

THE COVENANTER
July 29, 2018

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

5th Sunday, July 29—TODAY! Sunday, July 29 again provides for a unique worship experience. The Praise Band will be offering music. The children and youth will be sharing their experiences from the summer: VBS, Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, and Montreat High School Conference. *Everyone in the congregation is invited to bring one personal item you cherish forward during the voluntary and place it on or around the communion table. This act may take on a variety of meanings for you and for those who witness it. You will collect these items after the worship service is over.*

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Gabriel!

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For the month of **JULY** Covenant will be collecting: saltines, savory/salty snack items for children and as always brown paper bags. *Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!*

Remember in Prayer: Family & friends of Donna Martin, a leader in the Athens teaching community, upon her sudden death after a bee sting; those affected by the ship sinking in Branson, MO, especially the one survivor who lost her entire family; Jim & Marcia Verbrugge's nephew, Markus Roskamp & family, a former student intern at Covenant, now pastoring a church in Washington state, celebrating the nurture Covenant contributed in years past; thanks to all who have supported the wonderful use of our church facility for community groups this summer – Boy Scout camp, Project Free, Athens Mothers Center, and Project Safe camp; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Ashley Wolfe, at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday,	July 30	2 Samuel 11: 26 – 123:13a
Tuesday,	July 31	Psalms 5: 1-12
Wednesday,	Aug 01	Ephesians 4: 1-16
Thursday,	Aug 02	<u>John 6: 24-35</u>
Friday,	Aug 03	Exodus 16
Saturday,	Aug 04	Matthew 6: 31-34
Sunday,	Aug 05	Hosea 14: 4-9

Title: *What Are We Hungry For?*

Theme: God feeds us what we truly need to be fully human and humane.

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant threw out the first pitch at UGA/Univ. of Toledo's baseball game this past spring?

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD WEEK #04

Anticipated Pledges: \$35,804.08

Received Pledges: \$26,469.92

Thank you for your faithful giving!

LIFE'S A ZOO! Each answer contains the name of an animal.

1. Heap with praise: _____
2. Place for savings: _____
3. Take more than one's share: _____

WHO'S WHO: Tom Cooney



Answers to Life's A Zoo!
1. lionize
2. piggy bank
3. Hog up

DID YOU KNOW!



The FEAST food distribution on Saturday, July 21 served 120 families, with 20 volunteers, including 24 from Covenant, even through the thunderstorm!

Leaders of Covenant ministries & programs! Please plan to submit what you would like in our **Fall Brochure** NOW, or by the latest Friday, August 3, as we are publishing the next week. Email kwetherington@covpresathens.org with your submissions! *Many thanks.*



The **10:00 Wednesday morning Bible Study** continues in July, viewing the PBS Frontline video, “From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians.” You’re welcome to join in the good discussion!

If you’d like to make a donation to the Presbyterian Student Center in memory of Stacey Bowden, make your checks out to Covenant and mark them for PSC/Stacey B – and drop them in the offering plate or bring them by the church office – and we will forward them to PSC for you.

<http://covpresathens.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/July-Dec-2018.pdf>

Click on the link above to access the new *Greeter, Reader, Usher* schedule for July—December 9:45am & 10:45am. *Thanks.*

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Juergen Wiegel who so lovingly provides the flowers for worship will be out of town August 19, 26 and September 2. Sign up today to help provide a floral arrangement for these dates:

August 19, 26 and September 2.

See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Aug. 12	8:30am, First Grade Breakfast
Tuesday, Aug. 14	11:30am, Restaurant Roadtrip to Em’s Kitchen on Hawthorne
Saturday, Aug. 25	Covenant BRAS performing at Groovy Nights for Project Safe
Thursday, Sept. 6	7:00pm, Worship team meeting



Elias Nathaniel Whitney was born this afternoon, July 26, to Nat and Jeri Whitney and brothers Ethan and Ezra. Proud grandparents are Jim & Sandy Whitney. We can’t wait to meet him.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Adam Brooks** who was in a national diving competition in San Antonio this past week.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Carrie Tweedell** in South Bend, Indiana competing in the National Twirling Championship this past week.



Welcome our Olomouc friends- Roman and Sara Gabriel July 25 - August 3rd

Roman Gabriel

Born: 1964 in Olomouc, all my life I'm living in Olomouc with exception of 5 years studying at University of Pardubice (chemical engineering) and 1 year of military service.

Married, almost 24 years, 2 children (Simon, 20 and Sara 18), member of The Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren in Olomouc, participant of English camps in Olomouc.

Hobby: walki



Sara Gabriel

My name is Sára, I'm 18 years old and I have one older brother. Next year I'm graduating from highschool.

In my free time I play theatre, work in a student radio and do slam poetry. I'm also a big fan of literature - I love both, reading and writing. And we are looking forward to meeting with you everyone.

Hosts: Joan Prittie and Linda Rogers

Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes if you would like to spend time with our guests.

GLASSES FOR HONDOURAS! Rich Kimmich is traveling to Honduras in October and is collecting reading, sun, or prescription glasses. *Please donate glasses that are in good condition.* There is a box on the congregational desk for your donations! *Last year Rich reached 500 low income residents of Roatan and provided them with eye glasses and medications.*



Save
the
Date

FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE !

Sun. Aug. 19 9:00am, Annual Congregational Meeting, with light breakfast by the Session

10:45am, Hymnsing Worship

Sun. Aug. 26 RALLY DAY

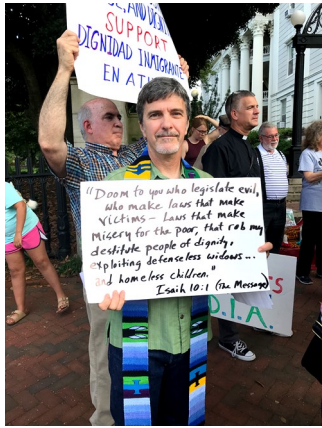
8:30am, Worship

9:15am, Covered Dish Breakfast and CE Rally Day Program

10:45am, Worship

Sun. Sept. 2 8:30 & 10:45am, Worship

9:30am, Church School for all ages



Meet Our Neighbor Katia— Covenant has recently become a member congregation of the Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (ISC), a group of Athens area faith communities committed to offering friendship, hope, and compassionate support to our undocumented neighbors. Through ISC we have met Katia, a 19 year-old mother of two who has lived in Athens for 17 years. Her husband was deported to Mexico a few months ago, leaving Katia with her mother and sister to try and make ends meet. Currently Katia is working some shifts at a local flea market. In the fall she will be returning to school, seeking to complete her high school education through an on-site, on-line program at the ACC School District office. Here are some ways we can help Katia immediately and in the months to come:

*By providing Lyft gift cards or a bus pass so that she can get to work and run errands

*By offering rides to school several times a week in the fall (once we know her schedule we will set up a Sign-Up genius for volunteer drivers)

*By supplying her with plastic storage bins and age-appropriate books for her children (she has a one year-old boy and a three year-old girl)

*By sharing information about local, private cosmetology schools and helping fund her tuition

Thank you for prayerfully considering entering into this relationship with Katia and her family. In these days when many of us are rightly focused on legislative efforts to enable parents and children to stay together along our borders, this is a chance to extend gospel love to a vulnerable family that is already here.

As one of my teachers likes to say, "Justice is good, but supper is essential!"

"Try it - you may like it! "

Please consider signing up to volunteer to help in the nursery one time between September and December. It's a great way to meet Covenant's youngest and get to better know other adults." Let me know at ellenstoneburner@gmail.com.

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final Tuesday of the month, at DePalma's Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is Tuesday, July 31st. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks - meet you there.



Make an American Dream Come True!

Aspect Foundation is currently seeing volunteer host families for international exchange students from nearly 30 countries. Our families are loving families who can give a student a place to sleep/study, daily meals and a loving home. These students are aged 15 to 18, speak English, and have their own spending money and insurance. For more information, please call

Mackenzie Battista at (770) 757-4656 or visit www.aspectfoundation.org

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5th Sunday Worship Experience -
5th SUNDAY July 29!

All participants please meet at the church at 8:45am Sunday. We will meet in the worship center. Thanks!

Going underground with WoRM! “let the little children come unto me.” - Jesus

The teachers and shepherds of this joy-filled time of providing for the Christian education of our children are such a blessing. *Do you have a sense of call to participate in this ministry?* The leaders for the next school year will meet for a planning session over the summer (date: TBD, late July/early August) in preparation for the school year. If you are interested in learning more about how you can offer your gifts and fulfill your sense of call in this way, please contact Craig: ctopple@covpresathens.org

WoRM WORKDAY! Sundays **August 5 & 12** after worship until 1pm. If you are able, please come and help organize as we prepare for the Children's Christian Education Program. We will meet in the “Temple Courtyard” right after worship!

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service) 3rd - 5th graders lead the *Call to Worship* each Sunday. *Summer NOTE:* As we move into the summer months, child liturgists will come on a volunteer basis. If you would like your child to lead the call to worship over the summer, contact Karen in the office and let her know which Sundays work for your family. *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.*

FIRST GRADE BREAKFAST for Covenant's first graders.

Sunday, August 12th is a special day for our First Graders,

River Bowen, William Sperr & Zia Topple.



The parents will attend a special parent's workshop, while the children enjoy breakfast with the Pastors. The children will have a special tour of the Worship Center, during which time will be spent talking about baptism and communion. Our first graders will be introduced to the congregation during the service and will be presented with their very own copy of our Presbyterian Hymnal, *Glory to God*. *(If you know of any first graders that are not listed above and would like to be included please let the church office know.)*

YOUTH NEWS!

YOUTH LEADERS MEETING! Wednesday, August 15th, 6pm—9pm at Ted's Most Best to plan for the upcoming Sunday evening programming for youth.

WEEK OF July 29 , 2018

SUNDAY- 5th Sunday Worship

9:45am Worship

11:00am Punch and Cookies

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY- Beecher on leave thru 7/31

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside

8pm New Freedom in FH

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study

5:30pm—8:30pm Project FREE!

THURSDAY-

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA

7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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WORSHIP—July 29, 2018

9:45am—

Liturgist—

Reader: Phil Hale

Ushers: Phil & Sallie Hale, Jim & Dorothy Newland, Dianne Simpson

Greeters: Paige Campbell, Bill Rigsby

Congregational Care: Catharine Tyson

Counters: Caren Snook, Bill Barstow

Punch & Cookies: Robyn Malone

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (July 30—August 5)

Nursery/Super: Christine Carpenter

Birth—Walking: Christine Carpenter

Walking—5 years old: Patrick, Alice & Lila McMaster

WORSHIP—August 05, 2018

9:45am—

Liturgist—

Reader: Sandy Whitney

Ushers: Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Julie & Don Bower

Greeters: Brian, Wyatt & Alice Herndon

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Caren Snook, Bill Barstow

Punch & Cookies: TBD

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (August 6—12)

Nursery/Super: Annemarie Braswell

Birth—Walking: Annemarie Braswell

Walking—5 years old: Brian & Lily Herndon, Anna Cobb