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THE COVENANTER  
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An excerpt from the [Companion to the Book of Common Worship](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

**All Saints' Day** is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation. To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year. *Please email Karen at [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org) for your loved ones and/or friends to be included in the necrology for **All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021** by November 4.*



**"Needed. All Hands Available . . . !!!"**

Saturday morning, 10-23. Remodeling in the Cov Presby worship center is on track for completion. Removing the dust of renovation and acquired debris of 18 months of non-use remains. A list of tasks will be posted by 9:00 a.m. Window washing, vacuuming, pew bible and hymnal cleaning, refreshing restrooms, main hallway, and Gathering Room. Painting the worship center afresh has been accomplished. New carpeting is soon going into place, along with upgraded lighting. Pew finishes are currently being repaired and polished. Let's move on to attaining these final goals. *Rich Reaves, Building & Grounds*



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Lois Settles recovery from a fall and in rehab; Beth Nunnally recovery from exploratory surgery 10/13; Nancy Omdahl undergoing new treatment; Pat Tinga at home and having physical therapy; Jim & Jere Bowden at home; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; our healthcare workers at the local hospitals amid the Covid 19 pandemic; and our nation.

**Daily Bible Readings October 18—24**

Monday	Mark 10: 46-52
Tuesday	Psalm 34: 1-8
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31: 7-9
Thursday	Psalm 126
Friday	Hebrews 7: 23-28
Saturday	Job 42: 1-6
Sunday	Job 42: 10-17



**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](http://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 #15  
Anticipated Pledges — \$123,105.00  
Actual Pledges — \$121,144.12  
*Thank you for your faithful giving!*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The dust is beginning to settle, the acorns are falling like crazy, and I'm slowly remembering where I packed things – including cards and gifts that came from you. I simply wanted to say thank you for the thoughtful celebration, generous monetary gift, and gracious send-off back in September. It meant so much to me, and I was especially thankful we could celebrate the confirmation of those remarkable young disciples that day, as well. That was a great sign of hope that God remains with us in all things and through all changes. You have changed me and helped me see the presence of God in ways I wouldn't have otherwise. I am grateful. Please know you are loved by me, and most of all by Jesus. I look forward to seeing where the Spirit leads you in coming days. Grace and peace, *Mark*

**“Do you LOVE puppies?** Our good friend, Pastor Jose, has been blessed with some super cute puppies but no one in his congregation has any space to adopt them, and I was hoping that maybe we could help. If you are interested in one of the babies, email Karen or Travis and we will get them to you.” (Only the brown one is available)





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

*Volunteering so far: Chris Wilson, Katy Terry, Phil Hale, Don Bower, Randy Parish, Susan Parish, Alex Clark. We could really benefit from 3 more folks, at least.*

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.

**TAKE THEM A MEAL** – As you know, Anna Holshouser died this summer. Her husband Gene is 93 years old and still lives alone at the house in Oglethorpe County. His son in Texas has requested that we take a meal to him occasionally and keep tabs on him. Don Bower and I have set up a *Take Them a Meal* website so people can sign up for meal slots. We have set it up for Wednesdays and Saturdays through October, but if you sign up for a slot and wish to change the day, just call Gene and let him know. The phone number is on the website. You can call me if you have questions. Call Linda at 706-549-6464. Thank you! *Linda Koehler and Don Bower, Congregational Care*

**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.



**Tree ID on the Greenway**

Sat., October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10am-noon  
Sandy Creek Nature Center  
Rain or Shine  
Pre-registration Required

Spend a Fall morning with experts who will teach you about native tree species. Small, socially-distanced groups will be guided on an ADA-accessible (friendly for mobility-impaired and strollers) route, or on a natural surface path. You'll even have a chance to win sapling offspring from "The Tree That Owns Itself" or other door prizes. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free, but donations appreciated at [www.athenstreecouncil.com](http://www.athenstreecouncil.com)

Pre-register using the link in comments by October 22nd  
NOTE: limited to the first 70 enrollees

Program questions: Edith Jackson, 706-877-5818 or Registration questions: Sandy Creek Nature Center, 706-613-3615

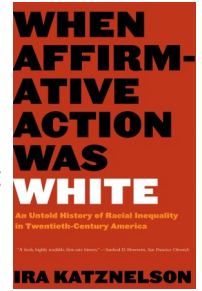
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Athens Community Tree Council,  
in partnership with Sandy Creek Nature Center and the Winterville Tree Commission



Please click on this link <https://www.covpresathens.org/documents/session-minutes/> for the session minutes. When you scroll down you will see links to earlier minutes. If you would like minutes from 2020 please let me know at [kwetherington@covpresathens](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens).

[Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services: Nature Programs \(myrec.com\)](http://Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services: Nature Programs (myrec.com))

**SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB**—"Join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club as we discuss Ira Katznelson's "When Affirmative Action Was White." In this "penetrating new analysis" (New York Times Book Review) Ira Katznelson fundamentally recasts our understanding of twentieth-century American history and demonstrates that all the key programs passed during the New Deal and Fair Deal era of the 1930s and 1940s were created in a deeply discriminatory manner. Through mechanisms designed by Southern Democrats that specifically excluded maids and farm workers, the gap between blacks and whites actually widened despite postwar prosperity. Join us starting October 28th @ 7 PM to explore this essential read. Our first session will cover Chapters 1-3 ( pages 1-80)."



## Church School Classes via ZOOM!

### Upper Room Class

Sunday, Oct. 17 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](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com), to receive your ZOOM invitation.

### Journey Class

Sunday, Oct. 17, 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](mailto: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](mailto:boardman.kathy@gmail.com)) or Valerie Stone ([valeriefreystone@gmail.com](mailto: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.





The Worship Ministry Team requests the assistance of our fellow Covenanters for hosting our new Bridge Pastor, Reverend Glenn Doak, during Worship on Sundays. This person would also serve as Liturgist during the Service. The Liturgist would read the first Scripture and perhaps one or two other items. Volunteers are needed for the Sundays

for the Sundays in November and December. We are excited to welcome Rev Doak to Covenant and we need your support! If you are able to assist us, please notify Jennifer Frey, Co-Chair of WMT, at [jenofrey@gmail.com](mailto:jenofrey@gmail.com).

The Worship Ministry Team is also looking for volunteers for our Communion Ministry Team. This team purchases and prepares the Communion Elements, helps with set-up and clean-up on Communion Sundays. When we have sufficient volunteers for this team, we divide the group into three sub-groups (Prep, Set-up, and Clean-up). This way the time required of each volunteer is minimal per Sunday and only 3 or 4 Sundays per year. We need to reorganize this team as soon as possible, since we are hoping for a return to in-person worship in the near future. Please consider volunteering for this vital ministry! If you would like to support Covenant in this way, contact Jennifer Frey at [jenofrey@gmail.com](mailto:jenofrey@gmail.com).



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](mailto:bower.julie@gmail.com)) or Karen Wetherington ([kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org)).

*The Worship Ministry Team appreciates each one who contributes to the beauty of our worship services in this way. Thank you!*

If you have a fall arrangement of faux flowers that you'd be willing to share with the Worship Ministry Team, please let Julie Bower know. Fresh flowers are not always feasible, and we would welcome the addition of a nice fall arrangement to use on the Sundays when we are not able to provide fresh flowers for worship. We appreciate your support.

**Groups Meeting at Covenant:** (these small groups may or may not be meeting at Covenant at this time)  
**Sunday, Monday, Tuesday** – Campus Kitchen (UGA), **Tuesday**- (2nd Tues of each month) Stamp Club 7pm  
**Monday** – Scouts at 6:30pm, Community Handbell Choir 7pm,  
**Wednesday** – Covenant Handbell Choir 6pm; 12 step group 7pm (downstairs)  
**Thursday**-(conference room) 12 Step Group 7pm, **Saturday** – (upper room) 12 Step Group 10:30am  
**Sunday** (upper room) 12 Step Group 12:30pm

## 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.*

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For the month of September 2021 Covenant's Food Pantry volunteers and staff served 431 food insecure families over 5 days. (690 adults, 377 children and 143 senior adults.)

*Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!*

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