30, 2020	Friend of Dorothy Newland
Mike Swanson	June 29, 2020	husband of Paige Mercer Cummings
Lorraine Van Nieuwenhuizen	July 13, 2020	sister to Jim Verbrugge
Bill Boardman	July 19, 2020	brother to Kathy & David Boardman
Jane Ann Delp	September 4, 2020	cousin of Joe Meyers
Rich Simpson	September 19, 2020	father of Linda Ford, grandfather of Christine Nick and Alex Morrison
Norma Jean Burr Wilson	September 20, 2020	Julie Bower's Mother
Murphy Davis	October 22, 2020	Open Door Community



Join the Social Justice Book Club! NEW STARTING DATE: November 10th we will dive into the MacArthur Genius Award winner Matthew Desmond's *Eviction: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Each week we will examine the irrevocable damage caused by evictions, systemic poverty, discrimination, and exploitation. Based on years of entrenched fieldwork and meticulously assembled data, through *Evicted*, we will explore the causes of extreme poverty and fresh ideas for solving the devastating, uniquely American problem. Each week, starting at 7 PM, we will discuss the book, issues of poverty, discrimination, and justice with professors, housing experts, and community leaders. For more info email Travis at twilliams@covpresathens.org. Book are available for purchase from the church office. \$15 each or you can order your book online on Amazon for \$15.28 plus shipping.

Parents and All Who Love Our Toddlers and Preschoolers! We have added a weekly offering for toddlers and preschoolers on the virtual ministries page of our church website, www.covpresathens.org. Scroll to the bottom of the site and look for stories, songs, and fun activities to help our younger children understand some beloved Bible stories!



Although COVID-19 has had considerable impact on the health of our elders and immunologically compromised, our youngest Athens are also in grave danger. In fact, the economic fallout has threatened the ability for many families to cover their diaper needs. Did you know that diapers cost the average family \$900 a year and that 1 in 3 American families struggle to meet this need? This tremendous burden creates what the Athens Area Diaper Bank calls “diaper need.” Diaper need is a lack of sufficient supply of diapers to keep babies clean and dry and Government programs, like food stamps, do not cover diapers. 8,000 baby Athenians are at risk of diaper need and we can help. Join us as we partner with the Athens Area Diaper Bank for a month-long diaper drive by bringing unused diapers of all sizes to the church and let's keep every Athens area baby clean, dry, and healthy! You can bring the diapers by the church office on Tuesdays or Fridays 10—12noon or with the Food Pantry volunteers Tuesdays 5pm—7pm, or Thursdays 1pm—4pm. For more information email Travis at twilliams@covpresathens.org or visit athensareadiaperbank.com.

Prayer Concerns: Nancy Omdahl's mother at a memory care facility in Minnesota, where they have just reported five COVID cases; Rev. Paul Evans of Jefferson Presbyterian Church, recovering from heart surgery; the Sardis Presbyterian Church, grieving with their elder DeGaria Dowdy upon the sudden death of her husband Chris; the Open Door Community and their wide circle of friends upon the death of Murphy Davis after a long journey with cancer; Shirley Hunt now in rehab at Landmark Hospital in Athens; All poll workers and elections officials; Ginger Davis-Beck undergoing cancer treatments; Dan Stoneburner waiting surgery option; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112;

Shirley Hunt would love to hear from her church family while she is in rehab. Cards can be mailed to: Landmark Hospital,

Attention: Shirley Hunt Room #206, 775 Sunset Drive, Athens, GA 30606.

Daily Bible Readings Nov. 2—8

Monday	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
Tuesday	Psalms 78: 1-7
Wednesday	Psalms 70
Thursday	I Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Friday	Matthew 25: 1-13
Saturday	Micah 3: 5-12
Sunday	Amos 5: 18-24



Little Food Pantry—We continue to seek out new and faithful ways to respond to the needs of the food insecure and homeless friends in our community. UGA students built a Little Food Pantry on our church campus. It is located outside the doors of our fellowship hall. Little Food Pantries are scattered throughout Athens, and their purpose is to respond to the emergency food needs of hungry folks. We encourage you to help us keep our Little Food Pantry stocked with pop-top single serve canned goods that do not require cooking, peanut butter and jelly, packaged crackers, healthy snack items. Small individual personal hygiene items (ie: soap, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, and shampoos) in a zip lock bag with a granola bar of some kind is also needed. Please remember everything must be sealed to prevent ant infestations...*Please no raisins.*



The Covenant coffee closet still has lots of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate ! Although the regular office hours and services are suspended, the church is open on Tuesdays 5pm—7pm and Thursdays 1pm - 4 pm at the Food Pantry. *Please call the church office at 706-548-2756 and place your order and when you would like to pick it up. A food pantry volunteer will hand your order as you drive through the parking lot.* In this time of uncertainty, let's not forget the hard working farmers and their families who depend on the Equal Exchange folks to buy their coffee at a Fair Price !!!

Any questions please contact Sandy Whitney at sandrawhitney08@gmail.com.

HOW TO GIVE. There is a new online giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation at this link <http://covpresathens.org/wp/contributions/> . Or you can click on this link www.covpresathens.org and click on online giving. And as always you can mail your check to the church office. Thank you for your faithful giving!

FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #18
Anticipated Pledges \$147,115.45
Actual Pledges—\$163,080.37
Thank you for your faithful giving!



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Actions You Can Take for a More Humane Community!

Contact lawmakers at the local, state, and federal level about pending animal welfare platforms. Enacting laws against malicious animal cruelty, animal fighting, killing marine mammals, stopping extreme confinement of farm animals, and banning trophy hunting of carnivores has been transformative. Public officials will act when they hear from people demanding change. Sign up for email alerts at hslf.org.
Jere Bowden and the Green Dream Team.

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are well and enjoying this beautiful October weather. It's easy to become complacent when we have several weeks of really nice weather. Unfortunately, climate change doesn't quit and there is a group in Athens that is trying to do some good.

In May 2019, the Athens Clarke County (ACC) commission passed a resolution that said in part, "ACC will meet 1200 percent if its energy needs from clean and renewable energy sources produced on-or-for Unified Government properties by 2035." Funding was included in the most recent SPLOST to accomplish this goal Furthermore, the resolution stated, "The broader community of Athens-Clarke County will obtain 100 percent of its electricity needs from clean and renewable sources by 2035."

100% Athens Renewable Energy Initiative is seeking members of various churches to help with planning for the transition to renewable energy in the broader community by 2035. You can find out more about this group at its website: 100percentathens.org.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact my old friend Dan Everett at drdan.everett@gmail.com.

Many thanks for you attention to this matter. *Caren Snook*



Family Promise Week 2020

October 18-25

Family Promise Week is Here!

Family Promise of Athens (formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens) will participate in Family Promise's national Family Promise Week, a weeklong event that seeks to raise awareness for the fight against family homelessness and the challenges low-income families are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The nonprofit is one of 200 Family Promise Affiliates nationwide.

Kelly Girtz, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, has proclaimed the week of October 18 as Family Promise Week. Mayor Girtz urges all citizens to recognize and raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in our community. Davin Welter, Executive Director of Family Promise of Athens, thanks all volunteers and donors who help FPA carry out its mission of preventing families from becoming homeless, sheltering those in crisis, and stabilizing families so they are no longer at risk.

Each year in America, 2.5 million children experience homelessness. One in sixteen American children will experience homelessness before they reach the first grade. These children are three times more likely to be placed in special education programs, eight to nine times more likely to repeat a grade, and seven times more likely than their peers to commit suicide. The COVID-19 crisis has increased economic instability, creating an even greater risk of homelessness for American families.

Those who wish to support these efforts can donate to Family Promise of Athens at FPGives.org. A generous anonymous donor will match all gifts during this week. If we can raise \$25,000, the donor will match that amount with a \$25,000 gift.

Make a difference by making a gift

You can make a secure contribution through our webpage at

<http://www.ihnathens.org/donate-now.html>



"A Song in Our Heart!"

Advent Devotional 2020

THANK YOU! to everyone that has sign up. Your contributions are due on November 1. You can send them to me or to Karen at kwetherington@covpresathens.org and she will include them in the online version. If you have any questions, please email me at pnknox@yahoo.com or call me at home at 706-543-9560. Thanks again!
Please don't forget to send in your devotionals by November 1st. Thank you!

Jesus said, "You give them something to eat."

Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry

Members, and friends of Covenant have been giving generously of their time and talents to the Emergency Food Pantry. As you can imagine, the need is great.

*the **Tuesday Food Pantry hours are 5PM-7PM.** This is being done with the thought that there may be people who work and are also in need of assistance from the Food Pantry. There also may be volunteers who work but would like to volunteer. The Thursday Food Pantry hours will remain the same: 1PM-4PM. A hearty THANK-YOU to the many volunteers who help feed our neighbors.*

Some of our Volunteers!



Sandy Whitney, Chris Wilson & Sue Loegel

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

STAY SAFE—If there is any reason at all that you should NOT physically volunteer—consider the following:

Make a financial donation to the Food Pantry by sending a check to Covenant and write “food pantry” in the subject line. (*You could send it in at the same time you send in your pledge*).

We can use grocery bags (paper or plastic), and small boxes to pack the food. If you call the church, someone could even come out to your car and get it.

If you are able to physically be present as a volunteer:

Click the link below for an easy sign up or call or email Betsy Pless 540-1719
bppless@gmail.com

You can just sign up for 1 day, or for multiple days. You can also share the 3-hour time slot with 2 friends!

HOW TO SIGN UP: Please sign up for Covenant Food Pantry!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/login/entry/611848298042>

2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

