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Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER
November 19, 2023

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



Purchase a beautiful live Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special! They are used in the Worship Center throughout the Christmas Season. The Sign up sheet is on the desk as you come in the double glass doors. Make your check payable to Covenant and put poinsettia in the memo portion of your check. \$10 each.



**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!



See page 4 for more info!



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 at gmail](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com).

PRAYER CONCERNS: Katy Arora's mother, Susan McGill recovering from gall bladder surgery Friday, Nov. 17; Bert's sister, Jan in the hospital with diverticulitis in Rome; Pastor Dana's mother, Joy, receiving hospice care at home; 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 having bouts of nausea, however the stem cell transplant has 100% engrafted in her body; 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:

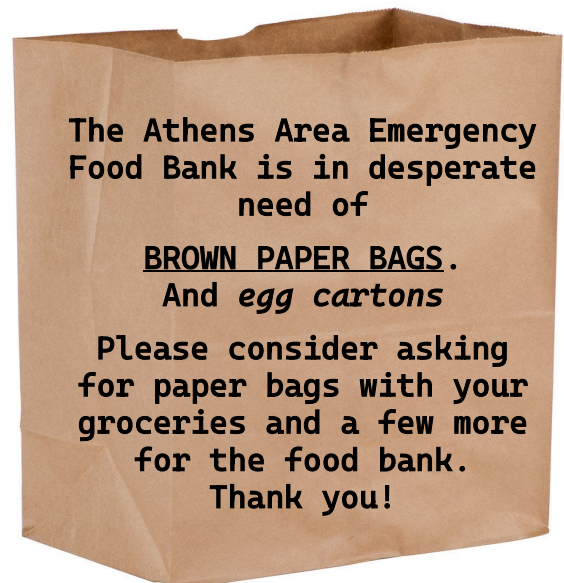
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-travis-and-kathy-adams...>

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 29 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

knitter
knotters



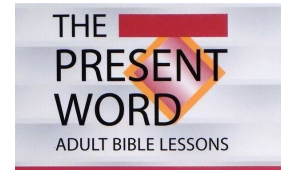


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

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 box 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.

The Thrift Store is located at 995 Hawthorne Ave, Athens in the Bell's shopping center.

Volunteers Needed: Holiday Benevolence Market, Dec. 3

Our entire Athens faith community is invited to Covenant for the 29th annual Holiday Benevolence Market on Sunday, Dec. 3, Noon-3p.m. As hosts, we will need a few people on hand for the event! Please sign up to volunteer below or email Amy at abaer@covpresathens.org



Volunteers Needed!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-46223594-holiday>



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 19

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

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

LITURGIST: Stephanie Cahill

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Stephanie Cahill, DeLynda & Hank Tweedell,
Paige Cummings

LITURGIST: Warren Combs

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson	1st Sunday	Judy Capie	2nd Sunday
Tim Foutz	3rd Sunday	Pam Knox	4th Sunday
Dick Zimdars	5th Sunday		



**Nursery
Ministry**

November 19, 2023-

Phil Hale, Joan &
Hannah Baird, Don Bower,
Lauren Capie

November 26, 2023

Lily McKay, Brian, Valerie & Eli Stone

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 newslet-
ter and/or bulletin .

November 19 *June Meyers and family in honor
of Joe's 75th birthday!*

November 26 *Paula & Dick Zimdars*
Christ the King

Dec 3 thru Dec 25 *Poinsettias given in honor
and/or memory*

Dec 31
1st Sunday after Christmas

Wonderful Wednesdays

No Covenant Connection November 22
will resume November 29 at 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

From the November NEGA Presbytery Newsletter:

Ordination Anniversaries—We give thanks for the following NEGA clergy who are celebrating ordination anniversaries this month. The Clergy Care Committee invites you to keep these individuals, their families, and their ministry in your prayers.

Amy Baer, Beecher Mathes, Jacob Douylliez, Andy Casto-Waters

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
servicing 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#/>



Deep thanks to all of you who donated to the Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive for the families in need from Gaines Elementary School! In just two weeks time, Covenant collected \$700 in Gift Cards. Our East Side neighbors will now have food on their tables for which to give thanks because of your overflowing generosity.

(pictured: Gaines Family Engagement Specialist Leviticus Smith and Gaines Assistant Principal Candis Smith)

LIBRARY CORNER

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine

Levine explores how we tend to domesticate Jesus' provocative stories. In this book she reexamines such parables as The Good Samaritan, The Mustard Seed, and The Pearl of Great Price as well as six others. This book can be found at Bay H, Shelf 2.

—Church Librarian Valerie Stone



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 #20**

Anticipated Pledges — \$163,847.69

Actual Pledges — \$161,652.06

Non-Pledged - \$9,036.00

Thornwell—\$721.50

Thank you for your faithful giving!

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Covenant by the Week!

November 26, 2023

Sunday 9:345am 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 Open 10am—4pm
1 pm - 3pm Cov Food Pantry
7:00pm 12 Step Group

Wednesday Office Open 10am—12noon**
No Covenant Connection
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

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

Sunday 9:345am Church School for all Ages
11:00am Worship
Hanging of the Greens following worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
Campus Kitchen

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

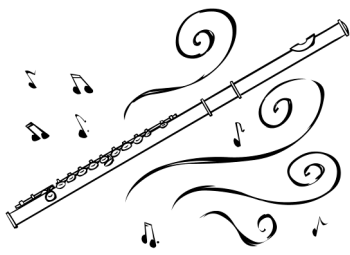
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11:30am New Horizons Band
5:30pm Covenant Connection,
6:15pm Adult Bible Study
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal, 7:15pm Adult Choir
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

Thursday Office Open 10am—4pm
1—3pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm Knitters & Knotters

Friday Office Open 10am—4pm
Christmas Decorating in church 9:30am
Progressive Dinner beginning at 6:00pm
8:00pm 12 Step Group

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group



Our guest flutist, Winnie Mburu is a first year PhD student in the Music Education program at the University of Georgia. She is originally from Nairobi (Kenya), and attended Converse University in Spartanburg (SC), where she got her master's in music education. Her primary instrument is the flute, and she also loves to sing musical theater and opera. She was cast in the Converse production of *CATS* in the spring, and the Junior Chamber Orchestra of Kenya production of *The Little Mermaid* in the summer.

I enjoyed sharing about my life and work at the Retirees' Luncheon on Tuesday November 14.

Here is a link to the Story Map I made to share with the group: <https://arcg.is/iXSXq>

Aaron Carter-Enyi, Director of Music

The Advent Devotional, *Apocalyptic Advent Embracing Hope in the Second Coming of Christ*, by Presbyterian Outlook editor Teri McDowell Ott are available on the table in the worship center in regular and large print as well as online at this link:

[Advent Devotional](#)



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| 1 | Chuck Rosenberger | 18 | Jim McMinn |
| 3 | Frank Allen | 19 | Kay Brooks |
| 4 | Tim Foutz | 24 | Holly Wolfe |
| 5 | Barbara Paul | 27 | William Sperr |
| 6 | Zak Huberty | 29 | Deb Millwood |
| 8 | Sara Cooney | | |
| | James Newland | | |
| 8 | Eli Stone | | |
| 12 | Sally Boardman | | |
| 15 | Julie Bower | | |
| | Sharon Edwards | | |
| | William Kisaalita | | |



**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.