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Sunday, October 02 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
 Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER
 October 02, 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 reconcilia-
 tion 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.



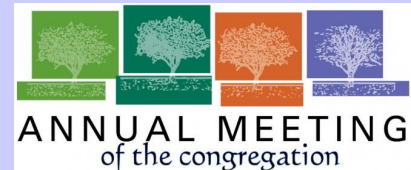
**Covenant's Presbyterian Women will meet
 on October 13 at 9:30am.**

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



ANNUAL MEETING
 of the congregation

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 Board-
 man 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.

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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS for October 6

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, October 2

Liturgist: Jim Newland

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

Sunday, October 9

Liturgist: Sandy Whitney

Ushers/Greeters: Stephanie Cahill, Hank & DeLynda Tweedell,
Paige Cummings

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**

Oct 02, 2022—

Luanne Rigsby,
DeLynda Tweedell

Oct 9, 2022—Richard & Marcia Page

The Presbyterian Student Center has asked Covenant to serve as dinner cooks on 5th Tuesdays this school year. This would not involve planning a menu or shopping for food but would require you to come to the PSC at 5 pm on that date, help prepare and cook dinner using the supplied ingredients and serve it to the students who have gathered for food and worship. You are welcome to eat there and to stay for the worship service after dinner at 8 pm. There are only three 5th Tuesdays from now until the end of May (November 29, January 31, and May 30), and in May they may not be meeting, so this would not be a big commitment. They need about five cooks to help with dinner each night. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Pam Knox at pnknox@yahoo.com to be added to a list of potential workers. Thanks for your support of our UGA student ministry!



All Saints' Day

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 AT 11:00AM

The commemoration of the saints goes to the heart of our faith; death has not won (1 Corinthians 15: 55-57); in all we do we are accompanied by fellow Christians, living and dead (Hebrews 12: 1); and in the end we will join others in praising God eternally (Revelation 7: 9-10). In worship we will refer to them during a moment of recognition and prayer.

Check the list on the table in the gathering room for additions or corrections.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Teresa Mauldin in rehab after hip surgery and doing good; Jim McMinn having hip surgery on 10/5; 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; Pastor Dana's mom, Joy, now in rehab; 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; all those affected by the recent hurricane..

Daily Bible Readings for —October 3—16

Monday	Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
Tuesday	Psalms 66: 1-12
Wednesday	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c
Thursday	Psalms 111: 2
Friday	2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Saturday	Psalms 118: 1
Sunday	Luke 17: 11-19




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.

ONLINE READERS: 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](#)

Click here for the live stream link:
<https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

The link will also be send out via email at 9:00am on Saturday, 10/1

 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!
A big thank you to Covenant for their support of the AAEEFB. 192 egg cartons and 190 brown paper bags and white pick-up bags were collected.



Once again, re-carpeting the Cov Presby worship center is now scheduled for beginning on Monday, October 3. Third time is "the charm". Right? Upon the close of Sunday worship on October 2, please assist in this process by removing: (1) pew bibles, hymn books, song books to designated storage areas in the narthex; (2) pew pencils as well as pocket cards and sign-in friendship pads to designated storage in the narthex; (3) choir chairs, stacked only 2 high, to the library. Please remember that for the first half of the week, hallways throughout the building will be filled with pews in storage. But, access to the Journey Classroom, Handbell Room, Choir Room, and Gathering Room restrooms will be permitted using narrow pathways.

Thank you for your support with this undertaking.



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.

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 #13**

Anticipated Pledges — \$96,360.00

Actual Pledges — \$95,240.86

Non-Pledged — \$4,128.00

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, 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

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.*



Knitter and Knotters —

Thursday, October 6 at 2pm

Join us for a good time of fellowship and fun!



Horizontal Harmony of the Four Gospels in Parallel Columns If it sometimes confuses you trying to figure out how a story in one of the Gospels compares with the version in another Gospel, this is the book for you. Author Thomas Mumford puts the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John into context with each other by topic and by story. (Bay B, Shelf 1) - Church Librarian Valerie Stone. (If you would like to write a few sentences highlighting a book or DVD in our library, please contact me.)

Announcing a magazine swap box! At the smart suggestion of Pat Tinga, there is now a magazine swap box located in The Upper Room. The bookcase in there has been a book swap area for many months and a marked bin has just been added for swapping issues of recent magazines in good condition. (Please do not bring old magazines or large quantities.) --
Church librarian Valerie Stone



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.



I usually want something from congregants, but this week I'd just want you to take a gander on your way through. An anonymous soul heeded my plea for company for the lonely vincas in the front planting and quietly spruced it up with additional color. Our yard guy Jeffrey took on the old playset and either enthusiastically pressure sprayed it or replaced every board in it - it's hard to tell which. And lastly, a glance up in the Narthex should reveal -nothing-, which is the first time we can say that for a while, between lights repaired with the encouragement of Chris W. or the various ceiling patches. *Brian Striggow, B&G chair*

Covenant's Retirees!

We will be having a covered dish luncheon on **Tuesday, October 11 at 12:30pm.**

Come and share good food and good conversation. Pastor Dana is planning to join us!



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. To sign up enter the link below:

<https://signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022>



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.

<https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/fpagolftournament2022>