

THE COVENANTER

August 26, 2018

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



Sunday, August 26 RALLY DAY

8:30am, Worship

9:15am, Join us for a breakfast courtesy of the fellowship Ministry Team, of grits and biscuits for each table with jams and condiments. (fruit or pastry donations appreciated).

9:45am, Mary Barnett & Katy McGill, CE Co-Chairs, will say a few words about the Christian Education Ministries. Enjoy this time for visiting too!

10:45am, Worship

Laurie Anderson Memorial Mission, Peace and Justice Fund—Those who knew Laurie Anderson would agree that she was a strong advocate for a world at peace, free from violence, war, hunger, poverty, injustice and oppression. Covenant congregation gave generously to start a Laurie Anderson Memorial Fund in 2014. This fund is dedicated to support Covenant church missions, including opportunities to contribute to vital issues of peace and justice in the world. We would like to continue this tradition supporting further mission work. *“As most of us have experienced, when we help others, we are truly the ones who are blessed. There are ample opportunities for us to reach beyond ourselves with a helping hand.”* - Laurie Anderson Envelopes are provided. We encourage you to give generously. It will be an opportunity to enhance the mission efforts of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *Thanks for your support.*



Covenant is collecting for the Athens Area Emergency Food bank for the month of **August**:

1# packages of pasta, cold boxed cereal and as always brown paper bags.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

COVENANT CONNECTION KICK-OFF POOL PARTY! AUGUST 29th!

This year Bill Barstow is hosting the Covenant Connection Kick-Off Pool Party.

For dinner we'll be having pizza, salad, and ice cream sandwiches.

Parents or another designated adult will need to accompany their kids.

Time: 5:30pm—7:00pm

Where: 375 Sandstone Drive, Athens (in Cedar Creek)

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Everyone's invited to join with our retirees for the **Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** on **Tuesday, September 11**, at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. We'll enjoy hearing from Terry Centner about his recent travels, "A Visit to Tibet and Its Buddhist Heritage." Be on time, because we'll **start promptly at 12:30pm**, as Terry has an afternoon class to teach at UGA. Hope you will be able to attend!

Remember in Prayer: Christine Carpenter's husband Bruce, hospitalized again after kidney laser surgery; Robert Holden & family, in the passing of his mother August 21 in San Diego, CA; Nathan Weaver, in job interviews and upon completion of the Iron Man in Canada this past weekend; our neighbor Mrs. Bowen, with financial concerns; Asher Hill's brother Aaron, now in Taiwan for his high school junior year abroad; Jeremy Reaves' friend Jeff, in the recent death of his girlfriend; our 2018 Nominating Committee, seeking the movement of the Spirit in our lives together & our need for dedicated leaders; Patti Priester, moving Aug. 27 to Franklin, NC, with our blessings & gratitude for all she has contributed to Covenant; Grace Eubank, very ill after a fall, and hospitalized in AL; Anna Holshouser, home temporarily from the hospital, with more procedures ahead; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Marion Wilmot, at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Aug. 27	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Tuesday	Aug. 28	Psalm 42
Wednesday	Aug. 29	Psalm 43
Thursday	Aug. 30	James 1: 1-15
Friday	Aug. 31	James 1: 16-27
Saturday	Sept. 01	Mark 7: 1-8
Sunday	Sept. 02	Mark 7: 9-23

TWO BY TWO by Marilyn Brown. Many expressions come in pairs. Example: aid & abet. Complete the following:

- _____ and vigor.
- Heart and _____.
- _____ and wiser.

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant was once the "on air" talent for QVC, selling kitchen tools?

WHO'S WHO : September Hoeler



Answers to Life's A Zoo!
 1. Vim
 2. Soul
 3. Older

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD
WEEK #08

Anticipated Pledges: \$71,608.15
 Received Pledges: \$62,950.86

Thank you for your faithful giving!

We welcome **Justin Molnar** back for 2018-19 season. Justin is our Waddel Fellowship Intern and will be assisting Sarah and Cliff during Covenant Connection and Adult Choir practice on Wednesday evenings. He is both a trombonist and a singer, and he also participates in the chime choir. In addition to helping with the music program, Justin will also be helping out with youth on Sunday evenings.



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



Adult choir Wednesdays at 7:30pm. I welcome anyone interested in this valuable ministry. We learn about reading music, we sing a diverse array of anthems, and we warm up with back-rubs and chocolate. Text or e-mail Cliff for more information: 706-206-7099 or cbrock@covpresathens.org

Soul Shop – Ministering to Suicidal Desperation

Life-Saving Culture. Life-Saving Conversations.

Soul Shop for the Public – Sun, Sept 16, 3-5pm no charge! *Suicide awareness training for the entire community.*

Soul Shop for Faith Leaders-Mon, Sept 17, 9-5pm \$10 included boxed lunch. Suicide awareness training for lay and professional leaders in faith communities.

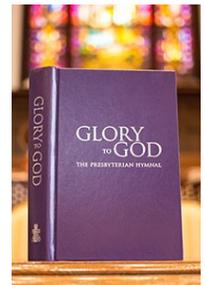
Register at milledge.org/soulshop or by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13th.

GLASSES FOR HONDURAS! 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.*



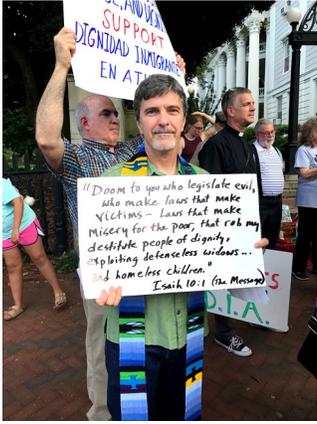
The Worship Ministry team recently purchased an additional 10 copies of the hymnals. To make them accessible to anyone who might need to have their own copy during worship, they will be placed at the main aisle ends of the last 5 rows of pews, on both sides. Thanks to the Graduates, who pointed out that there is a growing number of us whose vision requires that we have our own hymnal. Please return them to the same location at the end of the service. *Julie Bower*



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN begins Thursday, September 13

9:30-11:00am Covenant’s women meet monthly in the Gathering Room for a time of Bible study, fellowship, and service. Childcare is available upon advance request. In the copy room, pick up the PCUSA *Horizons Study Guide* (\$11.00), entitled “**God’s Promise: I Am with You**” and written by Amy Poling Sutherland of Texas, a seventh-generation pastor, now co-pastor at First Presbyterian in San Marcos, with a masters in education and a gift for teaching well. This year’s study will take us on a journey through Scripture to consider the varied circumstances in which God articulated God’s promise of presence. Not delving deeply into manifestations of God’s presence - the tabernacle, the ark of the covenant, manna, the Temple, pillars of cloud and fire - we will focus instead on the spoken words about God’s promise: “I will be with you,” the most frequent & poignant promise in Scripture.

So come and join us on the second Thursday of the month - and bring a friend! For more info, see the PW website: www.presbyterianwomen.org



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, August 28th. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks - meet you there.



For the month of **AUGUST** Covenant will be collecting:

1# packages of pasta, cold cereal

and as always brown paper bags.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!

Congregational Care is sponsoring a Visitors and New Members Luncheon on **September 16** immediately following the 10:45am worship service.

Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes if you would like to bring something for this light luncheon. Marilyn will get in contact with you as to what to you can bring. Thanks!



Wyatt Herndon is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 777 which serves youth from the southern portion of Madison County. In July the Troop's trailer and equipment were stolen. The trailer contained equipment and supplies used on a regular basis to support most Scouting activities, particularly the time honored tradition of camping. A GoFundMe campaign has been started on behalf of the Troop and can provide additional information about the needs of the Troop.

<https://www.gofundme.com/nega-troop-777-trailerequip-drive?teamInvite=oeTPPfG6ieaEx27aiCn4LYmSdqXlqESmOzX77GFCf6byB8SoGWZ548evHknsE8U6>

Also, Athens Public Radio station WUGA conducted an interview with the Troop's Scoutmaster. An article that includes the interview and a list of stolen items can be found at this link: <http://www.wuga.org/post/trailer-full-camping-gear-stolen-boy-scout-troop#stream/0>

Any questions can be answered by Brian: herndon.brian1@gmail.com Any way that you can help is greatly appreciated. -The Herndon Family"

Wednesday

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

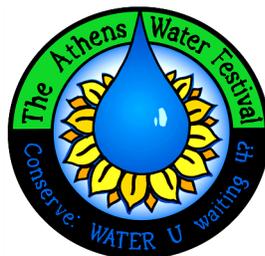
WEEKLY SERVICE	Please join us for a time of:
Beginning September 5, 2018 7:00-7:30 PM	Simple Song Silence Communal Prayer
	This service is open to the community. <i>All are welcome in this place.</i>
	Covenant Presbyterian Church 1065 Gaines School Rd Athens GA 30605

Athena Gardens is looking for volunteers to help keep their residents socially engaged. If you would like more information or to sign up contact Sherell Wilson at 706-354-8084.

Athena Gardens
175 Dennis Dr.
Athens, GA 30605-3051



PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FEAST ON Sept. 15! Covenant Presbyterian Church in conjunction with other local churches will join together to distribute food from the Food Bank of NEGA to our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the mailboxes. Volunteers will need to arrive as early as 7:00 am, with the distribution itself beginning at 9 a.m. for approximately 200 people. It is estimated that we will wrap things up around 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in participating in FEAST please visit our sign-up sheet in the hallway. For more information contact Sue Rathbun, Juanita Floyd, or Mark Harper. *Let us pray for God's continued blessing on this ecumenical effort in our community!*



**COME TO THE
ATHENS WATER FESTIVAL**

**DAY: SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH**

TIME: 10:30AM-2:00PM

WHERE: SANDY CREEK PARK

400 BOB HOLMAN ROAD

COST: \$2.00 PARK ENTRY;

EVENT IS FREE!

INFO: ATHENSWATERFESTIVAL.COM

BE A WATER AVENGER!

**FOR ALL AGES! MEET LIVE ANIMALS,
SPLASH WITH WATER TRUCKS,
MUSIC AND MAGIC!**



5th Sunday Worship Experience -

Thank you everyone for a really great job Sunday for 5th Sunday, July 29th. Next 5th Sunday, September 30th.

Going underground with WoRM! The designated downstairs Sunday School space has murals painted on the walls (some of which were painted by Pastor Mark Harper) which invite anyone who descends to enter into a sacred story. It is within these walls that songs and stories of faith are learned for a lifetime.

Lives with young children are busy to be sure! If my daughters participate in something, I want to have confidence it is worth the time and effort. Each teacher and helper seeks to meet that expectation, as they delight in the privilege of being part of nurturing our children's faith. WoRM becomes one of the few opportunities our children have to learn about the Bible and how the stories begin to shape their lives and the way they see the world. We see it as a foundational part of their development.

WoRM, stands for Workshop Rotation Model. Grouped as K-2nd and 3rd-5th graders, children rotate each month to the four workshops:

Oasis Theatre--the Story through drama;

Temple Courtyard--The Story through creative games;

Loaves and Fishes--the Story through cooking and/or science;

Potters Workshop--The Story through crafts.



Teachers and Shepherds for this school year include: *Christine Carpenter, Kay and Adam Brooks, Patrick and Alice McMaster, Jere Bowden, Megan Sperr, Cary and John Ritzler, Luanne Rigsby, Susan Parish, Jennifer Frey, Jerry Shannon, and Craig and Tracie Topple.* If your name was accidentally left off this list and/or if you'd like to teach and/or shepherd, please let Craig Topple know as soon as possible.

YOUTH NEWS! YOUTH GROUPS begin August 26 at 5pm—7pm ! During the school year, youth group for middle and high school youth typically meets Sundays from 5-7pm at church. Evenings will begin with recreation, followed by supper prepared by members and families of the congregation, and concluding with a monthly rotation of: worship, topical discussion, service project, and fellowship. That said please note the following:

- *If there is no school on Monday, following the CCSD calendar, youth group will not meet Sunday evening.*
- *We will occasionally join with area wide youth groups for special events--such as the Frozen Chosen Cup!*
- *Occasionally we will meet on a Saturday instead of a Sunday, or have a weekend retreat.*

Parents will be kept informed through the Covenanter, emails and Facebook. If there are any questions about what is going on, contact Craig Topple: ctopple@covpresathens.org or 505-785-4890.

We are grateful that DeLynda Tweedell will again be coordinating evening meals. Please, consider providing one which will feed approximately 15 people and is reimbursable up to \$65/meal. Contact DeLynda at: dtweedell@hotmail.com or sign up outside the church office.

WELCOME DIBENHI REYNA! Hey Everyone! I just wanted to introduce myself to those who don't already know me. My name is Dibenhi Reyna. I'm a graduate of Cedar Shoals & a current student at Athens tech. I'll be taking over as the CAVE manager this year. I'm very excited to be joining again for another year at the church & I hope we have as many of the volunteers & students show up this year like they did last year! The times will remain the same 3:30-5:30. I'll probably be sending emails & other information throughout the week just to keep everyone updated & to make sure I know who will be able to come volunteer on Fridays. See you guys then!! *Dibenhi*

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.*

Highlights of the stated Session meeting on Tues.Aug.21 include: 1) gratitude to our Financial Review Team (Dennis Calbos, Paige Campbell, Jim Newland, Linda Rogers, & Gijs Schimmel) for their extensive efforts to review our books for 2016 this past summer, with congratulations to all staff & volunteers who do such a faithful & accurate job handling our income and disbursements; 2) approval of up to \$1500 for an external, independent audit of the 2017-18 books; 3) approval & gratitude for our 2018-19 Christian Education curriculum & volunteers; 4) many thanks to Julie Bower, Marilyn Brown, Katy McGill, and Ellen Stoneburner for serving as our commissioners to the presbytery meeting on Saturday, Aug.18, at Pleasant Hill Pres Church in Statham; 5) and many thanks to Luanne Rigsby & crew for providing such a beautiful congregational breakfast on Sunday, Aug.19, and to the Fellowship Ministry Team headed by James Malone & Ann Anderson for providing our Rally Day Breakfast on Sunday, Aug.26 – both such a nurturing time for fellowship & good news shared. *Ongoing copies of the minutes of Session meetings, as well as Ministry Team minutes, can be found on the table in the narthex. All Session meetings are open to anyone's attendance.*

Welcome to the new Campus Minister of our UGA Presbyterian Student Center, the Rev. Will Norman. He's a graduate of GA Tech and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, his hometown, and the past decade he has been serving as pulpit supply in several PCUSA churches in northern California, pastor of Woodland United Church of Christ, and interim pastor of Bethany Presbyterian in Sacramento. His wife Christin is also a Columbia graduate and served as pastor to Woodland Presbyterian. They have an infant son Jack, grandparents in Atlanta, and many other family members in the southeast. Will's earliest service was as a youth ministry intern at a Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, so his first love has always been working with young adults, saying, "I have missed the energy and spirit of life on a college campus. The academic gift and challenge that is presented to Christian faith in such a setting is a sweet spot for my own faith." By the way, Will plays both guitar & piano. We look forward to getting to know the whole family in the months ahead!



Digital Disciples: Friday-Saturday, October 12-13

Do you love social media? Are you willing to help Covenant implement it even better than we are, to connect folks to the good news? We need 4 people to attend an overnight FREE seminar in Decatur, to learn more and bring the "how to" back to our congregation. Northeast GA Presbytery, in cooperation with Cherokee & Flint River Presbyteries, has received a grant to train church leaders to use digital media & social networking to strengthen communication between members, churches, and presbyteries. Participating churches will also have access to consultant John Fong monthly for one year. (Substitutions are permitted, should you need to change your plans, for there is a small cancellation fee.) There are 80 places reserved, double-occupancy, on a first-come, first-served basis. Presbytery also plans to have a block of rooms reserved at a local hotel. Please let Mark Harper or Beecher Mathes know of your interest, and they can help you register before September 27. Thanks so much for helping Covenant!

WEEK OF August 26, 2018

SUNDAY- RALLY DAY

8:30am Worship (resumes)

9:15am Breakfast & CE Program

10:45am Worship

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

5:00pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside

7:30pm Athens Stamp Club in Conf. Rm

8pm New Freedom in FH

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study

5:30pm—7:00pm CovConn Pool Party at Bill Barstow's

7:30pm LAG Meeting

7:30pm 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 in FH

SATURDAY- Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WEEK OF September 02, 2018

SUNDAY-

8:30am Worship

9:30am Church School for all Ages

10:45am Worship

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

5:00pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am Covenant's Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road

6:30pm Scouts

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7:00pm Wednesday Evening Vespers

7:30pm LAG Meeting

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7:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

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8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY- Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—August 26, 2018

8:30am

Reader: Wayne Crowell

Coffee: Shirley Hunt

Ushers: Wayne Crowell, Alan Edwards

10:45am-

Liturgist—

Reader: Carol Huber

Ushers: The Tweedell Family,

Greeters: Tim & Karen Foutz

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Ginger Davis-Beck

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Aug. 27—Sept 2)

Nursery/Super: Pam Knox

Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5 years old: Lola Bell, Sandy Whitney,
Sarah Shannon

WORSHIP—September 02, 2018

8:30am

Reader: Steve Bell

Coffee: Lola Bell

Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

10:45am-

Liturgist—

Reader: Sallie Hale

Ushers: Phil & Sallie Hale, Jerry & Sarah Shannon, Dianne Simpson

Greeters: Don & Julie Bower

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Caren Snook, Pam Knox

Flowers: Ellie McMinn

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (Sept. 3-9)

Nursery/Super: Christine Carpenter

Birth—Walking: Christine Carpenter

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