



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

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

The Covenanter – July 12, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School, Athens, GA 30605
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



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#/>



Covenant Coffeehouse,

Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm

It's almost time for the Covenant Coffeehouse!! **The sign-up sheet on the bulletin board will be removed after service on July 19.** If you have not already done so, please jot your name down to share an amazing talent, prepare an awesome dessert, or show your skills at setup and cleanup! For those sharing talents, be aware that we may need to set time limits depending on the number of participants. **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: Carol Calbos recovering from knee replacement surgery July 8th; Kathryn Fowler recovering from foot surgery; Joe and June Meyers in the accidental death of their close friend, John Rappole, on June 30; Missy Green's son, Jason, recovering from a serious dog attack in Cleveland, Ohio; Marcia Verbrugge at home with heart monitor; Mint Scott recovering from surgery; Karen & Bruce Menke, as Karen is in hospice care; 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 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112;

Isaiah 55: 10-13; Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13;

Romans 8: 1-22, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Financial Summary for Week #1

Anticipated Pledges \$ 9,448.42

Actual Pledges \$ 6,885.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

TAKE THEM A MEAL

for **Bruce & Karen Menke:**

Go to this link to sign up:

<https://takethenameal.com/VDBM7792>

Questions contact Susan Parish at

sdp51@yahoo.com.

Or DeLynda Tweedell at

dtweedell@hotmail.com or

706 540-2473



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

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

The Presbyterian Foundation (Vanco Online) has issued a new QR code. See above.



Sunday, August 16 beginning at 9:30am!



'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, July 12, 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 giillbillvolume1@yahoo.com.

The “JOURNEY” July 12, 2026, 8:45am After a rousing (and interesting) stream-of-consciousness conversation last Sunday, we will return to the mysteries of the Bible this Sunday when Stephanie guides our discussion of Moses and the Exile. Join us as we learn about others who have wandered and wondered in the Wilderness and occasionally felt unguided or misguided.

Athens Wellness Clinic
save the date:
TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN
LIVE MUSIC BY FAWNEY BIG ★ CRAFT BEER ★ TOMATO SANDWICHES
★ MOBILE UNIT RIBBON CUTTING ★

JOIN US!

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

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

TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN 2025

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.qgiv.com/for/tomatoesatterrapin2026/>

OLOMOUC -- Please mark your calendar for dates focusing on fellowship with our sister church in Olomouc, Czech Republic. On Sunday, September 13 our worship service will focus on the partnership between our churches. After the service, please stay to enjoy a few Czech treats. On Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 PM during the Covenant Connection dinner, we'll have a trip planning meeting for those interested in learning about the 2027 group trip. (Please RSVP to valeriefreystone at [gmail.com](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com) for the Wednesday meeting so we can notify the kitchen crew.) The group trip to Olomouc is planned for July 15 – 27, 2027. Our sister church will provide lodging and travel help, so the trip is limited to ten travelers.

Sunday Schedule

8:45am Upper Room Class

8:45am Journey Class

10:00am Worship

Nursery Ministry

July 12, 2026

Phil & Sallie Hale

July 19, 2026

Ada & Larson Rea,

Joan & Hannah Baird

Knitters & Knotters Will resume August 6th

Join us in the library on
Thursday, August 6th. We knit
and knot and have lots of
laughs. No experience
necessary

SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

USHERS/GREETERS: Bill & Luanne Rigsby,
Hank & DeLynda Tweedell

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

USHERS/GREETERS: Sandy Whitney, Jim Newland,
Katy Terry, Robyn Malone

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

CONGREGATIONAL CARE for July:

Luanne Rigsby

OPEN AND 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 & 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 🌿



The Green Dream Team Volunteers for the June 27 Road clean up!

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!



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 ADDRESS) 205 Bray Street Unit #411

DROP OFF TIMES: 4:00pm – 6:00pm Signup 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, 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 boardman@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 July 12, 2026

Sunday – FAMILY PROMISE BEGINS

8:45am Sunday School Journey Class

8:45am Sunday School Upper Room Class

10:00am Worship

Reception for Winnie Mburu

Following the reception Fellowship Meeting
in the library

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

4:30pm Socrates Café – OLLI

6:30pm Sacred Harp – Journey Class Room

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

6pm Session Social at Cali N Tito's

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

2:30pm Athen's Women Singers

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

1:30pm – 4:30pm OLLI in Library

7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

Saturday

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

4pm – 7pm Tomatoes at Terrapin

Week of July 19, 2026

Sunday – FAMILY PROMISE ENDS

8:45am Sunday School Journey Class

8:45am Sunday School Upper Room Class

10:00am Worship

After worship Punch & Cookies Reception

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7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

7:00pm COVENANT COFFEE HOUSE

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1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution

2:30pm Athen's Women Singers

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

Saturday

10:00am Juliet - Gathering Room-OLLI

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

In 1996, with permission from Rev. Jim Bowden, I erected a bluebird nest box in the ballfield. I moved the box to right field in ideal habitat and away from the softball batters in the first year. The nest box always produces Eastern Bluebirds sometimes with 2 nests per year. The box currently has 4 eggs (6/28) and should hatch soon. The first nesting produced at least 1 fledgling and maybe 2 more.

We have the bluebird of happiness in our own ballfield.

Joe Meyers



FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS!

The framework for Family Promise has changed through the years. We no longer house the families in our church but provide dinner meals. They do have other needs that we can help with though. These include a variety of items that families need. During the month of July Covenant will be collecting some of these, including the items listed below. If you are able, please drop them off outside the church office and we will deliver them to Family Promise Headquarters.

Needed family supplies:

Women's Deodorant

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Sponges

Trash Bags (kitchen size)

If these are items, you might be able to help with we will be collecting them at church throughout July. Look for the box outside the church office. We will collect them and deliver them to Family Promise.

Thanks for making a difference! *Susan & Randy Parish*

The floral arrangement in worship Sunday, July 12 are given in honor of Paul Zimdars on her birthday from her family! Happy Birthday Paula!