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THE COVENANTER March 07, 2021

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

Retirees' Luncheon (formerly know as The Graduates)

Tuesday, March 9 at 12:30pm—1:30pm

Our wonderful Buildings and Grounds Ministry Chairperson, Rich Reaves will update us on the progress of our solar panel plans. Join us for our monthly virtual gathering as we enjoy a meal (virtually), conversation, and a informative program and warm fellowship. For a ZOOM invitation contact Rindy Trouteaud, rindy@trouteaud.com. For easy access the invitation will be sent on Monday, March 8.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Thursday, March 11 at 9:30am

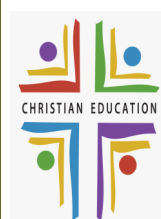
Ellen Stoneburner and June Meyers will lead us in the study of lesson 7 entitled, *Creation Laments*, using our Horizon's Bible Study Book.

Please email Karen at kwetherington@covpresathens.org if you would like an invite. You will receive your Zoom invite the day before so it won't get lost in email land.

Are you looking for a way to express your holiday creativity? - Join us in the gathering area near the sanctuary on **Tuesday March 9, 10a.m. - noon** as we paint porcelain Easter eggs. We will wear masks, and social distance with 6 people for this group activity. There is a small cost of \$3.00 per activity which will cover materials and paint supplies. This is to be a fun activity to get together safely during a pandemic. No experience is required! Classes will begin March 9th, and if more than 6 people are interested we may possibly do another session on Thursday, March 18th. Please contact Anna Holshouser at (706)296-1666 to be put on the list for this group activity.



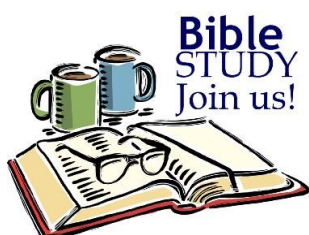
Covenant members and friends are invited to bake Easter cookies to be given out on our Thursday food distribution just before the holiday. Please bag the cookies in groups of 8-12, and bring them to the church between March 29 and April 1. They will be given out on the Thursday before Easter.



During the season of Lent when we are invited to deepen our awareness of our relationship with the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us, the Christian Education Ministry Team will provide materials - online and paper - to guide and enrich your individual and family times for reflection.

New Adult Study Opportunities

Emmaus Road Class-



We just finished the seven-week video series based on the book, "The Bible Tells Me So" by Peter Enns. For the next five weeks, the Emmaus Road class will continue Peter Enns' personal journey to discover a new, more honest way to love and appreciate God's Word. We will read and discuss five biblical texts to see "What the Bible Has to Say to Us Today" in light of what we know now about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The class dates and readings are:

March 7th / The Book of Nahum

March 14th / Genesis, Chapter 19

March 21st / Psalm 89

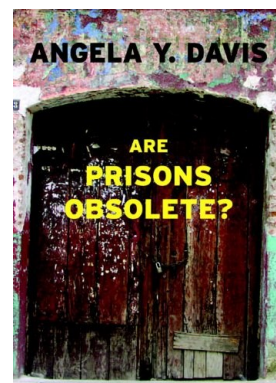
March 28th / Matthew, Chapter 5

Come and join us for this five-week study and the fellowship of this faithful group. To receive the Zoom meeting invite contact Bob Trouteaud: bob@trouteaud.com or [404-405-6085](tel:404-405-6085)

Prepare to join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club when it kicks off in March!

We will meet on Monday, March 22 & 29 at 7pm, we will work through Angela Davis' "Are Prisons Obsolete" and explore the history of the American prison system through the work of one of our country's most impactful justice activists, Angela Yvonne Davis.

More about Angela Davis: Born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1944, Davis studied at Brandeis University, the Sorbonne, and with Herbert Marcuse at the Goethe Institute. In 1998, Davis was one of the twenty-five organizers of the historic Berkeley, California conference "Critical Resistance: Beyond the Prison Industrial Complex." She is the author of many books, including *Are Prisons Obsolete?* and *The Meaning of Freedom*. She currently teaches in the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. *Email twilliams@covpresathens.org for more info.*



https://www.amazon.com/Are-Prisons-Obsolete-Angela-Davis/dp/1583225811/ref=sr_1_1?crid=4FWNYNH437VP&dchild=1&keywords=are+prisons+obsolete&qid=1613758436&s=books&sprefix=are+pri%2Caps%2C176&sr=1-1

I have been a collector of antique rugs for a number of years. Our rugs have been exhibited in several museums over the past several years. The first was an exhibition of Rugs From the Caucasus at the UGA Museum in 2014. A second was an exhibition of Prayer Rugs at the Calvin College Fine Arts Center in 2016.

An exhibition of some of our rugs from Southwest Persia (Iran) opened at the UGA Museum this week. Given the pandemic situation, this is an online exhibition that can be viewed and enjoyed without physically visiting the Museum.

Here is how one can view the exhibition in a few easy steps>

Go to the UGA Museum website

georgiamuseum.org



scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will see a photo of one of the rugs and click on it read the intro to the exhibition written by Emma Emery. In the body of her intro, you will see highlighted in blue the title of the exhibition-----*Beyond Utility: Rugs of Southwest Persia*. The photography was done professionally at the Museum, and it is stunning. I wrote the essay and am listed as the Curator of the exhibition

Take a look and enjoy! *Jim Verbrugge*

Thank you to all who have provided floral arrangements in the past. We especially appreciate the amazing talent of Juergen Wiegel, who has contributed his time and skill to provide beautiful arrangements and to coordinating the floral schedule for many years. If you would be willing to provide a flower arrangement for weekly virtual worship services, please check the dates below. We are now hoping to provide arrangements for Mar 21 through June 27. It is important to note that the services are actually recorded on Fridays, every week. This means that the flowers need to be placed in the worship center on Friday morning, by 10 AM. Please use the following link to view the available dates and to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-provide> . For further information please contact Julie Bower (bower.julie@gmail.com) or Karen Wetherington (kwetherington@covpresathens.org) The Worship Ministry Team appreciates each one who contributes to the beauty of our worship services in this way. Thank you!



PRAYER CONCERNS: Tim Foutz and family in the passing of his father Friday, February 26 in Lenoir, N.C.; Anne Page with a hip infection and in hospice care at Avery Place; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112.



to Nick & Mataia Crowell on the birth of their daughter, Lorena Mary Violet Crowell on February 25. Proud Great Grandfather is Wayne Crowell, and Proud Great Aunt is Cheryl Devaney. All are doing well!

AND to Pam Knox has been promoted to Senior Public Service Associate in the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, effective July 1. She continues to serve as the Director of the UGA Weather Network. And to Jerry Shannon who received tenure at UGA.

Daily Bible Readings—March 8—14

The six-week Lenten journey is an opportunity to take on a new spiritual discipline. This year, congregations are invited to pray with Scripture as a way of discerning God's movement in our personal lives and in the life of the world around us. These devotions **start** with **Ash Wednesday** and will guide your journey through Holy Week. Please click on this link to access this weeks devotions for March 8—14.



https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Lent-Devotions_2021_FULLset.pdf

Little Food Pantry – 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, 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 (air tight) to prevent ant infestations...*Please no raisins. Thank you to all that help keep the Little Food Pantry stocked.*

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

FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #36
Anticipated Pledges \$ 311,538.60
Actual Pledges— \$ 320,149.21
Thank you for your faithful giving!



Birthdays!

2 John Knox	17 Bill Parker
3 Jack Pannecoucke	Ron Simpson
5 Sam Brewster	18 David Loegel
Josh Ballard-Myer	19 Thomas Bowden
6 Betsy Pless	23 Donny Whitehead
Kathy Boyle-Gast	Owen Barnett
Paige Cummings	24 Preston Devaney
8 Richard Page	25 Karen Whelchel-Redwine
9 Junan Crisler	26 Andrew Mote
10 Kent Wolfe	McKenzie Redish
14 Sonja Holden	30 Phil Koehler
16 James Malone	

ITEMS NEEDED! Covenant is collecting these items for families in need. They will be distributed during the food pantry distribution. Gently used: COATS for ADULTS & KIDS, WARM SOCKS, WARM HATS and SCARFS. Also needed are sweat-

pants, sweatshirts and socks! Please

drop them off at the



church during Food Pantry hours, Thursdays 1pm – 4pm or Office hours, Tuesday 10am – noon, and Fridays 10am – 4pm. Thanks!

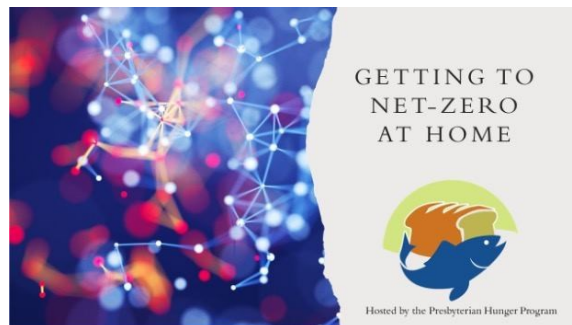


TerraCycle Continues—Though many things have changed, I continue to collect recyclables for TerraCycle. I recently shipped a huge box of personal care packaging items that earned \$11.70 for the Green Dream Team. That money will help pay the postage on a box of cheese wrappers that I will ship soon. I have an almost-full box of toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers that I will ship when it is full. It will earn more

money for postage. If taking your recyclables to the church is inconvenient and you live near me (160 Plantation Dr., off Old Lexington and Whit Davis Rds.) feel free to drop bags of stuff on my front porch. (Two friends routinely do this, so you won't be the first!) If you want to contact me first, call 306-543-3753 or email caren.m.snook@gmail.com. Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team

Join the **Presbyterian Hunger Program** on **March 10th at 3:30pm** for this webinar featuring Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull, an environmental theologian, A.B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and author of *Inhabiting Eden*. Using her own net-zero home in Indiana as a model, Trisha will overview some of the promising ways homes can be built or renovated to become efficient enough to power not only themselves but family transportation and food production.

Join the Zoom meeting at <https://bit.ly/2NIGjFL>



Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry

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

Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry days and hours have changed.

It is now on THURSDAYS, 1pm—4pm.

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 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.*