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Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER October 29, 2023

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

Covenant is excited to welcome *Lily McKay* as our new Childcare Professional. Be sure to welcome her when you see her in the nursery!

OLOMOUC MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 at 11:00am

News from Olomouc: This summer at the Church Partnership Network Conference, we set up an update exchange with our sister church in Olomouc. Every quarter we'll briefly share what is going on in our respective churches. Here is some recent news from Czechia...

- The Olomouc church was founded in 1906 and built their current building a century ago in 1920. Now the church is beginning renovations including roofwork and some cosmetic changes. In July there were four test squares painted on the back of the building to get an idea of how the exterior color may change. There were two shades of warm rosy beige, one almost white, and one buff yellow. We'll have to tune in to see what they picked! I'm told they are leaning towards one of the rosy beige colors as it would match the new red tile roof. (This is a common roof choice in the Czech Republic.)
- Those who visited Olomouc with Covenant in 2019 remember that the bridge next to the church was undergoing major renovations that created busy traffic patterns around the church. (continued on page 3) This summer the bridge was complete and traffic more peaceful. Now it is possible to stroll on both sides of the church, enjoying views of the Morava River.

Daniel Batla is a dynamic member of the Olomouc church, always helping with technical issues during our English Camps. During the 2019 English Camp he was engaged to another young church member named Misa. At the conference this summer the couple was set to soon welcome a baby. Little Julie arrived safe and sound on the last day of July and is the church's youngest member. *Submitted by Valerie Stone*

November 1



All Saints Sunday

Remembering loved ones who have gone on before us.

All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023 Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year. Check the list on the desk as you come in the double glass doors to correct or add names of loved ones and/or friends who have passed November 6, 2022—October 31, 2023 to be included in the necrology.

Or you can email Karen at kwetherington@covpresathens.org.

Thornwell Offering Building Tomorrow's Families Today November 2023

Be a partner with us to change communities one family at a time. Thornwell began in 1875 in Clinton, SC by a presbyterian minister, Reverend Jacobs, who felt a call from God to care for the orphans of the Civil War. The Ministry of Thornwell has grown and evolved over its 150-year history to be a leader in the call to care for children and families throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. What was once a dream in the heart of a young man, God anointed and blessed to become a transformative ministry that impacted lives of thousands. Covenant has a history of giving hope and joy to families

through our giving in the month of November. Fill your Thornwell turkey with coins, bills, or checks made out to Covenant Presbyterian with a notation on the memo portion for Thornwell. Just place your stuffed turkey in the offering plate one Sunday the month of November.



PRAYER CONCERNS: Joe Meyers receiving treatment for macular degeneration and rheumatoid arthritis, awaiting blood tests for cancer; Amy Baer's mom with complications and decreased vision following eye surgery; Corky Callaway recovery at home from surgery, Oct. 18; Missy Green's son Jason with mental health issues, and nephew Philip recently deployed with the army to Egypt; Dell Whitehead having knee replacement surgery on Thursday, November 2; Jennifer's cousin, Jason, is out of the hospital now and slowly improving, and her cousin Carol's husband, Ray, who had the stroke, is improving also, but still hospitalized; Heide & Juergen Wiegel as Juergen deals with Alzheimer's; Bill Barstow's daughter, Linda stable enough to move to Hope Lodge, Atlanta; Travis Adams (Clayton's father) currently at Northridge rehab in Commerce; Brian Striggow's wife, Becky; and our nation.

Congratulations to Ellie & Jim McMinn's son, Rev. Dr. Greg McMinn, Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection, Conyers, who will commemorate the 30th anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Clayton Adams has helped his mom and dad, Travis and Kathy, create this Go Fund Me link to assist them in raising the funds for new accommodations as they prepare to bring him home in a wheelchair. The family thanks you all for the love and care you have already offered, and for the ongoing love and support you continue to give. Construction has begun at Travis and Kathy's house. The doors are being widened, a new outdoor ramp, and a new shower and toilet is being installed. The entire family wants to thank each and everyone of you for your donations and spreading the word. Please continue to share the page to friends and family. You can read more and donate at this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-travis-and-kathy-adams...>

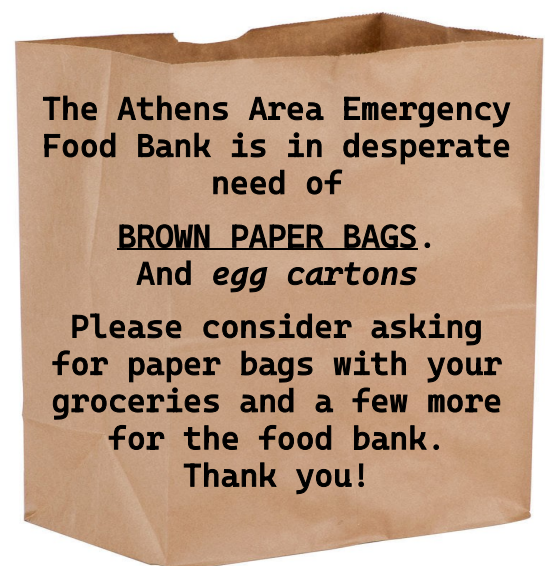
Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or kwetherington@covpresathens.org. or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to Pastor Dana.



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Knitters & Knotters
Thursday, Nov 02 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.



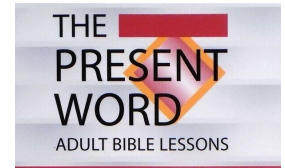


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The BUILDERS CLASS. Meeting at 9:45am 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 is now studying, "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!



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| 1. Marie Ballard-Myer | 10. Sydney Braswell | 23. Melissa Cobb |
| Sarah Parido | 16. DeLynda Tweedell | 27. Jonathan Arnold |
| 2. Tom Nemetz | 18. Jimmy Cobb | 28. Sarah Lamb |
| 4. Andrew Zimdars | Jason Green | Emma Parido |
| 9. Gene Holshouser | 20. Joe Meyers | 30. Deb Cureton |
| Carl Stone | 23. Bert Ballard-Myer | Sara Thompson |

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

**K-5 Church School at
9:45am**

**Adult Church School
9:45am**

**WORSHIP
11:00am**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

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

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 05

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Carol & Dennis Calbos, Jim Newland, Robyn Malone

LITURGIST: Ansley Tweedell

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**

October 29, 2023

Lily McKay,

Adam & Rebecca Rea

November 5, 2023—Lily McKay,

Sandy Whitney, Stephanie Cahill

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 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 .

October 22 Worship Ministry Team

October 29

November 05

Wonderful Wednesdays November 1

5:30pm Covenant Connection—join us for a delicious dinner prepared by our own *Chef Patrick* (\$3.00 donation per meal) and wonderful buttery popcorn by Hank T.

6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Dana

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
makeminesupine@hotmail.com

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org

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 #17

Anticipated Pledges — \$139,135.34

Actual Pledges — \$140,553.53

Non-Pledged - \$8,838.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

October 29, 2023

Covenant by the Week!

November 05, 2023

Sunday 9:345am Church School for all Ages
11:00am Worship –Olomouc Sunday
 12:30pm 12 Step Group
 FAMILY PROMISE ENDS
 Campus Kitchen
 4pm PAC Meeting

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

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

Wednesday Office Open 10am—4pm
 11:30am New Horizons Band
5:30pm Covenant Connection,
6:15pm Adult Bible Study
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal, 7:15pm Adult Choir
 7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

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

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11:00am Worship –All Saints Sunday
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 Campus Kitchen
 Elder Training 4:30pm—6:30pm
 4pm PAC Meeting

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November Collection for the Students of Cedar Shoals High School

CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL CARE CENTER COLLECTION

FOR STUDENTS IN NEED FROM CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL

COLLECTING FOR ALL OF NOVEMBER

DEODORANT
(BOYS & GIRLS)

SHAMPOO
& CONDITIONER
(FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HAIR TYPES)

HAIR
BRUSHES

For the month of November we are collecting 3 items for students in need at Cedar Shoals High School: deodorant (boys and girls), shampoo & conditioner (for African American hair types) and new hair brushes.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO HELP!

1. Purchase items from Covenant's Amazon

Wishlist: Click the link below and when given a shipping option you will see "Karen Wetherington" gift registry address and that is the correct address. Your donations will be shipped to the church and we will deliver them to the school.

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

2. Purchase the above items and leave them on the collection table in the hallway across from the office.

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#/>



**Join your Covenant friends every
First Tuesday of the month
serving and enjoying dinner with the
students of the Presbyterian Student Center**

Dates: Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Feb. 6, April 2, May 7

Time: 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Volunteers Needed: 4

Location: Meet at the Presbyterian Student Center

at 1250 S Lumpkin St, Athens, GA 30605

How to volunteer: Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway at church or email Bert Ballard-Myer at mysammie1@yahoo.com.

Or you can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>



November Collection for the Families of Gaines Elementary School

This month, we are collecting \$25 Walmart Gift Cards for distribution to the families most in need of food during the Thanksgiving break. Please drop your donations of \$25 Walmart Gift Cards off to Karen or Amy in the church office by November 14. If you prefer to help by check, please label the envelope for "Gaines Thanksgiving Gift Cards" and the church

Volunteers needed: Athens Free Clinic at Covenant on Nov. 27

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>