

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 11am**: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER August 27, 2023

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

Welcome Rev. Ron Gilreath as our quest speaker Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 11:00am

The Rev. Ron Gilreath is a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a minister member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Ron is a native of Fayetteville, NC and a graduate of Methodist University, Union Presbyterian Seminary, and Columbia Theological Seminary. He retired in 2014 after serving Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs, GA. Ron and his wife Melisha, a retired school psychologist, are the parents of two daughters and the grandparents of a grandson and granddaughter. Ron and Melisha live at Presbyterian Village Athens.

Due to the increase in Covid cases at Covenant and the surrounding area the session strongly encourages folks to wear masks to worship until further notice. We hope that the current case positivity rate will subside very soon.



The safety of all who worship at Covenant is our primary concern.



Do you like to cook? Do you want to be a part of our renewed partnership with the Presbyterian Student Center? Now is your chance to help! Covenant needs 3-4 volunteers to prepare meals for about 35 folks at the Presbyterian Student Center. When? The 1st Tuesday of the month. Where? The PSC on Lumpkin

Av. Time? Meet between 5:30-6pm to prepare a meal in the PSC kitchen to be served at 7pm. We'll serve dinner and have a meal with the students. It's a great way to build relationships, and let the students know they are welcome at Covenant. Come be a part of this unique and fun ministry! Please use the sign up sheet in the hallway for whichever Tuesday you're available. Contact Bert Ballard-Myer for more information. mysammie1@yahoo.com or 706-207-2665.

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>

Hard copies are available on the Congregational desk or in the narthex.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rich Reaves and family in the passing of his brother, Bob S. Reaves, August 24 in Seminole, Florida; Ellen Stoneburner and family in the passing of Dan, Thursday, August 17; Brad Courtney recovering from a serious fall; 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; 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; and our nation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Exodus 3: 1-15, Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b, Jeremiah 15: 15-21, Psalm 26: 1-8, Romans 12: 9-21, and Matthew 16: 21-28

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 31 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.

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knotted*

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 FOR THE
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**



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!



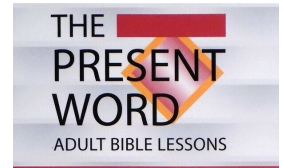


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

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 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 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 feeling much better now and no longer needs meals. Rich thanks everyone for the meals . They were a blessing!

**Sunday Schedule
for
August 27**

9:30am Nursery

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

**WORSHIP
11:00am**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GRETERS: Chris Wilson, Katy Terry, Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

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 Stoneburner



**Nursery
Ministry**

August 27, 2023

Valerie, Brian & Eli Stone

September 03, 2023 James & Robyn Malone

**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 Sunday, August 28 is given by Rebecca Silver in memory of her father, Rev. Dr. Charles K. Norville who would have been 100 years old on August 28th.

September 3

September 10



VISITOR LUNCHEON
 Sunday, September 10
 Following worship

All visitors are invited to join us on Sunday, September 10 in the fellowship hall for a light lunch and time to get to know each other better.

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 desperate need of canned tomato sauce and canned tuna. At this time they are not getting eggs so no need for egg cartons. You can leave them on the table as you go into the gathering room. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon
Tuesday, September 12 at 12:30pm

The Retiree's luncheon resumes.
Please join us and bring a dish to share
and a friend.

More information to follow.



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#/>

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 #8
 Anticipated Pledges — \$65,539.08
 Actual Pledges — \$48,431.06
 Non-Pledged - \$516.00
Thank you for your faithful giving!

Covenant by the Week!

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
 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

September 03, 2023

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

Monday 11am New Horizons Band
 3pm—5pm Bells of NEGA Board Meeting
 6:30pm Scouts Pac Meeting
 7:00pm 12 Step Group
 7:00pm Bells of NEGA

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

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group