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## THE COVENANTER

June 13, 2021

*Welcome Home*

*Covenant Youth & Leaders!*



### **Stewardship Campaign for 2021-2022: *To Breathe Again!***

Thank you to everyone that have returned their pledge cards for the fiscal year 2021-2022. We need to have all pledges in as soon as possible so that we can put together a final budget for the church since our new fiscal year will begin July 1st. If you have sent in your pledge already, then please let Karen Wetherington know (706-548-2756) what it was since it may have been lost in the mail. If you did not receive a pledge package, you can view the proposed budget online at <https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Revised-Proposed-Budget-2021-2022.pdf>

If you have not returned your pledge and do not wish to place the card in the mail, you may call or email Karen and tell her the amount. If you are not planning to pledge this year, please let Karen know that too so we do not continue to contact you.

If you have more questions, please feel free to contact Pam Knox, Church Treasurer, at [pnknox@yahoo.com](mailto:pnknox@yahoo.com) or 706-543-9560 for more information. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your love and support of Covenant.

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21-22*

If you would like a statement of your contribution record for the fiscal year 2020-2021 to date, please let Karen know at [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org). or you can call the church office 706-548-2756!



1 Allisyn Johnson

3 Natalie Bowden

5 Larry Hatfield

7 Bill Rigsby

Ethan Whitney

8 Judy Capie

Frederick Ritzler

10 Rindy Trouteaud

13 Robyn Malone

Larson Rea

14 Ellie McMinn

Garrett DeVaney

17 Micah Shannon

18 Ron VanSickle

19 Carrie Tweedell

20 Marilyn Martin

June Meyers

Pat Tinga

Brad Sperr

Jessie Fraedrick

21 Kurt Wolfe

23 Aly Huberty

24 Greg Huberty

Susan Nemetz

Ed Ralph

27 Hanna Harper

28 Barbara Engram

Dick Page

29 Betsy Burmeister



## Pandemic Problems

Like it has with everything else, the pandemic created headaches for students within the certificate program.

Without live music, every angle of the industry has been affected.

"Many musicians have been unemployed for almost a year now due to lack of gigs," says program coordinator Lane Marie O'Kelley AB '17. She is also a graduate of the certificate program and an Athens-based musician. Before COVID, O'Kelley was performing on a weekly basis. Like many other musicians, she had to cancel all of her spring and summer gigs last year and is still waiting to connect with a live audience again.

Still, the program was able to pivot and help students find opportunities.

Although the internship list was much shorter this past year, the program linked students with virtual alternatives. Students completed telework internships in social media marketing, blog writing, and data tracking, such as organizing digital album catalogs or analyzing songwriting royalties.



Lane Marie O'Kelley, program coordinator as well as a graduate of the Music Business program, and Covenant soloist.



## Church School Classes via ZOOM!

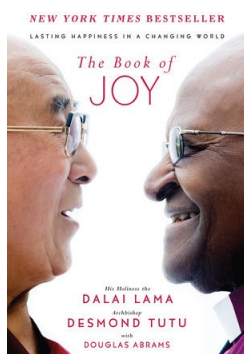
### Upper Room Class

Sunday, June 13, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in *The Present Word*. If you would like to participate, please contact James at [gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com), to receive your ZOOM invitation.

### Journey Class

Sunday, June 13, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., Steve Rathbun hosts and different class volunteers facilitate discussion using Brian McLaren's book, *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World*. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve at [rathbun@uga.edu](mailto:rathbun@uga.edu), to receive your ZOOM invitation.

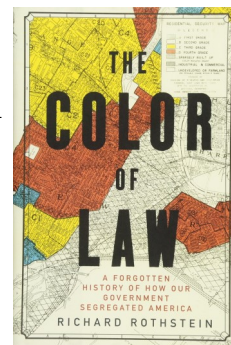
## WEEK DAY BOOK STUDIES



**NEW BOOK STUDY—NEXT MEETING Tuesday, June 15 at 10am**—Join us as we delve into the “**The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World!**” The **Book Of Joy** is the result of a 7-day meeting between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, two of the world's most influential spiritual leaders, during which they discussed one of life's most important questions: how do we find **joy** despite suffering? This book offers us a rare opportunity to experience their astonishing and unprecedented week together, from the first embrace to the final good-bye. We get to listen as they explore the Nature of True Joy and confront each of the Obstacles of Joy—from fear, stress, and anger to grief, illness, and death. They then offer us the Eight Pillars of

Joy, which provide the foundation for lasting happiness. Throughout, they include stories, wisdom, and science. Finally, they share their daily Joy Practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives. Mark Harper will facilitate this class! *Please send an email to [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org) if you would like a Zoom invitation.*

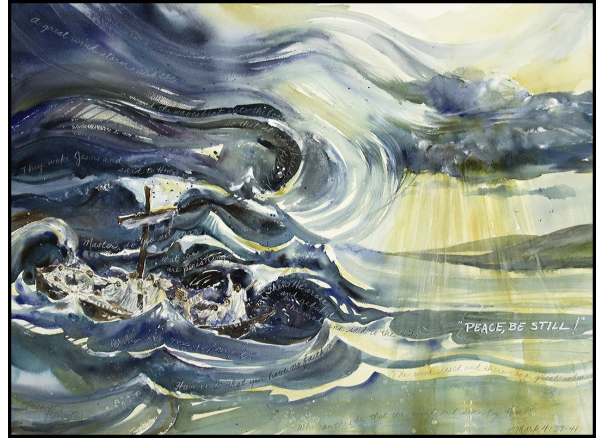
Join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club as we discuss Richard Rothstein's *The Color of Law*. Widely heralded as a “masterful” (Washington Post) and “essential” (Slate) history of the modern American metropolis, *The Color of Law* offers one of the most forceful arguments ever published on how federal, state, and local governments gave rise to and reinforced neighborhood segregation. *The Color of Law* forces us to face the obligation to remedy our unconstitutional past. Join us starting **June 28th @ 7 PM** to explore this most essential read.



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Youth & Leaders returning from Montreat Youth Conf; Anna Holshouser at home; Dot Handley at home; Anne Page in hospice care at Avery Place; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; the conflict in the middle east; and our nation.

**Daily Bible Readings—June 14—20**

Monday	Psalm 9: 9-20
Tuesday	Psalm 133
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Thursday	I Samuel 17:1, 4-11, 19-23
Friday	I Samuel 17: 32-37
Saturday	I Samuel 17: 38-49
Sunday	Mark 4: 35-41



**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](http://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 #49**  
Anticipated Pledges \$424,038.47  
Actual Pledges— \$423,920.03  
*Thank you for your faithful giving!*



**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!*



**ITEMS NEEDED for the food pantry, and the Little Free Food Pantry:**

**Bottles of Water** for the coming summer months.

*Gently used: COATS for ADULTS & KIDS, WARM SOCKS, WARM HATS and SCARFS.*

children's summer clothes, personal size shampoos and conditioners, lotions, toothpastes, etc (like you get by staying at a hotel) for distribution during the Thursday food distributions.

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!*

**EARTH DAY, WEEK, MONTH, YEAR CONTINUES...**

***FUN FACTS—The Carnivores Next Door***

Wolves support new mothers with gifts of food. Just like to might swing b y your neighbors' house with a casserole to welcome their ne baby, members of a wolf pack sometimes drop by a new mom 's den with gifts of food.

Black Bears have big brains. In fact bears have the largest relative brain size of any carnivore. One study even suggests an ability to "count" the number of dots on a screen. Black bears put all that brain power to use in the wild where they've got to be resourceful to find new sources of food in a landscape that can change drastically from year to year.

Do Your Part: speak out against trophy hunting, where animals are killed for their parts or braggin rights. Go to [humanesociety.org/trophyhunting](http://humanesociety.org/trophyhunting) to learn more.

Find more opportunities to protect native carnivores in you state at [humanesociety.org/statedirectors](http://humanesociety.org/statedirectors)



Brought to you by Jere Bowden and the Green Dream Team

**EGG CARTONS! EGG CARTONS!** The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank

are in need of egg cartons. You can bring them by the church, Tuesdays 10am—12 noon, Thursdays, 1pm—4pm or on Fridays, 10am—4pm. *Thanks!*



## **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](mailto: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.*

*For the month of May, 2021 Covenant served 889 food insecure neighbors, which included 298 Children, and 97 Senior Adults. Thank you Covenant staff and volunteers and those who generously support this important ministry financially.*