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Sunday, June 26 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER June 26, 2022

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

To the Members and Friends of Covenant,

To begin, the Finance Committee extends its deep gratitude and thanksgiving for the generosity of our church family. Each offering given has made it possible for us to fulfill our mission in our community and the world. We thank you in sincerity for your gifts and offerings.

With that being said, it is critical to provide you with an update of our church's financial status. When we began this year's financial stewardship campaign for Covenant Presbyterian Church, our original goal was \$471,605. To date, we have received \$379,460 in pledges, which is 80% percent of the total goal.

In an effort to reconcile the difference between the original goal and total pledges, the budget was revised to \$425,892. Given the remaining difference, church leaders are exploring further ways to address the difference between the pledges received and the budget.

One way that we are working to revise the budget to address the remaining difference, is through the Covenant/Central Endowment. This endowment was created from the former Central Presbyterian Church congregation after joining with Covenant. Since Central is now part of Covenant, the fund, established with the Presbyterian Foundation, is perpetual in nature and named the Central Covenant Endowment Fund. It is administered by a seven-member committee with four Central members and three Covenant. The policy is to draw from the fund each year an amount equal to 4% of the average monthly value of the fund. This will allow for the fund to produce sufficient income while also being able to increase in value over time. The current policy is that 2/3 of the amount drawn will be given in the form of grants to the community and 1/3 retained by the church to be spent for special projects selected by the session. This year, this equals out to \$12,022.

The budget process is in a holding pattern while the Finance Committee waits for the results of the Personnel study of future staff needs, which should be completed in July. Finance has asked Session to operate under a continuing resolution keeping the 2021-2022 budget going into 2022-2023 until we can use the Session recommendations based on the Personnel report to put together a final budget for 2022-2023.

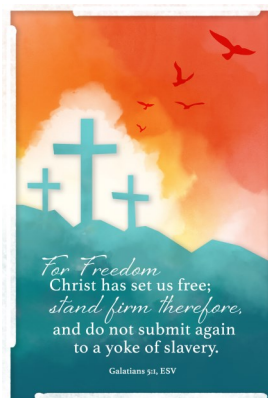
At this time, we are asking, with ultimate humility, if you are able, to think about pledging more to Covenant so that we can continue to serve our church family, our community of Athens-Clarke, and beyond. In Christ's Love,

Covenant Presbyterian Church Finance Committee—*Clayton Adams, Jim Newland, Gijs Schimmel, Paige Mercer Cummings, Elsie Bothwell, Dennis Calbos, Pam Knox, Steve Rathbun, & Charles Hunnicutt*

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Dana, Kira & his mom with covid; Carolyn Hatfield's father is in hospice care; Steve Bowden had successful oblation on Monday; St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham following the shooting last weekend; Bert and Marie's friend Trish had a port put in on June 14 for chemo treatments; 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; Joe Meyers final proton beam treatment is June 28; Abby Horvath's mom, Becky Horvath undergoing chemo; Nancy Omdahl continuing to receive chemo treatments.

Daily Bible Readings for June 27—July 3

Monday II Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
 Tuesday Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
 Wednesday I Kings 19: 15- 16
 Thursday I Kings 19: 19—21
 Friday Psalm 16
 Saturday Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
 Sunday Luke 9: 51-62



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.



Sign-Up To Help Welcome Our Friend From The Czech Republic

We are happy to announce that Jan Dostal is coming to visit us from the Czech Republic beginning August 6 and departing August 12. He is excited to meet as many of you as possible. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. You can choose to volunteer to visit with Honza by offering him a meal (Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner), a trip to a point of interest, opportunity to volunteer with you at an outreach program, or a recreational activity. If you are available, but not going by the church to sign up, please email Valerie Stone or Rebecca Silver to volunteer to participate. We are preparing his Athens itinerary for customs. We are grateful for your assistance.

Contact information:

Valerie Frey Stone valeriefreystone@gmail.com

Rebecca Silver ohiosilver@windstream.net

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!*

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL REQUEST — *Betty McGinnis, Czech Mission Network*

For the last four years, the PCUSA and Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren have had a wonderful experience through Shared Advent Devotions. We invite you to contribute to this year's devotions. You may use pictures, photos, drawings, etc. Our partners in the ECCB will organize and translate. The devotional guide is explained in the attached letter https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_4gpN_dbKhNcolTkUfMjqu9i1AMLC3ozfqg57BMePd4/edit

The list of texts for respective dates are listed: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1P_M2q3Nfv27ocThGC37EZBYHvDEtcMOeSEnranXPscQ/edit#gid=0 Please would you help us to complete the calendar by August so our partners can translate and organize to get it back out to us. Thank you for your consideration! If you have trouble with the links please contact Rebecca Silver at ohosilver@windstream.net



Some Building and Grounds projects you can help with:

We took the old fluorescent lamps from the nursery for recycling, but we just discovered a whole crate downstairs. These are 8-footers so you'll need a pickup or at least a sunroof.

On the Aldi's side of the church we straightened and welded a bent railing. It's ready for some paint to make it more VISIBLE.

While we're on that side of the church, the posts for the wood railing need to be sawn off and finials added.

Encouragingly B&G chair Brian Striggow (misterflask@gmail.com, 706-340-6352)

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 #51

Anticipated Pledges — \$418,553.07

Actual Pledges — \$421,595.48

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 30 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 Dalai Lama's Little Book of Inner Peace

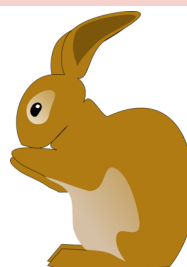
This little book—small enough to fit in your pocket—explains the Dalai Lama's essential teachings and offers a sketch of his life in his own words. It offers 20th century history yet also a glimpse into the daily life of this spiritual leader. If you'd like to understand Buddhism better, this is a great place to start. (Bay F, Shelf 5) – Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*

What's In A Name? Find the first name that fits:

Example: _____ sled. Answer: bob

1. 1. _____ rack
2. 2. _____ finn
3. 3. _____ chart

by Marilyn Brown



Answers to "What's In A Name":
 1. rick
 2. mickey
 3. flo

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 30

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](#)

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 months of July and August we will lose our UGA Student Volunteers.

So we are calling on YOU to help bagging groceries!

Please visit the [SIGNUP GENIUS](#) today and pick a spot! Thanks!



We are coming to the end of the fiscal year.

Now is the time to catch up on those pledges and/or turn in any receipts that you have for Covenant. Thank you!

It's a
Girl!

Christine and Jay Sills are proud to announce the birth of their first child on June 1 -
Amelia Grace. She will be called Millie.

Proud grandparents are Linda Rogers and Steve Follin.



1 Sally Barnes

5 Larry Hatfield

7 Bill Rigsby

Ethan Whitney

8 Judy Capie

Frederick Ritzler

13 Dana Waters

13 Robyn Malone

Larson Rea

14 Ellie McMinn

Garrett Devaney

17 Micha Shannon

18 Ron Van Sickle

19 Carrie Tweedell

20 Marilyn Martin

June Meyers

Pat Tinga

Brad Sperr

21 Kurt Wolfe

23 Lay Huberty

24 Greg Huberty

Susan Nemetz

Rebecca Rea

Emma Goodrick

25 Tom Cooney

27 John Wilkins

28 Barbara Engram

Dick Page

29 Betsy Burmeister

Happy
Birthday



1 Ben Carpenter

2 Ada Brock Rea

3 Luanne Rigsby

4 Dan Stoneburner

Dell Whitehead

7 Chris Devaney

Dorothy Newland

8 Pam Butts

9 France Boney

Nat Whitney

11 Wyatt Pless

13 Alexander Simpson

14 Paula Zimdars

16 Emma Rentz

18 Paul Brooks

19 Missy Green

19 Gijs Schimmel

20 Robert Baird

Helen Epps

Patti Huberty

21 Stephanie Cahill

27 Brian Herndon

Katy Terry

28 Leona Hale Rea

30 Bruce Butts

Don Sumner