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Sunday, May 29 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
 May 29, 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



OUR DESTINATION IS IN SIGHT

So many of you have shared your thoughts and feelings by completing the Congregation Assessment Tool. You have our gratitude. Rest assured that your responses are 100% confidential. If by chance you have not completed the assessment yet, you have just one more week to make your voice heard. **HOW ABOUT TODAY!**

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, & Rev. Dana Waters

Adopt Your Church (building)

A few more things with which you might help out Buildings and Grounds: Ever notice that round concrete cover in the garden next to the main hallway? Inside it is a broken sump pump that is supposed to be keeping the CE wing basement dry. Take this on and you can experience the Indiana-Jones-like journey to this often seen but rarely visited area.

Here's another good child assisted task: Drive the nails that have worked out of the older playset boards back down flush. Or if you're an overachiever type, replace the nails with screws. And maybe spend a minute steel-wooling the graffiti off the slide (the graffiti is child-safe).

Or if you're more of an idea person, how about some thoughts on what to do with that half-grass/half-gravel slope behind the kitchen? Encouragingly, B&G chair Brian Striggow (misterflask@gmail.com, 706-340-6352)

Recognizing Travis Williams,

Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator

Travis has been instrumental in helping numerous neighbors with financial and food assistance. And working with the UGarden to provide fresh produce to our food insecure neighbors. Weekly Covenant's Food Pantry had fed over 100 families. We are so grateful for Travis and this ministry. He will be recognized during worship on Sunday. He will be attending seminary at Duke Divinity School in the fall and this summer serving as an intern in Murfreesboro. We wish Travis many blessing for his upcoming endeavors.

PRAYER CONCERNS: DeLynda Tweedell's father will have surgery in Macon on May 31; all the families, teachers and children in the Texas elementary school tragedy; We ask for prayers for our partnership church in Olomouc, Czech Republic as they work with the other ECCB churches to help the Ukrainian Refugees during this time of war and resettlement. We also ask for prayers of comfort and signs of hope for our many friends in Olomouc as they have lived through invasions by Russia in the past, and they deeply feel the pain being experienced by the Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian ECCB churches; Joe Meyers undergoing Proton Beam therapy beginning May 24– June 28; Abby Horvath's mom, Becky Horvath undergoing chemo; 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 31—June 5

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| Monday | Acts 2: 1-21 |
| Tuesday | Genesis 11: 1-9 |
| Wednesday | Psalms 104: 24-35b |
| Thursday | Romans 8:14-17 |
| Friday | Acts 2: 1-21 |
| Saturday | John 14: 8-17 |
| Sunday | John 14: 25-27 |



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.

The church office will be **closed** on Tuesday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

It is time to sign up to bring
Punch & Cookies
 for after 10:00am worship service beginning June 12. You will find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Coordinators should plan to set-up, bring punch and cookies for 40 – 50, serve, and clean-up. Please feel free to pair up with others or reach out to Valerie Stone or Kay Brooks for assistance.
(Please no red punch)

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 *Covenant*, 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!*



CARING HANDS/CARING HEARTS— (Presbyterian Homes of Georgia)

Caring Hands
Offering

As a nonprofit organization, everything we do and every decision we make is based on improving the lives of those we serve. All our income is reinvested in our communities rather than taken as profit. And thanks to generous donations, our financial outlook is strong, allowing us to offer peace of mind to our residents and their families.

More than seventy years of excellence is embodied in the caring culture of Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Excellent staff training and a staff retention rate of 86% tells the story of the loving family inter-connectedness of our campuses. At the heart of our care is the assurance that since our founding in 1949, no resident has been asked to leave because he or she has outlived his or her financial means. The Caring Hands Fund makes that commitment possible. To donate you can earmark your check for Caring Hands made out to Covenant or go to : <https://www.phgainc.org/donate/caring-hands-offering/>. *Thank you for your generous giving.*

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 #47

Anticipated Pledges — \$386,248.55

Actual Pledges — \$385,725.38

Thank you for your faithful giving!



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, **Braiding Sweetgrass** by Robin Wall Kimmerer. If you would like to participate, please contact Phil at phale50@hotmail.com



Knitter and Knotters —

Thursday, June 2 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: *Journeys of Simplicity*

Memorial Day often begins the summer travel season. *Journeys of Simplicity* compiled by Philip Harnden contains poems, quotations, and brief essays from those who saw value in traveling light. Here you'll find the words of both adventure travelers and spiritual seekers complete with biographical sketches. Harnden begins the volume with the story of a Quaker named Justine who was forced out of her home when the German army invaded France in 1914. "But first she planted her garden, saying, 'I would rather they found something to eat at my house than that they should have to steal from others.' See her kneeling, covering the last seed. Patting down the moist soil. The warm spring sun. The full scent of the earth rising to her. The odd and distant thunder. Then standing, turning, walking away." (Bay I, Shelf 3) - Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*

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, June 2

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!