

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER APRIL 13, 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,

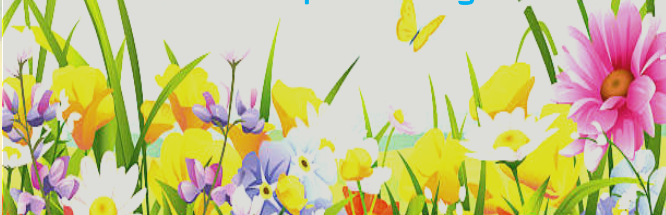
Rebecca Silver, Chair of the Fellowship
Ministry Team

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](#)



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 • 11:00 AM
1065 GAINES SCHOOL ROAD

RAIN OR SHINE!
PLEASE BRING YOUR EASTER
BASKETS AND JOIN US FOR
OUR EASTER EGG HUNT!



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 diagnosed with cancer, treatment will begin at Emory; David Knox's ex-wife, Stephanie Richards, recovering from surgery at home; Felicia, a neighbor, diagnosed with breast cancer; 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; 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:

**Rev. 21: 3-4, Psalm 145:4, Romans 5: 3-5,
Deuteronomy 10: 18, I Corinthians 11: 24,
Matthew 11: 28, Psalm 126: 5, John 10: 10**
Please read in your Lenten Devotional

Financial Summary for Week #40

Anticipated Pledges—\$343,023.07

Pledges Received—\$354,880.15

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

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.

Follow this link for the obituary: <https://www.lordandstephens.com/obituaries/larry-hatfield>



The Green Dream Team will meet this Sunday, April 13 after worship at 12:15pm in the Covenant Library. Please bring a

brown bag lunch to enjoy during our meeting. Gloria and Barbara will be speaking with us on the Clean and Renewable Act. They attended a workshop and have good information to share with us! Please plan to join us and to help us continue planning our activities for the Spring and beyond! For any questions, please contact Jennifer Frey at jenofrey@gmail.com.

Covenant PW will meet on **Thursday, April 17, at 9:30am**, in the Covenant Library. There will be a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person. Deb Millwood and Pam Butts will be leading our Bible Study Lesson (#8), and Linda Koehler will be providing refreshments that day. Please join us as we have fellowship and continue learning about Environmental Justice. We hope to see you there!

Athens Clarke County Sustainability Department

Greener Together

For more info and to sign up for their newsletter go to this link:

<https://www.accgov.com/7633/Sustainability-Department>



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:30am CHURCH SCHOOL
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, April 13

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

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea

SUNDAY, April 20

USHERS/GREETERS: Hank & DeLynda Tweedell, Sandy Whitney,
Stephanie Cahill

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

Congregational Care for April: Catharine Tyson



April 13, 2025

Lily McKay,
Sandy Whitney
April 20, 2025

Lily McKay, Phil & Sallie Hale

Mark your calendars. Buildings and Grounds is hosting a Church wide Work Day to take place on Saturday May 17th. We will be sprucing the grounds and a few other small projects. More details to follow.

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson	1st Sunday	Judy Capie	2nd Sunday
Pam Knox	3rd Sunday	Tim Foutz	4th Sunday
Brian Striggow	5th Sunday		

GROUND 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



NO Covenant Connection Meal April 16, 2025

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

NO Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

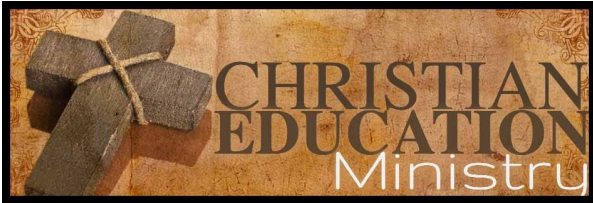
LIBRARY CORNER:

Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church

by Rachel Held Evans As church librarian, I wanted to say that this book means a great deal to me, as does each of the works written by Evans in her short life (1981-2019). The back cover explains the book this way: "For a generation that has largely said, 'count me out,' church represents a complicated relationship of both longing and apathy. There's a history there—a past full of confusion and hurt, but a past that often is impossible to abandon. In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans exposes her own thorny relationship with the church, articulating the concerns, frustrations, and hopes of many of her peers."

This book can be found at Bay D, Shelf 2. —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 13—stuffing Easter Eggs and Holy Week Bible Study



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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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.

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!



The Athens Area Emergency Food

**Bank always needs brown paper
grocery bags.**

Thank you Covenant!

Athen's 3rd Annual Feed My Starving Children Event

Needs Two Hours of Your Time
April 25 - 27 in Stegeman Coliseum



The 2025 Athens Feed My Starving Children Event is now set for **April 25 - 27**. Once again, this successful event will partner with the UGA Athletic Association which has provided Stegeman Coliseum for the event. Sign up now for two hours to fill meal packs and feed children around the world who are dying of hunger. In two hours you will create enough packs to feed a child for **SEVEN MONTHS!** Nationally, 450 million meals packed in 2024! Family teams welcomed. Organizations, groups, or individuals needed.

Goals: **185,000 meals packed by 1,000 volunteers and raise \$65,000** to pay for the ingredients. This goal was exceeded last year. The event will also include collecting food donations for a local food pantry to address food insecurity in the Athens area.

Use the link to volunteer or donate
give.fmssc.org/athens
or contact Tom Spencer
tspencer44@gmail.com
706-340-3785 (C)



WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

- * GIVE TWO HOURS DURING ONE SHIFT OVER THE WEEKEND
- * WORK WITH A TEAM TO FILL MEAL PACKS
- * FEED STARVING CHILDREN

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!

**APR
13**

**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
20**

**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

Covenant by the Week!

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS—
April 13, 2025**

April 20, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship—Palm Sunday
12:15pm Green Dream Team Meeting in Library
12:30pm 12 Step Group
5:00pm Covenant Youth Group –Easter Egg Prep, &
Holy Week Bible Study
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
2:00pm Memorial service for Larry Hatfield
6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting -

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
NO Covenant Connection meal
6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
NO Adult Bible Study
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
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
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)

RESURRECTION SUNDAY -
7:30 am Sunrise Worship
8:00—9:30am Covered Dish Breakfast
9:30am Nursery
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
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1:30pm OLLI Arts & Crafts with Mimi
5:30pm Covenant Connection
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SATURDAY
**8:00AM - 5:00PM QUALITY CHILD CARE MEETING—
FELLOWSHIP HALL AND BREAKOUT ROOMS**
10:30am 12 Step Group