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Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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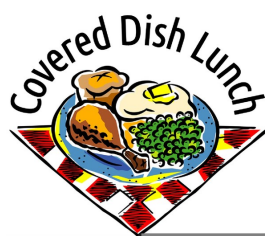
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TO HEAR THE REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECT ELDERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2027. THEY ARE: *MELISSA COBB, PAM THOMPSON, CALY DePALMA, AND KARL BARNETT.*

WARREN COMBS HAS AGREED TO SERVE OUT DICK ZIMDARS UNEXPIRED TERM, CLASS OF 2025.

THANK YOU TO THE CLASS OF 2024, *KATY ARORA, ABBY HORVATH, BERT BALLARD-MYER AND VALERIE STONE.*



Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

**Tuesday, November 12
at 12:30pm**

Join us for a delightful time of food and fellowship. Jim Thompson will be our special speaker. He was a reporter for the Athens Banner Herald and is now a freelance reporter. Bring a friend and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

NOVEMBER IS THORNWELL EMPHASIS MONTH 2024

Thornwell was impacted by the devastation left behind by recent hurricanes. Thornwell needs your support more than ever. Prayerfully consider a financial gift to Thornwell. Encourage your children to return a full Tom the Turkey. You can give through the church using the offering envelopes that can be found on the table as you enter the worship center.

Retirees Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 10


We are going to the Presbyterian Village for our Christmas Luncheon. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board. Meet at the church at 11:30am to carpool. We will gather in the Atrium around noon with lunch at 12:30. The luncheon will cost \$12 per person. Please sign up today and pay Sara Cooney by Sunday, December 1.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Rainey Bowen with broken arm; Lisa Buchanan recovering from broken foot; Amy Baer's Step Dad Charlie in Kansas City recovering from a mild stroke; Alice Rose fighting leukemia and heart condition; Wanda & Larry Minton's friend's son in a medically induced coma after brain surgery to control a bleed; 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; all those affected by the recent storms; and our country.

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 the Pastor.

 * **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** *
 * **1 Samuel 1: 4-20, I Samuel 2: 1-10,** *
 * **Daniel 12: 1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10: 11-14,** *
 * **Hebrews 10: 15-18, Mark 13: 1-8** *



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.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Mark your Calendar! Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 24 following worship. We will enjoy a light soup lunch and decorate the fellowship hall for Christmas inside and out. Please become apart of the team. Many hands make light work. Your help will be a gift to us all.

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church saves the day.

The church opened its doors to the Black Mountain Montessori School led by Erin Combs Van Note. Over 50 parents and former students moved the classroom instructional materials for four classrooms from the water-damaged school into the church's Sunday school wing and a portable classroom in the parking lot. School started Thursday, October 31st. Without this move, the startup date of the school was over a month into the future.

Erin thanks us for the several cards, emails, and texts that she has received from her Covenant community.



La Table 2025

La Table, the fundraising luncheon to support Family Promise will be held in February 2025. A group has enjoyed creating/decorating tables but is very happy to share the fun. They will do it again this year and have started planning for the 2025 theme of butterflies but you can choose a different theme. If you would like to decorate a table please contact Karen in the church office for more information.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45am Church School for
all Ages

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

USHERS/GREETERS: Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow, Dennis & Carol Calbos

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

USHERS/GREETERS: Hank & DeLynda Tweedell, Jim & Sandy Whitney

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEAL COORDINATOR

for November: June Meyers

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



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Adam & Rebecca

Rea, Lily McKay

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Dell Whitehead, Wyatt Herndon



Covenant Connection November 13, 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

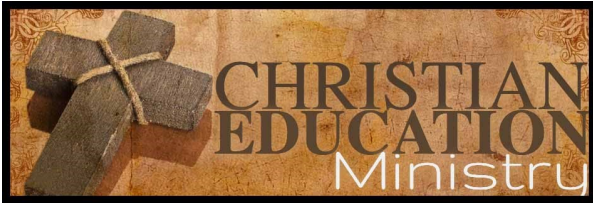
7:15pm Adult Choir rehearsal in Worship Center

Friday, December 6 beginning at 6:00pm

ANNUAL COVENANT PROGRESSIVE DINNER!

You are invited to participate in the Annual Christmas Progressive Dinner. It will be held on **Friday, December 6**. This covered dish dinner will begin with appetizers at 6:00 pm. You will then enjoy the main course and finally everyone will join together for dessert. We will need hosts and homes, people signed up to attend, and delicious food. Last year 46 people signed up to attend. The Fellowship Team can provide serving items (plates, cups, napkins, etc.) if needed. We will provide ham and rolls for each main meal host location. Coffee service/pot and serving ware can be provided for the dessert location. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the mail-boxes. If you are able to attend, please sign up by November 24th. We want to be sure that you have a seat at the table. If you are willing to be a host, please sign up early on the bulletin board and mark that you are interested in hosting. Please confirm your willingness to host by contacting: Valerie Stone 678-360-6983, valeriefreystone@gmail.com.

We can't wait to join you at this fun event.



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.

The “JOURNEY” at 9:45am

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. On Sunday, Nov. 2, we will begin study and discussion of our newly-selected book, *The Substance of Faith and Other Cotton Patch Sermons* by Clarence Jordan (foreword by Jimmy Carter). We share leadership with class participants volunteering to lead our discussion each week. 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, November 10 at 5:00pm

THE COVENANT FORUM—

In addition to its many classes and educational opportunities, Covenant is also pleased to host “The Covenant Forum.” This class will feature special speakers, panel discussions, and stimulating presentations, bringing together the heart and the mind for the life of faith! These events will be held at least quarterly, on weekday nights or Saturdays. *Check this spot for a new forum in the near future.*

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.



Meals are needed for the Buchanans while Lisa heals from a broken foot.

Click on this link to sign up:

<https://takethemameal.com/BQB12901>

If you need to sign in the name is Buchanan and password is Buchanan.

WAYS TO 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#/>

HOLY HAPPY HOUR



**JOIN
US!**

THIRD THURSDAYS • 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 17 • AUTHENTIC BREWING COMPANY
INSIDE TAPROOM • 108 PARK AVE. ATHENS, GA

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Covenant Food Pantry (Every

Thursday) Sign-up to volunteer here:

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

For the month of October Covenant volunteers served 1,793 food insecure neighbors, including 849 adults, 592 children, and 352 senior adults. *Thank you Covenant and May We All Have Enough!*



Volunteers and Bakers Needed!

We have begun planning for the "2024 Holiday Benevolence Market" at Covenant, in partnership with FPC Athens and many other congregations, and we hope you can help us make it a great success by volunteering for the event and helping us fill our dessert buffet with homemade treats! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-52613561-holiday>

Covenant by the Week!

November 10, 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

6pm Scouts
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
12:30pm Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon
1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal
4:30pm—5:30pm OLLI Group
5:30pm—6:00pm Classic City Brass Rehearsal in FH
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting
7:00pm Stamp Club in FH

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
5pm—7pm The Art of Sabbath in Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI Group—arts and crafts
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY
10:30am 12 Step Group

November 17, 2024

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship— Congregational Meeting
 following worship
12:30pm Visitor Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
12:30pm 12 Step Group
5pm Covenant Youth Connection
6pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

1:30pm—4:30pm and 4pm—7pm Athens Free Clinic
6:00pm Scouts
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