

THE COVENANTER  
October 21, 2018

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



**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! Many thanks!

If anyone would like training or know of someone that has expressed an interest in Interfaith Hospitality Network please email Susan or Randy ([sdp51@yahoo.com](mailto:sdp51@yahoo.com)) or give us a call. (706-850-0835). We can arrange it around your schedule.

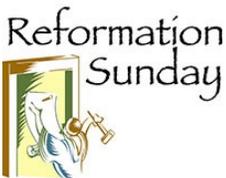


**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

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

Our Witness Team continues to support Christ's mission to the world, offering a global focus on ways we can be helpful. TODAY we 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 in the worship center, 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. Share 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.*



**OCTOBER 28—**We will welcome Gerhard Frev-Reiningerhaus, who worked for the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren for 26 years and recently retired April of this year. He will speak at 8:30am & 10:45am worship and Church School at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. **LUNCH WITH GERHARD!** Join us for a soup and sandwich luncheon immediately following the October 28th 10:45am service. Please **sign up** on the sign up sheet next to the mailboxes. Any questions contact Sue Rathbun at [irish\\_2242@yahoo.com](mailto:irish_2242@yahoo.com) or 814-243-4778

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**All Saints Sunday! Sunday, November 4th at 8:30am & 10:45am**



This commemoration of the saints goes to the heart of our faith; death has not won (1 Corinthians 15:55-57); in all we do we are accompanied by fellow Christians, living and dead (Hebrews 12:1); and in the end, we will join others in praising God eternally (Revelation 7:9-10). We will refer to them during a moment of recognition & prayer during worship. *Please check the list in the gathering room table for additions and or corrections.*

**ATHENS COMMUNITY TAIZE SERVICE**—Join Covenant November 4 at 6pm for this meditative service with readings, silence, and Taize chants. (new and old). This is an ecumenical service and all are welcome.

**Remember in Prayer:** Shirley Hunt undergoing surgery Tuesday October 23 at St. Mary's; Beecher and her mother Jacqueline; those affected by the recent floods & damage from Hurricane Michael—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. 22	Psalm 34: 1-8
Tuesday	Oct. 23	Psalm 35: 1-10
Wednesday	Oct. 24	Psalm 35: 11-18
Thursday	Oct. 25	Hebrews 7: 23-28
Friday	Oct. 26	Psalm 40: 1-5
Saturday	Oct. 27	Mark 10: 46-52
Sunday	Oct. 28	Ephesians 1: 15-20



**HINTEROO.** All the puzzle words have a 3-letter sequence in common. That's the "Hinteroo", which will help you find the correct answers:

1. Good for clammy hands: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Honcho of all Honchos: \_\_\_\_\_
3. A street car's moniker: \_\_\_\_\_

**2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD  
WEEK #16**

Anticipated Pledges: \$143,216.31  
Received Pledges: \$129,052.82  
*Thank you for your faithful giving!*



Answers to HINTEROO:  
1. Resin  
2. President  
3. Desire

**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. Devotionals  
are due. Questions? See Pam Knox or call the  
church office.***



**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!



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28—We will welcome, Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus, who worked for the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren for 26 years and recently retired April of this year.**

Gerhard arrived in the Czech Republic for a two-year postgraduate study program with his first wife Adelheid in 1991 from a church in Köngen, Württemberg state. However, he did not return to Germany when the two years passed. It was a time when the Protestant Theological Faculty was facing a rapid increase in the number of its students, and Gerhard took on the difficult task of helping the Faculty find a new building. He was immensely hardworking in his fundraising activities, always open to suggestions, kind and enthusiastic – and always somehow managing to spread this atmosphere and attitude among all his collaborators. Without his help, the Protestant Theological Faculty would never have been able to develop the way it did in the new conditions. With his wife, Gerhard established the international department at the Faculty, which remains very active up until today. His work at the faculty was followed by an invitation of the Synodal Senior back in the day, Pavel Smetana, to work at the Ecumenical Department of the Central Church Office. Gerhard's mission, right from the beginning, was to work on healing the wounds inflicted by the Second World War upon both nations. A Czech-German working group was thus established, Gerhard being the secretary for the Czech part. The starting point of this cooperation was a statement made by the ECCB's Synod in 1995 on the topic of the expulsion of the Sudetenland Germans. As a result from the working group the book The Dividing Wall Has Fallen (1996) was published, which had the aim of seeking reconciliation and mutual understanding. Through his work, Gerhard demonstrated and reminded everybody that reconciliation is the true focal point of the Gospel. It was also as a result of Gerhard's effort that an agreement was signed between the ECCB and the EKD in 2003. Cooperation in the field of combatting the sexual abuse of women and children in the Czech-German bordering areas followed this agreement.

However, Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus' work did not only focus on Germany. He also initiated the cooperation of the American Working Group in the Czech Republic and the Czech Mission Network in the USA. He established and developed contacts with a number of churches across Europe and also supported the ECCB's friendship with the Presbyterian Church of South Korea. It was Gerhard's initiative, that this informational bulletin has been issued for the many international partners of the Protestant Theological Faculty, of the ECCB and its Diaconia.

Gerhard also proved a very skilled organizer and coordinator, for example when coordinating the aid during the floods of 1997 and 2002, organizing the Meeting of Christians in Prague in 2005 or during the celebrations of the 600th anniversary of the death of Jan Hus in July 2015. Gerhard supported these events with his detached view, his good estimates and communication, and he managed the preparatory teams with professional routine.

At the good-bye party for Gerhard, organized by the Synodal Council on 1 April 2017 and attended by approximately 150 Czech and international ecumenical partners, gratitude for his understanding, openness and friendliness were most often expressed. Gerhard's work has enriched our lives and serves as inspiration for many. We are glad that Gerhard's friendship lasts and we can still meet him in various roles dealing with Czech and international ecumenical activities.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, October 20th at EAST FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 400 Arch Street**

**9:00 am** All women are invited to this monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast at EFBC. If you have questions (or want to carpool), see Coffee Worth, Sue Rathbun, or Jere Bowden.

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.

## Special Sundays Ahead

- 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?

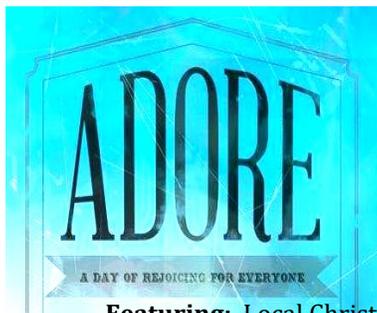
TerraCycle only accepts plastic packaging from specific products. The TerraCycle collection drawers are clearly labeled with the acceptable products.

### 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 Team



## Community Outdoor Worship Celebration

Saturday, October 20th

Noon - 6:00 PM

4080 S. Barnett Shoals Rd.,  
Athens, 30605

**Featuring:** Local Christian Worship Teams, Prayer Tents & Testimonies  
Antique Cars & Hourly Prize Drawings Activities for the Kids

Bring your lawn chair and a cool beverage!

(A.D.O.R.E. is a tobacco and alcohol-free event.) Learn more @ [acmin.org](http://acmin.org) > events > ADORE

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. -Ephesians 5:19*

Hosted by Athens College of Ministry and  
sponsored by Cable East and Roll Off Systems

*THANK YOU to the  
Zimdars for the nice red  
flowers for the floral  
decoration in Worship  
last Sunday!*



## 5th Sunday Worship Experience - Our next

5th Sunday worship experience will be on a 4th Sunday during a month with 5 Sundays. Sunday, December 23 rather than Sunday, Dec 30th presents a good time to live into the spirit of the Christmas season and the spirit of 5th Sundays, as we seek the Spirit's leading in and through our children and youth. More to come. God be praised!

## Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)

10/21	Ruby Topple	Please let Craig Topple know if your child would like to become a part of the rotation: <a href="mailto:ctopple@covpresathens.org">ctopple@covpresathens.org</a>
10/28	Eli Stone	
11/04	Delaney Braswell	
11/11	Jacob Page	

*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 Scripture: Exodus 3: 14** Memory Verse: God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I Am has sent me to you."'

### October Schedule is:

DATE	K-2	3rd-5th	Music Time	Story Teller
10/07/2018	Christine/Megan (Oasis)	Craig/Wanda (Hebrew)	Betsy B.	Megan
10/14/2018	Kay/Adam (Temple Courtyard)	Christine/Jennifer /Jerry (Oasis)	Betsy B.	Christine
10/21/2018	Luanne/Susan (Potters Workshop)	Carrie/Jere (Temple Courtyard)	Betsy B.	Craig
10/28/2018	Patrick/Jerry (Loaves & Fishes)	Combined	Betsy B.	Jerry

Parents Corner: Fellow Parents, learning Bible stories is such an important part of our self-understanding: we become connected with a deeper story; we come to recognize ourselves as part of God's story. However, if you're like me, you may cringe at aspects of some of the stories found in the Hebrew Scriptures (aka Old Testament); and, even some from the New Testament. Our challenge is often to hold those troubling aspects of the Story together with those comforting aspects, and help our children to do that as well, as they encounter a people of faith trying to make sense of who they are, who God is, and who they are in relationship with God and others in the world. All this to say, in October we continue our journey with the Israelites found in Exodus this month, specifically chapters 3-4. We find what might be considered disturbing aspects, but also aspects essential to our understanding as a "people of the Book". Please take the time to read through these chapters with your children over the course of this month. Maybe it becomes part of a family "bedtime routine" to read it together, or separately before going to bed. Take time to allow your children to ask questions, and ask your own questions! It's okay to say, "that would be a good question to ask at WoRM, or "let's go ask Pastor" about that. There's some of the coolest stuff here in these chapters, including the "Burning Bush," and Moses turning a stick into a snake! The Exodus is a story of conflict and oppression, as well as liberation and redemption. It has inspired peoples for generations. Now it's our children's turn to get caught up in the story of God found in these pages! **Remember**, be sure to help prepare your children for WoRM by telling them who their teacher is and where their lesson will be. The **renovation of Loaves and**

## 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. 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](#). 5:00pm Dinner at Covenant; 5:30pm departure for bowling alley to arrive by 6pm; 7:30pm P/U at bowling alley—555 Macon Hwy, Athens, GA 30606 706-548-1028.

Nov. 04: Youth Group (Youth Leader Meeting 7pm)

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

*"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).*



**WEEK OF October 21, 2018 IHN BEGINS**

**SUNDAY- WITNESS SUNDAY**

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

WITNESS  
12:15pm LUNCHEON

**MONDAY-**

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30pm Scouts

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
9:30am Presbytery Meeting at Oconee  
12:30pm Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside  
7pm—8pm The School of Thought (Cliff Brock)  
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-**

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  
NO Cave  
8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY-**

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—October 21, 2018**

**8:30am**

Reader: Rich Reaves  
Coffee: Sharon Edwards  
Ushers: Alan Edwards, Rich Reaves

**10:45am-**

Liturgist—Ruby Topple  
Reader: Paige Campbell  
Ushers: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Dick Zimdars, Stephanie Cahill, Betsy Pless  
Greeters: Sandy & Jim Whitney  
Congregational Care: Linda Koehler  
Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner  
Flowers: Juergen Wiegel  
Plant Care: Frank Allen  
Open the Building: Alan Edwards  
Close the Building: Hank Tweedell  
Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Oct 22—28)  
Nursery/Super: Joan Baird  
Birth—Walking: Joan Baird  
Walking—5 years old: James & Robyn Malone, Hannah Barnett

**WEEK OF October 28, 2018**

**SUNDAY- REFORMATION SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Church School for all Ages  
10:45am Worship  
12:15pm Soup/Sandwich Luncheon (please sign up on bulletin board)  
12:30pm—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  
7pm—8pm The School of Thought (Cliff Brock)  
8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY-**

10am Adult Bible Study  
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

**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  
NO Cave  
8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY-**

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—October 28, 2018**

**8:30am**

Reader: Sonja Holden  
Coffee: Arnell & Warren Combs  
Ushers: Alan Edwards, Arnelle Combs

**10:45am-**

Liturgist—Eli Stone  
Reader: Mary Barnett  
Ushers: Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Julie & Don Bower  
Greeters: Bert Ballard-Myer, Katie Bemisderfer  
Congregational Care: Linda Koehler  
Counters: Caren Snook, Ellen Stoneburner  
Flowers: Juergen Wiegel  
Plant Care: Frank Allen  
Open the Building: Steve Bell  
Close the Building: Phil Koehler  
Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Oct. 29—Nov 4)  
Nursery/Super: DeLynda Tweedell  
Birth—Walking: DeLynda Tweedell  
Walking—5 years old: Jim & Ann Anderson, Tim Foutz, Carrie Tweedell