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Sunday, March 13 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
March 13, 2022

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,
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Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



SUNDAY
MARCH 13

COVID UPDATE On Friday, March 4, the Session approved an update to Covenant's COVID policies (see below) using the new CDC mask guidance released late February 2022. This guidance uses a red, yellow, and green system reflecting current case rates and hospitalizations related to COVID in a county. Since these ratings are being updated weekly, it offers an easy-to-use and timely way for Covenant to respond to the changing COVID landscape based on the color rating system. Given Covenant's priorities to continue moving toward a full opening while preserving the health and well-being of its members, the following COVID policies began **MONDAY, MARCH 7** for Covenant using the CDC rating system:

COVENANT'S COVID POLICIES (EFFECTIVE MARCH 7, 2022)

Please do not plan to attend in person gatherings if you are feeling ill in any way or have been diagnosed with a current case of COVID-19 or recently exposed to someone who has. We strongly encourage all those who are eligible to be fully vaccinated before entering the facility.

Guidelines for Gathering inside Covenant Presbyterian Church - based on the CDC's Community Level Rating

- **Green Rating** – Mask wearing is optional with indoor and outdoor food and drink options. Please be considerate of personal preferences to remain contact-free and social distance.
- **Yellow Rating**– Mask wearing is highly recommended with outdoor food and drink options. Please be considerate of personal preferences to remain contact-free and social distance.
- **Red Rating** – Mask wearing is required. Social distancing, in-person worship attendance caps, restricted food and drink activities, and virtual services only may be recommended.

Athens-Clarke County's current CDC rating is yellow. Any changes to ACC's rating will be announced in the Covenanter, online, and in worship. You can check ACC's current CDC rating here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels-county-map.html>.



The Fellowship Ministry Team is seeking your input! Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey and tell

us about events that you would like to see at Covenant: [FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY SURVEY](#) If a survey is not your style, please contact Valerie at 678-360-6983 or Kay at 706-206-8357 to discuss your answers input with us!



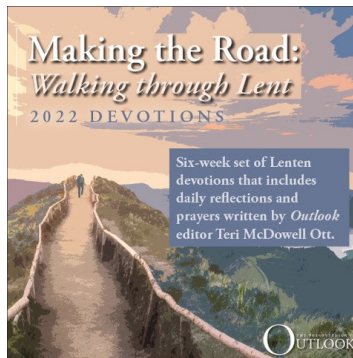
A blessing and internment of cremains for Jason Heusel, 1977-2017, will be conducted after this Sunday's worship service, around 11:15am in the Memorial Garden. Jason, a child of Covenant during the 1980's is fondly remembered by many. His parents, Karen & Gary will be present for this service.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Joyce Placek as she begins radiation; the family and friends in the passing of Kay Waters; the people of Ukraine; Beth Nunnally at home in hospice care; Nancy Omdahl recently started chemo 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 March 14—20

Monday	Exodus 13: 17-18
Tuesday	Exodus 16: 2
Wednesday	Exodus 16: 3
Thursday	Exodus 17: 2-4
Friday	Exodus 20: 1-17
Saturday	Exodus 32: 1-6
Sunday	Romans 8: 26



Lenten Devotionals are available in the narthex or at this link:

[Lenten Devotionals](#)



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO
UKRAINE WAR!**

As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely.

Funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc.

To support our response, designate gifts to [DR000156](#) or text PDAUKR to 41444,

Or mail your check to

Presbyterian Church (USA)

P.O. Box 643700,

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 earmarked for DR000156

Who Wants to Take Over TerraCycle?

As my 80th birthday is rapidly approaching, I would like to give up my TerraCycle responsibilities. What does TerraCycle require? The primary need is space to keep cardboard cartons for saving up recyclables. When the boxes are full, they must be shipped at the UPS store. Shipping labels must be printed out for some boxes. Twice a year, it is necessary to request a check, via the TerraCycle website, for the money that TerraCycle has paid for the recyclables that we have shipped during the previous 6 months. Therefore, a little bit of record-keeping is necessary. Also, the batteries and printer cartridges have to be taken to CHaRM 3 or 4 times a year. Lastly, an article should be written for the Covenant occasionally. These articles serve 2 purposes: to keep the congregation informed about changes in the items that TerraCycle accepts, and to encourage the congregation to participate in TerraCycle recycling. This is really not a lot of work and the reward—keeping a lot of plastic out of the landfill—is great. Please contact me if you are interested in taking over TerraCycle at Covenant: carem.m.snook@gmail.com or 706-543-3753.

Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team



PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT CENTER

at The University of Georgia

Tuesday Dinners

Calling all friends of the PSC: We miss you at Tuesday Dinners!

Our ministry was blessed with a generous donation to cover the cost of weekly student dinners for the first two months of this semester. At the mid-point of February, we are sending out a reminder that Tuesday Dinners are indeed happening each week, and that we would love to have your group cook or cater a meal and enjoy it with us. We are also still more than happy to accept donations, which help to offset the costs of ordering out on weeks when we do not have a prepared meal. You can always sign up and/or donate at <http://www.pscuga.org/dinner>.

As we have returned to gathering in person for WORD+TABLE, our attendance numbers are back up to around 30 most weeks. At the moment, we have no sign ups or donations for March through the end of the semester, so we need your help!

For those making donations, a meal for the whole group costs between \$200–\$300. You can also donate single portions (\$10 per student, etc). Anything and everything helps.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your ongoing support of these students and their Church Home Away From Home!

Rev. Will Norman, Executive Campus Minister

Presbyterian Student Center @ the University of Georgia www.pscuga.org/dinner



CARPET RE-INSTALLATION

Beginning Monday, March 14, 2022, re-installation of new carpet will occur in the Cov Presby Worship Center. Work completion is targeted for Friday, March 18.

People using the church during this week are reminded that hallways and some rooms in campus buildings will host stored pews, chairs, and other items. Please alert friends and colleagues about this inconven-

ience.

Worshippers on Sunday, March 13, are invited to help remove pew bibles, hymnals, song books, and other items for temporary storage in the narthex. This task will be led by the Worship Ministry Team. Due to a mistake in production, known as “side match error”, the new replacement carpet is being provided at the manufacturer’s expense, per the original contractual agreement with Athens’ Carpets Unlimited.

Carpet being taken-up will not be available for use elsewhere in the building, primarily due to damage arising upon its removal, caused by adhesive that binds the carpet to the concrete slab in the Worship Center.

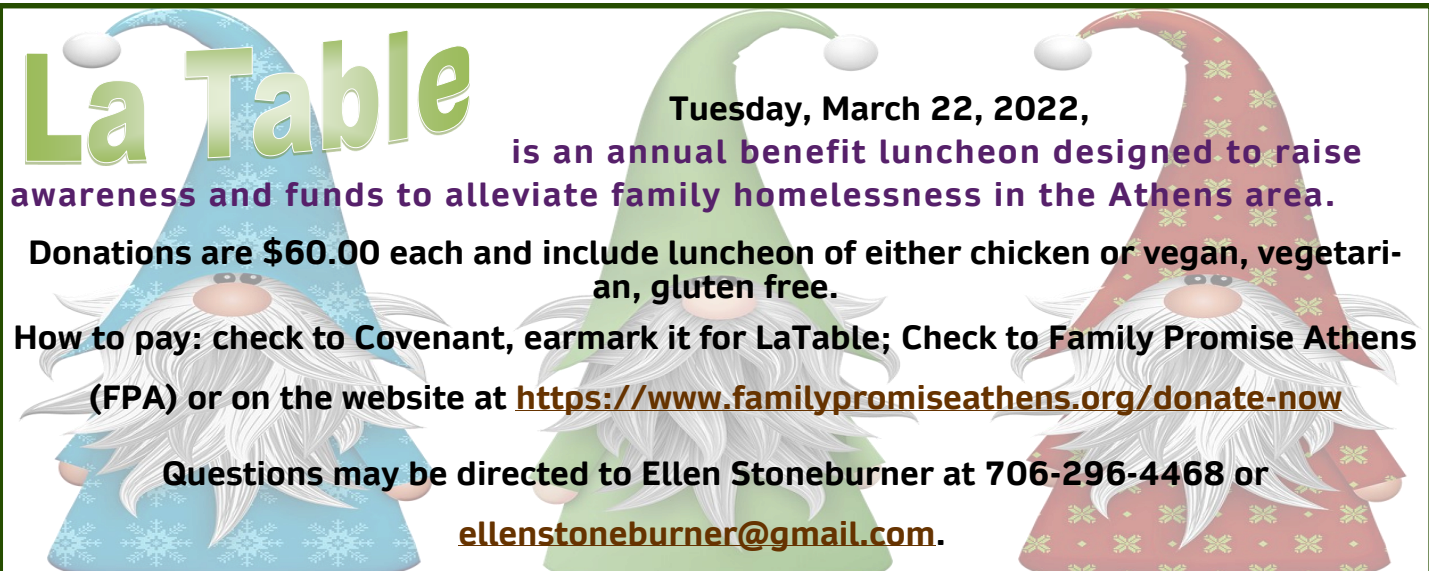
Immediately upon completing the installation, electric fans will be activated to hasten removal of odors from this process, to prepare for worship on March 20.

Questions about these plans may be directed to the B & G Ministry Team.

Kind regards, *Rich*

Library Corner—*A Celtic Pilgrimage with John O'Donohue*

Last week we delved into Celtic Spirituality. If you are intrigued, a great place to start exploring is with John O'Donohue (1956-2008). Although the world lost O'Donohue much too soon, this poet and scholar left behind a rich legacy of spiritual writings. *A Celtic Pilgrimage* is an hour-long film (DVD) that pieces together interviews with O'Donohue and showcases his Irish roots. O'Donohue explains the links he finds between nature and spirituality, and then the film lets you see the wild landscapes that inspired him (Bay C, Shelf 4). – Church Librarian *Valerie Stone* (If you have books by John O'Donohue that you would like to give to our library, you can leave them on the donations shelf.)



La Table

Tuesday, March 22, 2022,
is an annual benefit luncheon designed to raise awareness and funds to alleviate family homelessness in the Athens area.

Donations are \$60.00 each and include luncheon of either chicken or vegan, vegetarian, gluten free.

How to pay: check to Covenant, earmark it for LaTable; Check to Family Promise Athens (FPA) or on the website at <https://www.familypromiseathens.org/donate-now>

Questions may be directed to Ellen Stoneburner at 706-296-4468 or ellenstoneburner@gmail.com.



THE MUSIC SEARCH COMMITTEE

Is actively seeking applicants for music director & piano accompanist. If anyone in the congregation knows someone who is interested, please give their contact information to *Gloria Pylant, Betsy Burmeister, Laura Foskey, Jerry Shannon or Abby Horvath.*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

Charging up vs Filling up




38 tons CO₂



87 tons CO₂

A recent study found a typical gas-powered passenger vehicle would emit more than twice the CO₂ as its electric counterpart over its lifetime, with today's mix of power sources. That differential is expected to soar as manufacturing and power become more environmentally friendly. *Source: The Wall Street Journal*

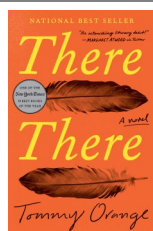


Even after Valentines Day you have a chance to say "I Love You" to your Covenant family by donating flowers for worship. Flowers arrangements can also be given in honor or memory of someone. To sign up just call the church office or sign up on the board next to the mailboxes. There are plenty of Sundays to choose from. Thanks!

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.

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 #37
Anticipated Pledges — \$303,656.15
Actual Pledges — \$295,202.49
Thank you for your faithful giving!
BCVF—\$4,089.00



There, There by Tommy Orange

Join the **Covenant Social Justice Book Club** starting on March 17, 2022 at 7 PM as we discuss Tommy Orange's *There There*. Tommy Orange's "groundbreaking, extraordinary" (The New York Times) *There There* is the "brilliant, propulsive" (People Magazine) story of twelve unforgettable characters, Urban Indians living in Oakland, California, who converge and collide on one fateful day. It's "the year's most galvanizing debut novel" (Entertainment Weekly). *There There* is a wondrous and shattering portrait of an America few of us have ever seen. Tommy Orange has written a stunning novel that grapples with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and profound spirituality, and with a plague of addiction, abuse, and suicide. Join us starting **March 17th @ 7 PM via Zoom** to explore this amazing read. Our first session will cover the first 150 or so (about half) of the book.



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, March 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, March 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 February 1,152 food insecure folks were served by Covenant's food pantry.

That includes 309 children, 215 senior adults and 628 adults.

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