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Sunday, February 6 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
February 6, 2022

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



Youth and Young Adults you are invited to a meet and greet for Pastor Dana at
the home of Dell & Donny Whitehead on Sunday, February 13 at 12:30pm.

Please go to sign up genius at this link to sign up:

[Youth & Young Adults Meet and Greet](#)

Bowden Church Vocations Fund

*a special offering for
Covenant Presbyterian Church
February 2022*

We continue to be grateful to God for all the gifts of the Spirit seen in Covenant's ministry of the past 60 years.

We have had 8 candidates for ministry who attended Columbia Seminary in Atlanta: Andy Casto-Waters, Rob Lohmeyer, Jennifer and David Horton, Insook Lee, Boin Cho, David Fuentes, and Lauren Van Wicklen Peters, Colleen Cook, and 1 who attended Union in Richmond, Robin Mann Murzynski. We have also supported the efforts of our members as Volunteers in Mission, on summer Mission Teams, as student interns on our church staff, and in other studies and certifications at Montreat College and Columbia Seminary.

Named in honor of Jim & Jere Bowden's 35 year ministry here at Covenant, the BOWDEN CHURCH VOCATION FUND was established in 1996 by our Session to support our members who have been called to full-time employment in some form of Christian ministry. *A special offering for the Bowden Fund will be received this month. Make checks out to Covenant and mark them BCVF or Bowden Fund. PLEASE RESPOND GENEROUSLY, as we support our members in this journey of faith together!*



Presbyterian Women

Bible Study
Via ZOOM

Thursday, February 10
at 9:30am

What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus
June Meyers and Jennifer Frey will lead the lesson. *Please read lesson 6.*



Did you know that Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry feeds approximately 100 families

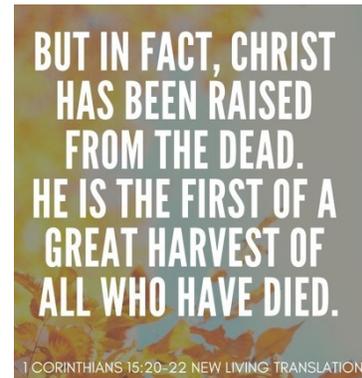
each Thursday? Travis Williams, Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator, with the help of volunteers from Covenant, other churches and UGA students, distribute bags of food to approximately 100 families each week. This is made possible because of your faithful donations to the food pantry.

THANK YOU!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Beth Nunnally diagnosed with an inoperable tumor. To learn more go to the Caring Bridge website: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/bethnunnally#>; Joe and Mary Berry - Joe diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer; Christine Miller's family and friends in her passing January 24, 2022; Steve Bowden recovering from second heart ablation; Chris Shannon, Jerry Shannon's mom, who is experiencing multiple health challenges; Family & friends of Nate McCarty (Alice Herndon's friend's son), who passed away Tuesday, Jan 25; Patti Huberty's sister-in-law Shelly Coe, passed away (memorial service was on 1/29); Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; health care professionals at home and around the world; the food insecure and homeless; and our nation.

Daily Bible Readings February 7—13

Monday	Psalm 5; 145
Tuesday	Genesis 25: 19-34
Wednesday	Hebrews 13: 1-16
Thursday	John 7: 37-52
Friday	Psalm 82: 29
Saturday	Psalm 1
Sunday	I Corinthians 15: 12-20



IN LOVING MEMORY of Christine Miller, wife of Bill Miller, passed away on January 24, 2022. She and her family were among the first members of Covenant Presbyterian Church. She served as church elder. Christine created many banners for Covenant, which aid us in our worship, specifically the white banners & the dark blue banners, expressions of her deep & abiding faith. Their 3 daughters (Celia, Leah, Heather) grew up active in Covenant's youth group. Our sympathy is extended to Christine's family. There will be a graveside service at Auburn Memorial Park Cemetery on Sunday, May 15 at 2pm.

Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or kwetherington@covpresathens.org. or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to Pastor Dana.



The handbell choir is composed of different “orchestral” sections requiring varying levels of musical and physical skills. Think strings, winds, brass and percussion. Each have different demands and importance within the ensemble.

In the handbell “orchestra,” the treble bells generally play the melody and sometimes ring multiple bells simultaneously. The battery and bass bells lay down the rhythmic and chordal foundations. Bell size and weight dictate the nuances required for optimal ringing. There is something for every skill level!

The bells outlined above are what you’ve seen and heard in worship thus far.

We also have the REALLY BIG Sub-bass bells, which complete and support the entire structure of the choir. Generally, these bells ring notes of long duration. Thus, for the ringer, it’s easier to read and follow the music.

We are looking for ringers to ring the REALLY BIG Sub-bass bells.

There are fewer technical demands than the smaller bells, but a certain amount of strength is required, as is a basic ability to read music. However, no previous ringing experience is necessary. Compared to other instruments, you can learn to ring relatively quickly.

Being in the handbell choir is a definite commitment. What you see and hear in worship is the result of weekly rehearsals, focused work, and good times. It is very much a team effort, and everyone has to be there for it to work.

And when it works -- !!!

Interested in trying a bell?

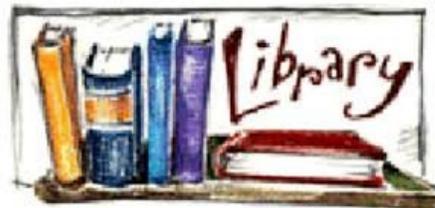
Contact me or a member of the choir.

David Boardman (706) 318-0048 (cell)

Library Corner: Alabaster Bibles

The Alabaster Company seeks to make the Bible visually beautiful and appealing. The text is the New Living Translation and is unabridged, but each book of the Bible is printed separately like a magazine on thick paper. Modern artistic photographs are added.

Our library has the Gospel of John if you'd like to take a peek. It can be found with the New Testament books at Bay B, Shelf 3. – Church Librarian Valerie Stone



OPEN AND CLOSING THE BUILDING

Patti Huberty 1st Sunday
Judy Capie 2nd Sunday
Pam Knox 3rd Sunday
Tim Foutz 4th Sunday
Dick Zimdars 5th Sunday
Thanks to all. We celebrate your willingness!
Rich Reaves, B&G

TRASHY NEWS - Cov Presby is no longer associated with Republic as its trash and recycle services provider. We are now under contract with ACC Solid Waste, striving to develop a workable relationship with this resource.
Kind regards, Your B&G MT

Speaking in Celebration, the B&G MT commends the following volunteers as weekly Grounds Stewards each month.

First Monday week = Katy Terry & Chris Wilson; Second Monday week = Don Bower & Alex Clark
Third Monday week = Phil Hale & Phil Koehler; Fourth Monday week = Susan & Randy Parish
Fifth Monday week = Ellen & Dan Stoneburner

Groups Meeting at Covenant: *(these small groups may or may not be meeting at Covenant at this time)*

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday—Campus Kitchen (UGA),

Monday—Scouts at 6:30pm; Bells of Northeast Georgia Choir 7pm,

Tuesday- More Than Four Quartet 9:30am—11:00am; (2nd Tues of each month) Stamp Club 7pm in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday—Bigger Vision Meal Prep (kitchen) 8:30am; Covenant Handbell Choir 6pm—7:15pm;
12 step group 7pm (downstairs)

Thursday— UGACampus Kitchen, 9:30am: Knitters & Knotters 2pm (conf. room); 12 Step Group 7pm

Saturday—(upper room) 12 Step Group 10:30am; 11/20 UGA Campus Kitchen at 12 noon

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EGG CARTONS! EGG CARTONS!

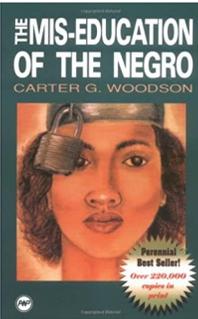
The Athens Emergency Food Bank are still in need of egg cartons and brown paper grocery bags. PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS!

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

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.

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 or give in person. Thank you for your faithful giving!

FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #31
Anticipated Pledges — \$254,414.62
Actual Pledges — \$261,431.43
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Meals on Wheels: \$11,772.00



Join the **Covenant Social Justice Book Club**, starting on February 21, 2022 at 7 PM via Zoom as we discuss 'The Mis-Education of the Negro'. In 'Miseducation', Carter G. Woodson shows us the weaknesses of education curriculums that fail to include African American history and culture. 'Miseducation', originally published in 1933, is still very relevant to modern discussions of race, history, education, and curriculum.

Join us starting Feb 21 @ 7 PM for our first session where we will cover pages 1-61



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Church School Classes via ZOOM! Upper Room Class

UPPER ROOM CLASS- Sunday mornings at **11:30am**, 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.

JOURNEY CLASS—Sunday mornings, 8:30am—9:45am , Phil and Sallie Hale host and different class volunteers facilitate discussion using the book, *Speaking of Faith*, by Krista Tippett. If you would like to participate, please contact Phil at phale50@hotmail.com to receive your Zoom invitation.

Covenant Church Office Hours

Monday – closed

Tuesday – 10am – 12 noon

Wednesday – closed (*working from home*)

Thursday & Friday 10am – 4pm

Knitter and Knotters –

Thursday, February 10 at 2pm

(Please be sure and wear your mask)

Join us for a good time of fellowship and fun!

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 Thursdays, 1pm—4pm.

Next food distribution is on Thursday, February 03!

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!

Please sign up for Covenant Food Pantry!

Feeding 100 families every week is hard work and we need your help! Our drive-thru pantry is awesome and you should join us and impact your community.

<https://givepul.se/6xemwu>

1. Have you been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19? [See the CDC's risk assessment guidance.](#)
2. Do you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19? Symptoms can include a cough or shortness of breath or at least two of the following: Fever, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Head-ache, Sore throat, New loss of taste or smell. [See the CDC's symptom information.](#)

If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, we ask you **not** to register. We are doing all we can to align with best practices and keep our community healthy.

Isaiah 58:10—Feed the hungry and help those in trouble, then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

For the month of December Covenant volunteers and staff served 1,111 food insecure neighbors

This includes 626 adults, 336 children, and 149 Senior Adults!

Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*