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Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link to
the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER APRIL 06, 2025

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



April is
**EARTH
MONTH**

HOLY WEEK

AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
11 AM PALM PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

APRIL 16 - NO COVENANT CONNECTION MEAL
HANDBELL PRACTICE 6:00 PM,
NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY, ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM

APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7 PM WORSHIP

APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY, 7 PM WORSHIP
(AT PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE OF ATHENS)

APRIL 19 - EASTER EGG HUNT, 11 AM
(RAIN OR SHINE)

APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 AM SUNRISE WORSHIP
8-9:30 AM EASTER BREAKFAST
BRING FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS AND A COVERED DISH
TO SHARE (JUICE, COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE PROVIDED)
9:30 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
(PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CLASS TO SEE IF YOU ARE MEETING)
11 AM WORSHIP

EASTER COVERED DISH BREAKFAST

APRIL 20, 2025 - 8:00 am until 9:30 am

Easter is just around the corner, and I am excitedly looking forward to feeling the presence of our Risen Lord. In fellowship with our friends, we will enjoy the many wonderful breakfast casseroles, fruits, and breads, savory and sweet, that you will provide to celebrate the day. The breakfast will begin after the sunrise service is completed, around 8:00 am. The fellowship team will provide juice, tea and coffee. Folks attending the Sunrise Service can drop food off in the kitchen before that service starts. Please join us, even if you begin your church celebration with the breakfast. We will need assistance setting up the fellowship hall on Saturday, 4/19, after the Easter Egg Hunt, and with making coffee, serving and cleaning up on Sunday morning. Please look at the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board near the mailboxes and join us in service to this event. Thank-you,

Rebecca Silver, Chair of the Fellowship
Ministry Team

A NEW
Beginning

**Stewardship Season
has begun!**

This years theme is
"A New Beginning!"

Look for your
Stewardship Packet in
the mail. There are

extra packets on the table in the gathering
room. You can access the budget at this
link: [2025 2026 Proposed Budget](#)

Friends and Family in Covenant, you are cordially
invited to a farewell luncheon on **Sunday, April 6th**
following the service. Abby Horvath, who has been
with our church for 11 years, has taken a new job and
will be moving away from Athens. Join us for lunch to
wish her well on her way. No need to bring anything



Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

Tuesday, April 8 at 12:30pm

Kent & Rebecca Silver will present
pictures of their trip to Egypt. The
main dish will be provided. Please
bring a side dish to share. Beverages
will be provided.

COUNTERING (CHRISTIAN) *Authoritarianism*

reflections on our moment



a presentation by
renowned Christian ethicist

Dr. David P. Gushee

with Q&A to follow

6pm Thursday, April 10 UGA's Tate Theater

Learn more about
Dr. Gushee at
davidpgushee.com:

'Liberal democracy
needs and deserves
full Christian
support; but there is
plenty of evidence of
Christians ... being
attracted to illiberal
democracy or
outright
undemocratic
governance.'

How do Christians
offer a faithful
defense of democracy
today?



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The Table *an inclusive Christian Campus Ministry*

and **Covenant Presbyterian Church**

an all inclusive family of faith



IN OUR PRAYERS: Carolyn Hatfield and family in the passing of Larry on Friday, March 21; Heide Wiegel and family in the passing of Jürgen on February 23; Hank Tweedell and family in the passing of his brother, Bobby; Jere Bowden and family in the passing of her brother in law, Gene Jernigan, March 24; June Meyers home from the hospital and waiting for test results; David Knox's ex-wife, Stephanie Richards, having surgery April 7; Zeb Hendricks undergoing tests for lump in arm; Kathryn Fowler recovering from surgery on March 24; DeLynda Tweedell's Stepmother, Clarice Davis having knee surgery March 27; Carrie's roommate, Sarah diagnosed with MS; Hannah Baird's best friend's mother, Michelle Gilbert; William Emerson, friend and mentor of Alice Rose, suffering from kidney failure; Friend of Joe & June Meyers, Brent Haglund of Madison, WI who suffered a severe stroke on Dec 28 is not doing well; Taylor Combs' father in law, Raul Rosales, Charleston, S.C. with lung transplant; John Wilkin's brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; our Country

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

**Luke 15: 20, Ezra 3: 13,
Isaiah 40: 31, James 1: 5, Romans 8: 28,
Job 42: 1, 5-6**

Please read in your Lenten Devotional

Financial Summary for Week #39

Anticipated Pledges—\$334,447.50

Pledges Received—335,523.06

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

There will be a memorial service for Jürgen Wiegel on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 2 PM in the chapel at Presbyterian Village Athens (1400 Live Oak Lane, Athens, GA 30606) with reception to follow. It's not required, but if possible, please RSVP if you plan to attend using the following link: <https://forms.gle/g66UARLL4kaFkPa19>

There will be a memorial service for Larry Hatfield on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 2pm at Covenant.
A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

GREEN DREAM TEAM NEWS - The Green Dream Team had their 1st regular meeting for 2025 on March 23, at 12:15pm. There were 12 people in attendance. Gloria led our devotional. Barbara and Jere, founding members, provided a brief history of the GDT. We also had a guest speaker to kick off our March meeting. Pam Knox, a Meteorologist and Climatologist for UGA and the State of Georgia, as well as a beloved Covenant Member, spoke with us about Climate Change. She discussed some of the causes and effects of Climate Change and some ideas for actions that we can take to mitigate it. She shared with us that the science of Climate is very complicated and that many factors affect the climate in different ways. She mentioned her work with farmers in Georgia, who are having a difficult time now, due to many recent weather-related events. In order to engage with the farmers, Pam focuses her talks with them on economics and how climate changes affect economics and farming. We discussed global warming and climate change. Fossil fuel use is the biggest contributor to global warming. What we can do to decrease our carbon footprint is to conserve water and energy. Methane gas is another big contributor, from cattle and landfills, to name a couple of factors. We can decrease the amount of meat we eat and decrease the amount of food we throw away to help with this. We can also buy food from the "ugly bin" at the grocery store, to avoid that food being discarded in the landfill. We want to include some ways Covenant Members can participate in Earth Care Activities. Here are some suggestions:

1. Save your clean, reusable plastic shopping bags and bring them to Covenant to be reused at the weekly Food Pantry (to place fresh/frozen items for distribution)
2. Save large paper shopping bags and bring to Covenant for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank
3. Reduce food waste
4. Compost
5. Recycle (We hope to have some recycling bins for hard to recycle items soon)
6. Save cold water from faucets or shower, as you wait for water to warm. Reuse that water to water plants or fill toilets
7. Consolidate shopping trips/ errands to reduce amount of driving
8. Walk or ride bicycle; Car-pool
9. Consider how environmentally friendly are the products that you buy
10. Encourage your family and friends to participate in these activities too!

There are more suggestions for individual actions for Earth Care on the Green Dream Team table by our bulletin board in the alcove. Please take a handout home with you! We also have a list of Resources for more information on Earth Care available too.

Our next Green Dream Team Meeting will be April 13, 12:15pm in the Covenant Library.

IN SEARCH FOR COMMON LANGUAGE IN DIVIDED SOCIETY

How could our societies have so quickly become polarized on political, cultural, and other issues? What are the churches doing? What does the gospel of the crucified and risen Christ say about this?

Join the ECCB-PC (USA) Partnership's online conference on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 2 PM EST (USA) / 8 PM CET (CZE). The conference will be held in English at <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/93768208441>. All are welcome. Pre-registration via email at slama@etf.cuni.cz would be appreciated.

Within a 90-minute timeframe, Professor Petr Kratochvíl, an expert in international relations and Christian ethics, and Professor James Calvin Davis, an expert in the role of religion in American democratic life, will offer presentations. These will be followed by discussion in smaller breakout rooms and a short plenary session. Moderation: Professors Mark Douglas and Petr Sláma. You are welcome to stay and chat with your friends in breakout rooms afterwards.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:30am CHURCH SCHOOL
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

USHERS/GREETERS: Alan Edwards, Judy Capie, Jim Newland,
Robyn Malone

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

SUNDAY, April 13

USHERS/GREETERS: Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea

Congregational Care for April: Catharine Tyson



April 6, 2025

Lily McKay, Brian Herndon,
Ellen Stoneburner

April 13, 2025

Lily McKay, Sandy Whitney

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



Covenant Connection April 9, 2025

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

**The Athens Area Emergency
Food Bank always needs
brown paper grocery
bags. Thank you Covenant!**

*Congratulations to William & Ally Capie on the birth of their
daughter, Charlotte on April 1. And to proud
great grandmother, Judy Capie.*

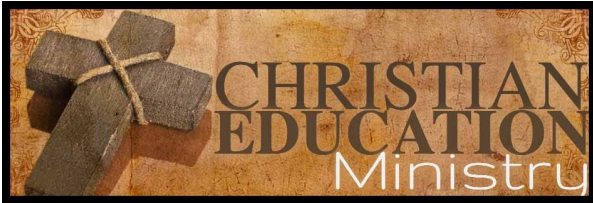
LIBRARY CORNER:

Knit, Pray, Share: Over 50 Creative Projects You Can Make to Bless Others
by Lisa Hennessy

“Transform your passion for knitting into acts of service when you give your creations to those who need an unexpected blessing...Each of these easy-to-follow patterns includes a thoughtful prayer you can offer for the person receiving it.”

This book can be found at Bay D, Shelf 3. —Church Librarian Valerie Stone





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The “GOD-BOTHERERS” Class at 9:30am. 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. We are currently reading and discussing Josh Scott’s, Bible Stories for Grown-ups. (and the Bible stories covered in it)

The "UPPER ROOM" at 9:30am. 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 9:30am

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. On Sunday, February 2, we will begin our next class-selected book, Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi, written by Amy-Jill Levine. Professor Emerita at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Levine (AJ) describes herself as a “Yankee Jewish feminist who taught in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt.” e 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 9:30am. Taught by Katy Arora and volunteer shepherds meet each week downstairs in the “Temple Courtyard” classroom.

Middlers (4th—7th) Class at 9:30am. Betsy Burmeister facilitates this class downstairs in the “Potter’s Workshop” classroom.

Covenant Youth Connection—Sunday, April 6—NO youth group



EXCITING NEWS ABOUT 10:30 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY AT COVENANT!

We’re thrilled to announce a refreshed schedule that allows everyone to connect and enjoy a time of fellowship! Sunday School classes now run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by 30 minutes of coffee, conversation, and community in the gathering room before 11 a.m. worship.

We encourage attendees to step out promptly after class, grab a cup of hot decaf or full-throttle coffee, and savor a few moments with your church family and visitors seeking fellowship. Who knows, there might even be a sweet snack waiting to brighten your day! Let’s fill the room with conversation, friendship, and delicious aromas. See you there at 10:30 a.m.!

Remember, fellowship is sweeter when we all join in!

WAYSTO SERVE @COVENANT



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://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/)

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**COVENANT
FOOD
PANTRY**
NEEDS YOUR HELP



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

**Covenant Food Pantry
(Every Thursday)**

Sign-up to volunteer here: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/)

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Thank you to all who bring their plastic bags to the Pantry. It is a great help. For the month of January Covenant served 1,551 food insecure neighbors.

A Special Offer to CPC from Preacher Green's! Paul Allen, Operating Partner at nearby Preacher Green's Restaurant (1995 Barnett Shoals Rd), is an old friend of Covenant Church, and has made a standing offer to us: On the Tuesday through Thursday following the THIRD SUNDAY of every month, just present your worship service bulletin for a 10% discount on your meal! Paul is grateful for his relationships at Covenant, and wishes to express this in a concrete way!

So hold on to your April 20 bulletin, and consider a Preacher Green's visit Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday!



OUR FRIENDS AT JUBILEE PARTNERS ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Size 8 boys clothes, 1 nightstand (bedside table), 1 very small living room end table, a few sturdy bookshelves of various sizes, car seat for 8 month old, pillow protectors, plastic/waterproof mattress covers that sip all the way around (twin, full, and queen), dish soap (small bottles) 2-3 mops with sponge bottoms, dish towels, wash cloths, diaper wipes, 2-3 headlamps (for residents walking around property at night)

If you would like to help with passports please make your check out to JUBILEE PARTNERS with passport in the memo portion. Mail to Jubilee Partners, P. O. Box 68, Comer, GA 30629.

Here are some general needs that your contributions will also help:

Counseling for mons and children who have experienced abuse, Clothing for new families (that they do not have in their clothing store), weekly groceries for families, medicine and vaccinations, legal fees, gas for appointments.

Contact DeLynda Tweedell for more info!

APRIL

COVENANT YOUTH CONNECTION

IN THE COVE

**SUNDAYS
5-7PM**

APR 6 OFF FOR SPRING BREAK

YOUTH GROUP
Easter Egg Preparation & Holy Week Bible Study!

SATURDAY APR 19 COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!
Youth Volunteers arrive 10 AM; Egg Hunt at 11 AM!

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise Service; Breakfast at 7:30 AM; Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 AM! No evening program

APR 27 ROAD PICK-UP PROJECT
in coordination with the Green Dream Team, plus preparing for Youth Sunday on May 4!

⬇ **MORE INFO:** PASTORTOM@COVPRESATHENS.ORG



2	KARL BARNETT	5	MARILYN BROWN	19	JIM WHITNEY	28	HILDA CLARK
	SYLVIA HUBER			22	NAN CANTRELL	29	ALAN EDWARDS
	NKAKU KISAALITA	6	LAURA FOSKEY	23	JACOB PAGE		LARRY MINTON
3	BOB BREWSTER			26	SANDY WHITNEY		
4	PHIL HALE	11	MARY ANNA WYNES		HANNAH BARNETT		
	WANDA MINTON	12	ANNA COBB	28	DON BOWER		



Covenant by the Week!

April 6, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship

Following Worship—Abby's farewell luncheon

12:30pm 12 Step Group

2:00pm ECCB-PC (USA) Partnership's Online Conference

NO COVENANT YOUTH GROUP

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

4pm Athens Free Clinic

6:30pm—8pm Scouts in Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Bells of NEGA in Worship Center

7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

12pm CCL Meeting in Library

12:30pm Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

4:30pm Socrates Café with Caly DePalma

6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

7pm 12 Step Group Meeting -

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

5:30pm Covenant Connection

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

6:00pm Countering Christian Authoritarianism at the Tate Center UGA

6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

10:00am PW Easter Basket Project

2pm Memorial Service for Jürgen Wiegel at PVA

7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

HOLY WEEK BEGINS— April 13, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship—Palm Sunday

12:30pm 12 Step Group

12:15pm Green Dream Team Meeting in Library

5:00pm Covenant Youth Group –Easter Egg Prep, & Holy Week Bible Study

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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NO Adult Bible Study

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7:00pm Good Friday Worship at PVA

7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

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