

THE COVENANTER  
September 30, 2018

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



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Sunday, October 7th

**PEACE is ACTIVE, not PASSIVE!  
PEACE is DOING, not WAITING!**

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering we work together to share Christ's peace with one another. As we support the Peace & Global Witness Offering we share Christ's peace with one another, beyond the doors of this church, beyond the limits of this town and beyond the borders that may feel very distant. As we respond to those in need who make their homes among us as well as those who live in places far away, God is always near. Thank you for your participation. The Peace & Global Witness Offering collected on Sunday, Oct. 07, 2018 allows our church the opportunity to provide financial resources for PCUSA to actively work for justice and peace in resolving conflicts around the world. *This year, three fourths of our offering will support PCUSA ministries of justice & reconciliation, and one fourth will be used locally, to support the Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition of Athens. Please mark your check P&G W in the memo portion. Thanks!*

**Bread and Grapes for World Communion Sunday!**

*Following the 10:45am worship service everyone is invited to the fellowship hall to enjoy bread and grapes and fellowship. Please bring your bread and/or washed grapes to the kitchen on Saturday, October 06 or early Sunday morning before church school.*



**OPPORTUNITY TO HELP! Covenant is to host IHN families October 21 – 28.** Please check out the sign up board in the hallway across from the church offices to see the many ways you can help. And thank you for your willingness to help! Our IHN guests now have a wonderful, new shower downstairs. What a difference this will make in their stay at Covenant. **SO, we need donations of bath towels.** If you would like to donate towels to Covenant IHN then please leave them in the church copy room on the counter or you can make a cash donation in the offertory marking the memo line IHN bath towels. . Many thanks!

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A **Congregational Meeting** is called by the Session for Sunday, October 7, at 12 noon, following worship, to consider electing the Nominating Committee's slate of names for the office of Elder. The slate includes: Jennifer Frey for the Class of 2020(to replace Carl Cartledge who moved to TX); and Paige Campbell, Steve Rathbun, Rich Reaves, and Sarah Shannon for the Class of 2021. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting, with the nominee's permission. We hope you will plan to attend. **Many thanks** to this year's Nominating Committee for their persistent prayer & faithful work – Marilyn Brown (chair), Jennifer Frey, and Brian Herndon. We are very grateful!

**Remember in Prayer:** : Dell Whitehead & family, in the death of her father in Gainesville and her aunt in MS, both on Sept. 23; Abby Horvath's colleague in Cornelia, newly diagnosed with breast cancer; Jerry Shannon's stepmother, on her birthday, with a broken nose & lip after a recent fall; Barbara Burnett, resting well at home for 2 weeks, after a small stroke Sept. 19; Mrs. Bowen's family, community, and apartment manager; Tanya, newly moved to Athens from CA to be nearer family in GA, with a recent diagnosis of multiple sclerosis; Julie Bower's sister (who is their mother's caregiver in OH), with a broken hip; Paige Campbell & family (aunt & cousin) in the recent death of her uncle Donald in TN; Dorothy Newland, recovering well at home, after surgery Sept. 24; Kathy Boardman, as she prepares for her mission trek to the Southwest, leaving Nov. 18; those affected by the recent floods & damage from Hurricane Florence—remember you can contribute directly to Pres Disaster Assistance at <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/give/> ; 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	Oct. 01	Psalm 26
Tuesday	Oct. 02	Psalm 27
Wednesday	Oct. 03	Psalm 28
Thursday	Oct. 04	Hebrews 1: 1-4
Friday	Oct. 05	Hebrews 2: 5-12
Saturday	Oct. 06	Mark 10: 1-12
Sunday	Oct. 07	Mark 10: 13-16



**THE NAME'S THE GAME** by Marilyn Brown.

Find the first name and discover a new word or expression.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ brook
2. \_\_\_\_\_ incense
3. \_\_\_\_\_ bowl

**2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD  
WEEK #13**

Anticipated Pledges: \$116,363.25

Received Pledges: \$101,434.79

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*



3. Rose
2. Frank
1. Donny

**Answers to The Name's the Game!**

**WHO'S WHO:** Who at Covenant has lived in CA four different times?

**WHO'S WHO :** Marilyn Brown

**AthHalf**

**Pre-Race Service**

6:30 - 7:00 AM • FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • 185 E HANCOCK AVE

REFLECTION AND INSPIRATION FOR THE RACE AHEAD

**10.21.18** | INFORMAL • ATHLETIC CASUAL • OPEN TO ALL  
SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, MUSIC, AND

A MESSAGE BY THE REV. CRAIG TOPPLE

Hot Jittery Joe's coffee will be available for all to enjoy. Runners and Supporters are welcome to use the church restroom facilities prior to the race, just two short blocks from the starting line.





**BLESSING OF THE PETS**  
**Sunday, October 7th -**  
**4:00pm**

Covenant holds an annual **Blessing of the Pets** worship service in our backyard worship area. All are welcome! Please keep

your pet secured either by leash or in an appropriate animal carrier. The service is approximately 30 minutes, to focus on God's good gifts of creation, especially all creatures great and small who enrich our lives and offer such amazing companionship.

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

# Wednesday

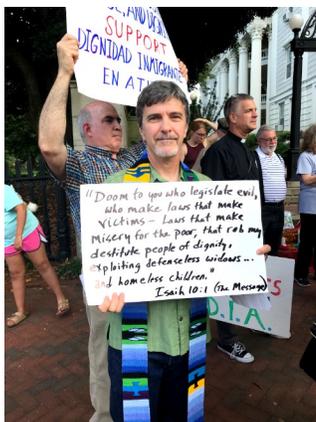
TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

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

**THE CAVE NEEDS YOU!**

Please consider volunteering for Covenant's after school program, The Cave, on Friday afternoons 3:30pm- 5:30pm. There are approximately 30—40 middle and high school kids. Please email Dibenhi at [dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com](mailto:dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com) if you would like to help or for more information. Thanks!

**The 15th Annual IHNA Whole-In-One Golf Tournament, Monday, October 8, 2018.**  
 Jennings Mill Country Club (1500 Cambers Ct, Bogart, GA 30677)  
 Individual Fee \$125— 18 holes, green fees, cart, lunch and prizes.  
 Tournament times: 11am registration; 11am Chick-fil-A Lunch; 12:30pm shotgun start  
 For more information go to <http://www.ihnathens.org/golf-tournament.html>



**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!"

## **WITNESS SUNDAY is October 21—Come and see; learn and grow!**



### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

Our Witness Team continues to support Christ's mission to the world, offering a global focus on ways we can be helpful. This year, we will welcome Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance consultant for continuing aid to Puerto Rico after the 2018 Hurricane Maria. He will preach at both worship services, host a Q&A presentation during the Church School hour for youth & adults, and be present for individual conversation during lunch in Fellowship Hall. We hope to create a Mission Trip to Puerto Rico for the

summer of 2020. Shares your ideas & talents! *Terry Centner & Sandy Whitney*, chairs

*A catered luncheon by The Blind Pig will be served at 12:15pm - monetary donations are appreciated.*

### **Special Sundays Ahead**

- Sun. Sept. 30 Fifth Sunday Worship with youth & children
- Sun. Oct. 7 World Communion Sunday with 12:15pm bread & grapes reception  
4:00pm, Blessing of the Pets
- Sun. Oct. 21 IHN hosting week begins  
Witness Sunday with guest preacher Edwin Gonzalez  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance consultant for Puerto Rico  
9:30am, Church School for youth & adults in F. Hall with Rev. Gonzalez  
12:15pm, Catered Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- Sun. Oct. 28 Guest preacher from the Czech Republic, Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus  
9:30am, Church School for youth & adults in F. hall with Rev. Frey-Reininghaus
- Sun. Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday with necrology read during worship  
9:30am, What It Means to be Presbyterian, led by pastors  
6:00pm, Taizé Worship Service

### **Are You A "Wishful" Recycler?**

TerraCycle only accepts plastic packaging from specific products. The TerraCycle collection drawers are clearly labeled with the acceptable products.

They are:

- \* Candy bags and wrappers
- \* Cereal bags (liner bags from boxes of cereal)
- \* Cheese bags and wrappers
- \* Chip and salty snack bags
- \* Arm & Hammer detergent power pak and baking soda bags
- \* Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers
- \* Personal care bottles and tubes (shampoo, liquid soap, makeup containers, lotion tubes, etc. NO mouthwash, artificial tears, deodorant containers.)

Any bags or wrappers that originally contained any other kind of food products contaminate the recycling drawers. Please be mindful of what is acceptable and what is not.

*Caren Snook for the Green Dream*



## 5th Sunday Worship

**Experience** - September 30th is here! At the suggestion of the Presbyterian Planning Calendar the theme for this 5th Sunday worship will be that of celebrating the “Gifts of New

Immigrants.” Children and youth will participate in a variety of ways; global music will fill our ears and hearts, and Dibenhi Reyna, manager of the Cave, and Andrew Mote, senior high school leader, will be reflecting on the theme. **If your child is participating, or if you would like your child to participate, please come to the worship center at 9:30 am, Sunday morning!**

## Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)

10/07 Ruby  
10/14 Luke Shannon  
10/21 Jacob Page  
10/28 Eli Stone

Please let Craig Topple know if your child would like to become a part of the rotation:  
ctopple@covpresathens.org

**Instructions:** The bulletin is 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.”

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

We are excited for a new WoRM school year! Great teachers and shepherd are involved, providing our children the opportunity to learn the faith! The October Schedule is:

	K – 2nd	3rd – 5th
10/07	Christine/Meagan (Oasis Theatre)	Craig/Wanda (Hebrew)
10/14	Kay/Adam (Temple Courtyard)	Christine/Jennifer/Jerry (Oasis Theatre)
10/21	Luanne/Susan (Potter’s Workshop)	Cary/Jere (Temple Courtyard)
10/28	Patrick/Jerry (Loaves & Fishes Café)	Combined

What time do ducks wake up?



At the quack of dawn!

## YOUTH NEWS!

**Sunday Mornings (9:35-10:30):** Join Abby Horvath for B.A.S.I.C. in the youth room!

**Sunday Evening Youth Group 5pm - 7pm at church unless otherwise announced:**

Oct. 7: Youth Group 7pm Youth Leader Mtg

Oct. 14: Youth Group

Oct. 21: Youth Group

Oct. 28: Halloween Bowling! We will join with other area youth-in costume-for a night of fun and bowling at Showtime Bowl. 5:30pm Dinner at Covenant; 6pm departure for bowling alley; 8pm P/U at bowling alley—555 Macon Hwy, Athens, GA 30606 706-548-1028

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](mailto:dtweedell@hotmail.com) or sign up outside the church office. This Sunday’s is meal prepared by the Sperr Family; sandwiches, chips and brownies.

**“The Cave” - Fridays after school for Youth!** Every Friday, 3:30pm—5:30pm, that school is in session. The goal of the Cave is to provide a safe, supervised space for youth while fostering positive relationships among the youth’s peers and adults alike. *Volunteers are needed. Please contact Dibenhi at [dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com](mailto:dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com).*

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

## WEDNESDAY COVENANT CONNECTION at 5:30pm—7:00pm

5:30—6pm Bible Study with Pastors Mark and Beecher

6:-6:30pm supper 6:30-7:00pm Faith and Film with Craig Barber

Please note: there will **NOT** be CovConn on 10/31.



## A Note from Kathy Boardman aka Serial Pilgrim!



We are emBARKing on a Grand Adventure: my German Shepherd, Robbie, and I, that is. Pentecost 2017 I got the Word that it was time to hit the road. I am outfitting a cargo van to camp out of, getting repairs done on the house, and divesting myself of as many belongings as I can. No, I'm not putting the house on the market at this time. I am more than ready, though, to have less stuff and live more nimbly. In a nutshell, I will be learning what it really means to live as a nomad. There is a growing population of thriving full-time itinerants: many are solo women over age 50 creating a dynamic community.

Jessica Bruder in her book, *Nomadland*, shares the story of nomad Linda May: "Besides, even as a solo traveler, it was clear she would never be truly alone—there was a whole band of wanderers to meet, including many solo women around her age who were also on the road. Together they were a sub-culture, building their own set of customs, experimenting with survival strategies and circulating the best ones, writing a playbook for life on the underside of the economy. That kind of fellowship was important to Linda. 'I'm a real social person,' she explained. 'I didn't feel like I would be out there by myself, lonesome and depressed and just scraping by. My life could be exciting and fulfilling and creative.'"

Launch is November 18<sup>th</sup> for The Cousin Tour. We will leapfrog between family and friends as we head west, and once in Texas begin to collect caravans of folks migrating to the Rubber Tramp Rendezvous (RTR) in Arizona in January. Check out Bob Wells and Cheap RV Living on social media. Following some formal training for Robbie as a therapy dog, and warmer temperatures, we will head north to Washington State and Colorado for long-awaited reunions.

The trip is on one hand, for research, and on the other, for following my bucket list to see the West and visit Presbyterian camps along the way. It seems to me that ongoing needs of female van dwellers are for rest, safety, water, power, and spiritual conversation. What better place to find these things than at camp?

My persona related to my birth name is going into suspended animation, for privacy and security. On the Road we will be known as Katiemac & Robbie @ Serial Pilgrim. Katiemac S. Pilgrim and Serial Pilgrim pages are already growing on Facebook. Serial Pilgrim also has a place on Instagram, Pinterest and Youtube which will expand as I learn the tools and share experiences. Please Follow, Like and Share us. If you don't "do" social media, but have email, and would like to receive probably a monthly newsletter and blog link, please send your email address to [serialpilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:serialpilgrim@gmail.com) and add [serialpilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:serialpilgrim@gmail.com) to your email address book.

Your visual and audible engagement will help sustain us as we boldly go. Thank you so much!

# Breakfast

Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, October 1

at Cracker Barrell on Epps Bridge Road

at 8:00am

Join us for a delicious breakfast and good conversation with friends!

All women are invited to the **October Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** on Thursday, October 11, at 9:30am, in the Gathering Room, on "God's Promise: I Am With You." We enjoy missions, devotions, fellowship & refreshments, so come and see! Study booklets (\$11) are in the copy room. Read chapters 2 & 3, and especially the less familiar Bible passages from Judges and Haggai.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The fall workshop "Let's Talk!" for our presbytery's Presbyterian Women will be held Saturday, October 27, from 9am-2pm, at Sardis Pres Church in Jefferson. All are welcome. Mark Harper is one of the leaders this year, along with Sardis pastor Cheryl Barnes, on the topic of racism & immigration. This event is FREE and includes breakfast & lunch. REGISTER by Mon. Oct. 22 with Julie Usry (706-814-4005) [usryj@comcast.net](mailto:usryj@comcast.net) - and SIGNUP on the carpool list on the bulletin board - hope we have a good turnout!

Come one & all on the next **Restaurant Roadtrip** to Zoe's Kitchen, 145 Alps Road, on Tuesday, October 16, at 11:30am. Sign up on the bulletin board to let us know you're going, and/or carpool from the church at 11:15am. Separate checks. Good Mediterranean food this month, and always great fellowship!



The Athens Mother's Center is hosting an indoor yard sale October 20- 7:30am—12:30pm.

This event is open to the community. We have a maximum number of spaces available, so make sure to sign up. Register to [rfmarchette@gmail.com](mailto:rfmarchette@gmail.com). Each table is \$10. You keep all profit. Please be prepared to set up your table Friday after 5:30pm before the event. \*You will be in charge of your own table and pricing\*

If you'd like to just donate items, AMC will have a table for donations!

*Happy Selling/Shopping!*



Our Covenant retirees invite you to their monthly **Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** on Tuesday, October 9, at 12:30pm, in Fellowship Hall. We'll hear from Rich Kimmich about "Attracting Birds to Your Backyard," creating bird-friendly environments, both at home and at the Botanical Gardens where he volunteers. Beverages are provided, and we'll celebrate Coffee Worth's 99th birthday (Oct.28) with a cake for her! So bring a dish to share, and bring a friend!

**2018 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET—*A Not So Silent Night***

***A big thanks to everyone who signed up! Please send your submissions to [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org). Devotionals are due in the office by Sunday, October 7. Questions? See Pam Knox or call the church office.***

**WEEK OF September 30, 2018**

**SUNDAY- 5TH SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Church School for all Ages  
10:45am Worship  
12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous  
5:00pm Youth Groups

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**TUESDAY-**

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

**WEDNESDAY-**

10am Adult Bible Study  
5:30pm—7:00pm CovConn  
NO Adult Bible Study  
7:00pm Wednesday Taize Worship  
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

**SATURDAY—**

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

**WORSHIP—September 30, 2018**

**8:30am**

Reader: Sonja Holden  
Coffee: Shirley Hunt  
Ushers: Dennis & Carol Calbos

**10:45am—**

Reader: Youth  
Ushers: Julie & Don Bower, Robyn Malone, Linda Koehler  
Greeters: Steve Rathbun, Robyn Malone  
Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby  
Counters: Bill Barstow, Sue Loegel  
Flowers: Juergen Wiegel  
Plant Care: Frank Allen  
Open the Building: Alan Edwards  
Close the Building: Jim Bowden  
Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Oct. 1—7)  
Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner  
Birth—Walking: Ellen Stoneburner  
Walking—5 years old: Brian, Wyatt & Lily Herndon

**WEEK OF October 07, 2018**

**SUNDAY- WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Church School for all Ages  
10:45am Worship 12:15pm Bread & Grapes Reception in FH  
12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous  
4pm Blessing of the Pets  
5:00pm Youth Groups

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30pm Scouts

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
12:30pm Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon  
7pm Athens Stamp Club  
7pm NF Council Meeting  
8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY-**

10am Adult Bible Study  
5:30pm—7:00pm CovConn  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study  
7:00pm Wednesday Taize Worship  
7:30pm LAG Meeting  
7:30pm Adult Choir

**THURSDAY- 9:30am PW Bible Study**

10am Committee on Ministry Meeting  
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—October 07, 2018**

**8:30am**

Reader: Bruce Menke  
Coffee: Dennis Calbos  
Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

**10:45am—**

Liturgist— Ruby Topple  
Reader: Kathryn Fowler  
Ushers: Heide & Juergen Wiegel, The Tweedell Family  
Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish  
Congregational Care: Linda Koehler  
Counters: Sue Loegel, Judy Capie  
Flowers: Juergen Wiegel  
Plant Care: Frank Allen  
Open the Building: Steve Bell  
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Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Oct 8—14)  
Nursery/Super: Lola Bell  
Birth—Walking: Lola Bell  
Walking—5 years old: Sandy Whitney, Lindsey Bowden, Steve Bell