

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER July 23, 2023

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

Pastor Nominating Committee Update 7/23/23

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has met a number of times since it was formed this spring. The initial meeting for Presbytery training, which is required for all PNCs, was conducted by Rev. Hilary Shuford, General Presbyter of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery. She was assisted by Rev. Tom Buchanan, chair of the NEGA Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and Covenant's liaison to that committee. After that training, Karen Foutz and Linda Rogers were elected co-chairs of the PNC and procedural ground rules were established. The PNC then began work on the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), the document that describes Covenant and its needs and will be viewed by potential pastor candidates. The group has also met with Jim Newland, chair of the previous PNC, who discussed his experiences on PNCs at Covenant and Central Presbyterian. The frequency of PNC meetings will increase once everyone is back on a regular schedule in the fall.

The PNC will be working on the Ministry Discernment Profile over the coming months, which will need to be approved by both the Session and the NEGA Presbytery before it can be posted on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) site and viewed by potential candidates. Crafting the MDP will take time and we appreciate the congregation's patience and prayers during this crucial step. Also, please be aware that due to the sensitive nature of the information and its potential effect on candidates, considerations of the Pastor Nominating Committee are confidential and PNC members can only discuss details of the meetings within the committee. We will keep you informed via regular updates in *The Covenanter*.

The Pastor Nominating Committee - Karen Foutz (co-chair), Kathryn Fowler, Wyatt Herndon, Rose Kisaalita, Bill Rigsby, Linda Rogers (co-chair), Brian Stone



The new school year is fast approaching and many Cedar Shoals High School students are in need. Mrs. Angela Gay, Cedar Shoals Social Worker, has told us that they need about 80 backpacks in their Care Center to start the year. From now through August 13 (Covenant Rally Day), we will be collecting backpacks for them! There are two simple ways to help:

1. Follow this link to purchase a backpack from the church "Backpack Drive for Cedar Shoals" Wishlist and the items will be shipped directly to the church office.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SVZ12J14YBNN?ref_=wl_share

2. Go to your local store, purchase a backpack (preferably with padding for a laptop inside) and bring it to church and leave it on our Backpack Drive table in the hallway outside the Worship Center.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER form can be found on page 7 as well as on the table in the gathering room.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Heide & Juergen Wiegel as Juergen deals with Alzheimers'; Dan Stoneburner diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to the brain; Diane Frost, DeLynda's aunt, who had a stroke June 19 and is still in therapy to regain us of right hand; Carrie Tweedell's left foot not improving., Going to orthopedic doctor this coming week to re-evaluate; Linda Koehler recovering well from knee replacement surgery; Bill Barstow's daughter, Linda at Emory with fever and headache; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, Matt, at home; and our nation.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Genesis 29: 15-28, Psalm 105: 1-11, Psalm 128,
I Kings 3: 5-12, Psalm 119: 129-136, Romans 8: 26-39 and
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**

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.

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
Thursday, July 27 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.



STAY OUT OF THE "RUFF" AT THE...
4TH ANNUAL PUTTS FOR MUTTS!

A SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING THE MADISON-OGLETHORPE ANIMAL SHELTER

AT HIGHLAND WALK GOLF COURSE IN VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK

SATURDAY | AUGUST 26, 2023

CHECK-IN 7:30
GROUP PHOTO 8:15
SHOTGUN START 8:30 AM

Prizes will be awarded for the Top 3 Teams, Longest Drive (men's, women's, and super senior) Closest to the Pin
There will also be a 50/50 closest to the pin for \$5 per entry - cash only - enter at the tournament

\$400 entry fee for teams of 4
Lunch & Range Balls Included

To enter and for sponsorship information visit www.moaspets.com/puttsformutts

SCHEDULE for Sunday
 9:30am – 12 noon Nursery
 for ages birth to
 kindergarten
 8:30am Church School
 for
 The Journey Adult Class,
 &
 11:10am Upper Room Adult
 Class
Worship 10:00am

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30

PIANIST: Aaron Carton-Enyi
USHERS/GREETERS: Stephanie Cahill, DeLynda & Hank Tweedell,
 Paige Cummings
LITURGIST: Stephanie Cahill

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson	1st Sunday	Judy Capie	2nd Sunday
Pam Knox	3rd Sunday	Tim Foutz	4th Sunday
Dick Zimdars	5th Sunday		

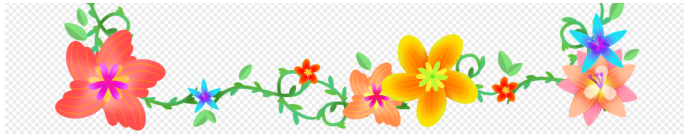


**Nursery
 Ministry**

July 23, 2023
 Phil Hale, Dell Whitehead
 July 30, 2023
 Brian, Valerie & Eli Stone

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



**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.

Covenant's Breakfast Club
Monday, August 7, 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)

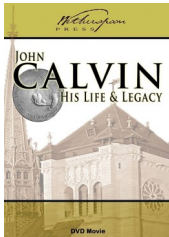
July 23 Jennifer Frey & Gloria Pylant
July 30

LIBRARY CORNER

John Calvin: His Life and Legacy

You know the name John Calvin (1509-1564), but can you remember more about him than a few foggy facts from history class? This documentary on DVD tells the story of theologian, pastor, and reformer John Calvin as well as his effect on the church and Western civilization. Found at Bay C, Shelf 2.

—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 #3
 Anticipated Pledges — \$24,577.14
 Actual Pledges — \$14,176,93
 Non-Pledged - \$119.00
 Jubilee Partners— *Coffee Worth Pavilion*
 \$3,000.00

Pledge envelopes have arrived and are in your mailbox.

Covenant by the Week!

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
 2pmKnitters & Knotters
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

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

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group

July 30, 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
 5:30pm CE Meeting
 6:30pm Mission/Outreach Meeting

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

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

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Up Coming Events

August 13 RALLY DAY
 August 20-27 FAMILY PROMISE



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*

Athens Free Clinic

We are once again partnering with UGA and the Medical Partnership to host a free clinic here at Covenant on several Mondays through the fall. We will advertise these Clinic appointments to our food pantry clients and other community partners but feel free to send this link to anyone you know who is in need of medical care and is medically indigent:

<https://calendly.com/covenantclinic/free-clinic-appointment>

To sign up to volunteer to make appointment reminder calls and/or to help with check-in on Clinic Days, please sign up here: <https://signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AAZZA20-athens>

Christian Education Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 2 at 5:30pm

Please join us for our CE Fall planning meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 5:30pm – 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Mission/Outreach Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30pm

Please join us for our Mission/Outreach Committee planning meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the Fellowship hall



FOLKS - THE B&G MT NEEDS YOUR HELP.

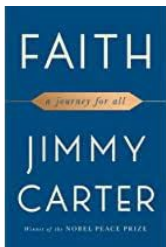
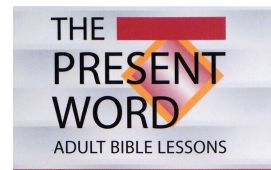
It's been two months since hedge shrubbery around the campus buildings has been pruned. This growth is mostly nandina, spirea, holly, and gardenia.

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 Reeves, 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.



The "Journey" Class beginning at 8:30am

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 PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 20, 2023.

Covenant has been blessed by the lovely singing of Quintina. Listed below are the words to the song she sang last Sunday in Yorùbá with the English translation.

AWIMAYEHUN

the One Who Says and Does

E YIN SAA, L' AWIMAYEHUN

(YOU ARE (ONE) WHO SPEAKS WITHOUT A NEED TO REVIEW

E YIN SAA, L' ALEWI-LESE

(YOU ARE (ONE) OMNIPOTENT)

E YIN SAA, L' ASORO MAATASE

(YOU ARE (ONE) TRUE AND FAITHFUL (GOD)

ASORO MAA TASE, AWIMAYEHUN

(ONE WHO SPEAKS WITHOUT NEED TO REVIEW)

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER

The Nominating Committee is charged to nominate four persons for the office of elder to serve on the Session for a three year term. Please make known to the committee persons you want to be considered. You are encouraged to seek permission from those persons whom you suggest to the committee. In this way everyone is more deeply involved in the election process.

According to the Book of Order, "Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world." Persons recommended for this Office will serve on the Session which usually meets every month. Session members also provide leadership for the ministry teams of the church.

Please list below the names you wish the Nominating Committee to consider for the office of Elder of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please give prayerful thought as you consider persons for this important office. Remember; seek their consent before entering the names below.

Elders Presently Serving on Session

Classes: 2023 - Linda Koehler, Clayton Adams, Donny Whitehead, Jennifer Frey

2024 - Katy McGill Arora, Abby Horvath, Bert Ballard-Myer, Valerie Stone

2025 - Kathryn Fowler, Carolyn Hatfield, Ansley Tweedell, Dick Zimdars

I suggest the following person(s) to the Nominating Committee to be considered for elder** to serve on the Session, Class of 2026:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

** I have permission to submit the above name(s) for consideration for elder. Please submit your recommendations to Donny Whitehead donnywhitehead@gmail.com or Julie Bower bower.julie@gmail.com or Jere Bowden rangerjere@yahoo.com or place in the drop box on the table in the gathering room by August 13th. Thank you!

