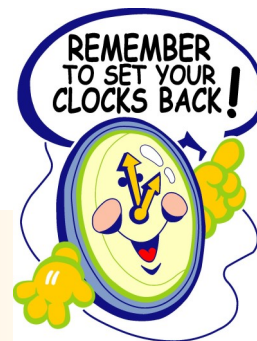


THE COVENANTER

November 04, 2018



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

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.

ATHENS COMMUNITY TAIZE SERVICE AT COVENANT!

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.

FEAST FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION! Saturday, November 17 beginning at 7am Covenant 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 help please sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Volunteers need to arrive as early as 7am, distribution beginning at around 9am. More info see Mark Harper, Sue Rathbun, or Juanita Floyd.



Everyone's invited to the monthly **Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** on Tuesday, November 13, at 12:30pm, in Fellowship Hall. We are taking this opportunity to honor and thank all Military Veterans. Guest speakers will be two of Covenant's veterans. Juanita Floyd will provide delicious turkey and fixings for everyone! Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share – and bring a friend. See ya there.

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SET YOUR CLOCK
BACK ONE HOUR
BEFORE YOU GO
TO BED Saturday!



Daylight-Saving
Time Ends

NOVEMBER 4th

Remember in Prayer: Betty Pallas and family in the recent passing of her husband, Jim; Shirley Hunt healing well at home; 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

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| Monday | Nov. 05 | Psalm 126 |
| Tuesday | Nov. 06 | Psalm 127 |
| Wednesday | Nov. 07 | Psalm 130 |
| Thursday | Nov. 08 | Ruth 3: 1-18 |
| Friday | Nov. 09 | Ruth 4 |
| Saturday | Nov. 10 | Hebrews 9: 24-28 |
| Sunday | Nov. 11 | Mark 12: 38-44 |



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. Indicates hello or goodbye: _____
2. Poe's Pet: _____
3. 5th is one: _____

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD WEEK #18

Anticipated Pledges: \$161,118.35

Received Pledges: \$141,322.75

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Peace & Global Witness: \$1,125.00



Answers to HINTEROO:
1. Wave
2. Raven
3. avenue



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

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 NOW due. Questions? See Pam Knox or call
the church office.

All women are invited to the November
Presbyterian Women's Bible Study on Thursday,
November 8 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! Read chapter 4,

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final
Tuesday of the month, at DePalma's
Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is
Tuesday, November 27. Always good
food & fellowship to share. Separate
checks – meet you there.

Joint Conference

Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren and Presbyterian Church (USA)

HOPING TOGETHER



April 1-5, 2019

Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia USA
404.687.4618
intlprog@ctsnet.edu

REGISTER NOW AND JOIN US!

Deepen our Connections AND Explore Atlanta's Rich History and Robust Heritage
~Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and The King Center
~Center for Civil and Human Rights

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: \$75 Conference Cost*: \$350 double room/\$550 single room

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Church Name and Location: _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of: _____

*Includes housing, meals, and local ground transportation

Send registration form and check to: Linda Rogers, Covenant Pres, 1065 Gaines School Rd, Athen



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| <p>3rd Annual</p> <h1>Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship</h1> <p>Sunday November 18, 2018 4:30pm</p> | <p>Sponsored by:</p> <p>Interfaith Clergy Partnership Of Greater Athens</p> <p>ICPGAthens.org</p> <p>ICPGAthens@gmail.com</p> <p>ICPGAthens</p> |
| <p>Location:</p> <p>Piedmont College, Meeting House 595 Prince Ave., Athens, GA</p> | <p>Donations Support:</p> <p>Interfaith Hospitality Network Athens</p> |

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| <h1>Wednesday</h1> <h2>TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE</h2> | |
| <p>WEEKLY SERVICE</p> <p>Beginning September 5, 2018</p> <p>7:00-7:30 PM</p> | <p>Please join us for a time of:</p> <p>Simple Song Silence Communal Prayer</p> <p>This service is open to the community. <i>All are welcome in this place.</i></p> |
| | <p>Covenant Presbyterian Church 1065 Gaines School Rd Athens GA 30605</p> |

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st at 6:30pm –

ANNUAL COVENANT PROGRESSIVE

DINNER! You are invited to join us for this moveable feast. Add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes, to enjoy an evening of fellowship. Bring an appetizer/salad, veggie or dessert and if you would like to host a course, note that on the sign up sheet as well. Consider inviting folks that have visited church or an individual who can no longer drive in the evening.



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

IHN has been blessed with towels! Thanks to all that donated towels to be used by our IHN guests when they try out our new shower. Covenant really came through and we are so appreciative. Such an abundance of towels. Bright & bold, soft & subdued, brand new & slightly used – all will wrap our guests in a blanket of Love. *Thank you one and all!*

Music of Appalachia

Sunday, November 4 at 2pm at the Georgia Museum of Art, University of Ga

90 Carlton Street FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The **Athens Chambers Singers** will present a special program of choral and instrumental pieces from Appalachia, including folksongs, spirituals, blues and coal mining songs. The concert will feature a bluegrass band. Stick around after the music for a special tour of “Vernacular Modernism: The Photography of Doris Ulmann” led by curator of American art Sarah Kate Gillespie.

5th Sunday Worship Experience -

Our next 5th Sunday worship will be on a 4th Sunday during a month with 5 Sundays. Sunday, December 23 rather than Sunday, Dec 30th presents a *wonderful* 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, think of it as children and youth Choral Music Sunday, along with a **Christmas Pageant**. Christine Carpenter has graciously agreed to lead the pageant. Cliff Brock, Sarah Parido, and Betsy Burmeister will be helping to coordinate music. For now, please consider Christmas musical offerings your child might present in worship, and be on the lookout for announcement about the pageant.

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)

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| 11/04 | Delaney Braswell | Please let Craig Topple know |
| 11/11 | Jacob Page | if your child would like to |
| 11/18 | Ruby Topple | become a part of the rotation: |
| 11/25 | Isaac Carpenter | 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!

Memory Verse: "When the dew evaporated, there was something thin and flaky on the surface of the desert. It was as delicate as frost. When the Israelites saw it, they didn't know what it was and asked each other, "What is it?" Moses said to them, "This is the food that the Lord has given you to eat. The Lord has commanded that each of you is to gather as much of it as he needs." Exodus 16:14-16a (*Good News Translation*)

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

| DATE | K-2 | 3rd-5th | Music Time | Story Teller |
|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| 11/04/2018 | Luanne/Susan (Loaves/Fishes) | Jerry/Jere (Oasis Theatre) | Betsy B. | Megan |
| 11/11/2018 | Christine/Jennifer /Jerry (Oasis) | Patrick/Jere (Loaves/Fishes) | Betsy B. | Christine |
| 11/18/2018 | Kay/Adam (Temple Courtyard) | Combined | Betsy B. | Adam |
| 11/25/2018 | Christine/Jerry (Loaves & Fishes) | Combined | Betsy B. | Pageant Workshop |

 **Parents Corner.** "What is it?!" It's not unusual for me to suggest to my girls they try a new food. First question they ask, "What is it?!" Any of you remember the original name for the Atlanta Olympic games mascot? "Whatizit!" "What is it?!" That's what the Israelites asked when they saw "manna" for the first time, "What is it?!" In November, we continue our Exodus journey, which will be the last visit to this dramatic story in WoRM for the school year (we'll be back in Egypt after the birth of Jesus). Like a frog, we leap over the plagues (feel free to look through those with your child(ren)), and emerge on the other side of the "Red Sea" (Exodus 15:22). This emergence could be seen as a birth or even a baptism--the Israelites are a new creation, who now have to figure out what this new life is all about. It's hard! So, it should be no surprise there is a fair amount of "grumbling" as they "wander in the wilderness" for 40 years. Moses and his brother Aaron have their hands full of challenging "children." But, the story is preserved because it is a story of struggle, identity, and growth, alongside God's liberation, faithfulness, and provision. Quail and Manna rain down from heaven! Water springs forth from rocks! The people of God learn to live in community, to trust God will provide, to take only what they need, and to take Sabbath rest. Continue to read through chapters 15 - 17 with your children--before going to bed, after supper, whenever is convenient. I'd love to hear any questions that surface in these readings. This story 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 and shepherd are and where their lesson (Temple Courtyard, Potter's Workshop, Loaves and Fishes, Oasis Theatre) will be.

Wonderful Wednesdays

10:00am Adult Bible Study—This fall we explore the relationship between our Christian faith and science, guided by a DVD series from Living the Question, “Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith!” Facilitated by Mark Harper.

COVENANT CONNECTION (CovConn)

5:30pm—6:00pm K-2nd grade choir; 3rd—5th Servant Time

6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner for children, youth and adults

6:30pm—7:00pm 3rd—5th Grade Choir; K-2nd Servant Time

WEDNESDAY COVENANT CONNECTION For Youth

3:30pm Supervision for Middle and High School Youth in the youth rooms begins

5:30pm “Wednesday School—Bible Study” for Middle School Youth led by Mark and Beecher (optional for High School), High School Youth continue to fellowship

6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm Faith and Film

7:00pm Depart

6:30pm Adult Bible Study—

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

7:00pm—7:30pm

Come & join us for this new offering at Covenant every Wednesday night.

This introspective worship is built on these 3 tenets: *repetitive song, prayer, and silence.*

Led primarily by the pastors and Cliff Brock, the services will include devotional music and chants from the Taize tradition, along with scripture and prayer. This time of centering and prayer is open to the community, so please share this invitation with colleagues and neighbors and all who are spiritually hungry and thirsty.



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

Fruit Juice, Canned Soup, Canned meats, (ie beef stew, spam, chicken, Chili) And as always brown paper bags.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough. *“If you love me, feed my sheep.”* John 21:15-19

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

will meet immediately following the 10:45am worship service on November 4th. All current members and anyone interested in learning more about the fellowship Team and its works are invited to attend.



The Congregational Fellowship Ministry Team will be decorating in the Fellowship Hall on November 24 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). Come and join us at 11:00am as we “deck the halls!”

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:

Nov. 04: 5pm Youth Group (Youth Leader Meeting 7pm)

Nov. 11: 5pm Youth Group

Nov. 18: No Youth Group (Thanksgiving break)

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

Youth Group Happenings! A great time was had at Halloween Bowling, which began with some pumpkin carving at church, after which the youth (most in costume) met with youth from sister churches, Oconee, 1st, and Madison Pres. Many thanks to CovPres youth leaders for making this happen, and to Kim Ness of 1st for coordinating this event. The next joint youth gathering will be at the Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship service on November 18th, followed by Ice Cream. Details to follow.

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

"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.*

November Birthdays

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| 1 Barbara Arnold | 23 Roberta Ballard-Myer |
| Marie Ballard-Myer | Melissa Cobb |
| Sarah Parido | 25 Wayne Crowell |
| 4 Andrew Zimdars | 26 Craig Barber |
| 5 Jim Smith | 27 Jonathan Arnold |
| 8 Ann Centner | Dot Handley |
| 9 Gene Holshouser | 28 Sarah Lamb |
| 10 Nash Boney | Emma Parido |
| Sydney Braswell | 29 Lauren Capie |
| 16 DeLynda Tweedell | 30 Deb Cureton |
| 18 Jimmy Cobb | Sara Thompson |
| Jason Green | |
| Ezra Whitney | |
| 20 Joe Meyers | |
| 22 Kate Shealy | |



WEEK OF November 04, 2018
SUNDAY- ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8:30am Worship
9:30am Church School for all Ages
10:45am Worship
12noon Congregational Fellowship Team Meeting
12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
5:00pm Youth Groups
6pm Community Taize Worship

MONDAY-

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

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother's Center
7pm—8pm The School of Thought (Cliff Brock)
7pm CE Meeting
8pm New Freedom

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS-

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

THURSDAY-

9:30am PW Bible Study in the Gathering Room
9am COM 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

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WORSHIP—November 04, 2018

8:30am

Reader: Steve Bell

Coffee:

Ushers: Dennis & Carol Calbos

10:45am-

Liturgist—

Reader: Juergen Wiegel

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

Greeters: Phil & Sallie Hale

Congregational Care: June Meyers

Counters: Paige Campbell, Randy Parish

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Jim Bowden

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Nov 5—11)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Ellen Stoneburner

Walking—5 years old: Phil Hale, Paula Zimdars, Susan Parish

WORSHIP—November 11, 2018

8:30am

Reader: Dianne Simpson

Coffee: Arnelle & Warren Combs

Ushers: Judy Capie, Elsie Bothwell

10:45am-

Liturgist—

Reader: Phil Hale

Ushers: Julie & Don Bower, Robyn Malone, Phil & Linda Koehler

Greeters: Paige Campbell, Bill Rigsby

Congregational Care: June Meyers

Counters: Caren Snook, Pam Knox

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (Nov 12—18)

Nursery/Super: Luanne Rigsby

Birth—Walking: Luanne Rigsby

Walking—5 years old: Stephanie Cahill, Jennifer Frey, Wyatt Herndon