

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for  
**Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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



### *World Communion Sunday—October 6*

*Following worship there will be a reception in the fellowship hall to share bread and grapes. Grapes as well as butter, cream cheese, jam, coffee and tea will be provided by the Fellowship Ministry Team. We invite you to bring some type of bread to share.*

*Bringing gluten free bread? Please contact Valerie Stone  
([valeriefreystoneatgmail.com](mailto:valeriefreystoneatgmail.com)) or Rebecca Silver ([silverot33atgmail.com](mailto:silverot33atgmail.com)).*

**Peace and Global Witness Offering** For the month of October 23 will receive an offering for Peace & Global Witness. These gifts are helping our neighbors in need—those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe. 25% of this offering stays with our congregation, and 25% of this offering goes to the mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Ways to give: through your congregation, or donate by credit card online at [pcusa.org/peace-global](http://pcusa.org/peace-global) or text PCUSAPEACE to 41444 or scan the QR code on the insert.

### **September 29 through October 6**

Help is needed to prepare meals for the evenings of October 1 and 2 as well as van driving on Monday morning Sept. 30. More info can be found at [familypromiseathens.org](http://familypromiseathens.org). To sign up or questions please contact Valerie Stone ([valeriestoneatgmail.com](mailto:valeriestoneatgmail.com)) or Brian Stone ([vmi91hataol.com](mailto:vmi91hataol.com)). Thank you for supporting this worthwhile organization!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-51183738-covenant#/>

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** John Olive, family and friends in the passing of his wife, Debra, Wednesday, September 18; Carolyn & Larry Hatfield and family in the passing of their friend Don Vezina, Wednesday, September 18; Mary Anna Wynes having surgery on her elbow Mon., Sept. 23; Rich Dunham recovering from a double lung transplant; Alice Rose fighting leukemia and heart condition; Ivana Markova's sister in law, Helena Luki receiving care at home (Boston); Rich Kimmich recovering at home from an accident; Dick Zimdars at home; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Larry Hatfield remains under treatment for stage 4 colon cancer; Juergen Wiegel in PVA memory care and Heide at home; Gene Holshouser at home; the flooding situation in Olomouc; and our country.

*Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org) or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to the Pastor.*

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 \* **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** \*  
 \* **Proverbs 31: 10-31; Psalm 1;** \*  
 \* **Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 54; James 3: 13-43;** \*  
 \* **I Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13** \*  
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### LUNCH BUNCH

Each month on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30am at DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside).

All are welcome to join us for a good time of fellowship and food.



Dear Covenant friends and members,  
 The Worship Ministry Team has appreciated your feedback regarding Holy Communion. We're pleased to announce two important features you have requested, starting on World Communion Sunday, October 6 we will:

- Continue passing the elements person-to-person, allowing for personal meditation during this sacred feast.

- Serve pieces of freshly baked bread instead of wafers to enhance your experience of the Lord's Supper.

To accommodate your wishes, we need additional volunteers to assist quarterly. It's a 20-minute commitment

- before worship to prepare the bread and grape juice (elements provided for you)
- after worship to clean up

The procedures are clearly outlined. If you are willing to serve, please text me at 706-521-2530, call the church office, or leave a note in my hallway mailbox.

Thanks for your active participation in worship. It is what makes Covenant an inviting worship community.

*Warren Combs, Worship Ministry Team*

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45am Church School for  
all Ages

11:00am Worship

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

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

**LITURGIST:** Jim Anderson

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024—WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**USHERS/GREETERS:** The Tweedells, Luanne & Bill Rigsby

**LITURGIST:** Stephanie Cahill

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEAL**

**COORDINATORS for Sept/Oct:** Dell Whitehead, Susan Parish

### OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson 1st Sunday Judy Capie 2nd Sunday

Pam Knox 3rd Sunday Tim Foutz 4th Sunday

Brian Striggow 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

September 29, 2024

Phil & Sallie Hale

October 6, 2024

Lily McKay, Don Bower, Ellen Stoneburner



### **Covenant Connection October 3, 2024**

5:30pm with a family style meal prepared by our own  
Chef Patrick McMaster. (donation \$3 each)

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir rehearsal in Worship Center

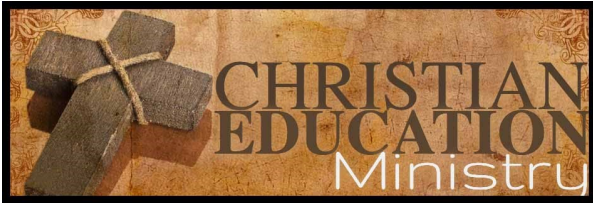
### **LIBRARY CORNER –**

*Modern Friendship: How to Nurture Our Most Valued Connections*

by Anna Goldfarb

"It's never been easier to shed friendships, which is precisely why we need a new approach to keeping them strong...With warmth and humor, this step-by-step guide will help you develop the necessary skills to form authentic, enduring connections in this new, hyper-fluid social landscape. Anna's framework for success is called 'Wholehearted Friendship' – where both people in the friendship feel seen, supported, and loved." This book can be found at Bay H, Shelf 4. – Church Librarian Valerie Stone





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

**The “GOD-BOTHERERS” Class at 9:45am.** Join us in the library for this exciting class facilitated by Pastor Tom. This class is for anyone of any age who wrestles with tough questions.

**The “UPPER ROOM” 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](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com).

### **The “JOURNEY” at 9:45am**

Location: “Journey” Classroom Room 216. We are reading and discussing a new book, “Faith Beyond Borders”, by Don Mosely from Jubilee Partners. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Juniors (K-3rd) Class at 9:45am.** Taught by Katy Arora and volunteer shepherds meets each week downstairs in the “Temple Courtyard” classroom.

**Middlers (4th—7th) Class at 9:45am.** Betsy Burmeister facilitates this class downstairs in the “Potter’s Workshop” classroom.

### **Covenant Youth Connection—Sunday evenings at 5pm—7pm**

A gathering for Middle and High School youth for recreation, a meal and a program led by Pastor Tom, Brian Herndon, Bert Ballard-Myer and DeLynda Tweedell

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## THE COVENANT FORUM

**“In Bad Faith: Unpacking Christian Nationalism’s Distortion of the Gospel”**

**Facilitated by Pastor Tom Buchanan, Covenant Presbyterian Church**

**Tuesday, October 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

The ideology of Christian Nationalism has made headlines in America in recent years with its dangerous blending of Christian and national identities, distorting our democratic institutions and values to be sure, but even more importantly, the church’s prophetic witness to Jesus’ gospel of justice, peace, and inclusion. Through group discussion of the recent 90-minute documentary “Bad Faith,” this Covenant Forum event will unpack Christian Nationalism’s dangers, with emphasis on the many ways it deviates from faithful understandings of our biblical and theological heritage. Those interested in joining in this discussion are strongly encouraged to view the documentary “Bad Faith” beforehand. It is readily available through most major streaming platforms, including Amazon Prime, YouTube TV, Apple TV, Tubi, and Google Play Movies.

In addition, there are options for public showings as well, including these, Madison County Library - Sunday, October 6 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM and Athens Cine - Sunday, October 6, at 7:15 PM

Plus, there will be two opportunities to view it with others here at Covenant, hosted by Pastor Tom in the Journey Classroom: Wednesday, October 9 - 9:30 to 11:15 AM

Friday, October 11 - 3:00 to 4:45 PM



# WAYSTO SERVE @ COVENANT



*Please look through these volunteer opportunities coming up at Covenant and sign up if you can help!*



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Athens Free Clinic @ Covenant** Volunteers are needed to welcome the medical team into the church building and to sit at the front desk to greet clients as they

arrive for their appointments. Here is the link to sign up for all of our upcoming volunteer spots:

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



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Covenant Cooks "First Tuesday" Dinners**

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>



**DONATIONS NEEDED:** For September, the Cedar Shoals Care Center is most in need of **deodorant for boys and girls**. You can bring items to the donation table outside the church office OR use this Amazon Wishlist link if you would like to donate and the items will be delivered directly to us at the church office: [https://](https://www.amazon.com/.../1SVZ1.../ref=nav_wishlist_lists_4)

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)** Sign-up to volunteer here:

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# Covenant by the Week!

## September 29, 2024

### SUNDAY -

9:30am Nursery  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am Worship—**  
12:30pm 12 Step Group  
5pm Covenant Youth Connection  
6pm Campus Kitchen

### MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

11:00am New Horizons Band  
1:30pm—4:30pm & 4pm—7pm Free Health Clinic  
6pm Scouts  
7:00pm 12 Step Group  
7:00pm Bells of NEGA  
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

### TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:00am Harmony English Conversation Class  
11:30am Lunch Bunch  
1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal  
5pm—7pm The Art of Sabbath  
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen  
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

### WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band in Fellowship Hall  
**5:30pm Covenant Connection**  
**6pm Handbells Choir**  
**6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom**  
**7:15pm Adult Choir in worship center**  
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

### THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am—11am Campus Kitchen  
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution  
1pm Covenant Food Distribution  
2pm Knitters & Knotters  
3pm Athens Women's Singing Circle  
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

### FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

### SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

## October 6, 2024—World Communion Sunday

### SUNDAY -

9:30am Nursery  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am Worship—**  
following worship Bread & Grapes Reception  
12:30pm 12 Step Group  
5pm Covenant Youth Connection  
6pm Campus Kitchen

### MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

11:00am New Horizons Band  
6pm Scouts  
7:00pm 12 Step Group  
7:00pm Bells of NEGA  
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

### TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:00am Harmony English Conversation Class  
12:30pm Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon  
1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal  
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen  
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

### WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am—11:15am "Bad Faith" video showing  
11:30am New Horizons Band in Fellowship Hall  
**5:30pm Covenant Connection**  
**6pm Handbells Choir**  
**6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom**  
**7:15pm Adult Choir in worship center**  
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

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9:30am preparing bags for food distribution  
1pm Covenant Food Distribution  
2pm Knitters & Knotters  
3pm Athens Women's Singing Circle  
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

### FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

3pm—4:45pm "Bad Faith" Video showing  
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

### SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group



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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jere Bowden        | 21 Marcia Page     |
| Diane Davies         | 24 Tamara Stam     |
| 2 Charles Cantrell   | 26 Juanita Gilbert |
| Isaac Ritzler        |                    |
| 5 Joseph Page        |                    |
| 6 Bill Barstow       |                    |
| 8 Kathryn Fowler     |                    |
| 9 Heidi Wolfe        |                    |
| 12 Ellen Stoneburner |                    |
| 14 Rose Kisaalita    |                    |
| 18 Linda Rogers      |                    |
| Avery Wetherington   |                    |
| 19 Charlie Martin    |                    |
| 20 Jason Braswell    |                    |

## *Knitters & Knatters*



**THURSDAYS 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.

# HOLY HAPPY HOUR



**JOIN  
US!**

**THIRD THURSDAYS • 5 P.M.**

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JOIN US FOR A "HOLY HAPPY HOUR:" A FUN-FILLED  
REFORMED THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION!



**RETIRES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, October 8 at 12:30pm**

Join us for a lovely time of food and fellowship and story telling time by Joan Prittie. Please bring your favorite dish to share and a friend. Beverage will be provided.