

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, September 4 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER September 04, 2022

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

COVID 19 Community
Level:

Orange Rating -

You are encouraged to follow your own comfort levels with masking.

COVENANT CONNECTION (CovConn)

begins **Wednesday, Sept 7**
at **5:15pm—7:15pm**




We will have a pizza party and go over what will be happening at CovConn! And class with Mrs. Betsy that will include instrument playing, songs & anthems, rhythm reading, echo clapping and musical games, for Kindergarten thru 5th grade.

Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Dana.

NEW FALL SCHEDULE for Sunday

- 9:30am – 12 noon – NURSERY
ages birth to Kindergarten
- 9:30am – Worship & Arts (K-5th),
Journey Adult Church School Class,
Upper Room Adult Church School Class
- 10:30am Fellowship
- 11:00am Worship



Presbyterian Women will meet on **September 8th at 9:30am.** Since part of the PW Purpose is to "nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study", this Horizons Bible Study guides us in that process. We enjoy fellowship in addition to our prayer and Bible study. So, please join us! We welcome all the women of the church! For more information contact Jennifer Frey or Betsy Burmeister. Study books are available in the copy room for \$11



The church office will be **CLOSED** Tuesday, September 6th for Labor Day!



Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon (Covenant's Retirees)

Tuesday, September 13 @ 12:30pm

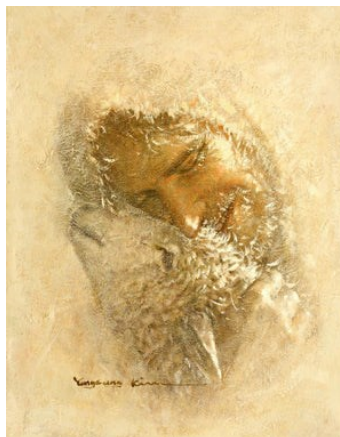
Join us for a **covered dish** luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Program guest will be Pastor Dana Waters.

New Office Hours effective 9/07
Tuesday–Friday
10am–4pm

PRAYER CONCERNS: DeLynda's father, still having health issues, and her stepmother as his caregiver; Bert and Marie Ballard-Myer's friend Trish has improved and is resuming chemotherapy 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; Nancy Omdahl at home.

Daily Bible Readings for September 5—11

Monday	Jeremiah 4: 11-12
Tuesday	Jeremiah 4: 22-28
Wednesday	Psalm 14
Thursday	Exodus 32: 7-14
Friday	Psalm 51: 1-10
Saturday	I Timothy 1: 12-17
Sunday	Luke 15: 1-10



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.



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

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is in desperate need of brown paper bags. You can bring them to the church and place on the table in the gathering room where the egg cartons go. And they still need egg cartons.



Thank you!



Please click on this link for more information: [80+ Capital Campaign](#)



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS....

- ♦ Fall Picnic — September 18- Come enjoy barbecue and good company on Covenant's grounds from 5:30pm to 8pm!
- ♦ Game Night — September 23. What new game will you learn or what old one can you teach?
- ♦ World Communion Reception — October 2. Enjoy a reception after worship on Sunday that features different types of bread and grapes. We're celebrating unity with churches of many denominations across the globe.
- ♦ Game Night — October 21. Got a favorite game you'd like to show every- one? Let us know!
- ♦ Game Night— November 18. The holiday season is coming. Come try out some games that you can later share with family.



- ♦ Holiday Decorating Party — November 27. After church on Sunday, let's decorate the outside of the church and the Fellowship Hall. Covid-19 precautions allowing, we hope to offer a light lunch.
- ♦ Christmas Progressive Dinner— December 3. Covid-19 numbers permitting, we hope to bring back Covenant's beloved tradition where people sign up to share parts of a meal in different homes. (December 10 is the backup date if UGA plays in the SEC Championships on December 3.)

COVID-19 UPDATE as of 8/28/22

- masks are optional
- indoor food and drinks are allowed
- everyone is encouraged to participate according to their personal level of comfort

With the recent change in guidance and relaxed restrictions from the CDC, the Session has approved a change to Covenant's COVID policies. Masks are now optional and indoor food and drink restrictions have been lifted. Everyone is encouraged to follow their own comfort levels with masking and dining. Accommodations such as distanced seating and outdoor options for events will be available. Virtual worship will also continue to be provided.

New Fellowship Hall Chairs Have Arrived!

Thanks to the persistent efforts by Chris, Katy, Carolyn, Arnelle, Ellen, Dennis, Rich, Phil, Don, and the Verbrugge's donation for the 80 new, lightweight folding chairs at Covenant, not to mention with diligent bumping forward skills by Arnelle and Warren in this achievement.

About 30 of the old chairs were deemed retainable and are now divided between the Journey classroom and the library. This means that more than 90 of the old, worn fabric chairs were deposited with the county's metal recycling program.



ABOUT BELLS OF PEACE 2022

Toll "Bells of Peace" on 11/11 at 11am local time, and honor all those who served and sacrificed in WWI.

Bells of Peace is a U.S. national "bell tolling" remembrance created in collaboration with the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (SHGTUS) to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the World War I Armistice, November 11, 1918. The Doughboy Foundation has since promoted it as an annual remembrance of those who served in WWI and of the moment when the guns fell silent, and bells tolled on the West-ern Front... on the 11th day of the 11th month, at the 11th hour in 1918, after four years of brutal combat.

For more information and when to watch this event go to this link [BELLS OF PEACE](#)

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 #9
Anticipated Pledges — \$66,710.77
Actual Pledges — \$67,626.64
Non-Pledged — \$3,466.00
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Olomouc/Ukraine Refugee \$4,915.10



Church School Classes IN PERSON & via ZOOM!

UPPER ROOM CLASS- Sunday mornings at **9:30am**, 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, **9:30am**, 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, September 8 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 Book of Joy*

This book explores the idea of joy through the teachings of the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. What is the nature of true joy? What are the obstacles to joy? The book outlines eight pillars of joy—perspective, humility, humor, acceptance, forgiveness, gratitude, compassion, and generosity. Couldn't you use a little more joy in your life? (Bay I, 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 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, September 1

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 2-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.

For the month of July 1,325 food insecure persons were served.

That includes 451 Children, 216 senior adults, and 658 Adults.

Thank you Covenant and May we All have Enough!



COFFEE CLOSET

If you like coffee, tea, or chocolate consider buying organic, Fair Trade products from our Coffee Cabinet in the Gathering Room. Fair Trade products return more of your purchase price to the farmers, and also insures that the workers are paid and treated fairly. The coffee we sell is excellent, and cheaper than fair trade coffee offered in stores. If you want more information about Equal Exchange and their products (including many more than we can stock) check out their web site. I would be happy to include your special requests, and save shipping costs for all! <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/>
Have a question or request contact Sandy Whitney at sandrawhitney08@gmail.com.