

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, September 25 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER September 25, 2022

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



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

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

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

#### *Peace & Global Witness*

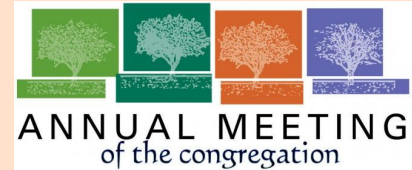
**October 2, 2022**

For the month of October we will receive an offering for Peace & Global Witness. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world—and right here at home. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



#### *Bread & Grape Reception*

After the Congregational meeting, please join us for a reception of bread and grapes celebrating World Communion Sunday.



The Session has called for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, **October 2 after the 11:00 am service**. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2022-23 budget and consider for election the following slate of Elders to serve on Session for the class of 2025: Kathryn Fowler, Carolyn Hatfield, Ansley Tweedell, and Dick Zimdars. In addition, Donny Whitehead is slated to fill the final year (2023) for Kathy Boardman who resigned earlier this year. Further nominations may be made from the floor of this meeting, with prior permission from the nominee. We are grateful for the nominating committee (Kay Brooks, Marie Ballard-Myer, and Donny Whitehead) for their dedicated service in creating this year's slate of nominees.

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**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. Gloria Pylant will bring refreshments.

Study books are available in the copy room for \$11

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS for September 28

**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



**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 25**

Liturgist: Warren Combs

Ushers/Greeters: Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Bill Barstow, Catharine Tyson

**Sunday, October 2**

Liturgist: Jim Newland

Ushers/Greeters: Chris Wilson, Katy Terry, Alan Edwards, Judy Capie  
Catharine Tyson

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*



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Brian, Valerie,  
and Eli Stone

Oct 02, 2022—Luanne Rigsby, Pam Knox

**Highlights of Called Session Meeting on September 11, 2022**

Rev. Dana Waters opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion on resolving issues faithfully using Matthew 18:15-20 as a guide. Jesus encourages us to talk with one another in a spirit of mutual humility and persist in love, even in challenging situations.

The purpose of the called meeting was to discuss Covenant's policy of allowing unhoused overnight guests on church property. An opportunity was given for the Session members to share their views as well as views from the congregation that they had heard from on this issue.

There was a segment for the Session to:

1. Clarify the issue and to define it.
2. Set goals on how to address the issue.
3. To establish a process and a timeline to meet the goal.

There was an information sharing time where the Session heard from several Session members of what they learned from other local churches who also face some of the same issues as Covenant.

Some Session members volunteered to gather facts to share at the next meeting related to the number of volunteer hours needed to keep the campus cleaned up, how many people are receiving shelter, and other information and resources available in the community.

The next called meeting to continue this conversation will be Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 7:00 pm.

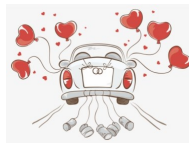
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Dana's mom, Joy, recovering from brain surgery, waiting for biopsy report; Bob Reinert and family in the passing of Shirley Reinert, Saturday, 9/10, the Memorial service will be 11/12; Tom Mote and family in the passing of Nancy Omdahl Wednesday, 9/7, the Memorial service will be on Saturday, 10/1 at 11:00am; Chris Wilson's sister, Elizabeth Titmus, with a serious eye condition; 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 26—October 2**

Monday	Lamentations 1: 1-6
Tuesday	Lamentations 3: 19-26
Wednesday	Psalm 137
Thursday	Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4
Friday	Psalm 37: 1-9
Saturday	2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Sunday	Luke 17: 5-10



*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.*

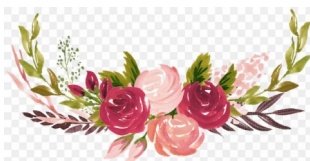


Congratulations to Donald Whitehead and Kristin Andrews upon their marriage on Saturday, September 17.



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

**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](#)



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 MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS....

- ◆ *Bread & Grapes Reception on World Communion Sunday— 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.)*

from your "Mission Study Task Force"

Covenant Family, the Mission Study Task Force is looking to hear your voice! We are looking to gather a variety of perspectives that answer some of the subjective information we are filling out in the task force outline. We want to gather multiple voices with different experiences. If you are interested in sharing your perspective of our church history, please sign up for a 20-minute time slot, the first 8 people to sign up will be interviewed by the committee. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes beginning in October.

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 #12**

Anticipated Pledges — \$88,947.69

Actual Pledges — \$83,596.37

Non-Pledged — \$4,008.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*



**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 29 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:** *Daily Life at the Time of Jesus*

This reference book by Miriam Vamosh is filled with images and maps. If you'd like to be able to better picture the Holy Land and also understand what the culture was like that Jesus was born into, this is a great source. (Bay A, 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 29!**

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.



## BIRTHDAYS!

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jere Bowden        | 12 Tim Simpson     |
| Diana Davies         | 14 Rose Kisaalita  |
| 2 Charles Cantrell   | 18 Linda Rogers    |
| Isaac Ritzler        | Avery Wetherington |
| 3 Mike Hale          | 19 Charles Martin  |
| 5 Joseph Page        | 20 Jason Braswell  |
| 6 Bill Barstow       | 21 Marcia Page     |
| 8 Kathryn Fowler     | 24 Tamara Stam     |
| 9 Heidi Wolfe        | Kathy Boardman     |
| 11 Jimmy Shealy      | 26 Juanita Gilbert |
| 12 Ellen Stoneburner |                    |



# Family Promise

Family Promise—**HELP NEEDED!**

Hello Family Promise Volunteers,

The next two weeks (September 25 - October 9) are AT LARGE weeks on our Host Schedule which means no particular congregation is assigned as the Host for these weeks. Please help Family Promise out by signing up for any slots that you might be available to take. It is an excellent opportunity to serve our guests and continue with your great support of Family Promise of Athens. Thanks for all you do.

**[VIEW THE SIGN UP!](#)**



We hope to see many of you at our golf tournament on October 10th! You can register as a team or an individual to play. There are also a variety of sponsorship opportunities. The link below includes additional information.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**