


Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, October 16 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER
October 16, 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.



Fall Music Program
Wednesday, November 2
at 7pm in the Worship Center

All are invited to attend Covenant's Fall Music Program on Wednesday, November 2. There will be musical selections from the handbell choir and the adult choir, in addition to hymns for us to all sing together. We will also dedicate Covenant's handbells. We look forward to celebrating the many musical gifts of our congregation.

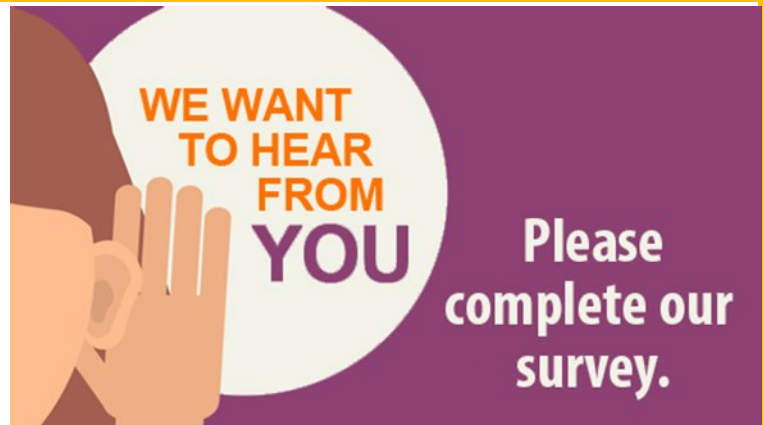
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

We are inviting you to complete a **BRIEF, 3-QUESTION SURVEY** to provide feedback on Covenant's current policy for unhoused overnight guests. It should take **less than 5 minutes** to complete. The information gained from this survey will help Covenant's leaders as they make decisions for our church.

On **Tuesday, October 18**, you will receive an email with a unique link to the survey. We ask that you take the survey as soon as possible, but before Monday, October 31.

If you need a paper copy, please come to the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope.

All answers are strictly anonymous, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. If you have questions, please contact a current elder, Pastor Dana, or the church office.



Friday, October 21 at 7pm in the
Fellowship Hall

**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 16

Liturgist: Paige Campbell

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb, Carol & Dennis Calbos

Sunday, October 23

Liturgist: Jim Anderson

Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Jim & Sandy Whitney

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. 16, 2022

Pam Knox,
Sandy Whitney

Oct. 23, 2022 Annemarie, Sydney &
Delaney Braswell

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

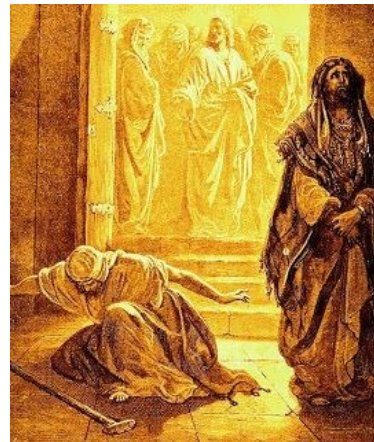
The commemoration of the saints goes to the heart of our faith; death has not won (1 Corinthians 15: 55-57); in all we do we are accompanied by fellow Christians, living and dead (Hebrews 12: 1); and in the end we will join others in praising God eternally (Revelation 7: 9-10). In worship we will refer 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: Susan Nemetz and family in the passing of her mother, Jean Hopkins on September 30, a memorial service will be held on October 22 at 11:30am at the Presbyterian Village Chapel Athens; Teresa Mauldin's cousin, Ruth Lingle diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and will begin antibody therapy soon; Jim McMinn recovering from hip surgery; Bob Reinert and family in the passing of Shirley Reinert, Saturday, 9/10, the Memorial service will be 11/12 at 11:00am; Tom Mote and family in the passing of Nancy Omdahl; Pastor Dana's mom, Joy, at home, diagnosed with glioblastoma; 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 17—23

Monday	Joel 2: 23-32
Tuesday	Psalm 65
Wednesday	Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22
Thursday	Psalm 84: 1-7
Friday	2 Timothy 4: 6-8
Saturday	2 Timothy 4: 16-18
Sunday	Luke 18: 9-14



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.

Karen will be on vacation Oct 18—21. And will return to the office on Tues, Oct. 25.



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!*



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS for October 19

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





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

- ♦ *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.)*

The Mission Study Task Force recently had a sign-up sheet placed on the bulletin board and asked folks for their input concerning previous pastoral leadership. Since we would like to gather as many different perspectives as possible, and realizing the times may have been too limiting, we are now providing the interview questions online.

Please answer the following 3 questions:

1. What pastoral leadership characteristics were helpful in our last two pastors?
2. What pastoral leadership characteristics did you not find helpful in our last two pastors?
3. Has the session and congregation dealt with the positive and negative aspects of pastoral leadership at Covenant?

Please answer all 3 questions and email your responses to Linda Koehler at lkoehler150@att.net

Your input is vitally important! Our committee needs to hear from as many people as possible. We want to hear from You!

Sincerely,

The Mission Study Task Force

Bert Ballard-Myer

Abby Horvath

Linda Koehler

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 #15**

Anticipated Pledges — \$103, 772.31

Actual Pledges — \$101,765.99

Non-Pledged — \$7,050.00

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



Knitter and Knotters —

Thursday, October 20 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: *Honey from Stone*

Chet Raymo writes about a naturalist's search for God in Ireland. His essays on science, nature, and religion in this small book help us explore God's creation and our relationship to that creation. (Bay G, Shelf 3) – 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, October 13th.

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 September Food Pantry Volunteers and UGA Students (pictured to the left with Bert) served 1,447 food insecure neighbors. Of that 467 were children, 316 were over 65.

Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*



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*