

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, March 02, 2025 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER MARCH 02, 2025

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



Just a reminder - THIS SUNDAY, March 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall is CONGREGATIONAL GAME NIGHT at Covenant Presbyterian Church!

Facilitated by Covenant's youth group, this will be a great time together, featuring Bingo, large group games, plus board games and even cornhole! There will be fun prizes, plus snacks and drinks for all! Hope you can join us!

### Thank you Covenant!

"Embrace the Metamorphosis" was Covenant's La Table theme, embracing the many changes in Family Promise.

Covenant's support was overwhelming as we filled five of the record setting 47 tables at La Table. Thank you to all those who attended and supported this year's event and Family Promise throughout the year. "Butterflies can't see their

wings. They can't see how beautiful they are."

Covenant people are like that as well.



Join us in the evening **March 5 at 6:00pm** for Ash Wednesday Worship. This service includes songs, prayer, scripture and the imposition of ashes. May it be an meaningful way to start this season of renewal and new beginnings in the Spirit of Christ.

(Live stream will be available)

RETIREES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON -Tuesday March 11 at 12:30pm

Join us for a great time of fellowship and entertainment by the Green Flag Band.

Bring a dish to share and a friend. Beverages will be provided.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Heide Wiegel and family in the passing of Juergen on February 23; Hank Tweedell and family in the passing of his brother, Bobby; Barbara Burnett and family in the passing of her brother, Jim Morris, Jan. 23 in Lilburn; William Emerson, friend and mentor of Alice Rose, suffering from kidney failure; Friend of Joe & June Meyers, Brent Haglund of Madison, WI who suffered a severe stroke on Dec 28 is not doing well; Taylor Combs' father in law, Raul Rosales, Charleston, S.C. with lung transplant; Dennis Calbos recovering at home from surgery Tues, Jan 14; Sandy Whitney recovering from knee surgery Feb. 3 and beginning rehab; 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; Larry Hatfield under treatment for stage 4 colon cancer; Gene Holshouser living with his son in Houston, Texas; Karen Wetherington recovering from surgery; our Country

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

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 \* **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** \*  
 \* **Psalm 55:22; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40;** \*  
 \* **Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Luke 6: 27-38;** \*  
 \* **I Corinthians 15: 35-38** \*  
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**Financial Summary for Week #34**  
 Anticipated Pledges—\$291,569.72  
 Pledges Received—\$294,505.17  
*Thank Covenant for your faithful giving!*  
 Bowden Church Vocations Fund  
 \$3,600.00

**Green Dream Team News**



The Green Dream Team presented the program for our Covenant Youth Group on Sunday, 2/23/25. Included in the program was a skit on Earth Care in titled “Stewards of Creations”, featuring members of the GDT and Youth Leader, Bert Ballard-Myer. It was a humorous way to encourage us to reduce, reuse, and recycle. And it was a good ice-breaker activity to allow the GDT to connect with our younger members of Covenant. Our children and our youth are our future and we want to partner with them to care for our earth and our community!

The Youth Group members and Leaders were very attentive to our presentation and actively participated in the discussion on ways we might work together at Covenant and in our community. We discussed having a Road Clean-up Day, led by the Youth, a Recycling Day at Covenant (with recycling bins for hard to recycle items), field trips to the Recycling Center and CHaRM, and a possible flower garden in Covenants backyard to cultivate flowers for worship. How inspiring it was to interact with our youth and hear about their hopes and concerns and to make some plans for the next few months!

Please watch for more news on our joint efforts with our Covenant Youth and the Green Dream Team. We will invite all who are interested to participate in these activities!

The next GDT Meeting will be Sunday, March 23, at 12:15pm, after worship. Please bring a brown bag lunch and meet us in the Covenant Library. Hope to see you there!

For questions, contact Jennifer Frey at [jenofrey@gmail.com](mailto:jenofrey@gmail.com) or another member of the Green Dream Team. For suggestions: We have a suggestion box in the alcove, by the GDT Bulletin Board. Take a look at our bulletin board and see what we are up to!



### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45 Church School  
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

### SUNDAY, March 02

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Jim Newland, Robyn Malone, Luanne & Bill Rigsby

**LITURGIST:** Claire Bruner

### SUNDAY, March 09

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow, Hank & DeLynda

**LITURGIST:** Paige Cummings

Congregational Care for March: Ansley Land & DeLynda Tweedell



### March 02, 2025

Nancy Alila, Don Bower,  
Ada Brock, Larson Rea

### March 09, 2025

Lily McKay, Clayton & Grace Adams

### 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



### Covenant Connection March 05, 2024

5:30pm with a family style meal prepared by our own  
Chef Patrick McMaster. (donation \$3 each)

6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship

6:30pm Adult Bible Study

6:30pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

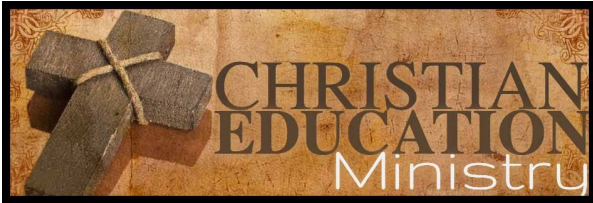
**The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank** always needs brown paper grocery bags. People who are experiencing short term emergencies such as job loss, medical bills, etc., go to the ARK which is sponsored by area churches, including Covenant. Some of our members helped start this program. Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*

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 9:45am.** 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](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com).

### **The "JOURNEY" at 9:45am**

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." We 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 9:45am.** 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, March 2 at 4:30pm**

Beginning Sunday March 9 Sunday School will begin at 9:30am  
(instead of 9:45am) for all classes children to adults!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Children and Youth Programs—** The children's and youth programs at Covenant rely almost entirely on volunteers! Please consider sharing your unique gifts with our children's and youth programs either as a teacher for Sunday School or as a Meal Provider for Youth Group. Thank you so much to each of you for giving of your time to serve the children and youth of Covenant! We appreciate you! SIGNUP HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-54091633-covenant#/>

# WAYSTOSERVE @COVENANT

## 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:

### 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#/>

## COVENANT FOOD PANTRY

NEEDS YOUR HELP



## 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.



## You Invited to "Jammin' in our Jammies!"

Join us on March 28th in support of the children and families at Athens Area Homeless Shelter because there truly is no place like home, where sweet dreams come true!

Purchase tickets at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/jammin-in-our-jammies>

# MARCH

## COVENANT YOUTH CONNECTION

# IN THE COVE

SUNDAYS  
5-7 PM

**MARCH  
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### GAME NIGHT

All church game night led by the youth  
Dinner for youth at 5 PM; Event 5:30-7:30 PM

### JOINT GATHERING WITH MILLEDGEVILLE YOUTH

Meet Milledgeville youth group at Madison PC for "Get to Know You" activities & dinner - Leave 4:30 PM, return about 7:30 PM

**MARCH  
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**MARCH  
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### FIELD TRIP: JUBILEE PARTNERS

Visit Jubilee Partners in Colbert, Leave 4:00 PM, return 7:00 PM

### UGA WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

2 PM Gametime

**MARCH  
23**

**MARCH  
30**

### YOUTH GROUP

Join us for dinner and a program!



**MORE INFO:**

[PASTORTOM@COVPRESATHENS.ORG](mailto:PASTORTOM@COVPRESATHENS.ORG)

# Covenant by the Week!

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9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am** Worship  
12:30pm 12 Step Group  
**4:30pm** Covenant Youth  
**5:30pm** Congregational Game Night  
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:30pm—8pm Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Bells of NEGA  
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

**TUESDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm  
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's  
6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen  
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting -

**WEDNESDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm  
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
5:30pm Covenant Connection  
6:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

**THURSDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm  
9:30am—11am Campus Kitchen  
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution  
1pm Covenant Food Distribution  
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

**FRIDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm  
1:30pm OLLI Arts & Crafts with Mimmi in Library  
7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

**SATURDAY**  
10:30am 12 Step Group

**March 09, 2025**

**SUNDAY - 9:30am** Nursery  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am** Worship  
12:30pm 12 Step Group  
**5:00pm** Covenant Youth  
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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