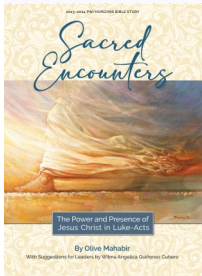


Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER April 7, 2024

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



Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Thursday, April 11 at
9:30am

Sacred Encounters
*The Power and Presence of
Jesus Christ in Luke and Acts*

Please read Lesson 8: An imaginative
retelling of Acts 16

The lesson will be facilitated by
Jennifer Frey and Linda Koehler will
provide refreshments. *A Zoom invite
will be sent out on Wednesday for
those who cannot attend in person.*

Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon

Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30pm

Join us in the fellowship hall
for good food and fellow-
ship. Valerie Stone, Covenant member and
author of several books, will be speaking to us
about "Recipes as History" and explores what
foodways, cookbooks, and recipes can tell us
about history. See you there!



Pastor Dana will be away for
vacation April 10-17.
Rev. Ron Gilreath will be the
guest preacher on Sunday,
April 14.

April 1-
May 31

A \$25 donation sends
love, flowers, and a
card to a worthy
mother in our
community!

THE ARK
UNITED MINISTRY OUTREACH CENTER

Adopt -a- Mom 2024

The Ark honors single warrior
moms, grandmothers raising
their grandbabies, and isolated
mothers in our local nursing
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moms who experience an unexpected loss of income or an unexpected expense.
Help us prevent disconnections and evictions!

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**Pledge packets for the 2024—2025
Stewardship Campaign** were mailed on
Friday, March 15.

If you have not received your packet yet
there are extra pledge cards, budget
items and envelopes on the table in the
gathering room.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NEW DATE: APRIL 21

We will celebrate God's gifts by offering
our pledge cards during 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).



Team Meeting Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

NEWS FROM THE GREEN DREAM TEAM— Columbia Theological Seminary has been awarded a Climate Science in Theological Education grant by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Ethics and Religion program. "Integrating science into seminary education and events will encourage interest within seminaries and surrounding communities about the relevance of science to theological education and will produce growing number of religious leaders equipped to help their congregants find answers to science-related questions." For more information go to: <https://presbyterianmission.org/story/columbia-theological-seminary-awarded-climate-science-in-theological-education-grant>

Barbara Burnett & Jere Bowden, Covenant's Green Dream Team



Last week, the Presbyterian Women of Covenant joined with those of First Presbyterian Church to donate all of the supplies and assemble these beautiful Easter baskets for the children in the Athens Area Homeless Shelter and Family Promise programs. Between the two programs, they currently serve 35 children ranging in age from 9 months old to 16 years old. It's a stark reminder of how many children in Athens experience homelessness, too. Thank you

so much to all of the Presbyterian Women for doing this thoughtful project...just imagine the smiles and squeals of joy these baskets will bring on Easter morning!

Covenant hosted the Free Legal Aid Clinic—Athens Access to Justice, on Saturday, March 23. The *Athens Access to Justice Initiative* was formed to provide members of our community with access to attorneys to help with legal problems. Over 65 folks received legal assistance from local lawyers and others, volunteering their time and expertise. We hope to host more such pop-up clinics with Athens Access to Justice, as this was a huge success! We thank Amy Baer for coordinating this event for us!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rich Kimmich at home following surgery for a hematoma; DeLynda Tweedell's step-mom, Barbara Young diagnosed with breast cancer & waiting for results from lymph node surgery; Teresa Mauldin recovering from surgery for breast cancer March 27; Bob Placek and family on his move from independent living to skilled nursing at Presbyterian Village Athens; 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:
 April 8—14
 Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4, Isaiah 6: 1-9a,
 Psalm 40: 1-5, I John 3: 1-7, Luke 24: 36b-48

*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, April 11 at 2pm

knitter
knotted

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. Consider asking for paper bags with your groceries and a few more for the food bank.
Thank you!

LIBRARY CORNER
Next Door Neighbor by Mac Lucado.
 We applaud men for doing good things.
 We enshrine God for doing great things.
 But what about a man who does God things?
 One thing is certain. We can't ignore him. If these moments are factual, if the claim of Christ is actual, then he was, at once, man and God.
Near Enough to Touch. Strong Enough to Trust.
 This book can be found on the 3rd shelf under General. (near the door)

Online Readers:

Anna Murphy
 Student of Professor Maggie Snyder,
 as partial fulfillment of the requirements for a
 Bachelor of Music in Viola Performance

SENIOR VIOLA RECITAL



with Damon Denton, piano

APRIL
 FRIDAY | 5 | 6 PM

Edge Recital Hall
 250 River Road, Athens, GA 30602

Hugh Hodgson School of Music
 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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 NO CLASS 3/31 will resume 4/7

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216 We will discuss the film, Babette's Feast. April 14 we will begin our next book study, *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for K-5 NO CLASS 3/31 will resume on 4/7

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



On **Wednesday, April 10 at 5:15pm** the Fellowship Team will meet during Covenant Connection to discuss plans for the upcoming Strawberry Festival (Saturday, May 4) as well as spring/summer fellowship ideas. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to attend. If you would like to share a meal with us during the meeting, a \$3 donation is suggested. Please RSVP to Valerie ([valeriefreystone at gmail](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com)) if you

plan to attend so we can let Chef Patrick know how many to expect.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45am Church School

Adult Classes:

Builders Class

Journey Class

Upper Room Class

K-5 Childrens Class

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

USHERS/GREETERS: Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb, Stephanie Cahill,
Paige Cummings

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

USHERS/GREETERS: Carol & Dennis Calbos, Luanne & Bill Rigsby

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

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**

April 7, 2024

Brian Herndon,
Ellen Stoneburner

April 14, 2024

Lily McKay, Marie Ballard-Myer, Susan Parish

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

**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 .

April 7

April 14 Charles Cantrell in honor of Nan's birthday

April 21

April 28

May 5

May 12

Wonderful Wednesdays—April 10

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

Chef Patrick at 5:30pm
(\$3.00 donation per meal)

6:15pm NO Adult Bible Study

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
makeminesupine@hotmail.com

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

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, Monday, April 15.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>



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#/>



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 CCE 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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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).



For the month of March, Covenant volunteers served 1,240 food insecure neighbors. This number includes 523 adults, 431 children, and 286 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 #39

Anticipated Pledges — \$319,503.00

Actual Pledges — \$305,157.98

Non-Pledged - \$ 15,029.10

Thank you for your faithful giving!

OGHS—\$1,935.00

April 7, 2024

Covenant by the Week!

April 14, 2024

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9:45am Adult Bible Study, K-5 Children's Bible Study
11:00am Worship
3:00pm Called Session Meeting

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MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED
7pm—9pm Bells of NEGA
7:00pm 12 Step Group



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2pm—4pm Athens Free Clinic
7pm—9pm Bells of NEGA
7:00pm 12 Step Group

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:00am Harmony English Conversation Class
12:30pm Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon
7:00pm Stamp Club in FH
7:00pm 12 Step Group

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11:00am Harmony English Conversation Class
7:00pm 12 Step Group

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
Pastor on Vacation April 10—17
11:30am New Horizons Band
5:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting
5:30 pm Covenant Connection dinner
NO Adult Bible Study
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal, 7:15pm Adult Choir
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

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5:30pm Mission Outreach Ministry Team Meeting
5:30 pm Covenant Connection dinner
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7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
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1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2:00 pm Knitters & Knotters
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

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Earth Day April 22 That Makes April Earth Month!

**What in heaven's name are you
doing for earth's sake?**

**What on earth are you doing
for heaven's sake?**