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THE COVENANTER November 06, 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.



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.

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.



COVENANTS RETIREE'S COVERED DISH LUNCHEON



Thank You Veterans

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!

UPCOMING EVENT!

December 13— Covenant Retirees will have a luncheon at the Presbyterian Village hosted by Tom & Sara Cooney. RESERVATIONS are needed and can be made at the November 8th luncheon. There will be car pooling from the church. This luncheon will be in a private dining room and with food prepared by The Presbyterian Village's Chef.

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME
ENDS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 6.**
Remember to turn your clock **BACK** 1 hour.



Highlights on November 1, 2022 Called Session Meeting

The meeting was called to order with prayer.

Dana led the Session in a discussion of the results of the recent survey sent to the congregation concerning its support of Covenant's current Overnight Guest Policy. One hundred sixteen people responded to the survey which had two questions and then an opportunity to make comments. Several people mentioned that they appreciated that the congregation gave suggestions of how to improve the policy.

The Session approved the following motion:

We make the following changes for a period of three months beginning November 6, 2022:

- Homeless persons can only be present on the church campus from 9:30 p.m. until 8:30 a.m.
- Construction of a 3-sided 6 ft. fence around the field to discourage people cutting through the property.
- Place more lighting on the back portico area and adjust camera to show the door area (rather than the driveway).
- Place a chain across the stairs to discourage camping there.
- No use of outlets for phone charging outside time period of 9:30p.m.- 8:30 a.m.
- Maintain the port-a-potty, sink and little food pantry.
- Fence area around memorial garden. It will have an unlocked gate.
- Clear out underbrush in the woods to discourage camping.

The costs incurred will be paid out of the 2022-2023 budget. Session will reevaluate on or around February 6, 2023. Discussions on how to sustainably enforce this policy are ongoing.

Submitted by Luanne Rigsby, Clerk of Session

A copy of the Overnight Guest Policy survey results was emailed to the congregation on Nov 4.



FALL MUSIC PROGRAM. A wonderful evening of music with handbells, organ, congregational song, tuned bells (children) and choir anthems was had by all who attended and participated in the Fall Music Program. The dedication of handbells, a gift from Central Presbyterian congregation, was a long awaited action to occur. Also the work and cost for renovations incurred by Covenant for rehearsal space and storage were acknowledged. Our handbell director, David Boardman, brings experience, skill and much musical knowledge for handbell leadership. He teaches with excitement, preparedness, encouragement, and lots of patience. Thank you David!!

If you are interested in participating in the handbells or adult choirs or are just curious, both activities rehearse on Wednesday evenings. Currently both are working on music for Advent/Christmas. Our special Christmas program will be Sunday, December 11 at 11am worship...a joy-filled Sunday.

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Music 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, November 6

Liturgist: Jerry Shannon

Ushers/Greeters: Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Alan Edwards, Judy Capie

Sunday, November 13

Liturgist: Jim Newland

Ushers/Greeters: Chris Wilson, Katy Terry, Bill Barstow,

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

_____***	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



November 6, 2022
Adam & Rebecca Rea

November 13, 2022 Phil Hale, Susan Parish

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9
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.

6:00pm Handbell Practice

6:30pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dana

7:30pm Adult Choir

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, November 10 at 9:30am**

All women are welcome to join us as we continue to study *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel. Lesson #3 will be led by Tamara Stam via Zoom. If you cannot attend in person please look for the Zoom link in your email.



PRAYER CONCERNS: Steve Rathbun's father, Bob, at home after hospitalization for cellulitis, and Steve's mother, Maria, under hospice care; 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; our nation.

Daily Bible Readings for —November 6—13

Monday	Isaiah 65: 17-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 12
Wednesday	Malachi 4: 1-2a
Thursday	Psalm 98
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
Saturday	Luke 21: 5-10
Sunday	Luke 21: 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.*



Congratulations to Laura (Baird) & Will Hammond on the birth of their daughter, Dorothy Mae, Wednesday, October 26. Proud grandparents are Robert & Joan Baird and proud aunt Hannah and brother Jacob.

***** An Open and Shut Case*****
An opener/closer is needed for the first Sunday of the month. Just show up first, unlock, the doors, turn on the lights. Do the opposite when everyone leaves (*well, this IS covpres and nothing is ever that simple, but I promise you won't be overtaken*). Please see me or Rich Reeves if you can fill this important role.
Brian Striggow, B&G chair

Shiny! Nothing this end of the 'verse is as spiffy as our building at the moment. Algae stains? gone. Mud daubers? gone. Spider webs? gone. The building was pressure sprayed this week thanks to the urging of Carolyn H., footwork by Chris W., and a recommendation from Rich R. It sure looks good, but this was in preparation for the upcoming plaster repairs of the sanctuary. At the same time, we can finish the repair of the termite damaged sill and backfill that trench and add the decorative stone bed (you were wondering what that pile of rock was for). In sad news and joyful news, 'yard guy' Jeffrey has secured full time work as a carpenter. This will make it difficult for B&G to embark on large projects but we're happy for him in his new job.



Today, we highlight the mission of Thornwell to raise awareness and funds for children and families in

need. Thornwell began in 1875 in Clinton, SC by a Presbyterian minister, Reverend Jacobs, who felt a call from God to care for the orphans of the Civil War. The ministry of Thornwell has grown and evolved over its nearly 150-year history to be a leader in the call to care for children and families throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. What was once a dream in the heart of a young man, God anointed and blessed to become a transformative ministry that has impacted the lives of thousands. We celebrate Thornwell Emphasis Month with a single focus: "Hope and Joy come from the Overflow of Giving." You get to be part of this. You can make a difference. You are giving hope and joy to families through the overflow of your giving. You will find an envelope and TURKEY for coins on the table in the narthex. Or just make out your check to Covenant with Thornwell in the remarks.

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 #18**

Anticipated Pledges — \$133,421.54

Actual Pledges — 131,472.46

Non-Pledged — \$7,917.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!
Peace & Global Witness—\$1,090.00*



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



Library Corner: *Take This Bread, by Sara Miles.* Early one morning for no earthly reason, Sara Miles raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received communion, and found herself transformed—embracing faith she'd once scorned. *Take This Bread* is rich with real life Dickensian characters— church ladies, millionaires, schizophrenics, bishops, and thieves--all blown into Miles' life by the relentless force of her newfound calling. This book can be found on Aisle F shelf 4.

Please note that the deadline for articles for the Covenanter is Thursday by 12noon. Thank you for your help. Karen

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 10.

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 served 1,668 food insecure neighbors. Of that 318 were children, 275 were over 65. Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*



More of our food pantry volunteers!

Did you know? The UGA Campus Kitchen that make good use of Covenant's kitchen serves homecooked meals for 220 food insecure Athenians every week. That is 3,300 meals a semester! They could not do this without Covenant's support and they are very thankful!

In November they will be partnering with ACCA to run the annual [TURKEYPALOOZA](#) program. Through this program they provide 300 grocery bags and 200 prepared meals for senior-led families in Athens who otherwise would not have a Thanksgiving meal.

If you would like to help in this effort they will be cooking in Covenant's kitchen on Friday, Nov. 18, 3pm-6pm, Saturday, Nov. 19, 12pm-6pm and Sunday, Nov. 20, 12pm-6pm. They will be glad for the help! Have questions contact Bert at mysammie1@yahoo.com



SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE!

The Ark needs your help! We have a goal of putting together 200 hygiene kits for our neighbors in need and we are asking our supporters and contributing congregations to donate. We have done the hard work of researching the lowest bulk prices on the items we need... all you need to do is follow the link and DONATE:

[Donate to The Ark - Powered by](#)