

THE COVENANT
January 06, 2019

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



Covenant will be hosting homeless guests overnight for IHN (*Interfaith Hospitality Network*) the week of **January 20-27**. Please examine your calendar and give thought and prayer of the way you can serve from the many options: set up, *take down*, provide a meal, *spend a night*, host for three hours one evening, *transport guests to the day center*, and more. The sign-up board is now in the Gallery across from the staff offices, so please sign-up and help us provide Christian hospitality to families seeking a home of their own. If you have never been an IHN helper, a training opportunity will be provided. *"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2

**Presbyterian Women**

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

All women are invited to our monthly
Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 10, at 9:30am in the Gathering
Room, studying "God's Promise: I Am With You."

Come for great devotion, discussion, missions,
fellowship, and refreshments. Study booklets (\$11)
are available in the copy room. Read chapter 5 – God
is with us when we're powerless – as well as Bible
passages, 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 and Deuteronomy
20:1-4. *Hope you can attend!*

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH
FEAST ON January 19th!**

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 con-
tact Sue Rathbun, Nancy Omdahl, Ed Ralph or
Mark Harper.

*Let us pray for God's continued blessing on this
ecumenical effort in our community!*

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Covenant's **FEED MY SHEEP** is collecting for the Athens Area
Emergency Food Bank for the month of January:

saltines, and fruit juice; and as always brown paper bags.

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

Remember in Prayer: Anne Page, following surgery Jan.3 at Piedmont Athens, for advanced colon cancer; Caren Snook's niece's husband Larry, with lung cancer; Gabe Harper & friends from Clarke Central HS days, in the sudden death of their very close classmate Quentin Lumpkin, the week before Christmas; Mark Harper & family, in the recent death of his uncle's brother in VA; the Whitehead family & friends in the sudden death of their former daughter-in-law Mina Mims Whitehead Kim on Dec. 25, mother to Wesley & Eli; Mrs. Bowen's family & neighbors; Kathy Boardman, who had to delay her departure, but continues her preparations for ministry in state parks around the country; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; and Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Jan. 7	Isaiah 43: 1-7
Tuesday	Jan. 8	Psalms 28
Wednesday	Jan. 9	Psalms 29
Thursday	Jan. 10	Acts 8: 4-13
Friday	Jan. 11	Acts 8: 14-25
Saturday	Jan. 12	Luke 3: 1-14
Sunday	Jan. 13	Luke 3: 15-22



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 Miss Manner's No-No: _____
2. Kind of Oil: _____
3. He of the Red Nose: _____



Answers to HINTEROO:
 1. Rudeness
 2. Crude
 3. Rudolph

2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

Year to Date: Week # 27

Anticipated Pledges: \$241,677.52

Received Pledges: \$228,382.27

Thank you for your faithful Giving!

Meals on Wheels \$11,588.00



Sunday, January 27th, Covenant welcomes the Rev. Connie Tuttle to our pulpit. Rev. Tuttle is the pastor of Circle of Grace Church in Decatur, Georgia, and has recently published a book about her discipleship journey, *A Gracious Heresy: The Queer Calling of an Unlikely Prophet*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase following worship."

Upcoming Events for 2019

Wed. Jan 9	7:00 TAIZE Worship 7:30pm Adult Choir
Thurs. Jan 10	9:30am Presbyterian Women Bible Study
Sun. Jan.13	10:45am, Ordination & Installation of Elders during worship 12:15pm, Lasagna Lunch fundraiser for Youth Conference/Mission Trips
Tues. Jan.15	11:30am, Restaurant Roadtrip to Mirko's Italian in Watkinsville
Wed. Jan.16	10:00am, Adult Bible Study 5:30pm, Covenant Connection 6:30pm, Adult Bible Study
Sat. Jan.19	7:00am, FEAST food truck delivery 9:00am, Women's prayer breakfast at East Friendship Baptist Church
Sun. Jan.20	8:30am, Early worship resumes IHN hosting week begins
Mon. Jan.21	8:00am, Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road
Jan. 25-26	Session Retreat at Rock Eagle
Sun. Jan.27	Guest preacher, Connie Tuttle IHN hosting week ends
Tues. Jan.29	11:30am, Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
Sun. Feb.3	Souper Bowl of Caring

Come one and all, on the monthly **Restaurant Roadtrip**, on Tuesday, January 15, at 11:30am – this time to Mirko Pasta, on South Main Street in Watkinsville. You can meet us there, or join the carpool leaving the church at 11:15am. But please signup on the bulletin board to let us know you are coming.
Great conversation and lots of laughter!

Memorial Funds News:

Please notice how well lighted some of our church facility areas are now that the days are growing shorter, new light bulbs and light fixtures, provided by gifts given in memory of loved ones and friends, brighten the Worship Center, Fellowship Hall, and the Upper Room. The Christmas Eve service now has a warm glow! Several funds have been combined to create financial help for our Covenant young people who want to attend camp or participate in mission trips. It is called the **Youth Mission Memorial Fund**.

A fund designated for Building and Grounds has helped provide the new "Entrance" and "Exit" signs for our parking lot. Training for our Elders has benefitted from a gift designated for Christian Education. Thank you for your gifts. They are used at Covenant and for our outreach to the community.

Elsie Bothwell

EMMAUS ROAD CLASS : The Life and Witness of Dorothy Day



Starting on **Sunday, January 13th**, the Emmaus Road class will begin a conversation with and about Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and one of the most significant North American followers of Jesus in the 20th century. The class will begin by watching an hour-long documentary of her life entitled, "Don't Call Me a Saint," and then will reflect each week through February on some of her writings (provided via email prior to the class).

Please join us in the fellowship hall at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Mark Harper will facilitate the discussion.

Taize Survey: Parents/Grandparents who ensure their children come to CovConnection, would you go to the Wednesday evening Taize service (7-7:30) if child care were extended to 7:30 on Wednesdays? Please let Craig know. If enough folks say “yes,” we will seek to provide for this. Taize is a lovely way to have midweek worship.

Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)

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

1/06/2019 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

December Scripture: Luke 1:26-56

Memory Verses: “Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’” Luke 1:38 (NRSV)

We look forward to WoRM resuming after winter break on January 13th

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 5pm Youth Groups meet to prepare for Lasagna Luncheon.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Area Youth Joint activities for youth 6th - 12th grade

January 21 - MLK day of service

March 3rd - Frozen Chosen Cup

April 7 - Area Church Youth Worship at Madison Presbyterian

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. 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 hope 40-45 students from the presbytery will join in this summer adventure.

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume January 16th

10:00am Adult Bible Study—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

5:00pm Supervision for Middle and High School Youth in the youth rooms begins

Youth Rooms will NOT be open until then

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—led by Beecher. DVD video, "The Dark Ages: An Age of Light" a lively journey through Christian & Islamic art in the early middle ages, full of beauty in a barbaric time

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.

WHO'S WHO at Covenant? Who at Covenant has skied Schwanzkopf in the Austrian Alps?



Who's Who: Tamara Stam

Will You Be Naughty or Nice?
Your Holiday Guide to Recycling

Nice List

Place these items in your recycle bin

- ★ Wrapping Paper (no metal glitter)
- ★ Cardboard Boxes
- ★ Paper Boxes
- ★ Paper Cards & Envelopes (no metal glitter)
- ★ Catalogs
- ★ Paper Cartons
- ★ Plastic Bottles & Containers
- ★ Aluminum, Tin & Steel Cans
- ★ Glass Bottles & Jars

Naughty List

Throw these items in the trash or recycle at the CHaRM

- ★ Christmas Lights
- ★ Garland and Tinsel
- ★ Foil Wrapping Paper
- ★ Ribbons and Bows
- ★ Bubble Wrap & Plastic Air Pillows
- ★ Styrofoam
- ★ Plastic Utensils
- ★ Paper Plates
- ★ Batteries
- ★ Plastic Bags



Visit the CHaRM at 1005 College Avenue!



Celebrating 30 Years!

At The Foundry
Thursday,
Jan. 17, 2019

Music from
7-10 pm

Rock The Ark

Benefit Concert

Featuring:
OTIS REDDING III -
SAM BURCHFIELD w/
PIP THE PANSY-
KARA WATERS

Doors Open at 6 pm
Live music from 7-10 pm
Tickets \$20/\$25 day of
College ticket at the door \$10
Reserved table for 2 \$60
Reserved table for 4 \$120

More info at
www.athensark.org/rocktheark

Tickets at www.thefoundryathens.com



Elwood & Gortz



WEEK OF January 06, 2019**SUNDAY- Holy Communion**

10:45am Worship

12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous,

5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY- OFFICE CLOSED FOR**NEW YEARS DAY**

8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—**7:00pm TAIZE Worship****7:30pm Adult Choir****THURSDAY—**

9:30am PW Bible Study in Gathering Room

2pm Knitters & Knotters

6:30pm YOGA

7pm Celebrate Recovery

7:30pm Happy Squares

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned**WORSHIP—January 06, 2019****10:45am—**

Reader: Jerry Shannon

Ushers: Don Bower, Marie Ballard-Myer, Shirley Reinert, Steve Rathbun

Greeters: Sandy & Jim Whitney

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (Jan 7—13)

Nursery/Super: Joan Baird

Birth—Walking: Joan Baird

Walking—5 years old: Jim & Ann Anderson, Stephanie Cahill

WEEK OF January 13, 2019**SUNDAY-**

9:30am Church School resumes for all ages

10:45am Worship/Ordination Installation of Elders

12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous,

5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**TUESDAY-**

11:30am Restaurant Roadtrip to Mirko Pasta, Watkinsville

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 Adult Choir

7:30pm LAG

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters

6:30pm YOGA

7pm Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

7am FEAST Food Truck Distribution

9am Women's Prayer breakfast at EFBC

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—January 13, 2019**10:45am—**

Reader: Paige Campbell

Ushers: Julie Bower, Kent Silver, Robyn Malone, Phil & Linda Koehler

Greeters: Joan & Hannah Baird

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Paige Campbell, Caren Snook

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Jim Bowden

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Jan 14—20)

Nursery/Super: Don Bower

Birth—Walking: Don Bower

Walking—5 years old: Chuck Rosenberger, Sandy Whitney,

Hannah Barnett