

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for  
**Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

# THE COVENANTER

## May 07, 2023

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



### Covenant's Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

**Tuesday, May 9 at 12:30pm**

Join us for a delightful meal of baked salmon prepared by Linda Koehler! YUM! YUM!

Joan Prittie from Project Safe will be speaking to us.

Please bring a covered dish to share and a friend. Beverages will be provided.

**HELP NEEDED!** We need someone to help set up tables on Tuesday around 10am. Mary Anna and Robyn do an excellent job setting up but cannot handle getting out the tables. Please let Pat Tinga or Mary Anna or Robyn know if you can help. Thank you!

### ONLINE READERS-COVENANT'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!

**Date:** Saturday evening, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, rain or shine

**Time:** 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (or until dusk)

**Who:** Everyone! All ages are welcome including visitors.

**Bring Your Own Meal:** You'll provide your own supper—homemade picnic fare or quick takeout, whatever works for you.

**Bring a Dessert to Share:** Please bring a dessert to share potluck-style. The dessert table opens at 6:00 PM. If your dessert is homemade and features strawberries (as an ingredient or decoration), you'll automatically be in the running for one of our three Strawberry Festival prize categories—Yummiest Dessert, Prettiest Dessert, and Most Springlike Dessert. Secret judges will be prowling the dessert table to choose the winners. (Please have your dessert on the table by 5:50 PM if you want to be sure it will be part of the judging.)

**Other Items to Bring:** Camp chairs and/or picnic blankets, water bottles, outdoor games. **Fellowship will Provide:** Tables, utensils, paper plates, water and



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, May 11 at Presbyterian Village**

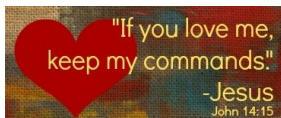
We will meet at 9:30am for those who want to carpool to PVA. Lesson #9, Sabbath & Community will be led by Ellen and Paula. After our lesson and meeting we will have lunch so we can fellowship with our PVA friends in person. If you have made a reservation for lunch but are unable to attend please let me know. This will be our last PW meeting until fall, so we look forward to seeing you there! We will also collect the PW Birthday Offering. Thank you Ellen & Paula for leading this lesson. For any questions email Jennifer Frey at [jenofrey@gmail.com](mailto:jenofrey@gmail.com)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Joe and June Meyers' nephew Brad Ludwig, diagnosed with prostate cancer; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, Matt, discharged from rehab and returning home, but still has a long way to go for a full recovery; Jeanie Goodwin, friend of Chris Wilson, received good news from tests and is recovering at home; the people of South Sudan; and our nation.

### Bible Readings for May 8—14

*Acts 17: 22-31, Psalm 66: 8-20, Ezekiel 34: 1-7a,*

*Psalm 115, 1 Peter 3: 13-22 and John 14: 15-21*



*Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org). or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to Pastor Dana.*

**First Presbyterian Church of Athens has invited the children of Covenant Presbyterian Church to:**

Dates: Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8

Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ages: Children 4 years old - 5th Grade are invited

Registration Info: (VBS) [Registration Form](#)

Cost: WOW Registration Fee is \$40/child

You may pay online at [www.firstpresathens.org/giving](http://www.firstpresathens.org/giving)

at (please select "General Fund" under "Select a fund" and type "Week of Wonder 2023" in the memo) or mail a check to the church (First Presbyterian Church of Athens, 185 East Hancock Ave, Athens, Ga 30601 ). Please be sure to note on your check or online payment that it is for Week of Wonder 2023 Registration. If you have any questions, please email Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministry at [natalie@firstpresathens.org](mailto:natalie@firstpresathens.org).

## WEEK OF WONDER 2023 God's Wonder Full World

First Presbyterian Church of Athens - Children's Ministry  
June 5 - 8, 9am-12:30pm



Celebration and prayers for the present and past members of Five Mile Presbyterian Church (where John Knox's dad served as minister for almost 40 years) as they hold their final church service on May 7 after 182 years of worship and service to their community in northeast Birmingham AL.

### BRaS (Building Relationships & Support) and Covenant's Coffee House

The Fellowship Team would like to hear from you.... Covenant has mostly bounced back from restrictions during the initial phase of the Covid-19 pandemic, but there are two events still waiting to be brought back.

1. Would folks like to see the return of BRAS (Building Relationships and Support)? This group for women consisted of one or two evening get-to-know-you gatherings a year hosted by a church member in their home.
2. The second event is the Covenant Coffee House. Modeled on the Coffee House events at our sister church in Olomouc, Czech Republic, this evening gathering during the summer gave all ages a chance to share their talents and shine with such offerings as playing music, singing, recitations, magic routines, skits, original poetry readings, etc.

We'd like to get a feel for if folks would like to see these events again. Please contact Fellowship Team Chair Valerie Stone to share your thoughts. (My email address is [valeriefreystone@gmail.com](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com). Or you are welcome to share your thoughts via a note in my mailbox, text, quick chat, etc.)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL: ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:45AM



### Children's (K-5) Sunday School Class

This week's lesson will be taught and shepherded by Susan & Randy Parish, and Jere Bowden. The children will be reading Luke 14: 16-24 and considering how to share God's love widely. Ms. Betsy will be kicking off our Sunday

School time with music!

### Builders Class

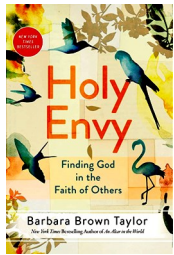
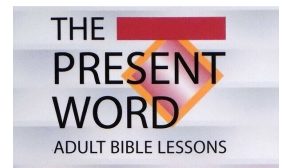
Location: The Library

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](mailto: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](mailto:phale50@hotmail.com).

**THE COVENANT FOOD PANTRY**  
NEEDS YOUR HELP

PLEASE SIGN UP TO KEEP THIS VITAL EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM FLOURISHING THROUGH THE SUMMER. FEEL FREE TO USE THE BELOW SIGNUP GENIUS LINK OR THE PAPER SIGNUP AT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Thursdays  
10-noon: Setup  
1-3 p.m.: Distribution

**Volunteer SignUp Genius Link**

### Covenant is having a church float in the

Athens Pride Parade on June 3! *Our church is also an official sponsor!*

We are forming a group to ride/march with our float in the 2023 Athens Pride Parade at 2pm on June 3rd. Click on the link below to order our new Covenant Pride T-Shirt and we will also have a table at the resource fair following the parade. Please message Bert Ballard-Myer or Amy Baer if you would like to be added to our email list as we plant this event in the month of May. **Please Click the link below to fill out the form to order your T-Shirt by Wednesday, May 10:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepg6kLc9Mul8G2Mp4lqDatIisOGyPbqzRmqgGBzZWIP5avxg/viewform?usp=sharing>



[signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5aa22a20-covenant#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5aa22a20-covenant#/)

## SCHEDULE for Sunday

9:30am – 12 noon Nursery  
for ages birth to  
kindergarten

9:45am Church School  
for  
K – 5th grade

Journey Adult Class, &  
Upper Room Adult Class

10:30am Fellowship

11:00am Worship

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

**Liturgist:** Luanne Rigsby

**Ushers/Greeters:** Stephanie Cahill, Hank Tweedell, Paige Cummings

**Pianist:** Connor Austell

## SUNDAY, MAY 14

**Liturgist:** Warren Combs

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

**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



**Nursery  
Ministry**

May 7, 2023

DeLynda & Ansley Tweedell

May 14, 2023

Clayton & Grace Adams

## 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 Sunday, May 7 is given by Paula & Dick Zimdars.*

### **Covenant's Breakfast Club**

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

**at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge  
Road at 8:00am**

Join us for a time of good food  
and fellowship!

### *Wonderful Wednesdays for May 10, 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



### LIBRARY CORNER

***Just As I Am: The Autobiography of  
Billy Graham.***

Published in 1997, Graham describes his life and work from his childhood farm years through schooling, family life, his early ministry, and later travels and crusades. The book includes color photographs and a list of Graham's crusades.

Found at Bay F, Shelf 4.

—Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*



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 #44

Anticipated Pledges — \$325,952.50

Actual Pledges — \$347,243.93

Non-Pledged - \$ 24,047.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

*Knitter  
Knitter*

*Thursday, May 11 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.

You're Invited!

## Covenant Youth Pentecost Decorating Party!

Saturday, May 27  
10 a.m.-noon

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church! Join us to decorate the church and have a pizza lunch together afterward!

Please RSVP to Amy Baer by May 26 so that we are sure to have enough pizza!



# WANTED

A new or looking new undamaged 9 x 12 rug, preferably oriental style for the Narthex to replace the rug that is currently there. Colors in the Narthex are maroon, yellow and the floor is green/grey, so most colors are worth considering. If you have a rug that you are willing to donate or if you know of someone that has please contact Carolyn Hatfield at 706-255-9021 or Betsy Burmeister at 706-248-2816. Thank you!

## 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 1/2 hours



## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

**NEEDED:** TWO GROUND STEWARDS.

THESE GROUND STEWARDS WOULD FILL IN AS SUBSTITUTES FOR A GROUND STEWARD WHO IS SICK OR AWAY AND CAN NOT FULFILL THE WEEK'S PICK-UP DUTY.

Duties include picking up trash, emptying trash containers and refilling with a clean bag and items left behind by homeless visitors and others. All trash is placed inside the dumpster. Grabbers, trash pickers and trash bags are provided. A wheelbarrow is also available for your use. You supply your own gloves.

If interested please contact Carolyn Hatfield or any of the Ground Stewards listed in the Covenanter.

This is a much-needed volunteer position.

Thank you, *Carolyn Hatfield*, Chair of Building & Grounds