

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for  
**Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER July 16, 2023

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

### CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 16



#### *Forming a Nominating Committee for the Election of Elders*

Each year, Covenant elects elders to serve a 3-year term on the Session. The involvement of the congregation is important during the entire process. Donny Whitehead is the Nominating Committee chair this year, with Julie Bower as the second (inactive) elder approved by the Session.

The congregation elects a member of the church to serve as the third person on the Nominating Committee. The two elders have nominated **Jere Bowden** for election by the congregation. There will be a called congregational meeting on **Sunday, July 16, immediately following worship** to elect the third member of the Nominating Committee. For questions, please contact Donny or Julie.

## 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. Thank you!

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



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Dan Stoneburner diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to the brain; Linda Koehler recovering well from knee replacement surgery; Bill Barstow's daughter, Linda at home after consolidation therapy at Emory; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, Matt, at home; and our nation.



#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 25: 19-34, Psalm 119: 105-112,  
Isaiah 55: 10-13, Psalm 65: 1-8, Psalm 65: 9-13,  
Romans 8: 1-11 and Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

*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.*

A CaringBridge Site has been created for Bill Barstow's daughter Linda McCormick; she is undergoing treatment at Emory for Acute Myeloid Leukemia. CaringBridge is a social network to help people stay connected with family and friends during a health event.

Thank you all for prayers and support for the Barstow and McCormick family.

<https://caringbridge.org/visit/lindamccormick2>



#### ***Knitters & Knotters resumes***

***Thursday, July 20 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.

*knitter  
knitter  
knotters*

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is in need of egg cartons. Please be sure they are clean and dry. You can leave them on the table as you go into the gathering room. Thank you!



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 #1**  
 Anticipated Pledges — \$8,192.38  
 Actual Pledges — \$8,676.93  
 Non-Pledged - \$ 88.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

Game Night is canceled for July 21. We'll see you back on the evening of Friday, August 18!

Pledge envelopes have been ordered and should be delivered by the end of the month.

## Covenant by the Week!

### July 16, 2023

Sunday 8:30am Church School  
 10:00am Worship  
 12:30pm 12 Step Group  
 Campus Kitchen

Monday 11am New Horizons Band  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Tuesday Office Hours 10am—4pm  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Wednesday Office Open 10am—4pm  
 11:30am New Horizons Band

Thursday Office Open 10am—4pm  
 Campus Kitchen  
 1pm - 2pm Cov Food Pantry  
 2pm Knitters & Knotters  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Friday Office Open 10am—4pm  
 8:00pm 12 Step Group  
 GAME NITE CANCELLED

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group

### July 23, 2023

Sunday 8:30am Church School  
 10:00am Worship  
 12:30pm 12 Step Group  
 Campus Kitchen

Monday—Friday 8am—5pm *Project Safe Children's Camp*  
 11am New Horizons Band  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Tuesday Office Hours 10am—4pm  
 7pm Stated Session Meeting  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Wednesday Office Open 10am—4pm  
 11:30am New Horizons Band

Thursday Office Open 10am—4pm  
 Campus Kitchen  
 1pm - 2pm Cov Food Pantry  
 2pm Knitters & Knotters  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Friday Office Open 10am—4pm  
 8:00pm 12 Step Group

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group

**SCHEDULE for Sunday**  
 9:30am – 12 noon Nursery  
 for ages birth to  
 kindergarten  
 8:30am Church School  
 for  
 The Journey Adult Class,  
 &  
 Upper Room Adult Class  
*will continue through the  
 summer*  
**Worship 10:00am**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**

**PIANIST:** Aaron Carter-Enyi  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Alan Edwards, Judy Capie  
**LITURGIST:** Ansley Tweedell

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

**PIANIST:** Aaron Carter-Enyi  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** Chris Wilson, Bill Barstow, Catharine Tyson,  
 Katy Terry  
**LITURGIST:** Luanne Rigsby

**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**

July 16, 2023  
 Tim Foutz, Sandy Whitney  
 July 23, 2023  
 Phil Hale, 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.

*The floral arrangement in worship today is given by Don & Julie Bower celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary!*

**Covenant's Breakfast Club**  
**Monday, July 17, 2023**  
**at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road at 8:00am**  
 Join us for a time of good food and fellowship!



**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)

**July 16**  
**July 23 Jennifer Frey & Gloria Pylant**

**LIBRARY CORNER**  
*Presbyterian Beliefs: A Brief Introduction*  
 Donald McKim offers this slim volume for those wishing to better understand the history and background of the Presbyterian church. It explores such concepts as the trinity, creation, predestination, and salvation. It also offers resources for further study.  
 Found at Bay C, Shelf 2. — Church Librarian  
 Valerie Stone



13th Annual—2023

# Tomatoes at TERRAPIN



Saturday, July 22, 5pm—8pm  
265 Newton Bridge Road

An annual fundraiser  
to benefit the  
Athens Nurses Clinic  
*Healthcare with compassion*

*There will be Live Music  
&  
Fresh Tomato Sandwiches  
For more info go to  
[www.TomatoesatTerrapin.com](http://www.TomatoesatTerrapin.com)*

## OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE – WITH CONNECTIONS:

Grown-up children of Covenant Church, Elodie Schimmel Covert (daughter of Gijs & Louise Schimmel & Jason Covert (son of Edie & Joe Covert) have lived & worked at Black Mountain Home for Children in Black Mountain North Carolina for many years. The home needs new beds & mattresses for all the children. Because the beds must meet state licensing stipulations, each bed costs \$114.00. If you feel moved to make a gift of any amount you may mail a check to Black Mountain Home for Children, 80 Lake Eden Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711. The Schimmels, The Coverts, Jason, Elodie & the children thank you for whatever you can give.



## FOLKS - THE B&G MT NEEDS YOUR HELP.



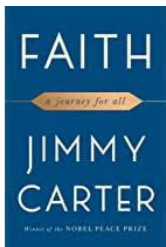
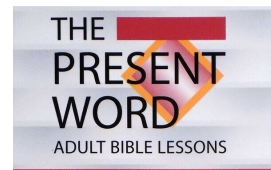
It's been two months since hedge shrubbery around the campus buildings has been pruned. This growth is mostly nandina, spirea, holley, and gardenia.

Thanks to Catherine Tyson's generosity we have a battery powered pruning shears and blower to lighten the workload. This job takes about an hour.

Please see Rich Reaves, 706-248-2819, if you're available to volunteer to complete this task.  
*Thank you.*

### The "Upper Room" Class beginning at 11:10am

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

The "Journey" adult church school class will meet during the Summer on Sunday mornings in Rm. 216 at 8:30 beginning on June 4 and continuing until Rally Day. Our book for discussion will be *Faith: A Journey for All* by Jimmy Carter.



## Northeast Georgia Presbyterian Women's

### August Workshops

August 19, 2023

### Commerce Presbyterian Church

Introduction to PW Bible Study Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke Acts. Facilitator Judy Grieve,

All attendees will be introduced to the Horizons Bible Study for 2023-2024. In the Bible Study Olive Mahabir ". . .invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters of everyday people."

The introduction to the Bible Study will be live-streamed.

Please click this link to access the PW Newsletter that includes other workshops and registration form;

[https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/June\\_July2023-NE-GA-PW-newsletter-1.pdf](https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/June_July2023-NE-GA-PW-newsletter-1.pdf)

**PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 20, 2023.**