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

THE COVENANTER NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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

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.*



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.





Four times annually, Covenant is joyfully committed to coordinating important responsibilities for one week to the families temporarily housed in the two **Family Promise** apartments on Magnolia Terrace. **Our next week of service is Dec. 1-7.** We appreciate the many meals lovingly prepared and delivered to our friends at Magnolia Terrace. Please examine your ability to offer a meal, drive the van, or help to provide activities that engage the children while their parents do their weekend laundry, run errands, etc., on

Saturday afternoon (see SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA5AA29A4FE3-47300007-2024#/>).

Don and Julie Bower are the coordinators for this upcoming opportunity and will gladly answer any questions. Each of our responsibilities is described in some detail on the **Sign-Up Genius** site. If you are new to volunteering for Family Promise, you might want us to meet you at Magnolia Terrace to show you the meal delivery drill. We are happy to meet first-timers there. bower.julie@gmail.com or don.bower@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for continuing to help families who are experiencing homelessness achieve independence. This new model of service brings the program one large step closer.

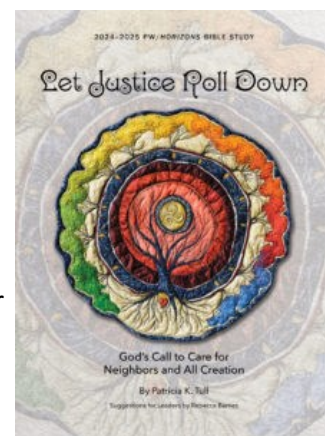


Purchase a beautiful live poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special! They will be used in the worship center through the Christmas season. Sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering room. Please make your checks payable to Covenant and put Poinsettia in the memo portion of the check. Please put check in the drop box or bring to the church office - \$12.50 each.
Please no cash.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on Thursday, Nov 21, at 9:30am in the Covenant Library. Please read Lesson #3 on Food Justice to be prepared for our discussion. Caly will lead our lesson this month. Deb M. and Pam B. will provide refreshments. We will also collect for the PW Thank Offering, one of the church wide PW giving opportunities throughout the year. This Offering provides Grants for deserving groups nationwide. **Also, we will** assemble the Exam Care Packages for the UGA students at The Table (formerly the Presbyterian Student Center) and Lydia's Place! This is our Fall PW Project this year. Thank you for contributing to our Covenant PW budget, in order for us to fund this project! And thank you to Amy Baer for helping us organize this project! It takes a village! :)

A word of good news from Montreat: They are planning to resume their conferences in January 2025! The work of clean-up and restoration is well underway and they are optimistic about the future! Many of their conferences are already listed on their website. I do not see the Women's Conference listed yet, but I am hopeful that maybe it will happen also!

Hope to see you all at our next meeting! A Zoom option will be provided for those who cannot to attend in person. *Jennifer & Gloria*



IN OUR PRAYERS: DeLynda Tweedell's sister waiting for results from four biopsies; Mark Harper's mom in hospice care in Lynchburg, VA; DeLynda Tweedell's best friends mom, Ann Mathis battling stage 4 cancer and c. difficile and is depressed; Rainey Bowen broken arm healing; Lisa Buchanan recovering from broken foot; 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; and pray that goodness, mercy & compassion prevail against the evil and greed in the world.

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:

2 Samuel 23: 1-7, Psalm 132: 1-12, Psalm 132: 13-18, Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1: 4-8, John 18: 33-37

Financial Summary for Week #19

Anticipated Pledges—\$162,935.96

Pledges Received—\$165,176.18

Thank Covenant for your faithful giving!

Thornwell Home for Children—\$750.00



HANGING OF THE GREENS

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.



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.

FINALLY! Thanks to the diligence of Rich Reaves the CE Hallway sinks have hot water delivered to them! Rich took the lead in all these efforts and now nursery workers, Journey classroom attendees, and bathroom users have hot water to wash their hands and wash out coffee cups.

Yeah! Thank you Rich!

Also, please notice the new rug in front of the Sanctuary. It's beautiful. Rich Reaves and Betsy Burmeister chose the rug and delivered it to the church. Thank you Rich and Betsy.

Carolyn Hatfield, Chair, B&G.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL—
*Patterns of Divine Possibility***

Step into a journey of discovery this Advent with a devotional that challenges us to see beyond familiar binaries and embrace the complex, natural patterns of our creator in the world. In this devotional, *Outlook* Editor/Publisher Teri McDowell Ott invites us to open our eyes to the intricate designs of God's creation that often go unnoticed. From art to everyday life, this devotional series invites us to see God's world as more than either/or. It's a call to step into divine possibility, with curiosity and openness, just as the Advent season prepares us to welcome Christ into the world. The devotionals are available on the table in the gathering room and on the desk as you come through the double glass doors. *The Editor has requested that the devotional NOT be posted online.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45am Church School for
all Ages

11:00am Worship

5:00pm Youth Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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

LITURGIST: Warren Combs, Claire Bruner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

USHERS/GREETERS: Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb, Luanne & Bill Rigsby

LITURGISTS: James Anderson, George McMaster

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		

GROUPS 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



November 17, 2024
DeLynda Tweedell,
Jacob Page

November 24, 2024

Lily McKay, Luanne Rigsby, Sandy Whitney



Covenant Connection November 20, 2024

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

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

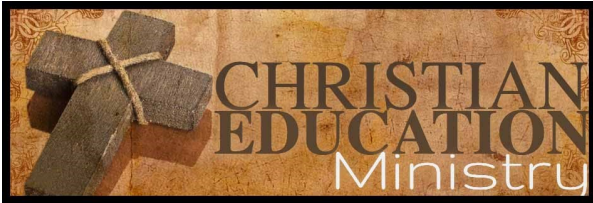
6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

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 meet 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 17 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#/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Covenant Food Pantry (Every

Thursday) Sign-up to volunteer here:

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

Used Sleeping Bags & Tents Collection

The weather is turning colder and our neighbors experiencing homelessness could use your used sleeping bags and tents. At this time, we are only collecting these two items. If you have any to spare, you can leave them on the purple

table outside the church office and

Corky Callaway will deliver them to the Sparrow's Nest for distribution to our neighbors in need.



BAKERS NEEDED: Holiday Benevolence Market @ Covenant, Sunday, December 8

We need your help to make this market 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/.../409084AA5AA22A20...>



How You Can Join the Fun

America Recycles Day isn't just a one-day thing – it's a chance to look at your recycling habits and make some awesome changes that will last. Here's how you can get involved: <https://kab.org/our-signature-programs/america-recycles-day/>

*Small actions can lead to big impact! Millions of Americans come together for **America Recycles Day** – a day all about spreading the word on how recycling helps us reduce waste, save energy, and conserve precious resources.*



Covenant by the Week!

November 17, 2024

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship— Congregational Meeting
following worship

12:30pm 12 Step Group

5pm Covenant Youth Connection

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

1:30pm—4:30pm and 4pm—7pm Athens Free Clinic

6:00pm Scouts

7:00pm 12 Step Group

7:00pm Bells of NEGA

6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal

5:30pm—6:00pm Classic City Brass Rehearsal in FH

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 PW Bible Study

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

7:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

November 24, 2024

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship—following worship *Hanging of the Greens* with a light lunch in the FH

12:30pm 12 Step Group

5pm Covenant Youth Connection

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm Scouts

7:00pm 12 Step Group

7:00pm Bells of NEGA

6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution

1pm Covenant Food Distribution

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

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 CLOSED**



FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group