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Sunday, October 30 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER
October 30, 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.

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.

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.

join us!

**COVENANTS RETIREE'S
UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 8 at 12:30pm—Covered dish luncheon at the church. We will be honoring Covenant's military veterans. Randy Parish will be the MC and Sarah Lamb will talk to us about her experience as an Army nurse.

All Covenant veterans are welcome!

December 13—Luncheon will be at the Presbyterian Village, hosted by Tom & Sarah Cooney. Advanced reservations will be needed. *(more info to follow)*

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 AT 11:00AM



All Saints' Day

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.

**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 30

Liturgist: Warren Combs

Ushers/Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish, Robyn Malone

Sunday, November 6

Liturgist: Jerry Shannon

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



Oct. 30, 2022—
Don Bower,
Stephanie Cahill

November 6, 2022

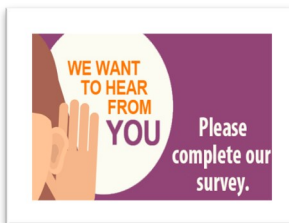
Adam & Rebecca Rea

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.

7:00pm FALL MUSIC PROGRAM



LAST CHANCE! This is your last chance to take the brief, 3-question survey about Covenant's policy for overnight guests. On Sunday, October 30, at 11:59 p.m., the window of opportunity to share your feedback through the survey will close.

You are probably one of many who have already shared their experiences and perspectives. If you have not, please take a moment to do so. Although our response rate has been great, if we don't have your input, we are still missing an important piece of the puzzle. PLEASE share your opinions with us using this confidential survey.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS: family and friends in the passing of Rev. Frank Colladay on October 15th; 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; Pastor Dana's mom, Joy, at home, diagnosed with glioblastoma; Chris Wilson's sister, Elizabeth Titmus, with a serious eye condition;

Daily Bible Readings for —October 31—Nov 6

Monday	Haggai 1: 15b—2:9
Tuesday	Psalms 145: 1-5, 17-21
Wednesday	Psalms 98
Thursday	Job 19:23-27a
Friday	Psalms 17: 1-9
Saturday	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
Sunday	Luke 20: 27-38

*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.*

Highlights of the October 25, 2022, Stated Session Meeting

Linda Koehler presented a devotional on limitations and how, as Christians, we should embrace our limits in order to live with God and depend fully on Him. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Clayton Adams presented the September Financial Report and reported on the financial review of the past fiscal year recently done by retired CPA Lucy Kiel. Lucy stated that "The management of the church's finances continues to be in competent hands." Finance Ministry Team is addressing Lucy's recommendations, including a review and determination of all restricted accounts by Ministry Teams by the end of January.

Session unanimously approved a motion from the Personnel Committee to renew the Interim/Transitional Pastor, Dana Waters', 12-month contract as of December 1, 2022, with the same terms as the first contract.

Session passed a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the revised job description for Outreach Coordinator (parttime). Christian Ed Ministry Team, Outreach Ministry Team and the Personnel Committee worked together to rework the job description, which emphasizes the outreach component of the job with the idea of attracting young families to the church.

Covenant's commissioners to the Northeast Georgia Presbytery meeting at Monticello Presbyterian Church on October 25, 2022, gave highlights of the meeting. All churches in the Presbytery are encouraged to support the \$500,000 fund drive of the UGA Presbyterian Student Center for much needed building renovations.

Fellowship Ministry Team is planning the Progressive Christmas Dinner for Friday, December 2, 2022. Hosts for the appetizer, main course and dessert courses are needed! Fellowship is also planning a cookie reception following the Christmas Choral program.

Submitted by Luanne Rigsby, Clerk of Session

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 #17

Anticipated Pledges — \$126,009.23

Actual Pledges — \$117,800.99

Non-Pledged — \$7,697.00

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, via ZOOM please contact James at gill-billvolume1@yahoo.com. Class meets in person in the upper room.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JOURNEY CLASS—Sunday mornings, **9:30am**, Phil and Sallie Hale host and different class volunteers facilitate discussion using the book, **How God Works**, by David DeSteno. If you would like to participate via ZOOM please contact Phil at phale50@hotmail.com. Class meet in person in the Journey Class Room.



Knitter and Knotters —

Thursday, November 3 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 Unlikely Disciple* Kevin Roose was at Brown University studying to be a journalist when he came up with an interesting idea. What would it be like to transfer to Jerry Falwell's Liberty University for a semester and then write about what he learned by going undercover as an "evangelical." The result is a readable, interesting, and even-handed look at conservative Christianity in America (Bay D, Shelf 1). — Church Librarian Valerie Stone

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!*





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, November 3.

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 October Food Pantry Volunteers and some of the UGA Students (pictured to the left with Bert) served 1,668 food insecure neighbors. Of that 318 were children, 275 were over 65. Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*



- 1 Barbara Arnold
- Marie Ballard-Myer
- Sarah Parido
- 2 Tom Nemetz
- 4 Andrew Zimdars
- 9 Gene Holshouser
- 10 Nash Boney
- Sydney Braswell

- 16 Delynda Tweedell
- 18 Jimmy Cobb
- Ezra Whitney
- Jason Green
- 20 Joe Meyers
- 23 Bert Ballard-Myer
- Melissa Cobb
- 26 Craig Barber
- 27 Jonathan Arnold
- 28 Sarah Lamb
- Emma Parido
- 30 Deb Cureton
- Sara Thompson





PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS....

GAME NIGHT - Friday, November 18 at 7:00 pm (at the church)

CHURCH DECORATING EVENT - Sunday, November 27 after church

Bring a change of clothes and help decorate the outside of the church in preparation for Christmas! A light lunch will be available to helpers.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - Friday, December 2 at 5 or 6 pm (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Fun night traveling to different homes to enjoy a festive meal with friends. We need several homes to host 8-12 people. Sign up to host or bring a dish on the church bulletin board or call Kay Brooks at 706-205-8357 or Susan Parish at 956-220-6004.