



EARTH MONTH

THE COVENANTER

April 15, 2018

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY—APRIL 15 at noon! Elders Marilyn Brown (chair) and Brian Herndon were approved by the Session last month to begin creating your 2018 Nominating Committee. Thank you for your prayers concerning this process. They have secured the permission of a third person to join them on the team, Jennifer Frey. So plan now to attend the **Congregational Meeting called for Sunday, April 15, at noon**, following worship, to consider this election. Nominees may be offered from the floor of this meeting, with the permission of those persons.

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 April 12th, we have received pledges to cover \$435,433.00 of the proposed budget of approximately \$512,192. However, we still have not heard from almost 14 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



For the month of APRIL Covenant is collecting for the AAEFB:

Hot Cereals, such as oatmeal, cream of wheat, or grits; canned diced tomatoes; canned meat such as chicken, ham, chili with beans, and etc; Hamburger Helper and Rice a Roni.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605
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www.covpresathens.org
covenantp@covpresathens.org

Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who give their time to Covenant's youngest members and their parents by keeping the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be added to the list and volunteer one time in the next four months, please contact the church office, Lola Bell (706-614-0437) or Ellen Stoneburner (706-549-7223). It is a good way to get to know our little ones and the other adults who will be helping with you.

Remember in Prayer: Asher Hill & family, in the recent death of his paternal grandfather in MO, after a lengthy cancer illness; family & dear friends in the community, in the sudden deaths of Brian Fosgate on April 4 and Karen Tinsley on April 3, both professors at UGA; River Bowen, with a fractured upper arm, granddaughter of Robyn & James Malone; Paige Campbell's uncle Donald, hospitalized after exploratory surgery in TN; Haven, a young twirler & friend of the Tweedells, with a knee injury; Larry Hatfield, Sandy Whitney, and Jim McMinn, recovering well after recent surgeries; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Dianne Ralph, Bill Willis, and Ashley Wolfe, at home.

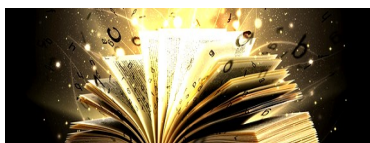
DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	April 16	Acts 3: 1-11
Tuesday	April 17	Acts 4: 1-22
Wednesday	April 18	Philippians 2: 1-11
Thursday	April 19	I John 3: 16-24
Friday	April 20	John 10: 11-18
Saturday	April 21	Ezekiel 34: 26-31
Sunday	April 22	Psalms 23

Title : *How Do We Know?*

Theme: The power to love & heal each other comes from the Spirit of Christ alive in us.

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant once discussed literature with Philip Roth and Norman Mailer?



Jim Whitney
WHO'S WHO:

2017-18 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

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Anticipated Pledges: \$380,644.00

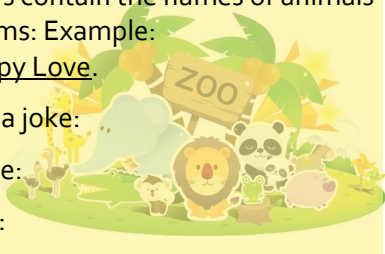
Received Pledges: \$401,263.71

Thank you for your faithful giving!

OGHS: \$3,390.00

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

1. Loud reaction to a joke:
2. Contemptible one:
3. Heap with praise:



Check out these upcoming concerts & look for some Covenant folks performing!

Sunday, April 15 (4pm) GA Children's Chorus, at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday, April 22 (4pm) "Appalachian Music," Athens Chamber Singers, at Friendship Pres Church

Friday & Saturday, April 27-28 (8pm) Pops Concert, Athens Symphony & the Green Flag Band, Classic Center

Sunday, April 29 (4pm) Athens Youth Symphony concert, UGA Hodgson Hall

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
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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- Discussion of PBS-DVD on the hymn "Amazing Grace," with Bill Moyers (April 11 & 18)

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

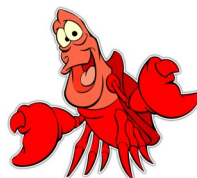
7:15pm Depart



Dear Parents/guardians of Covenant Connection Children, In honor of Earth Day on 22 of April, these next 2 week we will focus on the 3Rs in Covenant Connection Servant time! This week we will work on Recycling and Reducing! Ask your little ones on what we talk about! Next week we will work on Reusing. As a fun activity we ask that each little one please bring in a picture of or a small item that they do not use but can reuse. As a group, we will try to think on how to reuse these previously unused items. This could be something as simple as an old plastic bowl, or as interesting as an old piece of furniture, or an old piece of clothing! Please though, if it is bigger than a bread box, please only bring in a picture!

Thanks for your continued support in our church's children programs!

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!





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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/>

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.



Congratulations to Carrie Tweedell for winning her beginner pageant title (13-15 age group) in the Miss Majorette of Georgia twirling competition last weekend. Now she will represent GA at the nationals in late July at Notre Dame. She's the best! Way to go, Carrie!

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.piedmontgardens.org



ANSWERS TO Life's A Zoo:

1. horse laugh
2. A worm
3. lionize



VBS 2018, Maker Fun Factory! Mark your calendars with our Vacation Bible School Week, Tuesday, May 29 – Friday, June 1. [Online Registration](#) now open!

Children ages 4 years old (by September 1, 2018) through rising 5th Graders are invited to join us for this exciting week as summertime begins! ***VBS Registration Fee: \$15.00/child*** Fee covers daily snacks, crafts, consumables, and take-home materials (including VBS Music CD). You can pay with cash or check on the first day of VBS or drop payment by the church office. Please make checks payable to First

Presbyterian Church of Athens with VBS 2018 on the 'subject' line.

At Maker Fun Factory children will learn they are created by God for a specific purpose, as well as have many opportunities to fully use their imaginations and let their creativity soar! In order for the children to be as creative as possible, we need your help with collecting a wide array of art supplies. We need aluminum food cans (not soda cans), aluminum coffee cans, cardboard round “Morton” salt containers, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, yarn, buttons, soda bottle tops, and milk gallon tops. So, in other words, bring your recycling to us!

Volunteers Needed!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This will be a joint effort between Covenant and First Pres. Please let Craig know if you can volunteer for any part of the program. *Thanks!*



SAVE THIS DATE:

All women are invited to the PW Salad Supper, Thursday, May 3, at 6pm, – always great fun!

Congratulations! William Clark Rigsby was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Monday, April 9, 2018, to Scott and Sara Ruth Rigsby and to big brother, Arthur. Though born 5 weeks early, Clark weighed 5 lb. 7 oz. and is doing very well. Grandparents are Luanne and Bill Rigsby, Madeline Darnell and Tom and Bunny Kerr. Proud uncle is Tom Rigsby.



The Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Student Center invite you to join us to celebrate

ANDY COOKE'S

Ten years as Campus Minister to bid him a fond farewell as he begins the next chapter of his life with Katelyn in Charlotte. We will “tailgate at the PSC on Friday April 27 at 7:00pm. Please bring stories, anecdotes and good wishes.

RSVP to Leslye by April 23rd to...

Leslye @ pscuga.org or 706-548-5932

5th Sunday Worship Experience - April 29 is fast approaching for our next fifth Sunday worship experience. Children and youth and the congregation's collective creativity will inspire worship! *Share your ideas with anyone on staff.* Or more specifically, **musical ideas** with Cliff and Sarah; Katie Rentz and Adam Brooks have offered to share the message and will work with Mark; Beecher will work with children to coordinate prayer; Craig will help with liturgy and various moving parts. *We look forward to our children offering their gifts to God!*

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service) 3rd - 5th graders lead the *Call to Worship* each Sunday. Next three Sundays: **April 22— Jacob Page ; April 29 Eli Stone**
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

Easter Joke: When little Johnny came home from Sunday School his grandfather asked him what they had studies? His reply, "Nothing." His grandfather probed: "Didn't you study Jesus?" Little Johnny's reply was, "No he wasn't even there."

Learning Note: We will focus on the resurrection story from Matthew 28 for much of April, as we celebrate our risen Lord! The resurrection is a miracle-- God brings about new life. Jesus is alive, with his friends. The angels say, "Do not fear!" Explore fears of your children and help them to see that life in God is one which can help us overcome our fears, and instead have great joy. Sometimes a child might fear that they are not loved (this can happen after they are told "no" about something)--nothing can separate us from God's love.

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

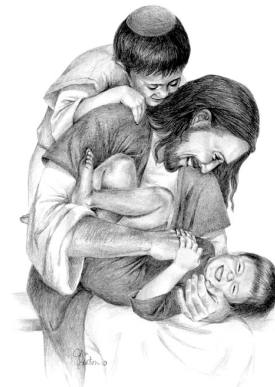
April Rotation - Help prepare your children for Sunday School by telling them who their teacher and shepherd will be, and how awesome they are :)

K-2nd Teacher/Class Rotation

April 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 15 - Craig and Jere - Temple Courtyard
 April 22 - Craig and Jere - Outside!
 April 29 - Craig and Jere - Oasis Theatre



YOUTH NEWS! - *get together with your friends, learn about your faith, and serve God and one another.* Come to any and all of:

Covenant Connection Wednesdays, after school until 7:15;
 Sunday Mornings at 9:35am BASIC with Abby and;
 Sunday evenings from 5-7pm at church unless otherwise indicated.

Next Three Sunday Evening programs

April 15— helping host IHN Families, and planning 5th Sunday Worship
 April 22— finalizing 5th Sunday Worship with topic: Peacemakers with the Earth!

April 29—Cook out at Sardis Presbyterian Church in Jefferson. Details to follow.

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

You helped prevent Hangry moments! Thanks to all who provided meals for youth! We look forward to the meals we will enjoy the 18-19 calendar year!

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



WESTERN SQUARE DANCING!

April 23, 2018 at 7pm

1760 Old Epps Bridge Road

(beside Smith Cabinet Shop)

Athens, Ga 30606

Square Dancing is friendship
set to music

Friendship—Fun—Exercise for the
Mind and Body

For more information contact:

Elizabeth at 706-340-6932 or

Eddie at 706-759-3642

*donations will be accepted

Building Relationships and Support - A Covenant women's fellowship group.

Let's get together!

Hey ladies it has been awhile since we
have been together.

So let's share some food, fun and laughter!

Host: Bert Ballard-Myer

When: Friday, May 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Where: Akademia Brewing Company

150 Crane Dr, Athens, GA 30606

akademiabc.com

CONGRATULATIONS! There are few things as exhilarating as experiencing a significant victory and then jamming out to "We Are the Champions," by Queen. Well, with that song in your head, I am proud to announce your Covenant Presbyterian Youth group brought home the **Frozen Chosen Cup** at the fourth annual event! Sing it with me, "We are the champions!" We are grateful to all who participated from the area churches, and to Oconee Pres for hosting. The kids exhibited grit, determination, sportsmanship, and skills. Who would have thought cheese puff balls would stick like glue to shaving cream covering Wyatt's face! And, all of those WoRM lessons sure did pay off for Adam Brooks who answered Bible Trivia question after question correctly. We are sure proud of our youth. We will begin our training early this year in order to retain the cup.



Incidentally, there is NO CUP! If any of you have an idea about crafting a cup that can go from church group to church group year after year, please let Craig know!



Congregational Care CARD Drive

These kinds of greeting
cards are needed NOW:

Birthday

Get Well

Sympathy

Please place them in the box in the hall.

We can CARDLY thank you enough!

WEEK OF April 15, 2018**SUNDAY- IHN WEEK BEGINS**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School
 10:45am Worship
 12 noon Congregational Meeting
 4pm Youth Leader Meeting
 5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8am Covenant's Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road
 6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 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 (final)
 6:30pm WED
 7:25pm Adult Choir
 7:00pm Personnel Meeting

THURSDAY-

10am—12 noon Congregational Connections
 11am—1pm JAM
 6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA
 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)
 2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

FRIDAY-

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

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned**WORSHIP—April 15, 2018****8:30am—**

Reader: Dennis Calbos

Ushers: Dennis & Carol Calbos

10:45am—

Liturgist:

Reader: Don Bower

Ushers: Kent Silver, Marie Ballard-Myer, Shirley Reinert

Greeters: Jim Whitney, Bert Ballard-Myer, Katie Bemisderfer

Congregational Care: Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Ellen Stoneburner, Judy Capie

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (April 16—22)

Nursery/Super: Dell Whitehead

Birth—Walking: Dell Whitehead

Walking—5 years old: Megan Sperr, Christine Carpenter, Lily Herndon

WEEK OF April 22, 2018**SUNDAY- IHN WEEK ENDS**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School
 10:45am Worship
 5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
 11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
 1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Pattie Priester)
 8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

Administrative Professionals Day— *say thank you to Sharon, Judy & Karen*
 10am Adult Bible Study (final)
 5:15pm—7:15pm CovConn (final)
 6:30pm WED (final)
 7:25pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY-

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

FRIDAY-

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

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned**WORSHIP—April 22, 2018****8:30am—**

Reader: Wayne Crowell

Coffee: Lola Bell

Ushers: Kent & Heidi Wolfe

10:45am—

Liturgist: Jacob Page

Reader: Marcia Verbrugge

Ushers: Heide & Juergen Wiegel, The Tweedell Family

Greeters: Phil Hale, Paige Campbell, Bill Rigsby

Congregational Care: Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Caren Snook, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (April 23-29)

Nursery/Super: Pam Knox

Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5 years old: Sandy Whitney, Tim Foutz, Carrie Tweedell