

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER
March 26, 2023

Sunday School for all ages
begins at 9:45am!

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

HOLY WEEK

AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY
11 AM PALM PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

**APRIL 5 - COVCONN, HANDBELLS,
BIBLE STUDY, CHOIR**

APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7 PM WORSHIP

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY, 7 PM WORSHIP
(AT FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)

APRIL 8 - EASTER EGG HUNT, 11 AM

APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY
BRING FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS AND A BREAKFAST DISH
(CASSEROLE, BREADS, AND SWEET ROLLS) TO SHARE
7:30 AM SUNRISE WORSHIP
8:30 AM EASTER COVERED-DISH BREAKFAST
9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP



**ADULT HELPERS
NEEDED FOR THE
EASTER EGG HUNT!**
We need volunteers
for the Easter Egg
Hunt on **Saturday,**
**April 8 at 10am—12
noon** to help hide
eggs, set up tables

for refreshments, serve refreshments and clean-up afterward. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Or email Amy at abaer@covpresathens.org. Thank you!

COVENANT'S EASTER COVERED DISH BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars and thumb through your recipe box! The traditional covered dish breakfast will return to Covenant this Easter!

On Easter morning of **April 9**, after the Sunrise Service (7:30am) yet before Sunday School (9:45am) there will be an Easter Covered Dish Breakfast (8:30am). We will have coffee, juice, and bagels ready, but we are looking forward to your breakfast casseroles, breads, sweet rolls, and such. Please bring enough to feed your family and a few extra people.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:45AM



Children's (K-5) Sunday School Class

Location: (across from the Journey Classroom)

We are now meeting in our new classroom across from the Journey Classroom! This week's lesson will be taught and shepherded by Dell & Donny Whitehead and Jere Bowden. Betsy Burmeister will have music time with the children at the top of the Sunday School hour. The children will be reading Luke 22: 1-20 and spending time connecting 'serving others' to 'serving God.' Please join us and invite your little friends!

Builders Class

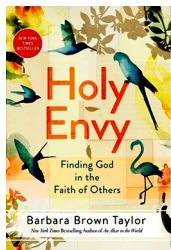
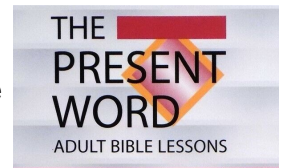
Location: The Library

What are you building? Pastor Dana is 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!

The "Upper Room" Class

Location: "Upper Room" Classroom at the top of the ramp and Via Zoom

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.



The "Journey" Class

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216 and Via Zoom

Phil and Sallie Hale host and different class volunteers will facilitate discussion. The Journey class is currently reading and discussing the book Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you would like to participate via Zoom please contact Phil at phale50@hotmail.com.

JUST TWO MORE WEEKS FOR OUR Lenten Collection Drive for Cedar Shoals Families in Need—Many students and families from Cedar Shoals High School are struggling to meet their basic needs at this time. The school has a "Care Center" that is usually stocked with easy-to-prepare food items and the hygiene products most needed by their students. Right now their Care Center is very low on these supplies so we are going to hold a collection for them during the upcoming Lenten season. Please see the list of needed items below and bring your donations to the table set up across from the mailboxes.

Food items needed:

Ramen noodles, microwavable meals (Mac & Cheese cups, soup cups, etc.), granola bars, breakfast bars, peanut butter, saltine crackers, peanut butter crackers

Personal Care Items needed:

Deodorant for males and females, tampons, shampoo and conditioner for all hair types (including black hair care products), hand sanitizer, bar soap



Montreat Youth Conference 2023

This summer the Covenant youth are joining with the Oconee Presbyterian Church youth group for Week 1 of Montreat Youth Conference 2023

Dates: June 4th - 10th, 2023

Ages: Completed 8th grade - Graduating Seniors

Cost: \$450/per youth; reach out to Donny Whitehead

(donnywhitehead@gmail.com) to inquire about potential scholarships

Registration Deadline April 21: contact Kailey Gray at OPC (Kailey@opcusa.org) to RSVP & get more info and receive more info!

Montreat Middle School Conference at Maryville College 2023

This summer the Covenant youth are joining with the First Presbyterian Church youth group for the Montreat Middle School Conference at Maryville College

Dates: July 19-23, 2023

Details: Montreat Middle School conference includes keynote, worship, recreation, singing, small group and many other activities with other middle schoolers from around the country.

Ages: Current 6th, 7th and 8th graders

Cost: Cost is \$350/person. Reach out to Donny Whitehead (donnywhitehead@gmail.com) to inquire about potential scholarships. **Register:** Deposit of \$100 due by 3/31 to reserve spot. Final balance due by 5/31. Contact Kim Ness, Director of Youth Ministries at knees@firstpresathens.org.



The Ark would like to help you Spring Clean your cabinets!

In 2022 with the help of so many of you that responded to our call for vases, The Ark was able to create our *Adopt-a-Mom* flower bouquets in glass vases. Since the many of our adopted moms are single moms who have been to the Ark or are patients in hospice care, we do not get these vases returned for reuse. So please if you have any small vases that do not "spark joy" for you...know that they will definitely spark joy in the hearts of our warrior moms and grandmothers who receive flowers from The Ark for Mother's Day! Please keep in mind that we need small vases—large ones cannot be used. Please contact the ARK at 706-353-3530 to arrange for pick up or drop off!

FAMILY PROMISE DONATION OPPORTUNITY!

BSW intern, Odessa, a senior at the University of Georgia has chosen to do her Senior Capstone Project with Family Promise. UGA Social Work Students, in their senior year are tasked with doing a project that positively impacts the community and is representative of everything they have learned so far in their degrees. At the moment the family bedrooms at Milledge Ave. Baptist Church are very minimal. There is no furniture other than their beds in each room. Families often live out of trash bags or suitcases for the duration of their stay. They have limited space to store their personal items. This capstone group is aiming to make families' living space more comfortable, inviting and functional. The cost of the furniture pieces is \$2,500. Their goal is to raise this money by March 30, 2023. Drop your check in the offertory plate to mail to the church office designated for *FP Furniture*.

SCHEDULE for Sunday

9:30am – 12 noon –

NURSERY

ages birth to Kindergarten

9:45am – Sunday School

for K-5th,

Journey Adult Church

School Class,

Upper Room Adult

Church School Class

10:30am Fellowship

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Liturgist: Warren Combs

Usher/Greeters: Stephanie Cahill, DeLynda & Hank Tweedell,
Paige Cummings

Pianist: Connor Austell

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Liturgist: Sandy Whitney

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb, Dennis & Carol Calbos

Pianist: Connor Austell

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



March 26, 2023
Dell Whitehead, Phil Hale

April 2, 2023 Richard & Marcia Page

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*
The floral arrangement in worship for March 26 are given by Paula and Dick Zimdars

COMING SOON

Be on the look out for your 2023-2024 pledge packet that were mailed March 23!



PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTCENTER

at The University of Georgia

Check out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes if you are interested in preparing and serving dinners at the PSC at UGA 1250 S. Lumpkin Street, Athens. We will get in touch with you soon to set up a meeting to answer questions and discuss logistics.

Thank you!

Bert Ballard-Myer, *Chair Missions Outreach Local/Global*

Wonderful Wednesdays for March 29, 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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Luanne Rigsby recovering from back surgery; Nan Cantrell and family in the passing of her brother, John Fahling March 13th, after a long struggle with cancer; Jerry Shannon and family in the passing of his mom, Chris Shannon, on March 4 in California; Joe and June Meyers' nephews Ted and Mike, both are undergoing treatment for Stage IV prostate cancer; Louis Wild, husband of DeLynda's friend, not doing well after surgery and his wife, Pam weary and scared; Pastor Dana's mom Joy, returned home and resuming cancer treatment; Larry & Carolyn Hatfield's niece Stephanie has begun chemo for an aggressive type of breast cancer; prayers also for her husband Craig and their three young children; our nation.

Bible Readings for —March 27—April 2

*2 Timothy 1:7, Isaiah 35:10, Psalm 31: 21, Luke 9:3,
Mark 9:24, Genesis 2:2, Luke 10: 29*

Palm Sunday



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.

Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 at 5pm.

We are planning for children's and youth's Sunday School and events and we need your input!



- 2 Karl Barnett
- Sylvia Huber
- Juergen Wiegel
- Nkaku Kisaalita
- 3 Bob Brewster
- 4 Phil Hale
- 5 Marilyn Brown
- 6 Laura Foskey
- 11 Mary Anna Wynes

- 12 Anna Cobb
- 14 Deb Ann Agostini
- Ton tam
- 17 Alex Morrison
- 18 Ben Foutz
- 19 Jim Whitney
- 22 Nan Cantrell
- Jeri Lynn Whitney
- 23 Jacob Page
- 26 Sandy Whitney
- Hannah Barnett
- 28 Don Bower
- Hilda Clark
- 28 Alan Edwards

happy birthday !!



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 #38**

Anticipated Pledges — \$ 281,1667.68

Actual Pledges — \$ 282, 690.45

Non-Pledged - \$ 20,998.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

OGHS—\$ 500.00

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knitter*

Thursday, March 30 at 2pm

Join us for a good time of fellowship and fun while making blankets for people recovering from illness and for clients of Highland Hills, Family Promise and Project Safe.

Covenant's Breakfast Club

Monday, April 3

at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road at 9:30am

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship!

**Covenant Hosts May 23rd
Presbytery Meeting**


On May 22 and 23 volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks supporting the NEGA Presbytery meeting hosted by Covenant on Tuesday, May 23.

Beginning at 9:15am volunteer timeslots will range from 90 minutes to 5 hours. On May 22 a setup crew will be needed for about an hour in the afternoon.

Crew Leaders, with staffing numbers are:

Setup	Susan Parish, 6—12	1 hour
Parking	Donny Whitehead, 6	90 mins
Registration	Randall Parish, 5	90 mins
Kitchen	Susan Parish, 4	2 hours
Greeters/Ushers	Dick Zimdars, 6	1/5 hours

Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board after Easter.

 **Martin Luther** Martin Luther was a key figure in protestant Christianity, but how much do you know about him? This PBS documentary on DVD explores Luther's life and times through footage of the places where Luther walked as well as reenactments exploring his life.

Covenant Food Pantry

Thursdays, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Please click the Signup Genius

link below to find a time that

works for you. As always, if

you have trouble using this link, feel free to

contact me and I will sign you up

(Amy Baer at abaer@covpresathens.org).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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Thank you!

