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INDEPENDENCE DAY



Dear Friends,

Disaster Relief!

As you may have heard, our sisters and brothers in southern Moravia in the Czech Republic suffered devastating tornado damage over the weekend. This is an extremely rare weather crisis in that part of the world. Please prayerfully consider making a donation towards relief help. Contributions can be made out to Covenant with disaster relief in the memo portion of your check and we will direct your gifts to the appropriate place. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we seek to strengthen our Covenant connection with this part of the Body of Christ.

Grace and peace, *Mark*



The Athens Nurses Clinic is hosting the 11th (Almost) Annual Tomatoes at Terrapin on July 17th, 4:30-7:30 at the Terrapin Brewery. Fresh tomato sandwiches made from locally grown (many heirloom) tomatoes, with locally baked bread and local fresh basil; special glasses with our

Special 11th Tomato wearing a nurse's cap (based on my very old military nurses cap. and the Green Flag Band playing Irish favorites, among other things. The only cost is the standard cost to get into Terrapin, but we will have lots of donation buckets out. The Clinic provides health care at no cost (including laboratory testing, medications and home health supplies) to our uninsured indigent neighbors, and has for 33 years. A \$25 donation covers six months of medications and routine labwork for a chronically ill patient, or TB and RPR testing for someone entering a shelter or treatment center. Knowing that it is going to be very quite hot (great for tomatoes!) and not everyone wants to go out in the heat, there is a donation site set up at TomatoesatTerrapin.org. Thank you to Covenant Presbyterian Church and the members for 33 years of helping the Athens Nurses Clinic.

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: Anna Holshouser, Gene and family; Nancy Omdahl; Delynda Tweedell on the passing of her Aunt Norris in Macon; her former boss Wayne Roberts undergoing chemotherapy; and her friend Cheryl's father in the last stages of Alzheimers; neighbor Jody Stevens feeling isolated and anxious; Anne Page in hospice care at Avery Place; and Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112.

Daily Bible Readings—July 5—11

Monday	Psalm 85
Tuesday	Psalm 86
Wednesday	Amos 7: 7-15
Thursday	Ephesians 1: 3-14
Friday	Ephesians 1: 15-23
Saturday	Mark 6: 1-13
Sunday	Mark 6: 14-29



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 #52
Anticipated Pledges \$ 450,000.00
Actual Pledges— \$ 446,707.03
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!*

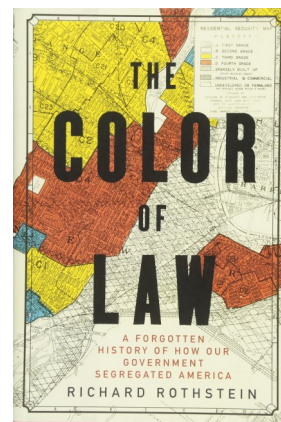




1 Benjamin Carpenter	13 Alexander Simpson	28 Leona Hale Rea
2 Ada Brock Rea	14 Paula Zimdars	30 Bruce Butts
3 Luanne Rigsby	16 Emma Rentz	Don Sumner
4 Dan Stoneburner	18 Paul Brooks	31 Joe Berry
Dell Whitehead	Mark Johnson	
7 Chris Devaney	19 Missy Green	
Dorothy Newland	Gijs Schimmel	
8 Pam Butts	20 Robert Baird	
9 France Boney	Helen Epps	
Nat Whitney	Patti Huberty	
10 Lee Wolfe	21 Stephanie Cahill	
11 Wyatt Pless	27 Brian Herndon	
	Beth Nunnally	
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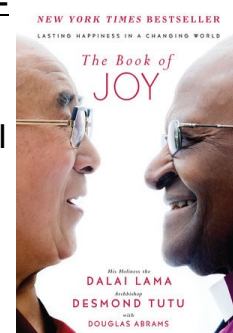


Join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club as we discuss Richard Rothstein's *The Color of Law*. Widely heralded as a “masterful” [Washington Post] and “essential” [Slate] history of the modern American metropolis, *The Color of Law* offers one of the most forceful arguments ever published on how federal, 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 July 5th @ 7 PM. [Please read Chapters 5-8 or pages 77-138.](#)

BOOK STUDY—We will meet in person on Tuesday, July 6th 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.



Church School Classes via ZOOM!



Upper Room Class

Sunday, July 4, 10:00am – 11:00am, 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Journey Class

Sunday, July 4, 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.



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,

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.



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!



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 June Covenant served 1,117 food insecure neighbors. This includes 574 adults, 405 children and 138 senior adults. Thank you Covenant!