

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
 Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER
 March 10, 2024

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



 An illustration of four people in a band: a man with a guitar, a woman with a violin, a man with a double bass, and a man with a trumpet.

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

Join us in the fellowship hall for a great time of food and fellowship and a touch of the Irish as we listen to the delightful *Green Flag Band*. Bring your favorite dish to share and a friend. Beverages will be provided.

**in a world of disaster,
 hunger, and oppression**

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

**Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry,
 Empowering the Oppressed
 Through the**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING!

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

For more about **One Great Hour of Sharing** or to give please click on the link below or mark your check OGHs in the memo portion. Thank you for your generous giving.

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 14 at 9:30am

Tamara Stam will be leading our lesson via Zoom. She would like to encourage everyone to consider reading the book mentioned at our last meeting, *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Vorghese, an Ethiopian-born Indian-American medical doctor. Our lesson is about the Ethiopian Eunuch, whom Philip encounters in Acts. Please read lesson #7 in advance of our meeting, to prepare for our discussion. Judy and Ellen will be providing refreshments for the meeting next month. Thank you to Tamara, Judy, and Ellen for sharing their time and talents with us!

A Zoom invitation will be sent out on Wed. March 13 for those who cannot attend in person.



MORNING MAHJONG GROUP!

Like to play Mahjong or want to learn? Come join us on **Tuesday,**

March 19 from 10am to noon in the fellowship hall. No experience necessary and we will meet regularly if there is enough interest. Contact Caly Depalma at calyd44atgmail.com for more information.

Don't forget to SPRING FORWARD Sunday, March 10!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Family & friends in the passing of Rev. Robert Earl McCombs, Jr. (Teresa Mauldin's Uncle) March 2; Teresa Mauldin's cousin, Rodney Mauldin recovering from bypass surgery March 5 in Charlotte, NC; Dennis Calbos recovering well from back surgery 3/5: Randy Parish and family in the passing of his sister, Molly, Feb 14; Joe and June Meyer's nephew's wife Gaye - recovering from surgery for lung cancer; Bert Ballard-Myer's sister, Jan recovering at home; Brian Striggow's wife, Becky at home; Juergen Wiegel at home; and our nation.

 * **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** *
 * March 12—17 *
 * Lenten Devotional *

*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, March 14 at 2pm

Knitter
Knorter

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.

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is in desperate need of BROWN PAPER BAGS.
Please NO egg cartons at this time. Please consider asking for paper bags with your groceries and a few more for the food bank.
Thank you!

LIBRARY CORNER

***Dorothy Day: A Biography* by William D. Miller**
 "Dorothy Day first went to jail in 1917, two days after her twentieth birthday, for demonstrating for women's suffrage outside the White House. Her last arrest took place in 1973, when she was 75, after which she served twelve days in a Kern County jail for protesting alongside Caesar Chavez and the United Farmworkers." Miller's biography explores a fascinating life that spanned from 1897 to 1980. This book can be found at Bay F, Shelf 5. —
 Church Librarian, *Valerie Stone*

Annual Child Protection Training

Sunday, April 28
 12:30-2:30 p.m.



Facilitator: Lori Karr from The Cottage
 Boxed lunch will be provided
 Please RSVP to abaer@covpresathens.org by April 19 (max. 25 spots available)

Pastor Nominating Committee Update #4

2/25/24

This update from the PNC is presented in a Q&A format to better address questions the congregation may have about the pastor search process from the time the PNC was formed until now.

Q. Who are the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)?

A. Karen Foutz, Kathryn Fowler, Wyatt Herndon, Rose Kisaalita, Bill Rigsby, Linda Rogers, and Brian Stone. Karen and Linda are co-chairs.

Q. What has the Pastor Nominating Committee accomplished since its formation?

A. After the PNC was approved by the Congregation in April, PNC members attended an orientation session in May led by the NEGA General Presbyter to learn about the processes and the work ahead of them. The PNC's first task was to select Co-Chairs and clarify committee procedures. Next, the Ministry Discernment Profile, or MDP, was carefully crafted. This document includes the Head of Staff/Pastor position requirements, a thorough description of Covenant and the Athens community, detailed answers to seven narrative questions, and more. The PNC utilized the Mission Study Task Force Report to aid in completing the MDP. In December, the PNC presented the completed MDP to Session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry for review and unanimous approval. In January, the Head of Staff position was posted to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) site, an internet-based matching and referral system. The PNC is now receiving and evaluating applications.

Q. How is the position being publicized to potential candidates?

A. The Church Leadership Connection site mentioned above is the best source of candidates. Qualified candidates are "matched" with positions posted on the CLC site. Our Head of Staff position is also listed on Covenant's website on the Home page and on the Documents page under "Employment Opportunities". These listings include the link to the Church Leadership Connection site. In addition, advertisements in publications such as *Presbyterian Outlook* are being developed.

Q. If I know someone who is interested in the position, can I refer them to the PNC?

A. Yes! Give them our email address: PNC@covpresathens.org.

Q. How long will it take to find our new pastor?

A. That is difficult to answer because it depends on many things, not all of which are within our control. The best answer is when God calls the right person.

Q. Will Dana stay until the new pastor is hired?

A. Yes, that is his plan.

Q. Who should we contact if we have questions about the pastor search?

A. Email the PNC at PNC@covpresathens.org. Your questions may be included in future updates so all will be informed.

PW Save-the-Date: March 16, 2024

Annual NE GA PW Meeting in Augusta

Covenant PW Members, please save the date of Saturday, March 16, for the Annual NE GA PW Meeting to be held in Augusta, GA at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Augusta. It will be hosted by the PW in the Augusta cluster. Let's plan to send a group from our PW to gather with our PW sisters at this annual meeting for fellowship, food, learning, and worship! It is always a good experience! Please put this date on your calendars and let me know if you have any questions. You can sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Thank you, Jennifer (jenofrey@gmail.com).

The BUILDERS CLASS beginning at 9:45am. Location: Library. Pastor Dana leads a weekly discussion of faith-based topics using the PC(USA)'s "Follow Me" curriculum. Recent topics have included: welcoming all, honoring the sabbath, and hope. Each week includes concrete ways to put faith into practice.

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 We are discussing "*What's So Funny About God—a theological look at humor*", by Steve Wilkens. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

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!



Sunday, March 24 - PALM SUNDAY

9:30am Church School for all ages
11:00am Worship - processional with palms

Wednesday, March 27- Covenant Connection

5:30pm Family Dinner
6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:15pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, March 28-MAUNDY THURSDAY- 7pm Worship

Friday, March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

7:00pm at Oconee Presbyterian Church

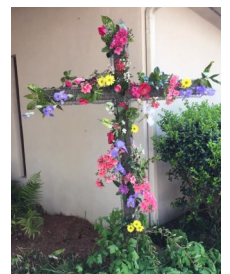
Saturday, March 30 - 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt (rain or shine)

Sunday, March 31-RESURRECTION SUNDAY-7:30am Sunrise Worship Service-
please wear comfortable shoes, and bring flowers for the cross

8:00am-9:45am Easter Breakfast-please bring a covered dish to share.

Bagels, juice, coffee and tea will be provided.

11:00am Worship



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

Church School for all ages

at 9:45am

K–5 Church School

Upper Room Class

The Builders Class

Journey Church School

WORSHIP

11:00am

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Jim Newland, Jim Whitney, Robyn Malone

LITURGIST: Stephanie Cahill

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Bill Barstow, Catharine Tyson, Judy Capie, Alan Edwards

LITURGIST: Warren Combs

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

5th Monday Week—Ellen Stoneburner & June Meyers



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Sandy Whitney,
DeLynda Tweedell

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Tim Foutz, Stephanie Cahill

**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 .

Wonderful Wednesdays—March 13

Covenant Connection—join us for a delicious dinner prepared by our own

Chef Patrick at 5:30pm

(\$3.00 donation per meal)

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



SAVE THE DATE for

DANCING WITH THE STARS

MARCH 23, 2024 at the Classic Center

Dancing With the Athens Stars is Project Safe’s most glamorous fundraiser. Teams of two pair up—one local Athens “star” and one dance teacher—to learn a routine and raise money for Project Safe. The performances are always captivating, and the audience chooses the winner. One dollar equals one vote, and there’s no limit on how many times you can vote! All proceeds go to Project Safe and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families. Voting is open. Take a look at the teams and get your vote in at [DWS VOTING](#).

Covenant’s own Paul Brooks is on Team 7, just saying.

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 #36

Anticipated Pledges — \$294,925.85

Actual Pledges — \$292,577.58

Non-Pledged - \$ 14,702.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

BCVF...\$3,050.00

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Covenant by the Week!

March 17, 2024

SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

9:45am Church School for all Ages

11:00am Worship

12:30pm 12 Step Group

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

7pm—9pm Bells of NEGA

7:00pm 12 Step Group

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

12:30pm Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon

7:00pm Athen's Stamp Club

7:00pm 12 Step Group

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band

5:30 pm Covenant Connection dinner

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal, 7:15pm Adult Choir

7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study in Library

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution

1pm Covenant Food Distribution

2:00 pm Knitters & Knotters

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

8:00pm 12 Step Group

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

SUNDAY

9:45am Church School for all Ages

11:00am Worship

12:30pm 12 Step Group

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

2:00pm—4:00pm Athens Free Clinic

7pm—9pm Bells of NEGA

7:00pm 12 Step Group

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

12 noon Mahjong Games—Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Athen's Stamp Club

7:00pm 12 Step Group

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THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7:00pm Worship Ministry Team in Library

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution

1pm Covenant Food Distribution

2:00 pm Knitters & Knotters

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

10:00am—12noon Presbyterian Women in FH

8:00pm 12 Step Group

SATURDAY 8:30am—11:00am Legal Aide Clinic in FH

10:30am 12 Step Group



A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

(Psalm 119:105): How do we read the Bible today?

A ZOOM conference organized as part of the partnership between the ECCB and the PC (USA) on April 21, 2024 at 2 P.M. EST at <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/93768208441>

Both the ČCE and the PC (USA) have their roots in the Reformation, which elevated the Bible above all human authority. Both churches have embraced the modern age with its scientific and critical approach to everything, including the Bible. This is the challenge that both denominations face together. Systematic theologian Dr. Martha Moore-Kelsh of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and Old Testament scholar Dr. Petr Sláma of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University will open the topic with their presentations. This will be followed by breakout groups discussion and a summary plenary session. All this in 90 minutes. For further information and for registration (which will help us to prepare the discussion groups) contact Rev. Jan Lavický (jan.lavicky@evangnet.cz).



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