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Sunday, September 12: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/
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THE COVENANTER
September 12, 2021

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



Today we say farewell to Mark Harper and Rindy Trouteaud!

Today's worship is a re-recorded service that will be available on You Tube beginning at 10am <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCkRp1t3MnecoYXnds4X03A>

At the end of the service there will be a special segment to honor and celebrate both of these very special pastors via Zoom. We hope you will tune in to this presentation at the close of worship.

Join Zoom Meeting on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8321337820>

Later this afternoon, there will be two special outdoor events that we hope you can attend. At 4 p.m. in the outdoor worship area, we will celebrate the confirmation of five young people: Owen Barnett, Thomas Bowden, George McMaster, Jacob Page, and Luke Shannon. Please arrive a few moments before 4 to support these new disciples who completed the confirmation process just before the pandemic set in. Immediately following this brief service, we will move over to the basketball pavilion for a more personalized opportunity to speak with Rindy and Mark and thank them for their many contributions to Covenant and the larger Eastside community. *Participants must be vaccinated and masked. The receiving line will be designed for safe distancing outside.*

We hope that you will find the ways that suit you best to help us honor our pastors as they look ahead to new beginnings. To God be the Glory! Amen!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Dick Page and family in the passing of Anne Page, Monday Sept. 6 in Winterville; Jim McMinn & Family in the passing of his brother Joe McMinn, Sept 8 at Marion, NC; Pat Tinga with two broken knee caps and a bump on her head from a fall; our healthcare workers at the local hospitals amid the Covid 19 pandemic; Nancy Omdahl at home; Jim & Jere Bowden at home; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; our nation.

Daily Bible Readings September 13—19

Monday	Psalm 121
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:8
Wednesday	Psalm 131
Thursday	Genesis 12: 1-9
Friday	Mark 10: 46-52
Saturday	Philippians 1: 1-11
Sunday	2 Corinthians 1: 16-22



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 #10
Anticipated Pledges — \$82,069.30
Actual Pledges — \$92,681.79
Thank you for your faithful giving!

We so appreciate those who have provided flowers for virtual worship over the last many months. Your contributions have been generous, creative and simply beautiful. If you would be willing to



provide a flower arrangement for in-person worship in the upcoming weeks, please use this link to sign up on the Sunday of your choice. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-provide>

Flowers should be placed in the Worship Center by 5 PM on Saturday, and can be removed following the service on Sunday morning. For more 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!

The following pastors are available for all pastoral activities beginning September 9, 2021 and continuing until an Interim Pastor is secured (employed by the Session and approved by COM):

Rev. Dr. W. Glenn Doak, 706-340-2978 (call or text), horseglenn@aol.com (Honorably Retired, lives at Presbyterian Village of Athens)**

Rev. J. Thomas "Tom" Buchanan, 404-729-2144 (call or text), pastortom@gotofriendship.org (pastor Friendship PC)

Rev. Margaret Davis, 706-206-9896 (call or text), revmargaretdavis@gmail.com (parish associate FPC)

Rev. Hilary Shuford 706-510-8045 (call or text) gp@negapby.org (General Presbyter)



One evening a few weeks ago, Andrew Zimdars, part-time landscaper at Covenant, was eating at DePalmas (East Side, of course!) with a friend. She was from Valdosta, a mother of three, and was raised in an upper middle-class mainstream Protestant church. Andrew needed to complete a short task at Covenant, and his friend came with him. He didn't need to go into the sanctuary, but she asked to see it. She had never seen a rainbow flag in a church sanctuary, and was surprised. She was referring to our Jubilee Anniversary banner with the cardinal and the rainbow. They left the sanctuary, but a few minutes later she asked to enter it again because she felt so calm and peaceful.

Remembering 9/11

In recent years, 9/11 commemorations have been placing less emphasis on the events of the day, and focusing more on the natural resilience of the US in the face of utter tragedy.

To that end, volunteering has markedly increased since the attack, as more Americans take part in community service in a positive step to remember those lost on 9/11.

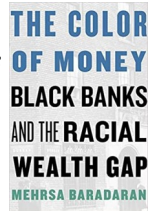
In New York, ongoing focus remains on [One World Trade Center](#) in downtown Manhattan, the tallest building in the Western hemisphere at 1,776 feet. The single skyscraper replaces the iconic [Twin Towers](#), destroyed on September 11, 2001 marking the first ever modern attack on US soil.

Solemn ceremonies and events are planned every year to mark the day, considered one of the darkest in America's history on a par with the attack on [Pearl Harbor](#).



SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB –

Join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club as we discuss Mehrsa Baradaran's *The Color of Money*. Examining the fruits of past policies and the operation of banking in a segregated economy, Baradaran makes clear that only bolder, more realistic views of banking's relation to black communities will end the cycle of poverty and promote black wealth. Join us starting **Wednesday, September 22nd @ 7 PM** (Zoom) to explore these important ideas.



Church School Classes via ZOOM!

Upper Room Class

Sunday, Sept. 12 at **1pm**, 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, Sept. 12, 9am – 10am, Steve Rathbun hosts and different class volunteers facilitate discussion using Isabel Wilkerson's book, *Caste – the Origins of Our Discontent*. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve at rathbun@uga.edu, to receive your ZOOM invitation.

Church Library -- The church library is currently being re-organized with the goal of creating a dynamic educational collection helpful to church members. We are looking for donations of recent, well-written books relevant for current member needs—spiritual growth, spiritual memoirs, social justice, Bible study aids, the current American political landscape, care of the planet, ministry aids, etc. Please think quality over quantity, donating books you would recommend to others. There are boxes in the church library where you can drop off your donations. If you have more than 20 books to donate or you need help transporting books, please contact Kathy Boardman (boardman.kathy@gmail.com) or Valerie Stone (valeriefreystone@gmail.com, 678-360-6983). In particular, we hope to have multiple copies of books recently used by Covenant's Sunday school classes and book clubs so that church members can check out and read the books they've been hearing about. Please note that all books given to Covenant will be donated to other places once they are no longer needed.

Upper Room Book Swap – All educational books available to church members have been moved to the library. The bookcase in the Upper Room is now a pleasure reading swap area for uplifting books. You are welcome to take a book (or two) and leave a book (or two) in its place. Unlike the church library, these books do not need to be checked in or out. This collection will be thinned out and donated elsewhere as needed.





**PRESBYTERIAN
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OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Contribute to:

Disaster Relief-US Hurricane Response (DR000169)

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant, ongoing response to hurricanes that affect the United States. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700*

EGG CARTONS! EGG CARTONS!

The Athens Emergency Food Bank are still in need of egg cartons and...

brown paper grocery bags and heavy duty plastic bags. Thank you *Covenant* for your support.



"On Another Note..." How Small Actions can add up to big progress for animals.

How we can help animals in our day to day life.

STATE WINS - *Washington State*

Washington State and the cities of Oak Forest, Ill; Port St. Lucie, Fla; and Springfield, Mass., prohibited the sale of puppies in retail pet stores earlier this year. Four states and more than 380 localities have passed such measures. Most pet store puppies come from puppy mills, where dogs languish in small filthy cages without proper veterinary care. *Jere Bowden* and the Green Dream Team



VOLUNTEER

LET'S RESUME THE MINISTRY OF "GROUNDS STEWARDS" !!!!!

8-10 volunteers are needed. Regular policing of the Cov Presby grounds by two person teams, one team per week, now merits resuming. Our grounds stewards remove litter from across the campus as well as empty the trash and recycle containers into bags for deposit in the trash bins outside the kitchen. A disposal service empties these bins once a week.

If interested in taking part, please contact Rich Reaves, 706-248-2819, or Karen Wetherington at the church office.

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:

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 August Covenant served (over 4 days) 340 food insecure families for a total of 998 people that includes 424 children and 98 senior adults were served. *Thank you Covenant!*
