

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER August 06, 2023

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

Welcome our guest preacher Hilary Shuford, General Presbyter of NEGA
Sunday, August 6 at 10:00am.



Sunday, August 13 beginning at 9:45am

Join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear about all of Covenant's programs for this year and to enjoy breakfast food and drinks hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team!

11:00am Worship

Thank you from our Cedar Shoals High School Friends!

Mrs. Angela Gay, Social Worker at Cedar Shoals High School, wants to extend her heartfelt gratitude to the people of Covenant for donating 29 backpacks so far to their Care Center to start this school year. You have truly blessed the children of Cedar Shoals who are in need. They still need backpacks and we will continue collecting them through August 13! There are two simple ways to help:



1. Follow this link to purchase a backpack from the church "Backpack Drive for Cedar Shoals" Wish-list 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.

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

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/409084AA5AAZ2A20-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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Patrick McMaster's brother, Neel recovering well from back surgery, 8/2; Clayton Adams' parents, Travis & Kathy recovering from a serious accident. The family requests no visitors or phone calls at this time. 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; 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 use of right hand; Carrie Tweedell diagnosed with a stress fracture of the third metatarsal of her left foot; Linda Koehler recovering well from knee replacement surgery; Bill Barstow's daughter, Linda at home feeling some better; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, Matt, at home; and our nation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 105: 1-6, Psalm 105: 16-22, 45b, I Kings 19: 9-18,
Psalm 85: 8-13, Romans 10: 5-15, Matthew 14:22-23

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 10 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!



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

Beginning Aug. 13
worship at 11:00am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHER/GREETERS: Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb,
Judy Capie

LITURGIST: Warren Combs GUEST PREACHER: Hilary Shuford

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 RALLY DAY!

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Sandy & Jim Whitney

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby GUEST PREACHER: Margaret Davis

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 6, 2023

Richard & Marcia Page

August 13, 2023

Dell Whitehead, Marie Ballard-Myer

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!

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

LIBRARY CORNER

*THE PRAYER OF JESUS—The Promise and Power
of Living in the Lord's Prayer*

The longing for a deep and enriching prayer life,
and the intimacy with God that accompanies it, is
a desire felt by all believers. But why do so few
find it?

Desire is not the issue. Sincerity is not the issue.
Even those who saw with their own eyes blind
men healed, demons cast out, and the lame walk
again had one request for the master, "Lord,
teach us to pray."

The answer was the Lord's Prayer. Apparently it is
still all we need to know.

Author Ken Hemphill. This book can be found at
Bay D, 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 #5
Anticipated Pledges — \$35,500.33
Actual Pledges — 36,421.06
Non-Pledged - \$159.00
Thank you for your faithful giving!

Covenant by the Week!

August 6, 2023

Sunday 8:30am Journey Class
10:00am Worship
11:10am Upper Room Class
12:30pm 12 Step Group
Campus Kitchen

Monday— 11am New Horizons Band
2pm—4pm Free Clinic
7:00pm 12 Step Group

Tuesday Office Hours 10am—4pm
6:30pm Finance Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Stamp Club in Fellowship Hall

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

August 13, 2023 RALLY DAY!

Sunday 9:45am gathering in the FH for breakfast and program info
11:00am Worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
Campus Kitchen

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

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UPCOMING:
FAMILY PROMISE AUGUST 20—27

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, but will be Saturday @ 5:00PM this week (on 8/5)

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.

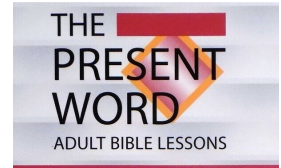
Thank you!

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



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. This Sunday, August 6 we will discuss the film, "A Family Thing".

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!