

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER January 22, 2023

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,
Synod of the South Atlantic,
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Covenant Hosts Family Promise Families—

Covenant will be the hosting congregation for Family Promise families the week of **Jan 29-Feb 5**. One family of six just moved into their own home, leaving two families in the program at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. A new family should soon join them there. We will need volunteers for evening and overnight hosting, and to provide supper meals. You can find open slots and sign up at the website below.

Note: *Some volunteers have had a problem signing up on their phones...it is easier on a computer. If you have a problem, please let Randy or Susan Parish know.*

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022#/>

This will be the first of four 2023 hosting weeks for Covenant. Our weeks will be:

1 - Jan 29-Feb 5, 2 - May 28-Jun 4, 3 - Aug 20-Aug 27, 4 - Oct 22-Oct 29.

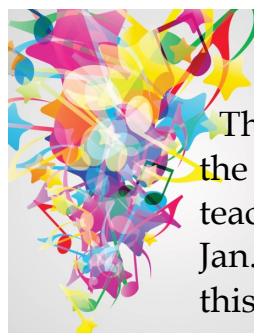


Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Following supper, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please join us as we discern God's mission for our church for 2023!



Children's Sunday School (K-5) Update

This class will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall with Miss Betsy teaching "Worship & Arts" through Jan. 29. **Beginning** on Sunday, Feb. 5, this class will meet in Room 214.

(next to the Journey Classroom)



Congregational Care Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, January 29 following worship.

We will meet in the conference room/library.

Covenant's
Breakfast Club
will meet 1st & 3rd
Monday's at 8am at



Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road

Next meeting will be on Monday, February 6th at 8am. We will have a good time of fellowship and food. All are welcome!



Class of 2025: Kathryn Fowler, Ansley Tweedell, Carolyn Hatfield and Dick Zimdars (*not pictured*)

Class of 2023 Donny Whitehead

Updated November 15, 2022

Covenant’s Ministry Teams and Active Elders

First Year Elders – Learning Class of 2025	Second Year Elders – Leading Class of 2024 <i>Chair / Co-Chair</i>	Third Year Elders – Teaching Class of 2023 <i>Chair / Co-Chair</i>
BUILDING & GROUNDS Carolyn Hatfield	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Katy Arora	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Donny Whitehead (1-year)
CONGREGATIONAL CARE Ansley Tweedell	FELLOWSHIP Valerie Stone	CONGREGATIONAL CARE Linda Koehler
FINANCE Kathryn Fowler	MISSION OUTREACH Bert Ballard-Myer	FINANCE Clayton Adams
WORSHIP Dick Zimdars	PERSONNEL Abby Horvath	WORSHIP Jennifer Frey

All 8 ministry teams are chaired/co-chaired by second or third year elders.

First year elders spend Year 1 learning and preparing to take on the role of chair/co-chair.

**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, JANUARY 22

Liturgist: Jim Newland

Ushers/Greeters: Susan & Randy Parish, Robyn Malone

Pianist: Pam Knox

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Liturgist: Ansley Tweedell

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

Pianist: Betsy Burmeister

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson 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** January 22, 2023
Luanne Rigsby, Wyatt Herndon

January 29, 2023

Annemarie, Sydney and Delaney Braswell

A Friendly Reminder for the New Year: Fellowship is from 10:30am-11:00am. We would like to begin the Worship Service promptly at 11:00am. Please enter the Worship Center in a spirit of prayer and worship. There will be time after the service for further fellowship. Thank you! Respectfully, the Worship Ministry Team

**Worship & Arts,
which is organized and led by the Worship Ministry Team
Sunday, January 15**



PRAYER CONCERNS: Jim Smith and family in the passing of his brother, Bob, who passed away Jan 14th; the family & friends of Ed Ralph, who passed away Friday, Jan 13th in Florida; Patrick McMaster's mom, Belle, in hospice care in Monticello; Ton Stam in the hospital in Fl; Joe Meyers at home recovering from hernia surgery; Paige Cummings recovering from knee surgery; Dell Whitehead is recovering from surgery for a fractured elbow; Bob Reinert is at home following a stay in rehab; Marcia Verbrugge doing rehab at home; Ellie McMinn continues to recover at home following back surgery; Brian Striggow's mother, Margaret, who is 91, as she transitions to assisted living.

Bible Readings for —January 23-29

*Micah 6: 1-8, Psalm 15,
I Corinthians 1: 18-31, Matthew 5: 1-12
4th Sunday after Epiphany*

*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.*



*Dear Covenant Family,
Loving thanks for all your kindness, including prayers, food, cards, calls and visits during Ellie's recovery from spinal surgery.*

Jim & Ellie McMinn

Wonderful Wednesdays for January 25, 2023

COVCONN 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

7:15pm Adult Choir



And save the date for **La Table, 2023**. Sign up in the office, leaving your donation of \$65 with Karen on Tuesday through Friday or online by visiting the Family Promise site at familypromiseathens.org.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. *We will receive this offering through the month of January, 2023.*

50% of your gifts assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. 50% of your gifts make it possible for student to learn and grow in faith in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Please give generously...*for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

Ways to Give: donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/christmasjoy or text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999 to give, or make check out to Covenant with JOY OFFERING in the memo portion of the check.

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 #29**

Anticipated Pledges — \$214,934.62

Actual Pledges — \$218,615.12

Non-Pledged — \$18,261.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

JOY Gift—\$1,375



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 gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com. Class meets in person in the upper room.

JOURNEY CLASS—Sunday mornings, **9:30am**, Phil and Sallie Hale host and different class volunteers will facilitate discussion. The journey class will read and discuss the book *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor starting this Sunday 1/22. 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, January 26 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

A Year by the Sea: Thoughts of an Unfinished Woman

This book focuses more on personal transitions rather than spirituality, yet may be of interest to Covenant readers. Joan Anderson had just finished raising two boys when her husband announced he had taken a new job far away. She could not bring herself to start a new life in a new place but instead retreated to the couple's small cottage on Cape Cod. For a year she spent some time alone thinking about what she wanted the next phase of her life to look like. (Bay F, Shelf 2). —

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. **Food Pantry is Thursdays, 1pm—3pm.***

Next food distribution is on Thursday, January 26

Thank You for keeping the Food Pantry going through Dec. and Jan.!

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered for our weekly food pantry!

During these weeks when our student volunteers have been away, you have stepped up and kept this vital ministry going for our community. The student volunteers are back but we still need you! Here is the Signup Genius link for you and, as always, if you have trouble using this link, feel free to email or call me to sign up (Amy Baer, Coordinator of Outreach, cell 706-380-8482 or email

abaer@covpresathens.org).

Sign Up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5aa22a20-covenant#/>

We need volunteers for the following two shifts:

10am—noon: unpacking food boxes, setting up tables for assembly of the bags, filling food bags (activities that could be done seated; opening grocery bags for assembly, flattening boxes)

1pm—3pm: wheeling carts out to the driveway, handing out and gathering sign-in sheets from guests in their cars, loading bags into vehicles, cleanup boxes and carts. Thank you!

For the month of December Covenant served 1,745 food insecure persons, which include 480 children, and 261 Senior Adults.

Thank you Covenant and...

May We All Have Enough!

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!



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



The Heart of Covenant Dinner is coming up next month near Valentine's Day. (The exact date will be decided soon, so keep your eye out for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.) We're thankful that after several years of the pandemic, we'll be able to hold the event this year! In the past, this fun gathering for adults included a meal, potluck desserts, and get-to-know-each-other games. Would you be willing to help with planning, set-up, cooking, or clean-up? Please contact Valerie Stone (valeriefreystone@gmail.com). Thank you!