

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, January 05, 2025 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER JANUARY 05, 2025

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



In the month of January we collect for the Christmas Joy Offering. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please indicate on memo portion your check for the *Joy Offering*. Thank you!

Please join us....

The fellowship team will need assistance taking down and storing our Christmas decorations on January 5th after church. Please join us if you are able. Many hands make light work.

Rebecca Silver for the
Fellowship Ministry
Team



Did you know that Covenant Food Pantry Distributions served 19,166 food insecure neighbors during the 2024 year. Thank you Covenant Volunteers and all those who support the Food Pantry financially.

Mark your calendars for the **January 9th Rock Lobsters Game benefiting Family Promise**. Use this link to buy your ticket to the game and \$5 will be donated to Family Promise for every ticket sold <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Familypromise5>.

In addition, during the game, Family Promise will be selling foam pucks. At the second intermission, patrons who buy the pucks will throw them on the ice. The puck that gets closest to the target receives prizes such as gift cards to local restaurants! The proceeds from the puck sales go to Family Promise as well. Hope to see many of you there.




IN OUR PRAYERS: Caly DePalma and family in the passing of her mother Ruth Murden Dec 17 in New York; Brad & Nancy Courtenay recovering from a fall; Marilyn Brown recovering at home from hospital stay; John Wilkin's brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Carolyn Steuer having problems with blood pressure; Joan Baird's niece and Hannah Baird's cousin, Lindsey Haggerty released from the Cleveland Clinic and now in rehab; Alice Rose fighting leukemia and heart condition and back pain; Dick Zimdars at home; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Larry Hatfield remains under treatment for stage 4 colon cancer; Juergen Wiegel in PVA memory care and Heide at home; Gene Holshouser at home; and our country.

Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or kwetherington@covpresathens.org or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to the Pastor.

 * **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** *
 * **Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20;** *
 * **Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: 1-9; John 1: 10-18** *

Financial Summary for Week #26
 Anticipated Pledges—\$222,683.80
 Pledges Received—\$228,914.47
Thank Covenant for your faithful giving!
 Meals On Wheels—\$12,235.25

LUNCH BUNCH



Each month on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30am at DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside). All are welcome to join us for a good time of fellowship and food.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45 Church School
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 05, 2025

USHERS/GREETERS: Jim Newland, Robyn Malone, Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

USHERS/GREETERS: Randy & Susan Parish, Caly DePalma, Katy Terry

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEAL COORDINATOR

for January: *Sarah Lamb*



January 05, 2025

Nancy Lila, Jacob Page
Stephanie Cahill

January 12, 2025


Lily McKay, Luanne Rigsby, Don Bower

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



Wonderful WEDNESDAYS!

Covenant Connection January 08, 2024

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 in Worship Center

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



2 Pam Knox	11 Jan Wolfe	21 Louise Schimmel	29 Shannon Goodrick
3 Abby Ryder	13 Margaret Frey	Caly DePalma	Rebecca Silver
4 Eli Whitehead	17 Joan Baird	James Foutz	
5 Cheryl Devaney	Jonathan Green	Lily Herndon	
6 Wyatt Herndon	18 Valerie Stone	23 Linda Koehler	
10 Brian Parido	19 Karl Ritzler	27 Sharon Hix	
Nathan Brooks	21 James Anderson	Al & Charlie Huber	





The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank always needs brown paper grocery bags. (*minus the cat*)

People who are experiencing short term emergencies such as job loss, medical bills, etc., go to the ARK which is sponsored by area churches, including Covenant. Some of our members helped start this program.

The people's needs are screened and various kinds of help are available for job loss, medial needs, etc. They are provided with meals for up to two weeks if needed.

The food for each day is put into a separate brown bag. The meals are nutritionally sound. Menus and recipe's are included.



Did you receive a Christmas gift you can't use? Will you be doing some cleaning out for New Year? In January we'll be bringing back our annual Bingo game night. Please set aside a few items you don't want but that someone else might treasure and we'll use these for Bingo prizes. Stay tuned to the Covenanter for the date.

The Art Of
SABBATH

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE SABBATH PRACTICES THROUGH THE ARTS.
IN JANUARY WE ARE REPEATING "LIFE IS SWEET!"
LEARNING TO DECORATE WITH ROYAL ICING

TUESDAY • JANUARY 21
9:30-11:30 A.M.

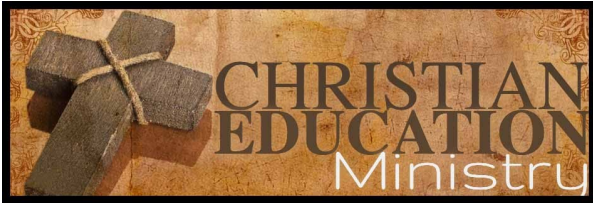
LOCATION: COVENANT - LIBRARY
RSVP BY JANUARY 14 TO AMY AT
ABAER@COVPRESATHENS.ORG
ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR

JOIN US!

THIRD THURSDAYS • 5 P.M.
AUTHENTIC BREWING COMPANY
INSIDE TAPROOM • 108 PARK AVE. ATHENS, GA

JOIN US FOR A "HOLY HAPPY HOUR:" A FUN-FILLED REFORMED THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The “GOD-BOTHERERS” Class at 9:45am. 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.

The “UPPER ROOM” at 9:45am. 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 9:45am

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. On Sunday, Nov. 2, we will begin study and discussion of our newly-selected book, *The Substance of Faith and Other Cotton Patch Sermons* by Clarence Jordan (foreword by Jimmy Carter). We share leadership with class participants volunteering to lead our discussion each week. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—JANUARY 5th

Juniors (K-3rd) Class at 9:45am. Taught by Katy Arora and volunteer shepherds meet each week downstairs in the “Temple Courtyard” classroom.

Middlers (4th—7th) Class at 9:45am. Betsy Burmeister facilitates this class downstairs in the “Potter’s Workshop” classroom.

Covenant Youth Connection—Sunday, January 5 at 5:30pm

THE COVENANT FORUM—

In addition to its many classes and educational opportunities, Covenant is also pleased to host “The Covenant Forum.”

This class will feature special speakers, panel discussions, and stimulating presentations, bringing together the at least quarterly, on weekday nights or Saturdays. *Check this spot for a new forum in the near future.*

WAYS TO SERVE @ COVENANT



Please look through these volunteer opportunities coming up at Covenant and sign up if you can help!



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

Adopt-A-Campus-Kitchen-Meal for our Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness

As you may know, UGA's Campus Kitchen has volunteers who come to Covenant a several days every week during the semester to prepare meals for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. They need volunteers to cover these meals during breaks while UGA students are away. When the students are away, the recipients of these meals at the Homeless Day Center and Bigger Vision often must just go without. Please sign up below if you are available to shop, cook or deliver these meals:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-46944399-adoptacampuskit#/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday) Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

Bring the whole family ...visitors from out of town, kiddos on Christmas break...to serve at the Covenant Food Pantry for the next few weeks! Our usual UGA student volunteers are away during the holidays and we need your help. If you bring kiddos, please consider bringing them to the morning shift to pack bags. Children will need to be supervised by a family member...

Covenant by the Week!

January 05, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
Following worship taking down decorations
12:30pm 12 Step Group
12:30pm—2pm Session Training
5pm Covenant Youth Connection

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6:00pm Scouts
7:00pm 12 Step Group

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

5:30pm Covenant Connection
6pm Handbells Choir
6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir in worship center
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

January 12, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship Installation/Ordination of Elders
12:30pm 12 Step Group
12:30pm—2pm Session Training
5pm Covenant Youth Connection
6:30pm Campus Kitchen returns

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

4:00pm—7:00pm Athens Free Clinic
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6:00pm Scouts
7:00pm 12 Step Group

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

12:30pm Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon
6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI Arts & Crafts with Mimi
5:30pm Covenant Connection
6pm Handbells Choir
6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir in worship center
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am—11am Campus Kitchen
9:30am Presbyterian Women Bible Study
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group