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THE COVENANTER June 20, 2021

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,
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Happy
Father's
Day

Rindy is Retiring!

It is with deep gratitude and joy for her, but no little sadness for us, that we announce Rindy Trouteaud's retirement, effective August 1, 2021.

Since June of 2019 Rindy has loved us and led us on our discipleship journey, with a special focus on Christian education and the nurturing of congregational life. For thirty years of ordained ministry, Rindy has faithfully served multiple congregations and presbyteries through times of joy as well as terrible conflict. We have been blessed by her deep well of compassion, her wisdom, and her willingness to speak tough truth with love. Plans are in the works to celebrate Rindy, her ministry, and friendship -- so stay tuned for dates and further details. Thank you, Rindy, for sharing your life and vision for God's Beloved Community with us!

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. or you can call the church office 706-548-2756!



Please add these birthdays to your list:

24 Rebecca Rea

Emma Goodrick

25 Tom Cooney

Scott Goodrick

27 John Wilkins



Knitters and Knotters

Are now meeting on Thursdays at 2pm

Join us for a great time fellowship and ministry as we join together as we make blankets, and other items. See Pat Tinga for more information.



Congratulations to *Andrew Zimdars*, a part-time landscape employee at Covenant, completed a five-course certificate program in Decorative Horticulture at Athens Tech last month.



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 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



Church School Classes via ZOOM!

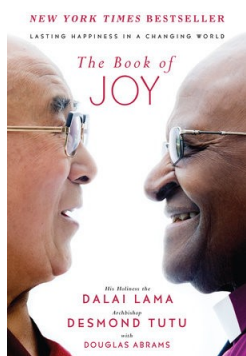
Upper Room Class

Sunday, June 20, 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, to receive your ZOOM invitation.

Journey Class

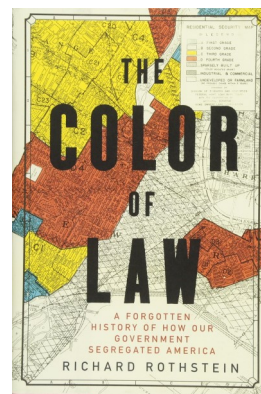
Sunday, June 20, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., Steve Rathbun hosts and different class volunteers facilitate discussion using Brian McLaren's book, *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World*. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve at rathbun@uga.edu, to receive your ZOOM invitation.

WEEK DAY BOOK STUDIES



BOOK STUDY—We will meet in person on Tuesday, June 22 at 10am in the Upper Room! 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.

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. The book assignment for the first session for *The Color of Law* will cover everything from the preface through chapter 4 (or up to page 77).



PRAYER CONCERNS: Bob Trouteaud and family in the passing of his brother Ed in Bowling Green, Kentucky; Kim McClain and family in the passing of her father this week; Pat Tinga's six month old great grandson, Jacob, in ICU in Charleston, SC with a respiratory infection; Anna Holshouser at home; Dot Handley at home; Anne Page in hospice care at Avery Place; and Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112.

Daily Bible Readings—June 21—27

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| Monday | Lamentations 8: 22-33 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 30 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 31: 1-8 |
| Thursday | Psalm 32 |
| Friday | 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9 |
| Saturday | Mark 5: 21-34 |
| Sunday | Mark 5: 35-43 |



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 #50
Anticipated Pledges \$432,692.31
Actual Pledges— \$428,720.00
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 or Gator Aide for our staff and volunteers during food pantry distributions.

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...

LEAD SAFETY FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY—

A tiny amount of lead dust is enough to poison a child and put your family at risk. When renovating:

1. insist on an EPA-certified lead-safe renovator if old paint will be disturbed an ask to see the contractor's training certificate.
2. Get an explanation of how the contractor will minimize lead hazards. Be sure it included specifics about protective equipment and cleanup.
3. Request references from at least three recent jobs involving buildings built prior to 1978, and ask how the contractor dealt with lead paint.
4. For more information, read the EPA guide to hiring a lead-safe renovator: bit.ly/RenovateRite
5. Doing a renovation yourself? bit.ly/RenoRepair



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. 74 egg cartons were delivered to the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank this week. They were glad to receive them. Kim, the Director, said they were out of cartons and had to use buckets to hold eggs. Thank you so much members and friends of Covenant for the good response we continue to have with the 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

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.
