

THE COVENANTER

November 11, 2018

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



Your ministry at Thornwell makes a lasting impact on the lives of hurting children and families. Last year, we received gifts that ensured that...

- ◆ 106 children found safe, loving homes through our Residential program
- ◆ 1,681 struggling children and families found hope and healing through our innovative, community-based Building Families program
- ◆ 150 children received academic support through our Learning Center
- ◆ 102 children received professional counseling and therapy services

Please see the insert and envelope in your mailbox and thank you for your generous giving.



FEAST FOOD TRUCK DISBRIBUTION! 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.

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 are Abby Horvath and Randy Parish.

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.



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!"

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605
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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

Remember in Prayer: Amanda Koehler, wife of Brian, in the passing of her mother Nov. 4th, Calhoun Falls, SC; Beecher and her mother Jacqueline: Jean Gibson at The Oaks; Victims in the recent shooting in CA; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta, Marion Wilmot at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Nov. 12	1 Samuel 1: 4-10
Tuesday	Nov. 13	1 Samuel 2: 1-10
Wednesday	Nov. 14	Psalm 40
Thursday	Nov. 15	Psalm 41
Friday	Nov. 16	Psalm 42
Saturday	Nov. 17	Hebrews 10: 19-25
Sunday	Nov. 18	Mark 13: 1-8



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. A Sign: _____
2. Well Done! _____
3. Let the Good Times Roll: _____

2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD WEEK #19

Anticipated Pledges: \$170,069.40

Received Pledges: \$154,572.54

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Peace & Global Witness: \$1,125.00



Answers to HINTEROO:

1. Libra
2. Bravo
3. Celebrate

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.

Purchase a beautiful live Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special! They are used in the Worship Center throughout the Christmas Season. Sign up sheet is outside the church office. Make your check payable to Covenant and put poinsettia in the memo portion of your check. \$10 each.



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

Wednesday

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

WEEKLY SERVICE

Beginning September 5, 2018
7:00-7:30 PM



Please join us for a time of:

Simple Song

Silence

Communal Prayer

This service is open to the community.
All are welcome in this place.

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Rd Athens GA 30605



Santa Claus Express **2018**

Each year Presbyterian Women celebrate the holidays with residents of the health services centers at Presbyterian

Home, Quitman, Presbyterian Village, Austell, and our residents at Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments. In September, the joyous task of collecting gifts for our residents begins. Santa's elves pick up the gifts from depot churches and deliver them to the campuses to be wrapped for residents. Santa himself delivers the gifts to residents at Christmas parties. Whether carefully selected from a store or made lovingly by hand, these gifts remind our residents of the joys of the holidays. Throughout the year, gifts are given to honor birthdays and to welcome new residents, and are treasured prizes for games and therapy sessions. Please select items from the "Suggested Gift Items" and place them in clear, plastic sandwich or storage bags.

PLEASE do not wrap your gifts. See list of suggested items on pg 9. Leave in the container in the hallway across from the church offices no later than November 28th.



LET GO!

OLOMOUC, CZECH REPUBLIC 2019

There will be a short meeting immediately following the 10:45am worship service today, Nov. 11th for

all those interested or just thinking about participating in the next English Camp in Olomouc next summer!

Solar water heaters are found on the roofs of many single-family houses and apartments in other countries. This picture was taken in Greece. Similar solar water heaters are very common in Japan.



3rd Annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship**

Sunday November 18, 2018
4:30pm

Sponsored by:
Interfaith
Clergy
Partnership
Of
Greater Athens

ICPGAthens.org

ICPGAthens@gmail.com

[ICPGAthens](https://www.facebook.com/ICPGAthens)

Location:

Piedmont College, Meeting House
595 Prince Ave., Athens, GA

Donations Support:

Interfaith Hospitality Network
Athens

5th Sunday Worship - 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)

11/11	Jacob Page	Please let Craig Topple know if your child would like to become a part of the rotation: ctopple@covpresathens.org
11/18	Ruby Topple	
11/25	Isaac Carpenter	

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 November Scripture: Exodus 15 - 17 *Memory Verses:* "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 (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:** Please help prepare your children for WoRM by telling them who their teacher and shepherd are and where their lesson will be: Temple Courtyard, Potter's Workshop, Loaves and Fishes, or Oasis Theatre. The **renovation of Loaves and Fishes** room is complete! Items have been moved back in, and lessons will begin again as part of the rotation. Many thanks to those who helped make this wonderful renovation happen!

Wonderful Wednesdays—November 14

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.

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.



YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

Sunday Mornings, 9:35-10:30, Abby Horvath is leading B.A.S.I.C. in the youth room!

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

Nov 4: Youth Group

Nov 11: Youth Group (Youth Leader Meeting @7)

Nov 18: Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship - Youth from the four Athens area churches will gather

Nov 25: Youth Group

Wednesday Covenant Connection at 5:30 -7pm

5:30 - 6 - Bible Study with Pastors Mark and Beecher

6-6:30 - Supper

6:30 - 7 - Faith and Film with Craig Barber

Mark Your Calendars! The Christian Ed team is looking ahead to some great summer activities for youth

Lasagna Lunch, Jan 13 after church. Participants in any summer youth conference are expected to assist with this yummy event.

Montreat High School Conference, June 2-8. An awesome week is in store for any rising 9th - graduated from HS! We will again share the GA Lodge with Covenant Augusta. Registration has begun, and if you know you (your child) wants to go, please submit a \$100 deposit by Dec 1. For more information visit montreat.org, and contact ctopple@covpresathens.org

Middle School Conference--Montreat at Maryville College, July 17-21. A unique energetic week is in store for rising 6th - completed 8th graders! Registration has begun, and if you know you (your child) wants to go, please submit a \$100 deposit by Feb 1. For more information visit montreat.org, and contact ctopple@covpresathens.org

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is July 16-20 at Purdue University. What is Presbyterian Youth Triennium? A gathering of over 3000 students from PCUSA churches all over the country. The Northeast Georgia Presbytery is planning to send a delegation. Space for each church in the presbytery is limited, but if any rising 10th - graduated HS student wants to attend, please contact Brian Herndon. We estimate 40-45 students from the presbytery joining in this summer adventure.



WEEK OF November 11, 2018**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

MONDAY-

OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

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

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—

7am FEAST Food Truck Distribution
 Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WEEK OF November 18, 2018**SUNDAY-**

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Church School for all Ages
 10:45am Worship
 12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
 1pm—4pm Officer Training
 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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS-

No Evening Activities

THURSDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
 8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

11am DECK THE HALLS with the Fellowship Ministry Team
 Fellowship Hall Cleaned



happy thanksgiving

WORSHIP—November 11, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Dianne Simpson
 Coffee: Arnelle & Warren Combs
 Ushers: Judy Capie, Elsie Bothwell

10:45am—

Liturgist— Jacob Page
 Reader: Sandy Whitney
 Ushers: Julie & Don Bower, Robyn Malone, Phil & Linda Koehler
 Greeters: Paige Campbell, Bill Rigsby
 Congregational Care: June Meyers
 Counters: Caren Snook, Sue Loegel
 Flowers: Juergen Wiegel
 Plant Care: Frank Allen
 Open the Building: Steve Bell
 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

WORSHIP—November 18, 2018**8:30am**

Reader: Wayne Crowell
 Coffee: Warren Combs
 Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell, Warren & Arnelle Combs

10:45am—

Liturgist— Ruby Topple
 Reader: Jim Newland
 Ushers: Heide & Juergen Wiegel, The Tweedells
 Greeters: The Herndons
 Congregational Care: June Meyers
 Counters: Pam Knox, Bill Barstow
 Flowers: Juergen Wiegel
 Plant Care: Frank Allen
 Open the Building: Alan Edwards
 Close the Building: Hank Tweedell
 Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Nov 19-25)
 Nursery/Super: Christine Carpenter
 Birth—Walking: Christine Carpenter
 Walking—5 years old: Richard & Marcia Page, Wyatt Herndon

2018 SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS

ITEMS MARKED * ARE MOST NEEDED

LADIES

- Cosmetics (lipstick, light blush, powder) *
- Perfume *
- Hair Picks and Hairspray
- Knee-high Hose (Large or queen) *
- Robes, Dusters (Med -XL) *
- Sweat Suits (Med - XL) *
- Socks *
- Costume Jewelry *
- Scarves (silk-like material) *
- Nightgowns (over the head L-XL) *
- Cardigan Sweaters *
- Orange Sticks *
- Nail Polish *
- Nail Polish Remover



MEN

- Pajamas/Nightshirts (Med - L)
- Aftershave and Cologne *
- Robes (M - L) *
- Undershirts (M-L) *
- Sweat Suits (Medium - XL) *
- Cardigan Sweaters *
- Belts (Medium)
- Non-skid Socks *
- Polo Shirts (M-L)
- Socks *

GROOMING ITEMS

- Combs and Brushes
- Kleenex (large box) *
- Effident and Denture Brushes *
- Deodorant (spray-type) *
- Shampoo *
- Rubber-soled Shoe Slippers with closed backs (Medium - L) *
- Body Lotion *
- Body Powder (non-perfumed) *
- Mouthwash and Dental Floss
- Nail Clippers
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes *
- Body Wash (Men & Ladies) *

CRAFT, KEEPSAKE & PARTY ITEMS

- Watercolor Markers
- Large Art Paint Brushes
- Craft Glue
- Acrylic Paint *
- General Wrapping Paper and Ribbon *
- Silk Flowers (in small pots) *
- Scissors
- 12" Balloons (colorful) *
- Photo Frames * and/or Albums
- Assorted colorful Stickers
- Hard Candies *
- Sugar-free Candies

EQUIPMENT & MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

- Stamps and Calendars *
- Adult-Sized Bibs *
- Lap Robes & Blankets (non-electric) *
- Board Games, Large Print Crossword Puzzles or Sudoku Books
- Jigsaw Puzzles (easy, 10 pieces or more, large, wooden or with pegs) *
- Jigsaw Puzzles (100 -200 pieces)
- Small Bulletin Boards (approx. 18" x 24", cut-outs and borders)
- CDs (Broadway, classical, 1920s-'50s, hymns, swing)
- Laundry Markers & "Sharpie" Permanent Pens (fine point)
- DVDs (Gaither Family, nature, light and short comedies, musicals) *
- Walker and Wheelchair Caddies *
- Large Print Books
- Decorative Items for Residents' Rooms *
- Writing Pens and Small Legal Pads
- Decorative Items for Resident Rooms *



SPECIAL NEEDS & SENSORY ITEMS



- Small Stuffed Animals (stitched eyes) *
- Life sized Baby Dolls (washable) *
- Birdfeeders
- Mobiles (large and colorful but not too noisy) *
- Sunglasses—PV
- Sun hats—PV

PV - Presbyterian Village only

Please Do Not Send

- Previously owned items
- Used Items
- Sample Items
- Bar Soap
- Bubble Bath
- Bath Beads
- Candles
- Medical Supplies (Aspirin, Tylenol, etc.)
- Cash or Checks *

*If you would like to show your support financially, please contribute to our Christmas Angel Offering.

Thank You for your support!