

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER May 21, 2023

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday **June 4**
Worship will begin at **10:00 a. m.**
until Rally Day in the fall.

Congratulations



**Covenant's High School Graduates,
McKenzie Redish and Sydney Braswell,
will be honored on Sunday, May 21
during worship.**

*Please join us for a reception
following worship!*

Covenant is again serving as HOST Congregation for our Family Promise families at the Millidge Avenue Baptist Church site during the week of **May 28—June 4**. We need volunteers for evening meal preparation, evening hosts, and overnight hosts. Please visit the Family Promise sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022> to volunteer or contact Phil Hale for info and assistance at phale50@hotmail.com or 706-614-0812. Thanks for your help with this much-needed local ministry.



*VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR FELLOW COVENANT YOUTH
AT OUR WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY!*

EVERY THURSDAY

June 1 - July 27 • 1 - 3 p.m.

COME AT NOON FOR LUNCH TOGETHER NEARBY
RSVP TO AMY BAER - ABAER@COVPRESATHENS.ORG

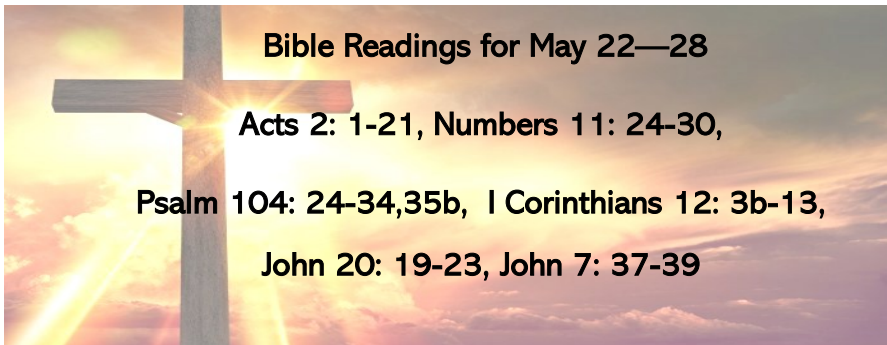


**Volunteers
needed**
Covenant Food Pantry

It is summer break for our UGA volunteers so we need your help more than ever, Covenant friends! Click the link below to sign up for a shift or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Joe and June Meyers' nephew Brad Ludwig, diagnosed with prostate cancer; Tom Mote's father, Charles, recovering from surgery on May 15 following a stroke; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, Matt, at home; the 2023 Graduates; the people of South Sudan and Travis Williams' mission trip there ; and our nation.



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.

We would like everyone to know:

Our son, Matt, is now at home and recovering from surgery for spinal fractures. With the proper equipment and accommodations, he is managing well, although wheelchair bound until the end of June.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers and support in this difficult time, which, fortunately, will be ending in a few weeks.

Thanks so much! *Karen & Bruce Menke*

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. 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 *Our last Sunday School Class before summer break will be Sunday May 28* —Please join us for these last few weeks before break! This week's lesson will be taught and shepherded by Katy Arora, Shari Cobb and Jere Bowden. The children will be reading Acts 9: 1-19 and spending time exploring learning how to welcome change bravely. Ms. Betsy will provide the music!

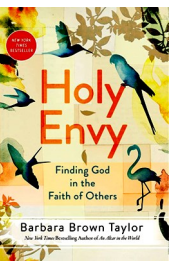
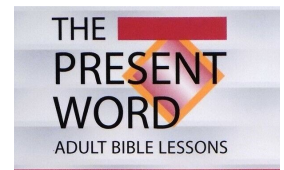
Builders

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.



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.



Caring Hands Offering

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF GEORGIA *Care, Share, Serve* — Presbyterian Homes of Georgia continues to serve our senior residents and their families. PHGA cares for some of the most vulnerable among us by providing excellent care, even if resident(s) have outlived their financial means. "In 74 years of ministry, not one resident has ever been asked to leave Presbyterian Homes' care because they have outlived their financial resources." With your help this year, that promise will continue. A gift to the Caring Hands Fund is life-changing for God's seniors at Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Your gift may serve a meal or pay for a dental visit, provide hearing aids or foot care, or may fund a ride to a doctor's appointment. Please help by making a life-changing difference! Visit www.PHGAINC.org to learn more about this vital ministry and please prayerfully consider a gift to support God's seniors in our care through the Caring Hands Fund. You're welcome to donate on the website by clicking the DONATE button directly at <https://www.PHGAINC.org/CaringHands> or thru Covenant with Caring Hands in the memo portion of the check.

SCHEDULE for Sunday
 9:30am – 12 noon Nursery
 for ages birth to
 kindergarten
 9:45am Church School
 for
 K – 5th grade (final 5/28)
 The Journey Adult Class, &
 Upper Room Adult Class
 will continue through the
 summer
 11:00am Worship
*beginning June 4
 Worship 10:00am*

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Liturgist: Jerry Shannon
Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Jim & Sandy Whitney
Pianist: Connor Austell

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Liturgist: Warren Combs
Ushers/Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish, Robyn Malone
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
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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 21, 2022
 Luanne Rigby, Wyatt Herndon
 May 28, 2022
 Tim Foutz, Dell Whitehead

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 May 21 is given by Teresa Mauldin in memory of her mother, Betty

*Thank you for being a part of
 Wonderful Wednesdays!
 CovConn & Adult Bible Study has concluded for the summer but we will resume in the fall.
 Wednesday, May 24 will be the final Hand Bells and Adult Choir practice until the fall.*

Covenant's Breakfast Club
Monday, June 5, 2023
at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road at 8:00am
 Join us for a time of good food and fellowship!

LIBRARY CORNER
Everyday Life in Bible Times
 This richly colored National Geographic book combines modern photos, ancient artwork, and maps to give the reader a clearer picture about what life was like in the Middle East from the time of Abraham through Jesus. Found at Bay A, Shelf 3.
 —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.

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 #46
 Anticipated Pledges — \$340,768.45
 Actual Pledges — \$360,395.86
 Non-Pledged - \$ 24,417.00
Thank you for your faithful giving!

*knitter
knitter* **Thursday, May 25 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 28 We will celebrate with cake and punch after church.

PUNCH AND COOKIES begins June 4 after worship whenever someone signs up to share. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the mail boxes. Thank you in advance to all who sign up! And yes purchased cookies are just fine! It is all about fellowship. (please no red punch)



Birthdays!

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|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Sally Barnes | 13 Elliott Stam | 20 Brad Sperr | 28 Dick Page |
| Allisyn Johnson | 14 Ellie McMinn | 21 Kurt Wolfe | 29 Betsy Burmeister |
| 3 Natalie Bowden | Garrett Devaney | 23 Aly Huberty | |
| 5 Larry Hatfield | 17 Ben Bruner | 24 Greg Huberty | |
| 7 Bill Rigsby | Micah Shannon | Susan Nemetz | |
| Ethan Whitney | 18 Ron VanSickle | Rebecca Rea | |
| 8 Judy Capie | Katerina Stam | Emma Goodrick | |
| Frederick Ritzler | 19 Carrie Tweedell | 25 Tom Cooney | |
| 13 Danna Waters | 20 Marilyn Martin | Scott Goodrick | |
| Robyn Malone | June Meyers | 27 John Wilkins | |
| Larson Rea | Pat Tinga | 28 Barbara Engram | |





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 Covenant. This is a much-needed volunteer position.

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

Building & Grounds Needs Your Help!

MONDAY, MAY 22 BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM TIME TO MOVE IT ALL BACK INTO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

In preparation for the Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, May 23 the fellowship hall and breezeway floors have been stripped, tiles repaired, and vinyl floors waxed. **Now it is time to move all the items we moved out, back in!** Many hands are needed to get this task done in a timely way. If you can give us an hour of your time (or even less), or the entire two hours, this ensures that we can meet our goal.



Thank you, *Carolyn Hatfield*, B&G Chair

OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT FEEDBACK ON POTENTIAL EASTSIDE LIBRARY LOCATIONS!

The Athens-Clarke County government recently announced a list of 8 potential sites for a public library on the eastside of Athens. Covenant has been included as one potential site. ACC residents are encouraged to share their feedback through a survey that is available at www.accgov.com/eastsidelibrary through May 21.