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Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER
March 17, 2024

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

HOLY WEEK

AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY

**9:45AM CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
11 AM PALM PROCESSION AND WORSHIP**

MARCH 27 - COVENANT CONNECTION 5:30 PM
(WITH INTERGENERATIONAL EASTER EGG DECORATING)

**HANDBELL PRACTICE 6:00 PM,
ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:15 PM, ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM**

MARCH 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7 PM WORSHIP

MARCH 29 - GOOD FRIDAY, 7 PM WORSHIP
(AT OCONEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)

MARCH 30 - EASTER EGG HUNT, 11 AM
(RAIN OR SHINE)

MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 AM SUNRISE WORSHIP
8-9:45 AM EASTER BREAKFAST
BRING FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS AND A COVERED DISH
TO SHARE (BAGELS, JUICE, COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE PROVIDED)
11 AM WORSHIP



Covenant's nursery is in need of a few more volunteers who would be willing to help once every four months. It's a great opportunity to get to know our very youngest Covenanters. If you're willing to help, please contact the church office or Ellen Stoneburner (phone and text 706-296-4468).



Pledge packets for the 2024—2025 Stewardship Campaign were mailed on Friday, March 15. If you have not received one in the next week please contact the church office and we mail one to you or put it in your church mailbox.

*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/>



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.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Family & friends in the passing of Georgiana Sumner March 14; Arnelle Combs receiving treatment for a kidney stone/infection; Winnie Mburu for traveling mercies on a trip to Kenya with the Hodgson School of Music group; 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: 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 18—24 *
 * 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 21 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.

knitter
knotter

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

LIBRARY CORNER
Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art
by Madeleine L'Engle

L'Engle, a lauded writer of both fiction and nonfiction, "...takes the risk of letting us into her life, of sharing with honesty, humility and humor her reflections on art and faith. As she describes her life as a Christian and artist, we realize that we too are called, through grace, to be co-creators with God." This book can be found at Bay F, Shelf 4.

—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).



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

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!



USHERS NEEDED FOR 3 SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm - 2 ushers are needed.

Easter Sunrise Worship at 7:30am - 2 ushers are needed.

Easter Worship at 11:00am - 2 ushers are needed.

If you can help please contact

Judy Capie at jcgcapie@gmail.com or the church office.

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 17

USHERS/GREETERS: Randy & Susan Parish, Judy Capie, Alan Edwards

LITURGIST: Warren Combs

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

USHERS/GREETERS: Bill Barstow, Catharine Tyson, Jim & Sandy Whitney

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

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



Nursery
Ministry

March 17, 2024

Lily McKay, Tim Foutz,
Stephanie Cahill

March 24, 2024

Lily McKay, Clayton & Grace Adams

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.

March 3 & 10 Reaves/Burmeister

March 17

March 24

March 31 Gijs & Louise Schimmel

Wonderful Wednesdays—March 20

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.

Ways to Serve @ Covenant

Covenant Food Pantry Every Thursday

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#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5aa22a20-covenant#/)

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!



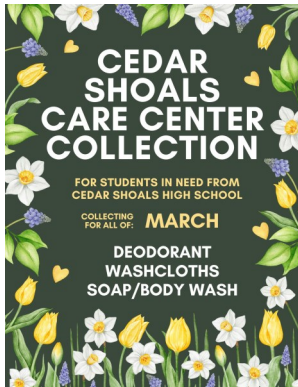
The Athens Free Clinic at Covenant 2024!

Please sign up below if you are able to
volunteer for a shift! **Need volunteers for
Monday, March 18 and Monday, April 15.**

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

Covenant Group @ Habitat for Humanity Saturday, March 30, 9am-3pm

Covenant has a group of volunteers forming
a “Saturday Build” with Habitat for Human-
ity in Athens. If you would like to join
the group please email
abaer@covpresathens.org. Location and
activities TBD closer to the date, lunch
will be provided.



Cedar Shoals Care Center Collection for the month of March we are
collecting the following: deodorant (men and women) washcloths, and
soap/body wash. You can bring your items and place on the table in front of
the office or order from our Amazon wish list and the items will be delivered
directly to the church. [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/
ls/1SVZ12J14YBNN?ref=wl_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SVZ12J14YBNN?ref=wl_share)



**Covenant Cooks! Every First Tuesday of the month, our Covenant
group alternates serving dinner to the children and families of the Athens Area
Homeless Shelter and the UGA students at The Table (formerly the PSC). Click
the signup link to volunteer and for more info!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

ATHENS ACCESS TO JUSTICE (AATJ) LEGAL POP-UP CLINIC AT COVENANT

MARCH 23, 2024, 9-11 A.M.

If you are available to help with the event, please sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-
47261839-athens#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-47261839-athens#/)



ATHENS ACCESS TO JUSTICE
WESTERN CIRCUIT

For the month of February Covenant volunteers served 1,702 food insecure neighbors, which
includes 658 children and 272 senior adults. Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*

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 #37

Anticipated Pledges — \$303,118.23

Actual Pledges — \$297,897.58

Non-Pledged - \$ 14,828.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

OGHS—\$1,155.00

March 17, 2024

Covenant by the Week!

March 24, 2024

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

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

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

SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY

9:45am Church School for all Ages

11:00am Worship with Palm Processional

Choir Rehearsal in Worship Center

12:30pm 12 Step Group



MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

27pm—9pm Bells of NEGA

7:00pm 12 Step Group

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7:00pm 12 Step Group

7:00 pm Stated Session Meeting

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Intergenerational Easter Egg Decorating

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2:00 pm Knitters & Knotters

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7:00pm Good Friday Worship at Oconee Presbyterian

8:00pm 12 Step Group

SATURDAY

11:00am Easter Egg Hunt at Covenant (rain or shine)

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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