

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, February 13 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
February 13, 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*

TIME CHANGED TO 11:30am. Please click on link below to signup:

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

Bowden Church Vocations Fund

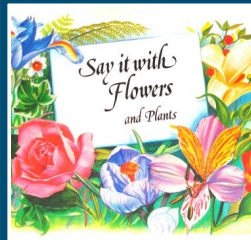
*a special offering for
Covenant Presbyterian Church*

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!*



Even after Valentines Day you have a chance to say "I Love You" to your Covenant family by donating flowers for worship. To sign up just call the church office or sign up on the board next to the mailboxes.

**ELDERS SERVING ON MINISTRY TEAMS
2022**

Building & Grounds – Brian Striggow

Christian Education (TECH) - Kathy Boardman

Christian Education – Katy Arora

Congregational Care – Linda Koehler

Fellowship – Kay Brooks, Valerie Stone

Finance – Clayton Adams

Mission Outreach – Bert Ballard-Myer,
Chris Wilson

Personnel – Don Bower, Abby Horvath

Worship – Jennifer Frey

PRAYER CONCERNS: Bert Ballard-Myer's parents, Bob & Agnes Myer with health concerns; the family and friends of Wanda Wilcox that passed away January 28. A Memorial Service will be at First Presbyterian on 2/16 at 2pm; Helen Springs diagnosed with lung cancer, waiting for oncologist report for next steps; Michael Capie having rotary cuff surgery Feb 17th; Beth Nunnally at home in hospice care; Joe and Mary Berry - Joe diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer; Nancy Omdahl recently started chem again; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; health care professionals at home and around the world; the food insecure and homeless; and our nation.

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.

Daily Bible Readings February 14—20

Monday	Psalm 135; 145
Tuesday	Genesis 31: 1-24
Wednesday	Genesis 31: 25-50
Thursday	Gen 32: 3-21
Friday	I John 3: 1-10
Saturday	Matthew 5: 43-38
Sunday	Luke 6: 27-38



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 *14,000 Things to Be Happy About*

Linguist Barbara Ann Kipfer brought out this small-but-chunky 612-page book listing things to be happy about. If you've been going through a rough patch or have the winter blahs, flipping through it to read a page a day can jump-start the brain towards gratitude. Want a few examples of things to be happy about? How about robins' eggs, a baby's yawn, ripe lemons, tall beeswax candles, frosty root beer mugs, and "errant clouds chasing each other across the blue sky"? (Bay C, Shelf 5) – Church Librarian Valerie Stone



TerraCycle No Longer Taking Personal Care Products

TerraCycle just announced that it would no longer accept personal care products such as liquid soap bottles, shampoo bottles, lotion tubes, mascara and lipstick tubes, etc. So please don't bring any more of these items to Covenant. TerraCycle IS still accepting these items: toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and floss containers, disposable razors and blades, Arm & Hammer detergent and pool salt pouches, Late July corn chip bags, plastic wrappers and bags from all Kroger brands, such as frozen veggies, chips and pretzels, frozen chicken & fish, Luvsome pet products, etc., worn-out ball point pens. The Green Dream Team also accepts dead batteries and empty ink cartridges; these things are recycled at CHaRM.

Call me with questions: 706-543-3753.

Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team

Love more.
Litter less.

LOVE where you live Athens.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Oh How I Love Thee,
Let Me Show You the Ways:

- ♥ Get flirty, do a litter clean-up Down-n-Dirty
- ♥ Shower them the most, purchase a bin for their compost
- ♥ Prove your devotion, keep their KACCB membership in motion
- ♥ Invest in beauty, plant daffodils for your cutie
- ♥ Volunteer for your town, spread the love all around

From Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful and the ACC Solid Waste Department
www.KeepAthensBeautiful.org

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

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—Campus Kitchen (UGA), 9:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday—7pm New Freedom Group in Conference Room

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

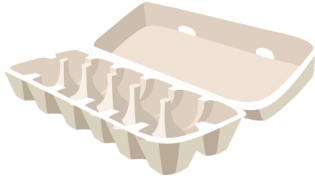
Tuesday- More Than Four Quartet 9:30am—11:00am; (2nd Tues of each month) Stamp Club 7pm in Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday– Knitters & Knotters 2pm (conf. room); 12 Step Group 7pm

Saturday—(upper room) 12 Step Group 10:30am;

Sunday (upper room) 12 Step Group 12:30pm



EGG CARTONS! EGG CARTONS!

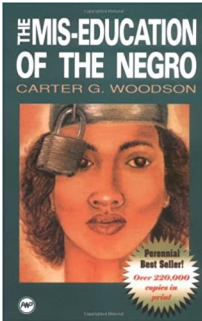
The Athens Emergency Food Bank are still in need of egg cartons and brown paper grocery bags. PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS!

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 previous years please let me know at kwetherington@covpresathens.org.

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 #32
Anticipated Pledges — \$270,828.47
Actual Pledges — \$265,438.36
Thank you for your faithful giving!



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



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 17 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 17!

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, Headache, 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 January Covenant volunteers and staff served 892 food insecure neighbors.

This includes 501 adults, 289 children, and 102 Senior Adults!

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