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THE COVENANTER

September 26, 2021

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

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

September 26 – 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!



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.*

PRAYER CONCERNS: June Meyers and family in the passing of her nephew, Craig on Friday morning surrounded by his family in PA; DeLynda Tweedell's father, Larry Davis with a small spot on his lung and will be undergoing further tests; 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 27—October 3

Monday	Psalm 26: 1-3
Tuesday	Psalm 26: 4-7
Wednesday	Psalm 26: 8-10
Thursday	Psalm 26: 11-12
Friday	Hebrews 1: 1-4
Saturday	Hebrews 2: 5-9
Sunday	Hebrews 2: 10-12



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 #12
Anticipated Pledges — \$98,483.07
Actual Pledges — \$98,681.79
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 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 Presbyter)

MANY APOLOGIES! The invitation to all at Covenant to attend the birthday party for Jacqueline Mathes on Friday, October 1, must be rescinded, due to the decision made September 22 by Presbyterian Village Athens that, at this time of increased concerns with the Covid-19 virus, their campus activities must be restricted to residents of the Village only. They currently have only 1 isolated case of Covid-19 in quarantine (from an off-campus exposure) and with decisions such as this continue to work diligently to avoid any future cases. The party will be held with PVA residents outdoors only, as weather permits, but do please keep Jacqueline & her family & friends in your prayers of gratitude & celebration for her ongoing life of praise & faithfulness to God. *Thank you!*

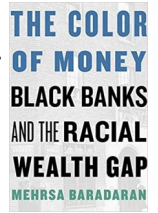
October Birthdays

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| 1 Jere Bowden | 12 Timothy Simpson |
| Diane Davies | 14 Rose Kisaalita |
| 2 Charles Cantrell | 18 Linda Rogers |
| Isaac Ritzler | 19 Charlie Martin |
| 5 Joseph Page | 20 Jason Braswell |
| 6 Bill Barstow | 21 Marcia Page |
| 8 Kathryn Fowler | 24 Tamara Stam |
| Shirley Reinert | Kathy Boardman |
| 9 Heidi Wolfe | 26 Cindy Barber |
| 11 Jimmy Shealy | Juanita Gilbert |
| 12 Ellen Stoneburner | |



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 30 @ 7 PM** (Zoom) to explore these important ideas.



Church School Classes via ZOOM!

Upper Room Class

Sunday, Sept. 26 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. 26, 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.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK: OCTOBER 10-17

Covenant is the host congregation for Family Promise during the week of October 10-17. Three families are currently in the program, four parents and ten children, all working to get back on their feet in their own living space. While in the program, they are at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. The families are very comfortable at this site. Volunteering is so, so easy there, and you stay safely apart from everyone. We will have three families during our week.

Please click on the following link to find a good spot to help these families as they get back on their feet.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-fpainterfaith>



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

2 Joiners so far

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.

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.



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.*

