

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for  
**Sunday, September 18 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
 Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER September 18, 2022

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

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

for September 21



**COVENANT CONNECTION—CovConn**  
 (grades k—5th)

- 5:15pm Children's Choir with Ms. Betsy
- 6:00pm Family Dinner (prepared by Patrick)
- 6:30pm Servant Time

#### Covenant Connection for Youth & Young Adults

- 5:15pm Gathering Time
- 6:00pm Family Dinner
- 6:30pm Faith & Film with Popcorn

#### ADULTS

- 6:00pm Covenant Handbell practice
- 6:30pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dana
- 7:15pm Adult Choir practice

### COVENANT'S FALL PICNIC

Sunday, September 18

5pm - 8pm



Come and catch up with friends while enjoying Phil Hale's famous BBQ and coleslaw. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Outdoor games will be available too! If it rains, we will picnic inside.

*P.S. A couple more side dishes are needed. Please contact Kay Brooks if you would like to bring one.*



Friday, September 23 is Game Night! Drop in between 7pm

and 9pm to play a group game or there are smaller tables where you can play separate games. (We have games to choose from or you can bring your own.) This month we'll be trying out Bunco, a popular dice game for 2 to 12 players. In the rule book under "ages of players" it says "Any fun-loving, dice-tossing person can play." Easy peasy! Come try Bunco or just hang out.

### 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](mailto:sandrawhitney08@gmail.com).

#### Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday  
 10am—4pm



**COVID 19 Community Level:**  
**YELLOW Rating –**

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

**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**

Sunday, September 18

Liturgist: Luanne Rigsby

Ushers/Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish, Robyn Malone

Sunday, September 25

Liturgist: Warren Combs

Ushers/Greeters: Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Alan Edwards, Judy Capie

**OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING**

*Patti Huberty 1st Sunday Judy Capie 2nd Sunday*

*Pam Knox 3rd Sunday Tim Foutz 4th Sunday*

*Dick Zimdars 5th Sunday*

**GROUNDS STEWARDS**

*First Monday Week—Katy Terry & Chris Wilson*

*Second Monday Week—Don Bower & Alex Clark*

*Third Monday Week—Phil Hale & Phil Koehler*

*Fourth Monday Week—Susan & Randy Parish*

*Fifth Monday Week—Ellen & Dan Stoneburner*



**Nursery  
Ministry**

**Sept. 18, 2022**

Patrick and Alice  
McMaster

**Sept. 25, 2022**

Brian, Valerie, and Eli Stone



**"Take Them A Meal" sign up  
for Bob Reinert.** His daughter  
indicated that a meal or two a  
week for Bob would be greatly

appreciated. He especially would welcome some  
company. His neighbors have volunteered to take  
care of the meals for the next few weeks, so I started  
the schedule for October 1st. Click on this link  
[TAKE THEM A MEAL](#), to sign up. The password is  
Reinert. If you have any problems or questions  
about the sign up, please let me know. My phone  
number is 706 224-3828.

*Thanks, Luanne Rigsby*

***From the September NEGA Presbytery  
Newsletter:***

**Ordination Anniversaries—**

We give thanks for the following NEGA  
clergy who are celebrating ordination an-  
niversaries this month. The Clergy Care  
Committee invites you to keep these indi-  
viduals, their families, and their ministry in  
your prayers.

Jeff Cain	Martha Courie
Joo Hoon Kim	Boyd Lien
Melvin Lowry	Shon Peppers
Joyce Rife	Blaine Walker

**Dana Waters 9/25/2016**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Dana's mom in Augusta hospital awaiting surgery on brain tumor; Bob Reinert and family in the passing of Shirley Reinert, Saturday, 9/10 (arrangements to follow); Tom Mote and family in the passing of Nancy Omdahl Wednesday, 9/7, the Memorial service will be on Saturday, 10/1 at 11:00am; 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.

**Daily Bible Readings for September 19-25**

Monday	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15
Tuesday	Psalms 91: 1-6, 14-16
Wednesday	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7
Thursday	Psalms 146
Friday	I Timothy 6: 6-19
Saturday	Psalms 133
Sunday	Romans 11:1-5, 29-32

*How good and pleasant it is when  
**God's people**  
 dwell together in unity!  
 Psalm 133:1*

*Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org). or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to Pastor Dana.*

**The Memorial Service for Nancy Omdahl will be on Saturday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m.** at Covenant, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Here's a link to the obituary: [Nancy Omdahl](#)

*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 — **THIS SUNDAY, 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 alight 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.

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](mailto: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](http://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 #11**

Anticipated Pledges — \$74,123.07

Actual Pledges — \$70,098.57

Non-Pledged — \$3,586.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

*Olomouc/Ukraine Refugees \$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](mailto: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](mailto:phale50@hotmail.com)



**Knitter and Knotters —**

*Thursday, September 22 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 Presbyterian Handbook***

Although this little book is liberally sprinkled with humor and written in a “For Dummies” style, there’s actually a lot of good information between these covers. The double-page chart of the liturgical year is downright handy and the section on predestination helped me better understand this historical concept. The section on “What to Bring to the Church Potluck (By Region)” cracked me up. After living in California, I can promise you that there’s a lot of truth here.

Tofu casserole, anyone? (Bay C, Shelf 2) – 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 22!**

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 August 1,424 food insecure persons were served.

That includes 438 Children, 208 senior adults, and 778 Adults.

Thank you Covenant and *May we All have Enough!*



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**Covenant's Presbyterian Women will meet on October 13 at 9:30am.**

Study lesson 2, *Sabbath and Creation*. Ellen Stoneburner and Arnelle Combs will lead the lesson. 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