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Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE COVENANTER August 20, 2023

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

Welcome Rev. Dr. Lancaster as our guest preacher Sunday, August 20.

Dr. Lancaster retired to Athens in 2021 after forty-two years in active ministry in the PCUSA. He served in four installed positions for twenty-six years and then served eight churches in sixteen years in the Interim Ministry, one of those being at First Presbyterian Church in Athens from 2016-2018.

He earned both his M. Div. and D. Min degrees from Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA. He is a native of Louisiana, and he and his wife, Cathi, have been married for forty-seven years. They like to travel and always look for more time to spend with their family, especially with their four grandchildren! They enjoy tent camping, photography, walking, and entertaining in their home.



Family Promise hosting week for Covenant Presbyterian is Sunday, August 20 through the morning of Sunday, August 27. It can be especially tricky to cover the slots during summer

while many are traveling, so please consider giving your time for this important work. Covenant will host homeless families in the Family Promise static site at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church (1690 South Milledge Avenue). At MABC Covenant will provide hosts in 3-hour shifts (1 or 2 individuals per shift) and overnight hosts (2 individuals per shift). We also need volunteers to prepare evening meals (6pm) for the families and evening hosts. On the Friday before our service week, August 18, we will receive updated information about the families in the program (including food allergies) that we will share via email with all those signed up. Sign up using the online link: (THERE ARE STILL SLOTS OPEN) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA5AA29A4FE3-2022>

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Stone (678-360 6983, [valeriefreystone at gmail.com](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com)) or Brian Stone (478-954-1801, [vmi91h at aol.com](mailto:vmi91h@aol.com)) as they are Covenant's Family Promise Coordinators for this rotation.

Click or enter the link below in your browser to access COVENANT'S FALL BROCHURE 2023-2024

<https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Covenant-Fall-Brochure-2023-24-1.pdf>

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ellen Stoneburner and family in the passing of Dan, Thursday, August 17; Brad Courtney recovering from a serious fall; Rich Kimmich recovering from an illness at home; Paula Zimdars' Uncle Chuck Hoeven hospitalized with a bleeding ulcer; June & Joe Meyers' niece Wendy with breast cancer, metastasized to the collarbone. Treatments will begin soon. And Their nephew Brad recovering from prostate surgery with further treatment beginning soon; and a close high school friend, Fae Guerin, stage IV pancreatic cancer; Larry & Carolyn Hatfield's niece, Stephanie, recovering from surgery Aug 14. And following surgery will have maintenance chemo & radiation & immunotherapy; Larry Hatfield's brother, Chuck, with lung cancer, then course of treatment to be determined; Clayton Adams' parents, Travis & Kathy recovering from a serious accident. Cards can be mailed to their home address: 491 Riverbend Road, Blairsville, Georgia 30512; Kira, Leona Eloise and Pastor Dana; Heide & Juergen Wiegel as Juergen deals with Alzheimer's; Diane Frost, DeLynda's aunt, who had a stroke June 19 and is still in therapy to regain use of right hand; Bill Barstow's daughter, Linda at home after completing another round of consolidation chemo; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, Matt, able to walk now without assistance; and our nation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Exodus 1: 8– 2: 10, Psalm 124, Isaiah 51: 1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12: 1-8, and Psalm 146, Mark 10: 46—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.

Knitters & Knotters
Thursday, August 24 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.



COMMUNION TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Worship Ministry Team needs your help. We would like to assemble a Communion Team to provide Communion as we did prior to the pandemic. This would include preparation of Communion elements and clean-up afterwards. We need four persons to assist each month (two for prep and two for clean-up). There will be a training session scheduled in September. If we gather enough folks to assist, this will be a quarterly rotation. Please consider participating in the vital ministry! Then we can use real cups and eat real bread! For any questions, please contact Jennifer Frey at jenofrey@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 Reaves, 706-248-2819, if you're available to volunteer to complete this task. Thank You!



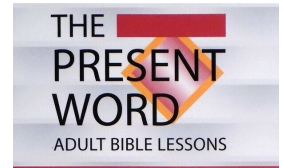


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The BUILDERS CLASS. Meeting at 9:45am beginning in September Led by Pastor Dana, this class meets in the Library. What are you building? Pastor Dana facilitates this 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 of theological issues.

The "UPPER ROOM" Class beginning August 20 at 9:45am

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 August 20 at 9:45am

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216 and Via Zoom
The "Journey" adult church school class resumes this Sunday, August 20. We will begin a new study book, "Necessary Risks", by Teri Ott.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for K-5.

This multi-age class, taught by Katy Arora and our volunteer Shepherds, meets each week (August-May), 9:45-10:45, on the main level of the church across from The Journey Class. Each week, this class begins with a lovely music time with Betsy Burmeister and then, using "Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum," the children enter into sacred space together, read from their story Bible, pause for a time of wondering, engage their curiosity and imagination with God's story through art and drama, wrestle with their place in God's story through activities and discussion, and bless one another with God's grace. Please join us for this time of Growing in God's Love!



If you would like to provide a meal for Clayton & Grace Adams and family please click on this link:

<https://takethemameal.com/JRCM9655>

Rich Kimmich is recovery from an illness and needs meals. Click on the link below to provide meals for Rich:

<https://takethemameal.com/EJKA9524>

Volunteers needed for the Athens Free Clinic Monday, August 28th

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 appointments, reminder calls and/or to help with check-in on Clinic Days, please sign up here: <https://signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AAZZAZO-athens>



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN!

We would like to invite you to join us for Bible Study and Fellowship each month on the second Thursday morning at 9:30am in the Conference Room/Library at Covenant. Our Horizon's PW Bible Study this year will be "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts". The Bible Study books have arrived and may be purchased now! Please see Karen W in the church office for a book. They are \$11.00 each. **Our first meeting will be September 14th.** We look forward to seeing you soon. *Jennifer Frey & Betsy Burmeister*

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!



GAME NIGHT

ONLINE READERS:

GAME NIGHT is Friday, August 18 from 7pm to 9pm. Folks are welcome to play a table game inside and we'll bring out some games to choose from, but the main event will be **CORN HOLE!** Newbies and experts both welcome.



Music Ensemble Rehearsals have resumed!

Thank you to all who attended the first rehearsals of the choir and handbell ensemble on August 2.

There was a good turn out and I am excited for the many worshipful gifts the music ministry will share in

the coming weeks and months. Our community is truly blessed with musical manifestations of the Spirit!

Handbell Rehearsals are Wednesdays @ 6:00PM

Adult Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays @ 7:15PM

Praise Band Rehearsal time varies

Serving the church by participating in these ensembles is both fun and a vital way to support your church's worship. Covenant is also making music part of its outreach by hosting community ensembles. If you would like to participate but have scheduling conflicts or are in need of childcare, do not hesitate to share this concern with me. I look forward to getting to know each and every member of our congregation during fellowship time.

Thank you!

Aaron Carter-Enyi, Director of Music acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org



Covenant Food Pantry

Every Thursday

Please note: shifts have been slightly adjusted

SHIFT 1: Unloading and Bagging the Food 9:30am – 11:30am)

SHIFT 2: Food Distribution 12: 30pm – 3pm

You can click on the pic or sign up at this link:

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

**Sunday Schedule
for
August 20**

9:30am Nursery

**Church School for
All Ages at 9:45am**

**WORSHIP
11:00am**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Randy & Susan Parish, Robyn Malone

LITURGIST: James Anderson **GUEST PREACHER:** Dr. Rev. Bruce Lancaster

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHER/GRETERS: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Judy Capie, Alan Edwards

LITURGIST: Jim Newland **GUEST PREACHER:** Ronald Gilreath

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**

August 20, 2023
Annemarie & Delaney
Braswell

August 27, 2023
Brian, Valerie & Eli Stone

**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 flowers in worship Sunday, August 13, were give by Jennifer Frey.*

August 20 Betsy Burmeister & Rich Reaves

August 27 Rebecca Silver

September 3

September 10

LIBRARY CORNER

The Lion of Judah by Rabbi Kirt A. Schneider.

The Lion of Judah unpacks the roots of the division between Jews and Christians, showing how jealousy, theology, the law, and the integration of Gentile believers into what was once a predominantly Jewish early church contributed to the schism. It then goes on to reveal how Jesus magnificently fulfilled every word in the Bible. Readers will discover why the Lion of Judah is the rightful Lord and King of all people—Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, atheists, and the rest of creation.

This book will help Christians understand the history of Christianity and Judaism, get into greater alignment with God's plan of redemption, be better equipped to share the gospel with Jewish people, and become more sensitive to and appreciative of their Hebraic heritage.

This book can be found in section b shelf 3.

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 #7**

Anticipated Pledges — \$57,346.69
Actual Pledges — 45,136.06

Non-Pledged - 446.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Covenant by the Week!

August 20, 2023

Sunday Family Promise Begins
9:45am Church School for all ages
11:00am Worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
Campus Kitchen

Monday 11am New Horizons Band
6:30pm Scouts Pac Meeting
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

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

Wednesday Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am New Horizons Band
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

Thursday Office Open 10am—4pm
Campus Kitchen
1pm - 3pm 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

August 27, 2023

Sunday Family Promise Ends
9:45am Church School for all ages
11:00am Worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
Campus Kitchen

Monday 11am New Horizons Band
2:00pm—4:00pm Free Health Clinic
6:30pm Scouts Pac Meeting
7:00pm 12 Step Group
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