

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER November 12, 2023

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



Mission Sunday: Nov. 12, Worship at 11 a. m.

Led by Pastor Dana, Elder Bert Ballard-Myer and other members of the Mission & Outreach Team

Holy Stories will be shared by: Madison Sanders, Executive Director of Family Promise of Athens

Andie Bisceglia, UGA's Campus Kitchen Coordinator

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.



Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon

**Tuesday, November 14
at 12:30pm**

Join us for some good food and fellowship with our special speaker, Aaron Carter-Enyi.

Bring your favorite dish to share and a friend.

Beverages will be provided.



Pastor Dana will be away November 14-20 for the CREDO conference in Mo Ranch, Texas, which is focused on pastors' wholeness and well-being. Each CREDO conference is led by a team of experienced faculty who guide participants in a visioning and discernment process through four key areas of well-being: spiritual, vocational, physical and emotional health, and financial. Due to high demand, ministers are only invited to attend CREDO once. **Rev. Jacob Douylliez, Covenant's COM liaison, will be on call for pastoral emergencies.** If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Karen in the church office or reach out to our congregational care team.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Asher Hill at home with covid; Bert's sister, Jan in the hospital with diverticulitis in Rome; Pastor Dana's mother, Joy, receiving hospice care at home; Joe Meyers received good results from blood tests; 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 recovering at home from knee replacement surgery on Thursday, November 2; Jennifer's cousin, Carol's husband, Ray, who had a stroke, having memory difficulties and 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.

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:

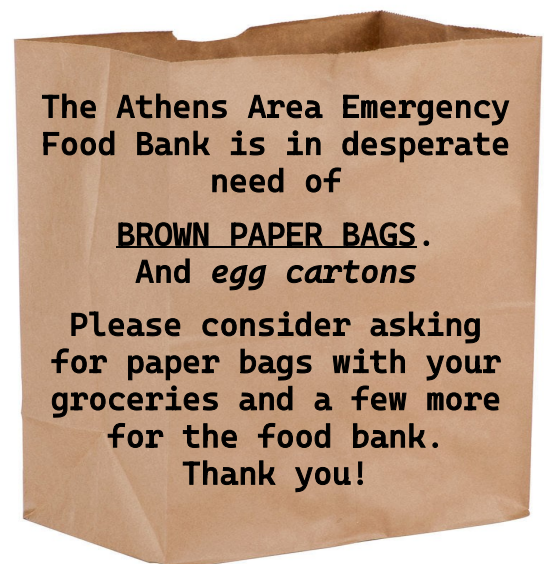
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-travis-and-kathy-adams...>

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.

Knitters & Knotters
Thursday, Nov 16 at 2pm

knitter
knottter

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.



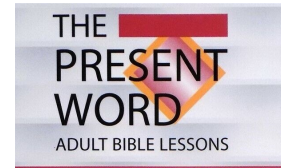


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

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!

Project Safe Needs List for November 2023

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, **Face Wash**, Dish soap refills,
chapstick, travel size mouth wash,
sandwich size zip loc bags.

**stared items represent greatest need

To donate please bag or bax your items and bring them to the Thrift Store during business hours, (Monday -Saturday 11am – 5pm) and indicate that they are items for the shelter. Please DO NOT leave donations outside the store if the store is closed they may get stolen or weather damaged.



Covenant's Annual Progressive Dinner

Friday, December 1 beginning at 6pm

For those who have not participated before, this event does not take place at the church. Instead, for each course (appetizer, main, and dessert), you will be assigned to a different host's home with different guests. Participants sign up to contribute either an appetizer, veggie side, or dessert. You may move through the evening with a partner or buddy, and we'll do our best to provide rides for those who need them. Our immediate need is for hosts. A sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board. You can also contact the church office or Valerie Stone to sign up. The deadline for signups is the day after Thanksgiving, November 24. (This event requires some planning, so we'll need some time to organize all the pieces.) If you're willing to be a host, please sign up early or contact Valerie Stone, 678-360-6983, valeriefreystone@gmail.com.



Ken Medema

FAMILY
PROMISE
BENEFIT
CONCERT

NOV. 12, 2023 • 4:00 PM

at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church
1690 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA

All proceeds from the Ken Medema concert will be direct donations to Family Promise of Athens. The suggested donation price per attendee is \$10, however, we invite anyone in the community to attend regardless of their ability to donate. Donations can be made in advance online via credit card, or at the door with cash, check or card.

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, Nov. 26 following worship! Everyone is invited to help decorate the Fellowship Hall and the outdoor areas for Christmas. The Fellowship Team will serve soup lunch and have all the decorations ready. Many hands make light work...and holiday work makes us merry and bright!

Sunday, December 17 following the Christmas Choral worship there will be a Cookie Reception in the fellowship hall.

*'Tis the
Season*

ALL COVENANT MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO...

"Coffee & Queeries" at the Presbyterian Student Center
Speaker: Rev. Claudia Aguilar from More Light Presbyterians
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4:30-6 p.m.
Location: Presbyterian Student Center
This is going to be a *conversation specifically around being a queer-inclusive church and taking further steps toward being inclusive* with helpful resources from Claudia at More Light.



2023 Holiday Benevolence Market

When: Sunday, December 3, 2023, Noon-3 p.m.

Where: Covenant Fellowship Hall

What is the Holiday Benevolence Market?

This is the 29th year of this symbolic gift-giving opportunity and First Presbyterian Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church are partnering to host the market on the East Side of Athens. Our hope is to flood the Market with families from all the Athens congregations to join us in supporting our local non-profits! There will be more than 30 local Athens non-profit organizations sharing about their service to our

community...to give them a chance to share about how they serve our neighbors most in need, to connect with new possible volunteers and to collect donations for their work.

Why should we go to the Holiday Benevolence Market?

We hope your members will attend worship at your congregation and then hop on over to Covenant to shop for symbolic holiday gifts with your children and grandchildren. This Market is specifically designed to spread the word about the organizations in our amazing city while also teaching our children and grandchildren about generosity and how we are blessed to be a blessing.

How does the Holiday Benevolence Market work?

When you arrive you will be greeted and handed two "Shopping Lists"....a grown-up one and a children's one. As you look around the Fellowship Hall you will see the 30 local organizations listed in the shopping lists set up at tables (ie. Athens Habitat for Humanity, Project Safe, Athens Area Diaper Bank, Athens Wellness Clinic, Books for Keeps, etc.).

The **Grown-Up Shopping List** will include items like: **Athens Area Diaper Bank: \$15** to provide diapers for a child for a month and **Athens Area Habitat for Humanity: \$5.00** box of nails

Our **Children's Shopping List** will include lower-cost and more *concrete* items that might appeal to children who want to buy a gift for their parents or grandparents. For example- **Strong Girls Serve** might list \$1 for pencils or \$5 for books. With the Children's Shopping List we are hoping to help our children begin to understand the simplicity of giving to others and what a huge impact small acts of generosity can make for our neighbors in need.

Once you have "shopped" around the Holiday Benevolence Market you check off your Shopping List with all of the symbolic gifts you'd like to purchase and write a single check to the "Holiday Benevolence Market" (100% tax deductible). If you are not able to attend the market, you can also send your donation through our online link or mail your shopping list and check to Holiday Benevolence Market, P.O. Box 1592, Athens, GA. 30601.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

K-5 Church School at
9:45am

Adult Church School
9:45am

WORSHIP
11:00am

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETER: Bill Barstow, Catharine Tyson, Luanne & Bill Rigsby

LITURGIST: Outreach/Mission Ministry Team

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Alan Edwards, Judy Capie, Chris Wilson, Katy Terry

LITRUGIST: 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

November 12, 2023—
Lily McKay, Tim Foutz,
Pam Knox

November 19, 2023- Lily McKay, Phil Hale, Joan &
Hannah Baird

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 .

November 12

November 19 *anonymous*

November 26 *Paula & Dick Zimdars*
Christ the King

Wonderful Wednesdays November 15

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



Covenant is now a PC(USA) "Certified Hunger Action Congregation"

Congratulations, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and thank you for responding to the biblical call to alleviate hunger and for your work toward ending its causes!

You have joined the faithful ranks of PC(USA) churches around the country that respond with compassionate action to end hunger in a country and world that have the potential to feed everyone. The PC(USA) has officially recognized Covenant as a "Certified Hunger Action Congregation." Thank you for all the ways you support our ministries of food collection and distribution!

The Athens Wellness Clinic (formerly Athens Nurses Clinic) will be holding an *Open House* on Wednesday, November 15 from 5-7, to show all the new health resources available for indigent patients. We have had over 4,200 patient encounters so far this year - dental, mental health, primary care, and more!

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#/>

LIBRARY CORNER:

Are you interested in the Church Partnership Network connection that Covenant maintains with our sister church in Olomouc? Many books about Olomouc and the Czech Republic as well as a photo album of our most recent English Camp can be found in the church library. Bay I, Shelf 1 has many items that will help you learn more and inspire you.

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 #18**

Anticipated Pledges — \$155,504.17

Actual Pledges — \$153,382.06

Non-Pledged - \$9,036.00

Thornwell—\$211.50

Thank you for your faithful giving!

November 12, 2023

Covenant by the Week!

November 19, 2023

Sunday 9:345am Church School for all Ages
11:00am Worship-Mission Sunday
12:30pm 12 Step Group
Campus Kitchen
Elder Training 4:30pm—6:30pm

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
12:30pm Retiree’s Covered Dish Luncheon
6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting
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
11:30am—1:00pm Presbytery Luncheon
8:00pm 12 Step Group

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group

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Thursday OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
7:00pm 12 Step Group

Friday OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
8:00pm 12 Step Group

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group