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THE COVENANTER September 19, 2021

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

Covenant is pleased to welcome the following ministers to the pulpit in coming Sundays:

September 19 – Rev. Hilary Shuford, NEGA General Presbyter

September 20 – Rev. Margaret Davis, Parish Associate, First Presbyterian

October 3 – Rev. Dr. Glenn Doak, Honorably Retired

Rev. Doak will be our “Bridge” pastor, beginning Oct. 1, until we have our interim pastor in place. He is most recently retired from First Presbyterian Church in Athens and has served as a bridge pastor on other occasions within the NEGA Presbytery.

Rev. Doak’s duties, while at Covenant, will be to preach, serve as Moderator for the Session, and to be available for pastoral care when needed. He will keep in contact with the church staff and be available on site upon request.

Welcome, Rev. Doak!



Memorial Service for Anne Page—A family-centered memorial service honoring Anne Page will be conducted at the church during the afternoon on Friday, September 24, 2021. It will be live-streamed for participation by others.

This Covenant Presbyterian sister-in-the-faith, labored and mentored in the church’s worship and work for more than four decades. Among her many gifts, Anne served multiple times as a Ruling Elder on the Session, member of the Wedding Guild and Memorial Service guides, Sunday school teacher and Covenant Connection table parent as well as participant counselor, Elder Shepherd to numerous confirmands, long-standing coordinator of the First Grade Breakfast, friend of the Graduates and Presbyterian Women as well as weekly bible study, supporter of the high school, middle school, and elementary school youth fellowship programs. She chaired at least one study team to develop a strategic plan for Covenant church, co-chaired the Transition With Continuity Task Force, and also served with various Presbytery special activities and committees, ultimately being chosen for a term of leadership as Moderator of Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

This 2:00 p.m. worship event celebrating the life of Anne Page will commence with service music at 1:30 p.m., including by live-stream. The Reverend Martha Starnes has been selected to officiate, with contributions anticipated from Anne’s immediate and extended family. COVID protocols for indoor gatherings will be observed. Friends of Anne Page are encouraged to remember her, as they are able, by taking part in the live-stream narrow-casting of this service. Please click on this link for the livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

PRAYER CONCERNS: DeLynda Tweedell's step-father, Dwayne Bass in the hospital for tests in Byron; our healthcare workers at the local hospitals amid the Covid 19 pandemic; Nancy Omdahl undergoing new treatment; Pat Tinga at home; Jim & Jere Bowden at home; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; our nation.

Daily Bible Readings September 20-26

Monday	2 Kings 5: 1-19
Tuesday	2 Kings 5: 20-27
Wednesday	2 Kings 6: 1-23
Thursday	Psalms 143, 147: 12-20
Friday	Psalms 88: 148
Saturday	Matthew 6: 19-24
Sunday	Luke 5: 1-11



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 #11
Anticipated Pledges — \$90,276.15
Actual Pledges — \$97,041.79
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 live stream 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 Presbyterian)



You are invited to a drop-in celebration for Beecher's mother Jacqueline Mathes, on her 107th birthday - at 1pm on Friday, October 1st, to enjoy some peach ice cream and lemon cake, her favorite flavors! It will be held at Presbyterian Village Athens, off 441 South, near Hog Mountain Road. Come into the main entrance and find us in the rooms behind the front desk. Many thanks to you all for your ongoing care & support through the years!



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—October 3, 2021
Peace & Global Witness
Equipping Peacemakers in Congregations and Around the World.

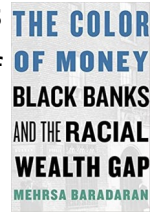
A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Ways to Give: *through Covenant—earmark your contribution P&G W or donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/peace-global or text PCUSAPEACE to 41444 to give to Peace & Global Witness or visit pcusa.org/peace-global for more information.*

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. **NEW DATE: Thursday, September 23rd @ 7 PM** (Zoom) to explore these important ideas.



Church School Classes via ZOOM!

Upper Room Class

Sunday, Sept. 19 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. 19, 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
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

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



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. *Thank you Covenant!*
