

THE COVENANTER

April 01, 2018



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



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP!!! Covenant will be hosting homeless guests (3 families) overnight for IHN (*Interfaith Hospitality Network*) the week of **April 15-22**. Please examine your calendar and give thought and prayer of the way you can serve from the many options: set up, take down, provide a meal, spend a night, host for three hours one evening, transport guests to the day center, and more. The sign-up board is now in the Gallery across from the staff offices, so please sign-up and help us provide Christian hospitality to families seeking a home of their own. If you have never been an IHN helper, a training opportunity will be provided. "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

Covenant Stewardship Drive Update! Dear Covenant friends, We are on our way to finalizing our pledge drive for the July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year. As of March 28, we have received pledges to cover \$406,000 of the proposed budget of approximately \$512,192. However, we still have not heard from almost 25 families and individuals who have pledged in the past. We need your help to make sure our budget for next year is fiscally responsible and covers all of the many needs that Covenant has. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please turn it into the office this week or to Alan and Sharon Edwards, who tabulate the pledges for us. If you have pledged in the past but are not planning to send in a card this year, please let us know. Otherwise, we will be calling those we have not heard from to give them a personal reminder starting next week. Thanks for your help in making this pledge drive a success! Pam Knox, Treasurer, for the Stewardship & Finance ministry



Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30am -

Join us in the back yard for a morning of birdsong, Scripture, and worship in God's beautiful nature. Bring a spring of flowers for the outdoor cross. Wear flat shoes on the rocks, and dress casually & warmly, even bringing a blanket. Gathering for **EASTER BREAKFAST** in the Fellowship Hall will begin at 8:30am. Please bring a breakfast dish to share, leaving it in the kitchen before worship starts.

Hope to see you!



Join Us For Breakfast

8:30am in the fellowship hall



All visitors, new members, and even those who want a refresher!

You are invited to a class discussion led by the pastors on

"What It Means to Be Presbyterian,"

held in the Upper Room (up the ramp) on Tuesday, April 10, from 7:00-8:30pm.

Refreshments will be provided by the Congregational Care Team - thank you!

We'll answer questions first and then briefly cover PCUSA history & government, worship & sacraments, and any theological points that engage you.

PLEASE SIGNUP on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. *Hope to see you there!*

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Remember in Prayer: Jason Green, recovering at Piedmont hospital from a head injury, after being struck by a car March 25; Ton Stam's brother Carel in France, recovering from recent heart surgery; Tamara Stam's mother Suzanne O'Connell, who fell & broke her arm; former members of Covenant, Joe Ed & Sharyn Dickerson and family, in the death of his father March 24, with visitation at Lord & Stephens East, March 31st (4-6pm); a colleague of Sarah Parido in ACC public school music, as she celebrates the birth of her son after 2 days of labor; family & friends of Mary Kay Lowe Hall (friend of Jeremy Reaves, relative of Donny Whitehead), upon her recent death in SC and her husband's death last year, leaving behind a 10-year-old son; friends of Linda Rogers - Joe & Susan, as Susan is in hospice care; Abby Horvath in transition, celebrating her family's 2-week visit, a management promotion at work, and the recent purchase of her home from Bert & Marie; the family & neighbors of Mrs. Bowen, seeking hope in a difficult time; Bill Lindstrom, Sandy Whitney, Cliff Brock, and Jim McMinn, all recovering at home after recent surgeries; Dianne Ralph, with an improved prognosis for her cancer (not pancreatic) and a gentler chemo; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Bill Willis and Ashley Wolfe, at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	April 02	John 20: 19-31	
Tuesday	April 03	Luke 15: 1-7	
Wednesday	April 04	Acts 4: 31-37*	Title: <i>Choosing to Be Family</i>
Thursday	April 05	Psalms 133	
Friday	April 06	Isaiah 58: 6-12	Theme: The love of God draws us in to the
Saturday	April 07	Mark 3: 31-35	family circle, which inspires the grateful
Sunday	April 08	I John 1: 1—2:2	giving of ourselves.

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant is afraid of BEEcher?



WHO'S WHO:
April Fool!
 Nathan Weaver is
 afraid of bees

2017-18 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD
WEEK #39 3/25/2018
 Anticipated Pledges: \$362,076.00
 Received Pledges: \$379, 396.86
Thank you for your faithful giving!
OGHS \$1,530.00

Life's A Zoo! Answers contain the names of animals or animal related terms: Example: Teen Romance: Puppy Love.

1. Group Leader
2. Single Occupant Shelter
3. Communal Funds



Congregational Care Needs Your Help!

We need volunteers to drive the Dartez family to doctor appointments on Tuesday nights 6:00-7:30 in Watkinsville, Thursday nights 5:30-6:30 at the Cottage on Lexington Road and on Saturday mornings 10:30 - 12:00 in Watkinsville. May Dartez will accompany the children on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and both May & her husband, Ty, on Saturdays. You can sign up for one time or a combination of trips. To sign up, go to the website www.signupgenius.com. Under Login, enter the email address luannerigsby@gmail.com and password hunter. Click on **Drivers** and this should take you to the sign up page. Any questions, call Luanne Rigsby 706 224-3828. Many thanks for your help!



April is
EARTH
MONTH

CE CORNER

The purpose of Christian Education at Covenant Presbyterian Church is to nurture our discipleship, build our spirit of community and cultivate clarity of thought about our faith.

Wonderful Wednesdays

10:00am Adult Bible Study – DVD discussion of Peter Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*, on the life of Christ & his ministry

Covenant Connection

5:15pm – 6:00pm k-2nd grade choir; 3rd – 5th Servant time

6:00-6:30pm Family Dinner for children, youth and adults

6:30pm – 7:15pm 3rd – 5th grade Choir; K-2nd Servant Time

6:30pm Adult Bible Study- DVD discussion of Peter Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*, on the life of Christ & his ministry

6:30pm – 7:15pm Wednesday Evening Devotions

7:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday Covenant Connection for Youth

3:30pm Supervision for Middle & High School Youth in the youth rooms begins

5:15pm "Wednesday School" for Youth led by Mark & Beecher

6:00pm Family Dinner 6:30pm Faith and Film

7:15pm Depart

MENU For April 4th:
Chicken & Veg. Nachos
with fixins, Salad, Fruit

PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF ELDERS BEGINS! Each year Covenant elects its officers to serve a 3 year term on the Session. The involvement of the congregation is important during the entire process. Marilyn Brown is the Nominating Committee Chair with Brian Herndon as the second Elder approved by the Session. Now the congregation recommends members of the church to serve on the Nominating Committee. The 2 elders will then select one member to nominate to the congregation to be elected to serve with them on the Nominating Committee. The congregational meeting to elect the Nominating Committee will be on **Sunday, April 15** at noon, after worship. You will find a nominating form in your mailbox.

Come one, come all, on our next **Restaurant Roadtrip** to Red Lobster, 1956 West Broad Street, near King Avenue, on Tuesday, April 17, at 11:30am. You can meet us there - or join the church carpool departing at 11:15am – but please **SIGNUP** on the bulletin board to let us know you're coming. Great food & fun conversation. Separate checks. Easy parking. Bring a friend!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

2 Karl Barnett	12 Anna Cobb	28 Don Bower
Sylvia Huber	14 Deb Ann Agostini	Hilda Clark
Valerie Maples	Ton Stam	29 Alan Edwards
Juergen Wiegel	17 Alex Morrison	
Nkaku Kisaalita	18 Ben Foutz	
3 Bob Brewster	19 Jim Whitney	
Bob Holden	20 Stephen Fraedrich	
4 Phil Hale	22 Marsha Crowell	
5 Marilyn Brown	Jeri Lynn Whitney	
6 Laura Foskey	23 Jacob Page	
8 Anje Kidd	26 Sandy Whitney	
9 Lynda Hale	Hannah Barnett	
11 Mary Anna Wynes	27 Melody Lane Cartledge	
Nick Shealy		



Women's Prayer Breakfast
April 14, 2018 at 9am
at East Friendship Baptist Church
 400 Arch Street

For more info see Bert Ballard-Myer,
 Sue Rathbun, or Jere Bowden

Thank you

I just want to thank everyone for all you've done for me during my post-operation recovery. People have brought me smoothies, soup, and driven me many miles. And I've received so many cards and e-mails! It is so

assuring to know that despite being single and with no family here in Athens, I can count on Covenant to help in times of crisis. Love, *Cliff*



Dancing with the Athens Stars is Saturday April 21, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Don't miss this magical night of performance featuring Covenant friend Grace Bagwell Adams (partnered with Seth Hendershot) and benefitting Project Safe. Tickets are on sale at the Classic Center box office www.classiccenter.com.

This year's event includes young people from Clarke County School District, Athens Academy, Athens Christian School and Oconee County School District among our star performers. Stars include Beau Shell (Lil Ice Cream Dude), Savie Arnold (owner, Sweetie Pie by Savie), Alonso Haro (owner La Parilla), artist Heidi Hensley and dentist Phil

Durden. Can't make the show? You can still donate in the name of your favorite team, go to <http://www.project-safe.org/ways-to-donate/dancing-with-the-athens-stars/>

Many heartfelt thanks to Scott Bowden & his Boy Scout Troop hosted at Briarwood Baptist Church in Watkinsville for replacing the benches in Covenant's outdoor worship area and providing a new lectern too. Scott chose this project for his Eagle Scout work, and it's all the more dear, knowing that Scott's father Mike built the original benches for his Eagle Scout work back in the day!

We surely appreciate the beautiful & comfortable space they both have provided, for our Easter Sunrise worship and other fun activities coming this summer.

Covenant's worship services are now available in audio on the church website.

Click on or enter this address to access

<http://covpresathens.org/wp/sermons/>

GRADUATES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON APRIL 10TH AT 12:30PM

Retirees, don't forget! Everyone's welcome to join the fun at **The Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall, on Tuesday, April 10, at 12:30pm. Beverages are provided, so bring a dish to share – and bring a friend too. Dr. Lisa Renzi-Hammond of UGA's Institute of Gerontology will present a program on brain health & memory, sharing ways to cope with common forgetfulness and give your brain a boost. Y'all come!



The Piedmont Gardeners present

25th ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR OF ATHENS

Saturday, April 21, 2018

10am—4pm Rain or Shine

\$15 advance, \$20 at the gardens on tour day, \$10 students with ID

Tickets available at: *Always, Always Flowers, Appointments at Five, Avid Books, Cofer's Home & Garden Showplace, Frontier, Goodness Grows Nursery, The State Botanical Gardens of Georgia Gift shop, Thomas Orchards & Nursery.*

For more information, including photos of the beautiful gardens please visit www.piedmontgardeners.org

1st Annual FREE Family Fun!

Eastside Athens Spring Fling Festival

Saturday April 7, 2018
11a.m. to 6p.m.
Southeast Clarke Park

Presented by
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11:00 AM
NATALIE & BRIAN SMITH/YOGA

12:00 PM
NUCLEAR TOURISM

1:00 PM
COSMO JR

2:00 PM
JUAN DE FUCA

3:00 PM
FIVE-EIGHT

4:00 PM
LINQUA FRANQA

5:00 PM
ELF POWER

Live Music

EABLA Business Expo

Kid's Activities Tent (11 am-2 pm)

BMX & Skateboard Demos

Beer Garden (2 pm-6 pm)

Free Yoga

Food Trucks & Vendors

Athens Gaming Theater

AAHS Adoptable Puppies (11 am-2 pm)

Organized by ACC Communications Sharon Dickerson and Andy Hensel and Michelle Buxton Media Relations, in cooperation with KACCB and the Athens Land Trust

Leadership Circle Sponsors

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Benefiting

www.athensspringfling.com

Bring Blankets & Chairs - Wheelchair Accessible - Rain or Shine
PARKING at SE Clarke Park, Cornerstone Church, and Walmart (Free Shuttle).
NO Tents, NO Dogs, NO Glass and NO Outside Alcohol!

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final Tuesday of the month, at DePalma's Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is Tuesday, April 24th. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks – meet you there.

- ANSWERS TO Life's A Zoo:**
1. Top Dog
 2. Pup Tent
 3. The Kitty

5th Sunday Worship Experience - It's that time again. **April 29** is the next fifth Sunday, where children and youth and the congregations collective creativity inspire worship. Share your ideas with anyone on staff. Musical ideas with Cliff; Liturgy/sermon ideas with Mark; and prayer ideas with Beecher.

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service) 3rd - 5th graders lead the *Call to Worship* each Sunday. Next three Sundays: **April 1 - Freeman Chamblee; April 8—Luke Shannon; April 15—Ruby Topple.** *Instructions:* The bulletin will be emailed by the end of the week on your week. Practice with your child. During the "Voluntary" of the worship service, the liturgist may join the pastors in the chancel. To begin, your child can invite the congregation, "Please join me in the Call to Worship." *Need to switch weeks? Please do so with someone who is leading in weeks after your child and let the office know.*

Going underground with WoRM! 9:30 - 10:35 Sunday Mornings

One Palm Sunday, little Johnny was sick and stayed home from church. When his brothers and sisters came home carrying palm branches, Johnny asked where the palms came from. His father replied, "When Jesus walked by, people held palm branches over his head." "Just my luck!" Johnny said. "The one time I don't go to church, Jesus shows up."

Parents/Caregiver learning note: Easter is here! For the first time since 1956, [Easter Sunday falls on April 1](#) - or April Fool's Day. Quite a juxtaposition of days! Since 1900, Easter has fallen on April Fool's Day only four times - 1923, 1934, 1945 and 1956. It won't happen again until 2029. The time when Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Christ, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox. The spring equinox occurs on March 20 this year. Easter generally falls between March 22 and April 25 each year. We will focus on the resurrection story from Matthew 28 for much of April, as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:7: *"The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed!"*

April Rotation - Help prepare your children for Sunday School by telling them who their teacher and shepherd will be, and how awesome they are :)

K-2nd Teacher/Class Rotation

April 1 - Combined Class
April 8 - Luanne Rigby, Susan Parish, Shepherd - Loaves and Fishes
April 15 - Jennifer Frey and - Potter's Workshop
April 22 - Kay Brooks, Adam Brooks, Shepherd - Outside!
April 29 - Christine Carpenter - Oasis Theatre

3rd - 5th Teacher/Class Rotation

April 1 - Combined Class
April 8 - Patrick M and Jere - Loaves and Fishes
April 15 - Craig and Jere - Temple Courtyard
April 22 - Craig and Jere - Outside!
April 29 - Craig and Jere - Oasis Theatre



YOUTH NEWS! - During the school year, when school is in session, youth have three weekly opportunities to get together with your friends, learn about your faith, and serve God and one another. Covenant Connection on Wednesdays, after school until 7:15 pm; Sunday Mornings at 9:30am with Abby and BASIC; and Sunday evenings from 5-7pm at church unless otherwise indicated.

Next Three Sunday Evening programs

April 1— No Youth - Easter Sunday
April 8— Frozen Chosen Cup at Oconee Presbyterian Church
April 15— helping host IHN Families

Sign up/ questions/ feedback - ctopple@covpresathens.org

Help Prevent Hangry moments! Can you provide a meal for Sunday Night Youth group? If so, please contact DeLynda Tweedell, and thank you! Sign up sheet is outside the church office. **Dates Available: April 15, 22, & 29, May 6!**

The Cave - the Covenant Sponsored *free* after school program for middle and high school students from 3:45-5:30 every Friday there is a regular school day. *Thank you volunteers who make this valuable program happen!* Contact Christina Cotsakis Cordon, Cave Manager, for more information or to volunteer: cotsakiscordon@gmail.com

Sunday morning's at 9:30

B.A.S.I.C. Sunday school with Abby Horvath happens every Sunday at 9:30am in youth room.

Sunday Evenings: 5-7pm at church unless otherwise specified.

We are exploring the Beatitudes, specifically, experiencing the blessing of being peacemakers



WEEK OF April 01, 2018**SUNDAY- EASTER WORSHIP**

7:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship
 8:30am Easter Breakfast with Youth Alumni
 9:30am Church School
 10:45am Easter Worship
 No Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8am Covenant Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Pattie Priester)
 7pm Christian Education Meeting
 8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study
 5:15pm—7:15pm CovConn
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30pm WED
 7:25pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
 6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA
 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 3:30pm The Cave
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—April 01, 2018**7:30am Easter Sunrise Worship**

Reader: Steve Bell

Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell, Jim Smith

10:45am

Liturgist: Freeman Chamblee

Reader: John Chamblee

Ushers: Bill & Luanne Rigsby, Dick Zimdars, Jim & Dorothy Newland

Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish

Congregational Care: Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Ellen Stoneburner, Judy Capie

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (April 2—8)

Nursery/Super: Sallie Hale

Birth—Walking: Sallie Hale

Walking—5 years old: Adam & Rebecca Rea, Hannah Barnett

WEEK OF April 08, 2018**SUNDAY- HOLY COMMUNION**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School
 10:45am Easter Worship
 5pm Youth Groups (FROZEN CHOSEN CUP AT OPC)

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 12:30pm Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon
 7pm "What It Means To Be Presbyterian"
 7pm Athens Stamp Club
 1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Pattie Priester)
 8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study
 5:15pm—7:15pm CovConn
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30pm WED
 7:25pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

9:30am PW Bible Study
 2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
 6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA
 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)
 7:00pm Worship Team Meeting

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 3:30pm The Cave
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

9:00am EFBC Women's Prayer Breakfast
 Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—April 08, 2018**8:30am— Holy Communion**

Reader: Gijs Schimmel

Ushers: Rich Reaves, Wayne Crowell

10:45am— Holy Communion

Liturgist: Luke Shannon

Reader: Luanne Rigsby

Ushers: Don & Julie Bower, Robyn Malone, Betsy Pless, Steph Cahill

Greeters: Joan & Hannah Baird, Sandy Whitney

Congregational Care: Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Paige Campbell, Caren Snook

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Jim Bowden (April 9-15)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

Walking—5 years old: Lindsey Bowden, Carolyn Hatfield, McKenzie Redish