

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, May 22 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
 May 22, 2022

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

Holy Cow!

The C.A.T. survey is coming!

Congregational
 Assessment
 Tool



THE TRAIN HAS LEFT THE STATION!

You have been hearing and reading about the Congregation Assessment Tool, and by now you should have received the link to the CAT. If you haven't already taken it, please set aside 30 minutes to complete the assessment. The information gained from this tool will be critical to your leaders as they plan for our future. PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY THIS WEEK if you haven't already shared your experiences

and perspectives by participating in this important process.

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

If you have questions, please contact Bert Ballard-Myer (mysammie1@yahoo.com) or Linda Koehler (lkoehler150@att.net), 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, and Rev. Dana Waters*

Adopt Your Church (building)

The Building and Grounds Committee has a backlog of projects that you can help with. Here's a couple of easy ones-

1. Seal the hole in the kitchen wall for the outdoor sink pipe with modeling clay. This job is so simple a child could do it. In fact a child should do it, one with their own modeling clay.
2. Take the used 8ft fluorescent lamps in the nursery to CHARM or Lowes for recycling.
3. Take on the watering and weeding of the raised flower bed for the remainder of the growing season. Didn't see anything in your wheelhouse? Well, we have literally 10 pages of small and large projects you can engage with. We'll be posting the big list for you to peruse, but we'll be picking a few each week for this space. To take one of these on contact Brian Striggow of B&G (706 340 6352 or misterflask@gmail.com). *THANKS!*

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 beginning May 24; Abby Horvath's mom, Becky Horvath undergoing chemo; a young friend of Abby Horvath, Maddie has received a bone marrow transplant; Sally Boardman, waiting for report; Bert Ballard-Myer's mom, Agnes completed radiation treatment; Nancy Omdahl continuing to receive chemo treatments.

Daily Bible Readings for May 23—29

Monday	Acts 16: 16-34
Tuesday	Psalms 97
Wednesday	II Kings 2: 1-15
Thursday	Psalms 2
Friday	Revelation 22: 12-14, 16—17
Saturday	Revelation 22: 20-21
Sunday	John 17: 20-26



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.

Choir to meet to warm up at 9:30am on Sunday am.

Choir will practice after Worship at 11:10 in the Choir Room.

**Stewardship Drive
2022-2023**

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

If you intend to make a pledge for this next church year beginning July 1st and have not done so, please e-mail your intentions this week-end to Karen at kwetherington@covpresathens.org

Thank you."

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

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!



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 #46

Anticipated Pledges — \$377,518.46

Actual Pledges — 370,210.15

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 26 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: *The Tao of Watercolor*

Have you ever thought of art as a spiritual practice? This book teaches basic watercolor painting techniques yet also pairs them with spiritual concepts such as centering and mindfulness. Even if you're not ready to take on a new hobby, this is a fun book to bring home for a little while and enjoy the beautiful pages flooded with color. (Bay D, Shelf 3) – Church Librarian Valerie Stone. (If you would like to write a few sentences highlighting a book or DVD in our library, please contact me.)

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 26

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!
