



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## The Covenanter – June 28, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1065 Gaines School, Athens, GA 30605  
[www.covpresathens.org](http://www.covpresathens.org)

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS, at 10:00am**  
**Journey Sunday School Class begins at 8:45am**  
**The Upper Room Sunday School Class begins at 8:45am**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 28** following worship. Annual Congregational Meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Pastor's Terms of Call and receiving the report of the nominating committee and electing one member to session - class of 2027.

Sign up to provide a floral arrangement for Worship June 7 thru August 30. You can give flowers in honor or memory of someone special.

Let the office know. Signup sheet is on the bulletin boards next to the mailboxes. Thank you!



Covenant has talent and we want to see that on display again at this year's Coffeehouse! **A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.** Please jot your name down to share an amazing ability or interest, prepare an awesome dessert, or show your skills at setup and cleanup. For those sharing talents/interests, be aware that time limits may need to be set depending on the number of people who sign up. For talent questions, contact Linda Rogers (706-247-6225) or Pam Knox (706-621-1970). For dessert, setup, or cleanup questions, contact Becky Silver (706-207-0118). Remember, talent sharing is not required for attendance!

Member NE GEORGIA PRESBYTERY  
Synod of the South ATLANTIC, GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Shari Cobb & family in the passing of her father, Sheldon KupperSmith; Gloria Pylant and family in the passing of her brother, Richard Ellis; Kathryn Fowler having foot surgery Tuesday, June 23 at St. Mary's; Marcia Verbrugge at home with heart monitor; Mint Scott recovering from surgery; Karen & Bruce Menke, as Karen is in hospice care; Beecher Mathes having radiation for endometrial cancer; Lisa Buchanan's friend's husband, Terry Shannon, suffering from stage 4 cancer; friends of Paige Cummings, Steve & Beverly Poitras, as Steve has serious health issues & diagnosed with chronic CML Leukemia; John Wilkin's sister, Sarah Goodrich diagnosed with cancer; Bruce & Cathi Lancaster's daughter, Emily Gaither, undergoing chemo for breast cancer; Paige Cummings brother, Stephen Mercer with complications after bladder cancer surgery; Margaret Lee, a friend of Tom Buchanan, for ongoing medical issues; David Knox recovering at home from a broken ankle; Pam & Bruce Butts grandchildren's mother, Ginger Butts, approved for a kidney transplant; Ellie McMinn's brother, Mike Marshall recovering from a stroke; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA; our country and our world.

### Daily Bible Readings

**Genesis 22: 1-14, Psalm 13,  
Jeremiah 28: 5-9, Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18,  
Romans 6: 12-23, Matthew 10:40-42**

### Financial Summary for Week #51

**Anticipated Pledges \$437,734.96**

**Actual Pledges \$450,518.22**

***Thank you for your faithful giving!***



To give to covenant online scan the QR code or click on this link:

<https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving>

### TAKE THEM A MEAL

For **Mint Scott** who recently had surgery.

Go to this link to sign up:

<https://takethemameal.com/IKPP9404>

Questions contact DeLynda Tweedell at [dtweedell@hotmail.com](mailto:dtweedell@hotmail.com).

And for **Kathryn Fowler** who had surgery recently:

Go to this link to sign up:

<https://takethemameal.com/AVPS6980>

Questions contact Susan Parish at [sdp51@yahoo.com](mailto:sdp51@yahoo.com).

**ONLINE READERS: Come From Away!** is based on the true story of the time when the isolated community of Gander, Newfoundland, played host to the world. What started as an average day in a small town turned into an international sleepover, when 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from around the globe, were diverted to Gander airstrip on September 11, 2001. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music, an open bar and the recognition that we are all part of a global family. *Our own Wyatt Herndon is in the cast.*

Show dates: 25-27

Show times: 7:30 pm and 3:00 matinees on Sundays.

<https://artsoglethorpe.org/2026/come-from-away/>



# 'SUMMER SAINTS'

Sermon Series 2026  
10 AM on Sundays, June 14 to July 26  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens

A sermon series highlighting notable people who offer us some rich and surprising ways of seeing the gospel, and featuring special music on June 14, July 12, and July 26!



June 14  
**Dolly Parton**  
II Corinthians 8:1-15



June 21  
**Howard Thurman**  
I Kings 19:9-18



June 28  
**Jane Goodall**  
Genesis 1; Job 12:7-10



July 5  
**John Lewis**  
Mark 8:34-38



July 12  
**The Beatles**  
I Corinthians 13



July 19  
**Toni Morrison**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14



July 26  
**Flannery O'Connor**  
Luke 18:9-14





**THE UPPER ROOM 8:45am, June 28, 2026** James Malone hosts, with different members facilitating the discussion of the weekly chapter in *The Present Word*. To participate via Zoom, please contact James at [gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com).

**The “JOURNEY” June 28, 2026, 8:45am** This Sunday morning we begin at 8:45 with our Concerns and Celebrations, then Marilyn will lead us on a search for the origin and final resting place of Noah’s Ark. Prepare for history, mystery and myth-ery! Our discussions are seldom limited, except by time, and always interesting. Join us!



*save the date:*  
**TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN**  
LIVE MUSIC BY FAWNEY RIG ★ CRAFT BEER ★ TOMATO SANDWICHES  
★ MOBILE UNIT RIBBON CUTTING ★

**JOIN US!**

- **WHERE:** TERRAPIN BEER CO.  
265 NEWTON BRIDGE RD,  
ATHENS, GA 30607
- **WHEN:** SATURDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 4-7PM

**TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN 2025**

REGULAR TICKETS \$40  
STUDENT TICKETS \$30  
KIDS GET IN FREE

**Join us on Saturday, July 18th at Terrapin Beer Co. for our annual Tomatoes at Terrapin!**

Tomatoes at Terrapin is **Athens Wellness Clinic’s** annual summer fundraiser featuring live music, craft beer, and locally-sourced tomato sandwiches to support free healthcare for uninsured neighbors in Northeast Georgia. This year we will be unveiling our new mobile medical unit!

To purchase tickets click on this link:

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/tomatoesatterrapin2026/>

### GOT RECEIPTS!

Please turn them in before June 30<sup>th</sup> so you can be reimbursed.  
New fiscal year begins July 1, 2026.

## Sunday Schedule

8:45am Upper Room Class

8:45am Journey Class

**10:00am Worship**

## Nursery Ministry

**June 28, 2026** Susan Parish,  
Luanne Rigsby

**July 5, 2026**  
Adam & Rebecca Rea

## Knitters & Knotters

**Thursday, July 2 at 2:00pm**

Join us in the library every Thursday. We knit and knot and have lots of laughs. No experience necessary

**SUNDAY, June 28 2026**

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb,  
Susan & Randy Parish

**LITURGIST:** Sandy Whitney

**SUNDAY, July 5, 2026**

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Paige Cummings, Caly DePalma,  
Stephanie Cahill

**LITURGIST:** Kirche Rogers

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE for June:**

Dell Whitehead/DeLynda Tweedell

## OPEN AND CLOSE THE BUILDING

**Chris Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday      Judy Capie 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

**Pam Knox 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday      Tim Foutz 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Brian Striggow 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

### Grounds Stewards

**First Monday Week – Katy Terry & Chris Wilson**

**Second Monday Week – Don & Alex Clark**

**Third Monday Week - Phil Hale & Phil Koehler**

**Fourth Monday Week – Susan & Randy Parish**

**Fifth Monday Week – Ellen Stoneburner**

 Green Dream Team News and Events  **ONLINE READERS!**

**Road Clean Up - Saturday, June 27th at 9 am.** (This event was scheduled for May 23rd but had to be cancelled due to inclement weather).

**Nature Walk** - Our Nature Walk was cancelled on May 30th due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled!

**Remember to bring your ink cartridges and batteries** to our table behind the desk in the front hall for recycling at CHaRM. Please use the compost bins for food scraps after meals in the fellowship hall.

*Thanks for all you do to be good stewards of our beautiful planet! 😊 GDT Sustainability Tip: Did you know that adding mulch to your garden can help plants thrive while also supporting a healthier environment? Mulch helps improve soil health, conserve water, reduce weeds, and protect plants from harsh weather. Mulch is any material spread over the soil surface to protect and enrich the ground. Organic mulches are especially beneficial because they are environmentally friendly, inexpensive—or even free—and easy to apply. Common organic mulches in our area include pine straw, wood chips, shredded hardwood mulch, compost, leaves, and grass clippings. By mulching your garden, you can create healthier soil, support stronger plants, and practice more sustainable gardening. This tip comes from the Southern Sustainability Institute, to learn more, go to: <https://southernsustainabilityinstitute.org/mulching-natures-secret-weapon-for-a-thriving-garden/> “Nature is our biggest ally and greatest inspiration”- David Attenborough*



Please look through the volunteer opportunities below and follow the link provided or

### 1. 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. Sign up here to volunteer:

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

Volunteers are especially needed to help with setting up the space ahead of the clinic's start and ensuring all visitors feel welcome and supported. No prior experience is necessary—just a friendly attitude and a willingness to lend a hand.

### 2. Covenant Cook "First Tuesday" Dinners

Athens Area Homeless Shelter, (NEW ADDFESS) 205 Bray Street Unit #411

DROP OFF TIMES: 4:00pm – 6:00pm Sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

Sign up to volunteer here: *The TABLE signups will begin again in the fall*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

### 3. Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)

**Volunteering with the Food Pantry** is a great way for Covenanters to help. Sessions are from 9:30-11am where we pack grocery bags, and from 12:30pm-1:30pm, where we distribute groceries. The afternoon session is particularly important as it takes about 15 volunteers to run smoothly. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

**The college volunteers will be gone for the summer so now is a great time to volunteer.**

**Most needed time is the 12:30pm – 1:30pm shift. Thank you Covenant!**

### 4. BAKERS NEEDED: Covenant Birthday Brigade

The Covenant Birthday Brigade makes birthday cakes for children with a birthday while living at the Athens Area Homeless Shelter and Project Safe. Please email Marlah Gaspard at [mgaspard@helppathenshomeless.org](mailto:mgaspard@helppathenshomeless.org), if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade and want to provide a cake for the Shelter. Emma Boardman is our contact at Project Safe. She can be contacted at [eboardman@project-safe.org](mailto:eboardman@project-safe.org), if you want to add your name to our email volunteer list.

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs brown paper bags!  
Leave them on the table as you go into the gathering room.



**Week of June 28, 2026**

**Sunday –**

**8:45am Sunday School Journey Class**  
**8:45am Sunday School Upper Room Class**  
**10:00am Worship**

Congregational Meeting following worship  
and then Punch & Cookies Reception  
11:30am Stated Session Meeting

**Monday – Office Closed**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
1pm – 4pm Athens Free Clinic  
7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

**Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm**

12:00pm Bigger Vision  
7:00pm 12 Step Program (fellowship hall)

**Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

**Thursday – Office Open 10am – 4pm**

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution  
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution  
2pm – 5pm Athens Free Clinic  
2pm Knitters & Knotters  
2:30pm Athen's Women Singers  
7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

**Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm**

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Oil Portraiture in  
Oasis Theatre  
7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

**Saturday HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY!**

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

**Week of July 5, 2026**

**Sunday –**

**8:45am Sunday School Journey Class**  
**8:45am Sunday School Upper Room Class**  
**10:00am Worship**

After worship Punch & Cookies Reception

**Monday – Office Closed**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

**Tuesday – OFFICE CLOSED FOR July 4th**

12:00pm Bigger Vision  
7:00pm 12 Step Program (fellowship hall)

**Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

**Thursday – Office Open 10am – 4pm**

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution  
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution  
2pm – 5pm Athens Free Clinic  
2pm Knitters & Knotters  
2:30pm Athen's Women Singers  
6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting  
7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

**Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm**

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Oil Portraiture in  
Oasis Theatre  
7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

**Saturday**

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting



Covenant's week to host the families temporarily housed in

Family Promise lodging is **July 12 - 18**.

There are currently two families in the program, living in the Magnolia Terrace apartments. One is a family of four including 2 youngsters, 5 and 3 and a sweet newborn; the other family includes four (Mom, 2 older children 15 and 12, and a 7 y.o.).

Covenant volunteers will deliver meals on *Tuesday (July 14), Wednesday (July 15), and Thursday (July 16)*, between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. If you can help with the meals, please follow this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA5AA29A4FE3-47300007-2024#/>

**Calling All Lower Voices — No Experience Required!**

Got a voice that carries a tune and you like to have fun? We want you.

We're putting together a brand-new singing group for our **Coffee House on July 22nd**, and the only real requirement is this. You can carry a tune somewhere in the lower register, and you're up for trying something new. Reading music? Not necessary. Showing up with a sense of fun? Essential.

**Dick Zimdars** will be at the piano, and **Warren Combs** will be leading the charge — so you're in good hands (and good company).

We'll rehearse together after worship on two Sundays leading up to the big night. Sign up on the bulletin board next to our mailboxes

**Sunday, July 12**

**Sunday, July 19**

And yes — there will be subway sandwiches waiting for you and any of your family that stays with you on the 12th. Free food, new friends, low expectations on vocal perfection. What's not to love?

**All are welcome — men and women, tenors, baritones, and basses**



2	Ada Brock Rea Uche Carter-Enyi	16	Emma Rentz	27	Katy Terry Leona Waters
3	Luanne Rigsby Naveen Arora	18	Paul Brooks		
4	Dell Whitehead	19	Missy Green Gijs Schimmel		
7	Chris Devaney Dorothy Newland	20	Robert Baird Helen Epps Patti Huberty		
8	Pam Butts	21	Stephanie Cahill Haylee Nunn		
11	Brian Stone Wyatt Pless	22	Dean Johnston Charles James		
13	Charles Jay	27	Brian Herndon		
14	Paula Zimdars				