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Sunday, July 3 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
July 03, 2022

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



Covenant's Food Pantry

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.

***Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry Thursdays,
1pm—3pm.***

Next food distribution is on Thursday, July 7

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. Please consider volunteering at [SIGNUP GENIUS](#). You can also share the 3-hour time slot with 2 friends! (*the UGA Student Volunteers are gone for the summer*)

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN 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 paper grocery bags and some plastic bags to pack the food. If you call the church, someone could even come out to your car and get it.

The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 5 in recognition of the July 4th Holiday!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jim Verbrugge recovering at home following an oblation on Tuesday; Carolyn Hatfield's father is in hospice care; Steve Bowden had successful oblation on 6/20; St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham following the shooting; 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; Abby Horvath's mom, Becky Horvath undergoing chemo; Nancy Omdahl continuing to receive chemo treatments.

Daily Bible Readings for July 4—10

Monday	2 Kings 5: 1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 30
Wednesday	Isaiah 66: 10-14
Thursday	Psalm 66: 1-9
Friday	Galatians 6: 1-6
Saturday	Galatians 6: 7-16
Sunday	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20



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. 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

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 *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!*

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 ohoisilver@windstream.net



Some Building and Grounds projects you can help with:

Our Journey room renovation has turned into a slog. But ANYONE can paint! Join 'Team Ellen' (Ellen Stoneburner et al.) in pushing this important project along.

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.

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 #52

Anticipated Pledges — \$426,760.00

Actual Pledges — \$440,589.28

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, July 7 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: Questions God Asks Us

Trevor Howard sees the Bible as a book of questions from God to us. God wants to enter into a conversational relationship with each one of us. God asks questions and our answers draw us into a relationship of deeper sharing and intimacy with God. You will find this book in Bay H shelf 5.

What's In A Name? Find the first name that fits: Example: _____ sled.
Answer: bob

1. _____ mell
2. _____ budd
3. _____ downs

By Marilyn Brown



Answers to *What's in a Name*
1. cara 2. Rose
3. pat