


Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for  
**Sunday, October 23 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

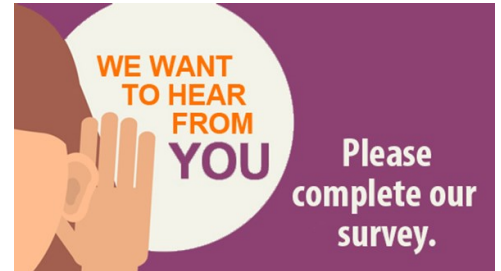
THE COVENANTER  
October 23, 2022

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.

Many of you have shared your thoughts and feelings by completing the brief, 3-question survey about Covenant's policy for overnight guests. Thank you! If you have not completed the survey yet, you have just one more week to make your voice heard. HOW ABOUT TODAY! Rest assured that your responses are 100% confidential.



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

If you have questions, please contact an elder, Pastor Dana, or the church office.



*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.

**Child/Youth Volunteer Training Luncheon – Sunday, November 6 after worship**

After worship on November 6, the Christian Education Committee will be holding a light luncheon and meeting to discuss Covenant's Youth Protection Program.

*join us!*

Any individuals who volunteer, or plan to volunteer for any positions or activities that involve working with minors are asked to attend. Parents are also encouraged to attend in order to find out more about Covenant's Program.

**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 23**

Liturgist: Jim Anderson

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

**Sunday, October 30**

Liturgist: Warren Combs

Ushers/Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish, Robyn Malone

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. 23, 2022**

Annemarie, Sydney &  
Delaney Braswell

Oct. 30, 2022—Don Bower,

Stephanie Cahill



*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.

*Please check the list on the table in the gathering room for additions or corrections.*

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Teresa Mauldin's cousin Ruth Lingle, who has been diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia and will start antibody therapy soon; Susan Nemetz and family in the passing of her mother, Jean Hopkins on September 30, 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.

**Daily Bible Readings for —October 24—30**

Monday	Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4
Tuesday	Psalm 119: 137-144
Wednesday	Isaiah 1: 10-18
Thursday	Psalm 32: 1-7
Friday	2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4
Saturday	2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12
Sunday	Luke 19: 1-10



*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.*



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 26**

**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

**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2  
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS...**

5:30pm—6:30pm Dinner & Fellowship  
Donations are welcome

*Please come a little early to help set up and/or stay to help clean up. There will be homework and activity time for kids of all ages.*

**ADULTS—6:00pm Covenant Handbell practice**

6:30pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dana

**7:00pm FALL MUSIC PROGRAM**



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

- ♦ 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](mailto: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

Chris Wilson

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 #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](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, 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*