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

THE COVENANTER July 10, 2022

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

HOLY COW SURVEY RESULTS ARE HERE!

You should have received an email on July 7 with the Holy Cow congregational survey results, an executive summary, and a list of qualities found in vital congregations. You can find these on Covenant's website by going to the "Documents" tab and clicking on "Holy Cow Survey Results." Paper copies are also available in the church office.

Be on the lookout for an upcoming event to discuss survey results with church leaders. Thank you for participating in the survey. Your input will help our congregation discern the next steps during this time of transition!



Some Building and Grounds projects you can help with:

Just one little thing!

Grab some steel wool and maybe some 'Goof-Off' solvent and clean the graffiti off the old playground slide. Graffiti just invites more graffiti.

Progress! 'Team Ellen' is well staffed and the Journey room reno is marching along. Don Bower took care of the old lamps and the railing projects on the back of the building.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open:

Tuesdays 10 am - 12 pm;

Wednesdays 10 am - 4 pm by phone/email

Thursdays 10 am - 4 pm;

Fridays 10 am - 4 pm



In Clarke County, Georgia, community level
is Low.

PRAYER CONCERNS: DeLynda Tweedell's former co-worker's husband, Louis Wild, that has been diagnosed with colon cancer; Jim Verbrugge recovering at home following an ablation on Tuesday; Carolyn Hatfield's father is in hospice care; 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 11—17

Monday Amos 7: 7-17
 Tuesday Psalm 82
 Wednesday Deuteronomy 30: 9-14
 Thursday Psalm 25: 1-10
 Friday Colossians 1: 1-14
 Saturday Luke 10: 25-37
 Sunday Galatians 5: 14



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



Congratulations to Katy McGill-Arora and her husband on the birth of a happy and healthy baby boy, Naveen Charles Arora, born on July 3.



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 14

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) And all those who have been volunteering from the start...THANK YOU VERY MUCH!*

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. *(did you know that about \$500 will purchase 2,883 lbs of food from the Food Bank of NEGA which feeds approximately 111 families each week)*
- 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.

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)



A Big Thank-You! The Worship Ministry Team would like to thank Karen Foutz and Linda Koehler for coordinating the reupholstering of our pew cushions in the Worship Center. They look great!! The fabric is beautiful and the cushions were covered so meticulously! This is a job well done! Thank you Linda & Karen. We appreciate all your time and effort on this project. :)



Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes to provide a floral arrangement for worship. Thank you!

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.



Nursery

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!*

June 28, 2022 Session Meeting Highlights

Kay Brooks opened the meeting by reading the poem "A Prayer for the Hard Times" from *Presbyterian Today* and with prayer.

Clayton Adams, Finance Ministry Team, reported that the budget is on hold, pending information from the Personnel Committee on staffing and priorities. The Session voted to continue operating at 2021-2022 budget levels until the new budget is approved.

There will be a special offering on Sunday, August 7th, to support our sister church in Olomouc in their Ukrainian refugee work.

Session approved increasing the stipend available from the Bowden Vocation Fund to \$2500 per student per year. That fund will be administered by Congregational Care Ministry Team. That fund is now able to support two seminary students for 3 years.

Session approved the transfer of membership of Caren Snook to Friendship Presbyterian Church.

Jennifer Frey, Chris Wilson, Linda Koehler and Clayton Adams will represent Covenant at the Presbytery meeting on August 20, 2022, at Athens first Presbyterian Church.

The Session discussed how to best share the results of the CAT from Holy Cow Consulting with the congregation. Session approved contracting with Susan Czolgosz of Holy Cow to provide a 5-6 page summary of the results of the survey. There will be a pot luck dinner to further discuss the survey and to answer any questions.

There will be several Fellowship opportunities in June and July, including game nights and punch and cookies after Worship.

The food distribution provided food for 1728 individuals, 374 under the age of 18 and 270 over the age of 65, in the month of May. New hours are 1:00-3:00 on Thursdays. We need to increase our number of volunteers from 3 to 10 for the summer months with the absence of help from UGA students.

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 #1

Anticipated Pledges — \$8,206.92

Actual Pledges — \$6,261.93

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 14 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.*

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

1. _____ Cloth
2. _____ Sota
3. _____ Creeper

By Marilyn Brown



- Answers to *What's in A Name:*
1. Terry Virginia
 2. Sara
 - 3.

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