



Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER January 29, 2023

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



### Covenant Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon Tuesday, February 14 at 12:30pm

All are invited to join us for a great time of food and fellowship. Amy Baer will speak to us about her new position at Covenant as Mission Outreach & CE Coordinator. Bring your special dish to share and bring a friend. Beverages are provided.

### The Builders Class Starts February 5<sup>th</sup>

What are you building? Pastor Dana will be facilitating a new Sunday School class designed for people of all ages who see themselves as building something. Whether you are in the process of building a marriage, a family, a career, a legacy, or something else, you are invited to join us for a weekly faith-based discussion in the Library.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**  
*Bible Study*

**Thursday,  
February 9th  
at 9:30am**

All women are invited to join us either in person or via Zoom. Betsy Burmeister will lead us in lesson 6 *Sabbath and Hospitality*. Jere Bowden and Barbara Burnett will provide refreshments. The Zoom invitation will be sent out on Wednesday before the meeting.



### 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!



**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 29**

**Liturgist:** Ansley Tweedell

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

**Pianist:** Betsy Burmeister

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**Liturgist:** Pam Knox

**Ushers/Greeters:** Chris Wilson, Katy Terry, Bill Barstow, Catharine Tyson

**Pianist:** Dick Zimdars

**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 29, 2023  
Annemarie, Sydney and  
Delaney Braswell

**February 5, 2023**

Brian Herndon, Ellen Stoneburner

**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

**Would you like to be a Usher, Liturgist or Greeter?** Just let Judy know at [jcapie@covpresahtens.org](mailto:jcapie@covpresahtens.org) or call 706-548-2756 and she will put you on the rotation. Thanks!

**Ministry  
of  
Flowers**

Sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes to provide flowers for worship services. You can arrange them yourself or order from a florist. If you would like to commemorate an event please let the church office know so we can publish it in the newsletter and/or bulletin.

Thank you, *Worship Ministry Team*



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Patrick McMaster and family in the passing of his mom, Belle, Thursday, January 26; Asher Hill is now on the kidney transplant list. If you would like to find out more information about being a donor please contact Asher; Jim Smith and family in the passing of his brother, Bob, who passed away Jan 14th; Joe Meyers at home recovering from hernia surgery; Paige Cummings recovering from knee surgery; Bob Reinert is at home following a stay in rehab; Marcia Verbrugge doing rehab at home; our nation.

**Bible Readings for —January 30—February 05**

*Isaiah 58: 1-9a, Psalm 112: 1-10,  
I Corinthians 2: 1-12, I Corinthians 2: 13-16,  
Matthew 5: 13-20*

*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.*

**Wonderful Wednesdays for Feb. 01, 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

**Save the Date**

**Game Night in February**

**Friday, February 17** 7pm to 9pm,

Bring your own games or enjoy some of ours.)

*Everyone is welcome to bring snacks to eat yourself or to share.*

***Anyone who thinks they're too small to make a difference has not met a honeybee or volunteered with Family Promise.***

A way to help Family Promise, besides signing up for an available slot on next week's hosting schedule, is to donate to La Table, the luncheon to be held at Athens Country Club on **Tuesday, February 28**. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Family Promise, see old friends and make new ones as you enjoy beautiful, creative table decorations and have a lovely lunch.

You can sign up online at [www.familypromiseathens.org/events](http://www.familypromiseathens.org/events) or in the church office. More information can be found on the hall bulletin board.

You bee-long at La Table!



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 #30**

Anticipated Pledges — \$222,369.24

Actual Pledges — \$222,995.12

Non-Pledged — \$18,331.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

*JOY Gift—\$1,475*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:phale50@hotmail.com). Class meet in person in the Journey Class Room.



**Knitter and Knotters —**

*Thursday, February 2 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—*Maus: A Survivor's Tale*

Art Spiegelman won the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for this graphic novel. From the flyleaf: “Acclaimed as a quiet triumph and a brutally moving work of art, the first volume of Spiegelman’s *Maus* introduced readers to Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler’s Europe and his son, a cartoonist trying to come to terms with his father, his father’s terrifying story, and History itself. Its form, the cartoon (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), succeeds perfectly in shocking us out of any lingering sense of familiarity with the events described, approaching, as it does, the unspeakable through the diminutive.” A kind member recently purchased volumes one and two of *Maus* for our library. (Bay E, 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, February 02**

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](mailto: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**

# February Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Heide Wiegel      | 13 Bill Lindstrom   |
| 3 Benjamin Simpson  | 18 Willene O'Neal   |
| 5 Paul Van Wicklen  | 19 Tom Rigsby       |
| 9 Warren Combs      | 27 Carolyn Hatfield |
| Sallie Hale         |                     |
| 12 Delaney Braswell |                     |



## Heart of Covenant ... A Getting-to-Know-You Dinner!

Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 6pm to 9pm

Suggested Donation: \$12 per person

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THIS ANNUAL ADULT EVENT WHICH INCLUDES A THREE

-COURSE DINNER AND A VARIETY OF GAMES TO HELP US ALL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. BRING A SPOUSE OR FRIEND OR COME AS A SINGLE. YOU WILL ROTATE TO DIFFERENT TABLES, GETTING A CHANCE TO ENJOY NEW TABLEMATES FOR EACH COURSE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ROTATE THROUGH EACH COURSE WITH YOUR SPOUSE OR FRIEND, BUT SURE TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU SIGN UP. ALSO, LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED CHILDCARE FOR THE EVENING OR HELP WITH A RIDE. QUESTIONS?

CONTACT VA-

