

Covenant Presbyterian Church

2026-2027 Programs & Events

"Growing Together in Faith · Fellowship · Service"

Dear Covenant Family and Friends,

This is a remarkable season in the life of Covenant Presbyterian Church! As we celebrate sixty years of worship, friendship, service, learning, and faithful witness in Athens, we also look toward the future with renewed energy and hope.

Over the past year, our congregation has been living more deeply into a shared vision of Covenant as a household of welcome and belonging. We are seeking to become ever more fully an inviting and neighborly church: a place where people encounter the beauty and mystery of God in worship, discover their own lives within the great story of faith, find circles of genuine care and friendship, and join in work that makes Christ's love visible in our community.

One especially exciting expression of this vision is our search for a new Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries. Christian formation has long been central to Covenant's identity, and we are investing in leadership that can help us strengthen ministry with children, youth, and families while supporting the volunteers who make these ministries possible. Our Search Team is already at work, and I hope you will hold its members - and the person God may be preparing to join us - in your prayers.

Throughout this brochure, you will find many opportunities to worship, learn, serve, build friendships, and grow in faith. Some are beloved Covenant traditions; others represent new ideas taking shape. Together, they reflect a congregation that honors its history by continuing to listen for God's call.

Sixty years ago, a community of faith began building a church on the eastside of Athens. Today, we inherit what they began: a living congregation shaped by grace, sustained by countless acts of love, and still being built together into a dwelling place for God.

Whether you have belonged to Covenant for decades, arrived only recently, or are simply curious about our life together, there is a place for you here.

Grateful to be on the Journey with You,

Pastor Tom



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

RALLY DAY BRUNCH 9:15 AM

Join us for brunch consisting of donuts, muffins, croissants, fruit and coffee, tea & juice all courtesy of the Fellowship Ministry Team.

MINISTRY FAIR 9:30 AM

You will have the opportunity to explore the many ways to get involved. Representatives from each ministry team will be available at individual tables throughout the room to answer questions, share information about their ministries, and discuss volunteer opportunities. Take time to visit the tables that interest you most and discover how your gifts and interests can make a difference in the life of our church. Our ministry teams include: *Building & Grounds, Christian Education, Congregational Care, Congregational Fellowship, Finance, Mission & Outreach, Personnel, & Worship*

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP 11:00 AM

During the worship service we will commission our Christian Education Teachers, Covenant Connection Leaders, and Youth Group Leaders

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Brian Herndon, co-chair, Mindy Hill, co-chair

Our Covenant family takes seriously baptismal vows to teach our children the stories of Jesus and help them grow in their faith. Young people – infants through high schoolers – can experience the joys of discipleship firsthand through creative and nurturing volunteers committed to caring for them by sharing stories of the Good News of God's love for all. Church school for all ages begins Sunday, August 23, 9:30am—10:30am.

The care of infants, toddlers, and young children is a sacred work of the church. The team is charged with overseeing the provision of safe and loving care during church events. Church school for the youngest of our children meets in the designated upstairs Church School space. Ellen Stoneburner heads up this wonderful group of volunteers.

KINDERGARTENERS – FIFTH GRADERS BEGINNING AUGUST 23RD.

The designated downstairs Church School space is painted with murals inviting young people into the world of sacred story. Within these walls, songs and stories of faith shaping the lives of young disciples are shared in creative ways by a team of talented volunteers. The curriculum includes the "Growing in God's Love, at story Bible. The children grouped as K -2nd graders and 3rd – 5th graders, are shepherded each month. Teachers: Betsy Burmeister, Katy McGill

Shepherds: Kay Millar, Jere Bowden, & Shari Cobb Substitute: Kay Brooks

Oasis Theatre – the Story through drama

Temple Courtyard – the Story through creative games

Loaves and Fishes – the snack time and fellowship

Pottery Workshop – the Story through crafts.

A typical Sunday morning looks like this:

9:30 - 9:35	drop off
9:35 - 9:50	music and movement and bells
9:50 - 10:00	sharing the biblical Story
10:00 - 10:25	lesson/activity based on the Bible
10:25 - 10:30	snacks
10:30	pick up

We have a gifted group of volunteer teachers and shepherds working with our elementary school-aged young people, and if you are interested in serving a few Sundays or all the school year, please contact Brian or Mindy as soon as possible. As Jesus' followers have discovered through the ages, serving young people is a wonderful way to add laughter to your spirit, pep to your step, meaning to your life, and joy to your day!

Sunday Night Youth Group beginning Aug. 23
5th-12th Grade



During the school year, our youth group for middle and high school students will meet Sunday evenings, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at church. Our evening will begin with recreation, followed by supper prepared by our Covenant family, and conclude with a monthly rotation of Bible study, topical conversations, service projects, and fellowship. We are grateful that DeLynda Tweedell will coordinate our evening meals, and we ask that you consider volunteering to prepare a meal for about 15 people by contacting DeLynda, dtweedell@hotmail.com.

Monthly calendars of events and other important information will be e-mailed to youths and parents at the beginning of each month, and *The Covenant* and church Facebook page can be consulted for weekly updates.

With plans for summertime weeks at Montreat, a winter retreat, lock-ins, mission overnights, and areawide youth group events, you'll want to make Sunday evenings with your youth group friends a weekly event!

We give thanks for our Youth Group leaders: Pastor Tom Buchanan, Brian Herndon, Bert Ballard-Myer and Hank & DeLynda Tweedell.



Wednesday, August 19, 2026

5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Sept.-May) Join us midweek for a time of nourishment—body, mind, and spirit. A family dinner is served at 5:30pm by Chef Patrick along with his many helpers. *\$3.00 donation per person.*

6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom Buchanan

First Wednesdays feature engaging guest speakers who bring fresh insights, perspectives, and stories to spark meaningful conversation. On remaining Wednesdays, Pastor Tom leads an accessible and thoughtful Bible Study at 6:15 p.m. in the library- all are welcome,

Adult choir and handbell choir rehearsals meet

Handbell Choir Rehearsal: 6pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 7:15pm—8:30pm

Coming Soon: A Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries!

Covenant is excited to have begun the search for a new Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries. A dedicated Search Team is at work seeking a gifted leader who can help strengthen our ministries with children, youth, and families; support and equip our volunteers; and cultivate fresh opportunities for faith formation across the life of the congregation. We look forward with great hope to welcoming a new staff member who will help us build upon Covenant's deep commitment to thoughtful Christian education and grow this vital area of ministry for years to come.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Sundays, 9:30-10:30am

Classes begin August 23, 2026

THE GOD BOTHERERS—9:30am Facilitated by Pastor Tom Buchanan

Are you a God-Botherers? God-Botherers can be faithful churchgoers or terminal seekers, those whose faith is usually strong or those whose faith is on life support. They are doubting believers, or believing doubters, who have all kinds of questions about faith, but can't quite walk away from the crazy thought that there is a God who won't walk away either. This class meets in the Library and is for anyone of any age who wrestles with tough questions!

UPPER ROOM CLASS—9:30am *James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in "The Present Word. The Present Word aims to have participants know the content of the Bible, understand the message of the Bible in light of their experiences and relationships, and be aware of God's redeeming love in our lives.*

THE JOURNEY CLASS - 9:30am This adult church school class is directed and led by the participants. A significant component of our gatherings is fellowship and we always begin by sharing our concerns and celebrations. As a group we select a "recent" book on which to focus our weekly discussions regarding contemporary life and spirituality (selections are nominated by individual participants and voted on by the class). While a Christian perspective is central to our conversations, we have studied books authored by Buddhists, Muslims, Jews and Christians of various traditions. Between books we sometimes separately view and then gather to discuss a recommended movie or two. We always strive to listen to each other with love and understanding of differing backgrounds and philosophies. The goal is to enhance our daily lives and the lives of others with whom we may engage. *This is The Journey.*



*Aaron Carter-Enyi, music director
David Aina, assistant music director*

The Adult Choir welcomes new members throughout the year. No previous musical experience is required. We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7:15am beginning August 5 and on Sunday mornings at 10:00am, starting August 16, 2026. Rehearsals will continue through Pentecost Sunday, May 17, 2027. Both regular and occasional participation is encouraged.

*Soloists and Instrumentalists, please let Aaron know when you would like to play or sing for worship. Your talents are always appreciated.
Email: acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org*

Praise Band - The praise band leads worship approximately once a month and occasionally supports the choir in their renditions of spirituals, gospel and contemporary Christian music.



New vocalists and instrumentalists are always welcome. Having multiple members who play the same instrument is a strength of ensemble because that enables us to rotate the schedule to maintain a full band while working around the busy schedules of the individual members of the band.

Banners & Floral Arrangements

Take this opportunity to help with floral arrangements for worship. Sign up to be responsible for the arrangements or offer your home-grown flowers. Assist Betsy Burmeister & Arnelle Combs with seasonal banners, lights, and worshipful art in the narthex.

Or help Paul & Kay Brooks and family with worship center liturgical banners.

WE NEED YOU!

Your eye for art is a gift from God.



HANDBELL CHOIR

We welcome new and experienced ringers, adults and high school students, who can read music. No prior handbell experience required. *Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm in the hand bell room. We rehearse during the school year and ring approximately once a month for Sunday worship services and other occasions. We ring Malmark five octaves handbells and 4.5 octaves chimes. For more information and to join us, contact David Boardman, Handbell Choir Director, at makeminesupine@hotmail.com.*

NEW HORIZONS BAND Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at Covenant.



Directed by Joyce King, the New Horizons Band is an outreach of the University of Georgia's Hugh Hodgson School of Music. "It's never too late to learn" is the motto of New Horizons Ensembles!!

New Horizons Music programs provide music making opportunities for adults, generally over the age of 50, including those with no musical experience at all, and those who were active in school music programs, but have been inactive for a long period. Would you like to join? Contact Katy Terry at katyterry@charter.net for more information.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY—

The Congregational Care Ministry Team works to bring Christian growth through involvement and care of our congregation to address the diverse needs that lie within. Some needs include older adults, shut-ins, singles, college students and youth. We also stay in communication and care for the needs of individuals recovering from illness and those in need of scheduled meals or transportation. The ministry team also handles most receptions at the church including weddings, funerals, and the annual reception honoring HS Graduates. Volunteer and join us as we strengthen our church family!

Contact Melissa Cobb melissacobb722@gmail.com or
Susan Parish sdp51@yahoo.com



While worship is the heart of all that we do at Covenant, it is our focus on God's love that brings our congregation together in community, caring and fun. If you are interested in working together with us in any of these efforts, please reach out to the chairs of the Congregational Fellowship.

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP

Throughout the year the Fellowship Team and our fellow Covenanters cook up ways for us to come together to visit, dine, play, have fun and get to know each other. Activities are varied and as new interests arise, new events are added. Each event requires volunteers with many talents to see them through.

SUMMER - Our coffee house begins our year in July by showcasing the gifts of our members and friends. Entertainment has encompassed many talents over the years, including music, songs, readings, stories, poetry, demonstrations, and creative works. No coffee house would be complete without coffee and desert.

Punch and cookies are provided by the congregation to allow time to visit on Sundays after the 10:00 am worship service.

Rally Day paints a picture of what happens at our church during the upcoming 2026-2027 year, as we munch on handheld treats.

Summer provides an opportunity to connect with friends from far away, especially from our sister church in Olomouc, Czechia.

FALL - Fall brings receptions, picnics, luncheons, an ice cream social, and gatherings hosted in homes or restaurants. It is fun to reconnect and hear about summer adventures.

WINTER - Winter centers around the holidays. We have fun decorating the fellowship hall, hosting a choral worship reception, gathering for the Progressive Dinner and The Feast and Fellowship Dinner. Sometimes we host a games night or learn a new creative skill.

SPRING - Easter Breakfast is a spring highlight along with a spring picnic and various receptions.

Contact: Rebecca Silver, Co-Chair at silverot33@gmail.com or

Caly DePalma, Co-Chair at calyd44@gmail.com

OLOMOUC - Our Sister Congregation in the Czech Republic

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.

WEEKDAY ADULT FELLOWSHIP



KNITTERS AND KNOTTERS

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

Join us for a great time of fellowship and ministry as we join together to make blankets, hats, scarves, pillows, etc. for those in need. Everyone is invited, beginners welcome! See Linda Koehler for more information.

LUNCH BUNCH Join us on the "first Tuesday" of each month at 11:30 am. Next meeting - **September 1** at DePalma's Italian on the eastside. Come for lunch & good laughter! Separate checks.



THE RETIREES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

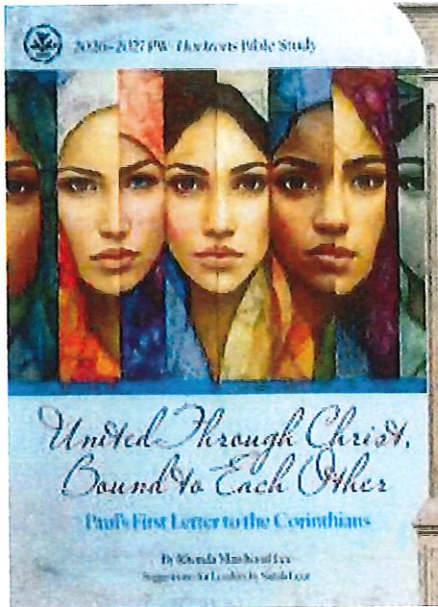
second Tuesdays at 12:30pm

Retirees of all ages & stages enjoy active fellowship & renewing friendships. Join us on second Tuesdays monthly for a delicious Covered Dish Luncheon, an engaging program, and lots of fun and conversation. Bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages are provided. Our next date is **September 8 at 12:30pm**, in Fellowship Hall, with Rebecca Silver & Steve Rathbun presenting their trip to Patagonia.

Holy Happy Hour is back! Join us on the **third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Locos Eastside** for lively theological conversation in a relaxed and lighthearted setting. Together with Pastor Tom, we will explore questions of faith, Scripture, church, and culture—sometimes seriously, sometimes playfully, and always in good company. No preparation or expertise is needed, and all are welcome to pull up a chair, raise a pint, and join the conversation!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN begins Thursday, September 17 9:30-11:00am



Join us each 3rd Thursday at 9:30am in the library. We meet for a time of Bible study, fellowship and service.

Our Bible study for this season will be the Horizons Bible study "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other", *Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee.

Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God's life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection.

Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours, too. How can our lives demonstrate our trust in Jesus Christ's victory over death? What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? How can Christians understand gender and sexuality? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it?

This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. Those, you will seek yourself through prayerful reading, thinking, and discussion. I pray that unity in Jesus Christ will guide you and your study group and inspire you, together, to do everything in love.

You will find the study books in the copy room. Study Books are \$16.00 regular print or large print \$20.00. Childcare is available upon request.

PW AUGUST WORKSHOPS, AUGUST 29, 2026

First Presbyterian Church Milledgeville, 210 South Wayne street, Milledgeville, GA Introduction to PW Bible Study *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*, by Rhonda Maywood Lee.

You can find registration forms on the bulletin board.



*Covenant has a very big heart for Missions & Outreach!
If you are interested in any of these ministries please contact Deb Millwood
debrajmillwood@gmail.com or Bob Brewster bobbrew@aol.com*

Covenant Cooks "FIRST TUESDAY" Dinners
(VOLUNTEERS MOST NEEDED)

Covenant prepares and delivers a delicious meal to our neighbors at either the Athens Area Home-less Shelter or The Table on the First Tuesday of the each month.

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#/>

THE GREEN DREAM TEAM

Under the guidance of the PCUSA Environmental Ministries, our Green Dream Team has established Covenant as an "Earth Care Congregation." After our initial certification in 2012, we continue to examine ways each year to worship, educate, witness, & perform outreach within and beyond our congregation, claiming our role as stewards of God's earth and all of creation. Sermons, music, and liturgy about the earth, energy-saving ideas for our building. If you are interested in the environmental ministries program, we need your input! We are very flexible in our meeting times. Come and join us!

Contacts: Shari Cobb, Heather Jarboe, Jennifer Frey

MISSIONS/OUTREACH—Continued



The **FAMILY PROMISE** of Athens exists to mobilize our community to help homeless families in crisis situations achieve sustainable independence. Beginning in 2024 Family Promise Athens adopted a new model for hosting our guest families to single family apartments. Guests will be in the program for a maximum of 90 days, during which the Family

Promise staff will assist in finding work with a basic income and adequate, affordable housing. Volunteers from Covenant are a vital need in the following ways: Van Driving, Dinner for each family and volunteers for the Saturday Day Center. For more information you can contact these Covenant Family Promise Coordinators: *Don & Julie Bower don.bower@gmail.com, bower.julie@gmail.com; Phil & Sallie Hale phale50@hotmail.com; Randy & Susan Parish rrparishjr@yahoo.com, sdp51@yahoo.com; Brian & Valerie Stone vmi91h at aol.com, valeriefreystone at gmail.com*

COVENANT'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION-Covenant is an agency of the Food Bank of NEGA and can purchase all kinds of canned, dry and frozen food for pennies a pound. Covenant also receives fresh vegetables from the UGArden at UGA. Neighbors simply need to fill out a short form for the Food Bank and then our volunteers give them a bag or two of groceries depending on the size of the family. Volunteers are needed to unload the food truck, sort and bag food and distribute to the neighbors.



Volunteering on Thursdays 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#/>

Thank you to all the volunteers that contribute their time and finances that make this ministry a success!

Mission/Outreach continued:

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.

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@helpathenshomeless.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, if you want to add your name to our email volunteer list.

ATHENS ACCESS TO JUSTICE LEGAL POP-UP CLINIC

Covenant hosts the AATJ Legal Pop-Up Clinic one Saturday per year in the Fellowship Hall. AATJ brings volunteer lawyers, paralegals and notaries to offer pro-bono answers to basic legal questions for our neighbors most in need. The next Legal Pop Up Clinic will be on Saturday, October 24 9am - 3pm.

PROJECT SAFE works to end domestic violence through crisis intervention, ongoing supportive services, systems change advocacy, and prevention and education.

Covenant supports Project Safe financially and with blankets for the clients from our Knitters & Knotters group and individual volunteers in their thrift store.

Mission/Outreach continued:

MEALS ON WHEELS delivers nutritious meals to home-bound people unable to prepare their own food. This service is essential in order for many of our neighbors to remain independent.

Covenant members deliver meals weekly year-round and we collect a special offering during December to help support Meals on Wheels.

OUR DAILY BREAD serves meals Monday through Friday providing more than 75,000 nutritious meals per year with gracious hospitality to our neighbors in need. Covenant members serve *lunch every 5th Wednesday*.

LGBTQIA+ ADVOCACY

Covenant's mission is to welcome all God's people, and send a clear signal to all persons identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender that they will find welcome and acceptance at Covenant. We are annual sponsors of Athens Pride & Queer Collective and participants in PrideFest.

ATHENS AREA EMERGENCY FOOD BANK—

provides emergency food for families or individuals who live in Athens-Clarke County. At this time they are in need of **brown paper bags**. Please leave them on the table as you enter the gathering room.

For more information about volunteering or just to learn more about the mission programs, please reach out to Deb Millwood debrajmillwood@gmail.com or Bob Brewster bobbrew@aol.com. Any changes or additions will be included in the Covenant.

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - October 4

The Presbyterian Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, & the General Assembly to work for peace by tearing down walls that divide. We receive this offering on World Communion Sunday, to celebrate the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Gifts are used in a variety of peacemaking efforts at all levels of the PCUSA. Please give generously! A fourth of our offering is used locally,
Enjoy a bread & grapes reception after worship!



On Reformation Sunday, October 25, we will celebrate Covenant Presbyterian Church's 60th anniversary with gratitude for the generations who have shaped our congregation and hope for the ministry still unfolding among us. Our worship service will feature special music and presentations honoring Covenant's history, faith, and witness, followed by a festive congregational lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We hope everyone will join us for this joyful day of remembrance, fellowship, and renewed commitment to the future God is opening before us.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - November 1 - 11:00am

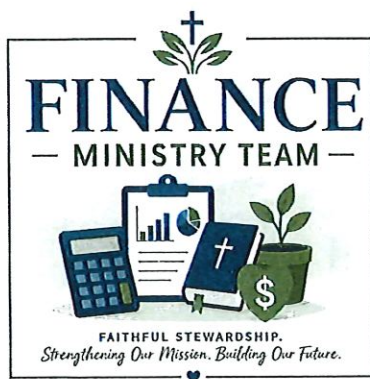
This commemoration of the saints goes to the heart of our faith; death has not won (1 Corinthians 15:55-57); in all we do, we are accompanied by fellow Christians, living and dead (Hebrews 12:1); and in the end, we will join others in praising God eternally (Revelation 7:9-10). In worship, we will refer to them during a moment of prayer.



—Jack Pannecoucke, chair

The purpose of Building and Grounds ministry is to provide, involve and manage the congregation in the upkeep, maintenance, and improvement of the church facilities and landscape and to provide the Session with long-term strategic guidance regarding both the safety and stability of

church infrastructure and role of the church facilities in communicating the openness and vibrance of the Covenant Presbyterian community.



—Karl Barnett, chair

The mission of the Finance Ministry Team is to provide faithful stewardship of the church's financial resources while keeping the congregation informed about its financial health. The team develops and recommends an annual budget, oversees the management and distribution of financial resources, and ensures that the congregation's gifts are used to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the church.



—Dennis Calbos, Kirche Rogers, co-chairs

The Personnel Committee, appointed by the Session, partners with Covenant's staff to develop and maintain personnel policies and procedures. The committee reviews job descriptions, conducts staff evaluations, recommends salary adjustments and benefits to the Session, and provides support related to the administrative responsibilities of the staff.

Covenant's Ministry Teams 2026

Building & Grounds—*Jack Pannecoucke*

Christian Education—*Brian Herndon,
Mindy Hill*

Congregational Care—*Melissa Cobb,
Susan Parish*

Congregational Fellowship—*Rebecca Silver,
Caly DePalma*

Mission/Outreach—*Bob Brewster, Deb Millwood*

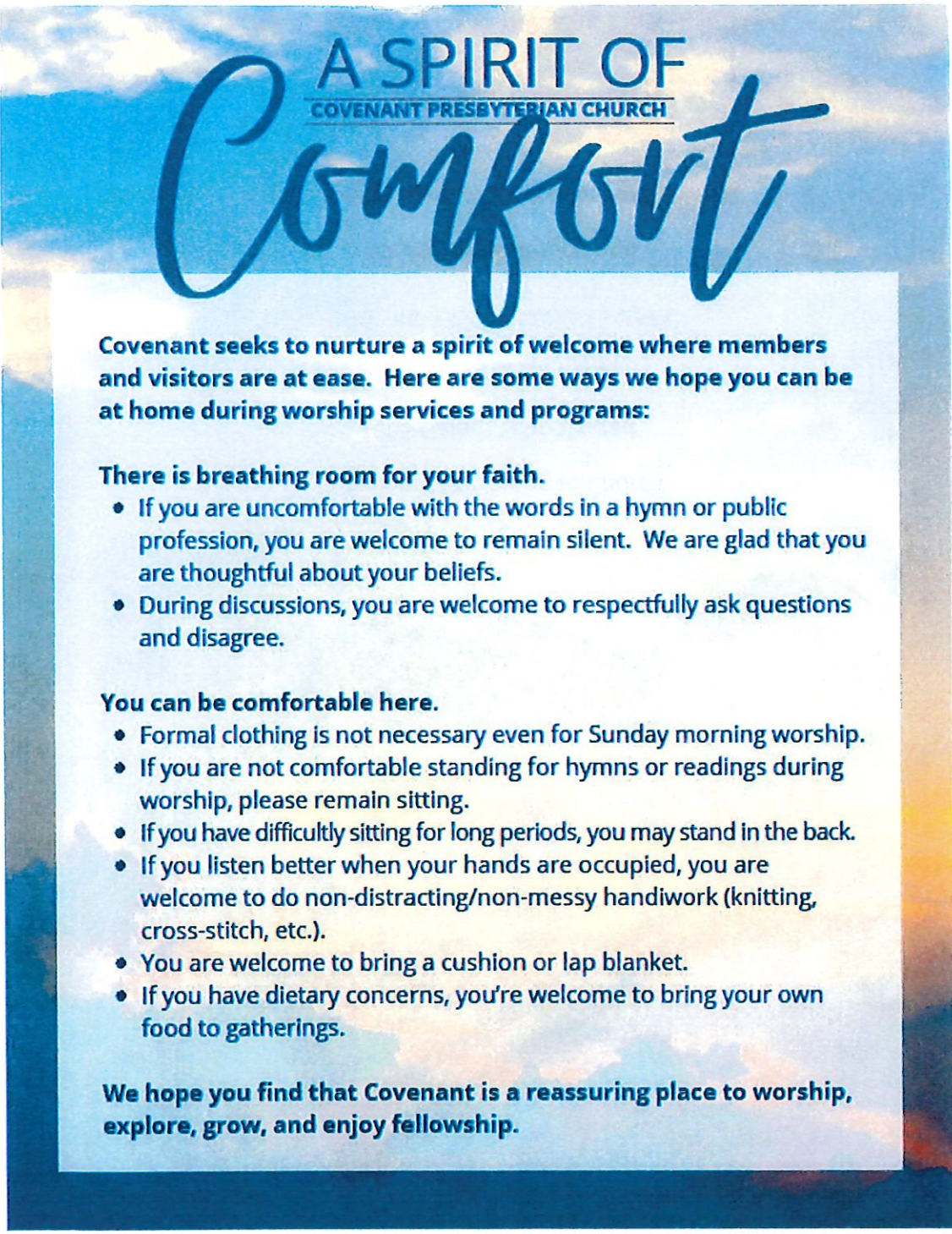
Finance—*Karl Barnett*

Personnel—*Dennis Calbos, Kirche Rogers*

Worship—*Warren Combs, Haylee Nunn*

Clerk of Session—*Kirche Rogers*

Church Treasurer—*Brian Striggow*



A SPIRIT OF COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Comfort

Covenant seeks to nurture a spirit of welcome where members and visitors are at ease. Here are some ways we hope you can be at home during worship services and programs:

There is breathing room for your faith.

- If you are uncomfortable with the words in a hymn or public profession, you are welcome to remain silent. We are glad that you are thoughtful about your beliefs.
- During discussions, you are welcome to respectfully ask questions and disagree.

You can be comfortable here.

- Formal clothing is not necessary even for Sunday morning worship.
- If you are not comfortable standing for hymns or readings during worship, please remain sitting.
- If you have difficulty sitting for long periods, you may stand in the back.
- If you listen better when your hands are occupied, you are welcome to do non-distracting/non-messy handiwork (knitting, cross-stitch, etc.).
- You are welcome to bring a cushion or lap blanket.
- If you have dietary concerns, you're welcome to bring your own food to gatherings.

We hope you find that Covenant is a reassuring place to worship, explore, grow, and enjoy fellowship.



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