

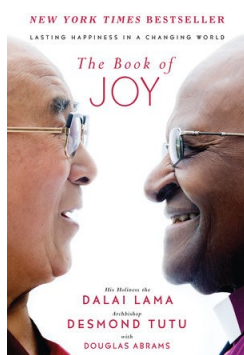
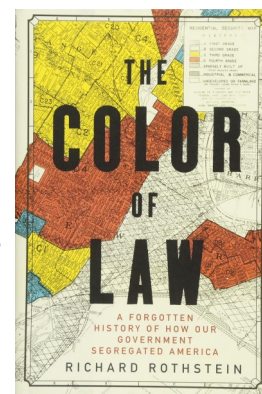
Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service, Sunday, June 27:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCkRp1t3MnecoYXnds4X03A>

THE COVENANTER June 27, 2021

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,
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(USA)

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).



BOOK STUDY—We will meet in person on Tuesday, June 29 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.

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 submit all reimbursement requests as soon as possible as we are coming to the close of the fiscal year.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Family & friends in the passing of Dot Handley, Saturday, June 19; Anna Holshouser at home; Anne Page in hospice care at Avery Place; and Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112.

Daily Bible Readings—June 28—July 4

Monday	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Tuesday	Ezekiel 2: 1-5
Wednesday	Psalms 48
Thursday	Psalms 123
Friday	Mark 6: 1-13
Saturday	Psalms 65
Sunday	2 Corinthians 12: 1-10



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 #51
Anticipated Pledges \$ 441,346.16
Actual Pledges— \$439,308.06
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. (for next winter)

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,

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

Upgrade your home, lower your impact!

1. **Air-source heat pumps.** Heating and air conditioning account for 46% of a home's energy consumption. Improvements in technology have made air-source heat pumps a viable option for heat and cooling in most climates. The pumps, which save energy by transferring heat rather than generating it, can cut your energy bills by approximately 50% compared to a furnace or baseboard heating. The systems can be ductless or use a home's existing ductwork. For more info: bit.ly/3jz2QbZ
2. **Hot water heaters.** Water heaters are a home's next biggest energy guzzler, accounting for 14% of energy usage. A heat pump water heater is more efficient than a gas water heater and can save a family of four some \$350 a year over a standard electric water heater. For more info: bit.ly/35yTp7y



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 last 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!*





CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Church School Classes via ZOOM!

Upper Room Class

Sunday, June 27, 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 27, 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.

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 Janie & DeLynda on their
safe return from the Tybee Island salt
marches this past week!



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.*

