

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, May 8at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
May 08, 2022

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



Congratulations!

...to our 2022 High School Graduates:

Hannah Barnett, Lily Herndon and
Lila McMaster

We will recognize these graduates on
Sunday, May 15 at 10am worship with a
reception following in the fellowship hall.

Save
The
Date

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
MEETING
(second opportunity)

Join us for feedback and discussion
on Sunday, May 15 at 2pm



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

**Presbyterian Women Bible Study
and Salad and Soup Luncheon
Thursday, May 12
at 9:30am**

Join us for a hybrid meeting with
Marcia Verbrugge leading. Please
Read chapter 9 in your book. Bring
your lunch of soup and salad to enjoy
together. And bring a penny (or dol-
lar) for years in your age to give to the
ministries supported by the 2022 PW
Birthday Offering. Find out more at
this link: [Birthday Offering](#).
(Zoom invitation will be sent out on
Wednesday before the meeting)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! HOST WEEK

May 8-15

Covenant is the host congregation for Family Promise during the week of
May 8-15. Again this time, the families are staying at Milledge Avenue Bap-
tist Church. Volunteering is safe and easy at MABC, and with the Day Center
open with FP staff present during weekday business hours we will not need daytime hosts. At present,
there are 3 guest families in the program: a Mom with 1 child; a Dad with 1 child; and a Mom and Dad
with 3 children. The need continues for volunteers for preparation of evening meals, evening hosts, and
overnight hosts. The sign-up genius site is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022> For more information contact Phil Hale (phale50@hotmail.com),
706-614-0812. *Thank you!*

**Family
Promise**
of Athens

Holy Cow!

The C.A.T. survey is coming !

Congregational
Assessment
Tool



WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

We are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an on-line instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping Covenant's leaders as they make decisions about the future of our church.

On Tuesday, May 17, you will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. We are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers. We ask that you take the assessment as soon as possible, but before Tuesday, June 7.

If you need a paper copy, please come to the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

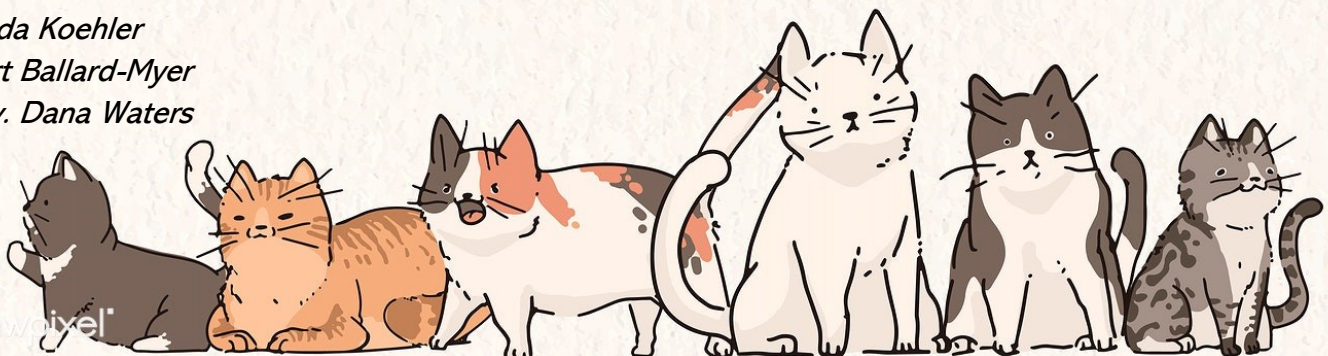
If you have questions, please contact Bert Ballard-Myer or Linda Koehler, who are available to answer questions on behalf of the CAT leadership team. You may also contact Pastor Dana or the church office.

Many thanks,

Linda Koehler

Bert Ballard-Myer

Rev. Dana Waters



PRAYER CONCERNS: Paula Zimdars and family in the passing of her mother, Pauline Marshall; Elsie Bothwell in the passing of her sister; Joe Meyers undergoing Proton Beam therapy in May; DeLynda Tweedell's sister-in-law suffered a miscarriage April 30 at 16 weeks; Abby Horvath's mom, Becky Horvath undergoing chemo and not doing well; a young friend of Abby Horvath, Maddie was diagnosed with Leukemia and is now cancer free and prepping for a bone marrow transplant; Sally Boardman, waiting for report; Bert Ballard-Myer's mom, Agnes started radiation treatment; Nancy Omdahl continuing to receive chemo treatments.

Daily Bible Readings May 9—15

Monday Acts 11: 1-9
 Tuesday Acts 11: 10-18
 Wednesday Psalm 148
 Thursday Leviticus 19: 9-18
 Friday Psalm 24: 1-6
 Saturday Revelation 21: 1-6
 Sunday John 13: 31-35

Daily Bible Readings May 16—22

Monday Acts 16: 9-15
 Tuesday Psalm 67
 Wednesday Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
 Thursday Psalm 109: 21-31
 Friday Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5
 Saturday John 14: 23-39
 Sunday John 5: 1-9

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.

Stewardship Drive

2022-2023

GOOD NEWS!

Almost all of the pledges have been returned and we are so close to meeting our goal. If you have not mail back your pledge card please do so today.

Thank you to all that have turned in their pledge cards!

God's Kingdom-building work starts here at Covenant and stretches out into our community and across the world.

You can also email your pledge to Karen at kwetherington@covpresathens.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CARRIE TWEDELL! She made the UGA Majorette Line for her 2nd year!

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE MARSHALL *(Paula Zimdar's Mother)*



Pauline Ruth (Hoeven) Marshall, age 92, passed away at Highland Hills Memory Care in Watkinsville, GA on May 02, 2022. Born on May 23, 1929 to Charles and Velma Hoeven in Alton, Iowa.

Pauline attended Alton High School where she participated in extracurricular activities as a cheerleader and music, playing the saxophone. She then attended STEPHEN'S College in Columbia, MO where she earned a 2 year degree in education. She was then accepted to DRAKE University in Des Moines, IA and completed her Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education.

While attending Drake she met a young law student, Stanley J Marshall and were married on July 14, 1951. The US Navy recalled Stanley for the Korean War. During that time Paula Frances (1952) was born in LeMars, IA. When he returned they resided in Des Moines, IA and Gerrit Stanley (1955) was born. In 1959 the family moved to Ackley, Iowa where Stan established a law practice and Pauline taught for 33 years in the Ackley-Geneva school district.

Pauline was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ackley, serving as Elder, Sunday school teacher, choir member, the Presbyterian Women, greeter and member of the flower and kitchen committee. At Drake she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, Chapter Gamma Epsilon. In Ackley, she was the Legion Auxiliary Poppy Chair for 25+ years, Etna Township Republican Chairwoman, Eastern Star, and BN Chapter of PEO.

She had a full, active, caring life. Always trying to look for that which was good. "Just take one day at a time and do the best you can." Her faith in God is what kept her moving forward all her life. She will be greatly missed for her smiles, sense of humor and gentle caring spirit. She is survived by her brother Charles (Helen) Hoeven of Louisburg, KS; daughter Paula (Richard) Marshall Zimdars, Athens, GA; son Gerrit (Sharon) Marshall, Madison, WI; grandchildren Katherine (Ben) Kartman, Stoughton, WI; Jonathon (Jennifer Sutton) Marshall, Golden Valley, MN; Andrew Zimdars, Athens, GA and Eric (Soliz Mayer) Zimdars of Seattle, WA; 2 nieces, 1 nephew, and two great-grandchildren.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

April 26, 2022 Session Meeting Highlights

Rev. Dana Waters opened the meeting with a devotional from the Book of Order on "Offering". In continuing our study of *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders*, each Ministry Team chair was asked to meet with their team to discuss three documents concerning the team's purpose, responsibilities and activities and to respond back to Dana by May 31st.

A Ministry Study Task Force is being formed. Two of the 4 elders serving are Bert Ballard-Myer and Linda Koehler. The Session authorized the purchase of a CAT from Holy Cow! That is a Congregational Assessment Tool from Holy Cow Consulting. This will be an online survey assessment of the congregation completed by members of the church and is the first step towards our search for a new pastor.

Travis Williams, our Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator, will be leaving on May 27th to attend seminary, and our long-time custodian, Julius Bostick, recently retired. In light of multiple staff vacancies, the Session voted to request the Personnel Committee make an assessment of our current staffing structure and our future staffing needs.

The Session approved the transfer of membership for Anje Kidd and Nathan Weaver to Piedmont Pres. in Piedmont, S.C., and of Bob Trouteaud to Shallowford Pres. in Atlanta.

Upcoming events include the Missions "Lunch and Learn" on May 1st, the Strawberry Festival on May 7th with strawberry picking on May 6th, a second CE organizational meeting for parents and interested members on May 15th, a reception honoring our high graduates May 15th. Rev. Will Norman will be our guest pastor on May 1st.

Complete copies of the session minutes can be found on the website at <https://www.covpresathens.org/documents/session-minutes/>

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

We look forward to worshipping with you. We continue to strive to protect our loved ones and believe in transparency. Our current COVID policies are based on the CDC's community level rating for Athens Clarke County.

Guidelines for gathering inside Covenant Presbyterian Church:

Green Rating – Mask wearing is optional. Indoor and outdoor food and drinks are permitted. Anyone showing signs and symptoms of COVID is invited to worship with us virtually. Please be considerate of personal preferences to remain contact-free and social distance.

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.



The Toddler room has been freshly painted and cleaned and is now available for parents & children during worship. Supervision will be provided. If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers to assist once a quarter please contact the church office or Ellen at ellenstoneburner@gmail.com. *Thanks!*

April 1-
May 31

A \$25 donation sends love, flowers, and a card to a worthy mother in our community!



THE ARK
UNITED MINISTRY OUTREACH CENTER

Adopt -a- Mom 2022

The Ark honors single warrior moms, grandmothers raising their grandbabies, and isolated mothers in our local nursing homes and hospice care programs!

Go to
www.athensark.org/adoptamom2022
to adopt today!

All proceeds benefit The Ark's Single Working Mothers Fund, which assists single moms who experience an unexpected loss of income or an unexpected expense. Help us prevent disconnections and evictions!



THE GRASS IS DEFINITELY GREENER...

ON OUR SIDE OF THE FENCE, AND GROWING EVERY WEEK!

In the past we've used church members at varied stages of youth to mow and maintain the church grounds. As Hank Tweedell moves on from many hard years in this role, we are looking for his replacement. One alternative is to endure the expense of an outside lawn service, but Building and Grounds wants to make sure we've plumbed all of our options within the church first. Are you, or do you know of, an adult or responsible teenager that would be interested in this work?

We've determined through experimentation that the entire lawn can be mowed with a push mower in about five hours. A riding mower would clearly be preferred. The church doesn't own one but might purchase one if the right individual committed to the work. Anyone? Anyone?

Potential candidates, questions, or opinions - Contact Brian Striggow on Buildings and Grounds – (706) 340-6352 or misterflask@gmail.com



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 <https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving/>

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 #44

Anticipated Pledges – \$361,104.62

Actual Pledges – \$361,253.22

Thank you for your faithful giving!

One Great Hour of Sharing \$ 3,500.00



Church School Classes via ZOOM!

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.

CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

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



Knitter and Knotters –

Thursday, May 12 at 2pm

Join us for a good time of fellowship
and fun!

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 *Katy Terry, Gloria Pylant, Betsy Burmeister, Laura Foskey, Jerry Shannon or Abby Horvath.*



LIBRARY CORNER – ***Succulent Wild Woman***

In honor of Mother's Day, here's a book to nurture the feminine. *Succulent Wild Woman* by Sark explores what women need to thrive and offers exercises to help develop those traits. There are sections on getting past blocks and fears, healing, creative expression, building a supportive community, and more. This book, which can function as a workbook, is located in Bay F, shelf 2. –Church Librarian Valerie Stone. (If you would like to write a few sentences highlighting a book or DVD in our library, please contact me.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER

The Nominating Committee is charged to nominate four persons for the office of elder to serve on the Session for a three year term. Please make known to the committee persons you want to be considered. You are encouraged **to seek permission** from those persons whom you suggest to the committee. In this way everyone is more deeply involved in the election process.

According to the *Book of Order*, "Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world." Persons recommended for this Office will serve on the Session which meets the 4th Tuesday of every month. The Session may meet briefly the 1st Sunday morning of every month to plan for Holy Communion and to receive members into the church. Session members also provide leadership (in pairs) for the ministry teams of the church.

Please list below the names you wish the Nominating Committee to consider for the office of Elder of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please give prayerful thought as you consider persons for this important office. Remember; seek their consent before entering the names below.

Elders Presently Serving on Session

Classes: 2022-Brian Striggow, Chris Wilson, Don Bower, Kay Brooks

2023- Linda Koehler, Clayton Adams, Kathy Boardman, Jennifer Frey

2024- Katy McGill Arora, Abby Horvath, Bert Ballard-Myer, Valerie Stone

I suggest the following person(s) to the Nominating Committee to be considered for elder** to serve on the Session, Class of 2025::

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

** I have permission to submit the above name(s) for consideration for elder.

Please submit your recommendations to Kay Brooks at kbrooks1471@charter.net , Donny Whitehead at donnywhitehead@gmail.com, Marie Ballard-Myer at little62@yahoo.com or place in the drop box on the table in the gathering room by May 15th. *Thank you!*



Covenant Strawberry Festival!

Date: Saturday, the 7th of May 2022, rain or shine

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (or until dusk)

Who: Everyone! All ages are welcome including visitors.

Bringing Your Own Meal: You'll provide your own supper—homemade picnic fare or quick takeout, whatever works for you!

Bringing a Dessert to Share: Please bring a dessert to share potluck style. The dessert table opens at 6:00 PM. If your dessert is homemade and features strawberries (as an ingredient or decoration), you'll automatically be in the running for one of our three Strawberry Festival prize categories—Yummiest Dessert, Prettiest Dessert, and Most Springlike Dessert. Secret judges will be prowling the dessert table to choose the winners.

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, May 12 & 19

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 over a 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> or [SIGNUP GENIUS](#)

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.

The Food Pantry distribution for the month of March served 1,055 food insecure folks including 298 children and 198 senior adults.

Thank you Covenant and May We All Have Enough!
