

THE COVENANTER

April 21, 2019

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

Sunday, April 21 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
7:30am Sunrise Worship (Outside)
(wear comfortable shoes, and bring fresh flowers for the cross.)
8:30am Easter Covered Dish Breakfast
9:30am Church School, 10:45am Easter Worship (indoors)

Hallelujah



For more than fifty years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need through supporting **One Great Hour of Sharing**. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly. **One Great Hour of Sharing** funds are divided among its three programs: *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*, *Self-Development of People (SDOP)*, and *Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)*. 32% of the offering goes to SDOP, 32% goes to PDA and 36% goes to PHP. You will find an insert and envelope in your mailbox or on the table in the narthex or take a fish and fill it with coins. *Thank you!*

Inter Faith Hospitality Network (IHN) Training... Interested in Learning about Inter Faith Hospitality Network (IHN) and perhaps volunteering when Covenant hosts? IHN Athens now hosts regular volunteer training each month at First Baptist Church. These are available for anyone new to volunteering and also a great refresher for old hands. The next session **May 2nd, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**. Randy and I can still do trainings that will fit your individual schedule. Call us at 706-850-0835. The location of the IHN Day Center, where the training will take place, is now inside the First Baptist Church at 355 Pulaski Street. As you are looking at the back of the church from the parking lot it will be the door farthest to the right marked with a sign.

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Remember in Prayer: Ben Bruner, in continued healing from a motorcycle accident – please send cheer & blessings to this address ; our Czech friends, now safely home & awaiting our July mission trip to Olomouc; Jeremy Reaves' community of friends, still grieving after Amber's death earlier this year; Kathi Van Wicklen, at home after an appendectomy Apr.12; Elsie Bothwell, at home with a back injury & infection; Katie Bemisderfer, at home after eye surgery Apr.19; and Craig Topples' sister Genia in Atlanta.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	April 22	Psalm 150
Tuesday	April 23	Revelation 1:4-8
Wednesday	April 24	Acts 5: 17-32
Thursday	April 25	I Corinthians 15: 19-26
Friday	April 26	Psalm 118: 14-29
Saturday	April 27	John 20: 19-23
Sunday	April 28	John 20: 24-31



Upcoming Events!

Mon. Apr.22	Earth Day and IHN hosting week
Wed. Apr.24	Administrative Professionals Day
	FINAL Adult Bible Studies, Covenant Connection, & Taizé
Sun. Apr.28	High School Graduates Sunday & reception also celebrating Colleen Cook's seminary graduation and hosting Central Presbyterian, worshipping with us
Thurs. May 2	6pm, Pres Women's Salad Supper & Worship
Sun. May 5	Older Adult Sunday celebrating Christian Education volunteers and saying goodbye to Coffee Worth
Sat. May 11	2-4pm, goodbye party for Coffee Worth at Jubilee Partners
Sat. May 18	The FEAST Food Distribution
Sun. May 19	9:30am, FINAL Church School for WoRM
Sun. May 26	8:30am, FINAL early worship 9:30am, FINAL Church School for all ages
Sun. June 2	9:45am, Summer Worship begins

2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

Fiscal Year to Date: Week #42

Anticipated Pledges: \$375,942.81

Received Pledges: \$353,275.50

It is time to catch up on pledges.

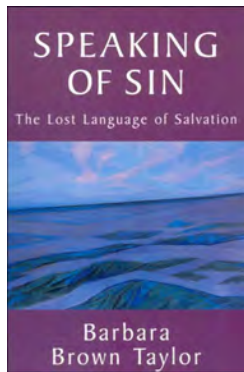
You will find your July 2018 – March 2019 statements in your mailbox.



Join us for this month's
**Restaurant Roadtrip on
Tuesday, April 23, to
Catch 22 Gastropub,**

1021 Parkway Blvd, off Epps Bridge Road near Kohl's. Please SIGNUP on the bulletin board, so we can save a large-enough table. You can meet us there at 11:30am, or you can carpool from the church parking lot at 11:15am. Bring a friend!

"Here is a shout-out of "thanx" to Cov Presby's Middlers. This past Sunday afternoon their members: (1) finished threading the second level of barrier rope through the driveway fencing, (2) initiated a new fencing gateway for a new walk-through pathway that will be created from the rear of the shopping center, (3) moved 3 piles of brush prunings from the present playground area, (4) moved 4 piles of brush prunings and dead limb falls from between the pavilion and Crestwood Drive, (5) moved a mega pile of weed pullings from the front porch area as well as from the Memorial Garden, (6) cleaned weed growth and detritus from along the kitchen's outside wall, (7) inventoried all of the building's more than 100 blue fabric chairs, to account for the number that need repair of seat damage, bottom damage, and foot damage. Many of these young people are earning credit toward payment of at least half of their Montreat Summer Conference registration tuition through this help that they are lending to Cov Presby's Building & Grounds Ministry Team."



EMMAUS ROAD CLASS is now discussing *Speaking of Sin: the Lost Language of Salvation* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Contrary to prevailing view, Taylor calls sin “a helpful, hopeful word.” Naming our sins, she contends, enables us to move from “guilt to grace.” In recovering this “lost language of salvation” in our worship and in the fabric of our individual lives, we have an opportunity to “take part in the divine work of redemption.” If you would like a copy of this book you can order it online. Class facilitated by Mark Harper, except when it isn’t.

Covenant is getting a new play yard. Check out some of the particulars on the poster board as you enter the building. Any questions see Rich Reaves.



Thank you to everyone that contributed to the T-shirt collection. We have more than enough for our project. Covenant you are the best. *June Meyers*



Covenant's **Lunch Bunch** meets every final Tuesday at 11:30am at DePalma's

Eastside, for great food & fellowship. Come and see on Tuesday, April 30th! Lots of laughter & good stories.



You are invited to drop by Jubilee Partners, (427 Jubilee Rd, Comer, Georgia) on Saturday, May 11th, between 2-4pm. Bring a finger food and a hug for Coffee Worth as she sets off for her daughter's house in Florida.



ATHENS AREA EMERGENCY FOOD BANK! The month of APRIL Covenant is collecting these items for the AAEFB: *instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet peas, dried pasta, and cereal.* Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!

March 25- May 9

A \$25 donation sends love, flowers, and a card to a worthy mother in our community!

Adopt-a-Mom 2019

The Ark honors single warrior moms, grandmothers raising their grandbabies, and isolated mothers in our local nursing homes and hospice care programs!

Go to www.athensark.org/adopt-a-mom to adopt today!

All proceeds benefit The Ark's Single Working Mothers Fund.

Logos for The Ark, SA, and other partners are at the bottom.

Wednesday, April 24, is **Administrative Professionals Day**, so stop by the church office sometime the week of April 23-26, to say a BIG thank you to Karen Wetherington, Judy Capie, and Sharon Edwards, for all they accomplish so willingly and lovingly and efficiently at Covenant. They are greatly appreciated, and we couldn't do without them!

P W S a l a d S u p p e r & W o r s h i p
 Thursday, May 2, at 6:00pm, in the Gathering Room, as we enjoy our annual Salad Supper, plus special worship in the Music Room. Bring a penny (or a dollar) for the years in your age, to give to these ministries supported by the 2019 PW Birthday Offering: the Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte in NC, the Effingham Child Development Center in Illinois, the Presbyterian Homes & Services in Phelps, KY, and the Wings of Refuge home in Iowa Falls. *Thank you!*

Learn more about the Bible!

B.A.S.I.C. on Sunday mornings from 9:40 - 10:30.

Lead by Abby Horvath; and,

Covenant Connection, Wednesday evenings at 5:30

with Pastors Mark and Beecher

Middler Fundraiser for Montreat: Middlers are earning some money for Montreat! They've helped out with projects around the church. And now, the CovPres community is being asked to "hire a middler!" Do you have a project you could use a Middler or two to help with? Those who "hire" the middlers are asked to pay \$10/hr, and provide a minimum of 2 hours of work. The work is to be supervised and there must be two adults present at the place of work. All jobs will be approved by an adult youth leader and a parent/caregiver of the youth. "Hiring" can begin as early as late March early April and will last through mid July.



Sunday evening programming

Middle School Youth - 4-6pm *High School Youth* - 5-7pm.

All meetings at the church unless otherwise indicated

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUPS!



***Saturday, **April 20th - HIDE THE EGGS!** 6th and 7th graders are asked to meet at the church at 8am with adult youth leaders to hide The Easter Eggs for the children. **5th graders, this is your last year to hunt eggs, so show up at 10am for that fun event.**

Apr 21: No Youth Group → Easter Sunday

Apr 28: Youth Group

May 5: End of Year Party

Just Around the Corner!

Montreat High School Conference, June 2-8. We are less than two months away from this fun filled, faith forming event. Nine youth from Covenant, Athens, will share lodging at the GA Lodge with youth from Covenant, Augusta who together will join youth from across the region for week 1 programming. This year's theme is "Let Love Lead" (read more on the Montreat website). Thanks to the church's generosity, and the Lasagna Lunch fundraiser, youth and their parents are only responsible for paying approximately 25% of the cost. What a gift. We will commission the youth on Sunday, June 2, after which they will head to the hills!

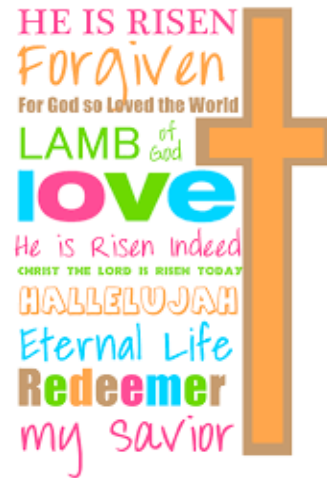
Middle School Conference--Montreat at Maryville College, July 17-21. Six youth will travel with Sarah Shannon, Mary Barnett, and Jeremy Reaves to Maryville College for five days of fun and faith formation. This year's theme is "For Such a Time is This" (read more on at montreat.org). It's not too late to sign up. If you know you (your child) want to go, please speak with Craig.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is July 16-20. Four youth, plus Brian Hernden will travel to Purdue University for this special event (which in my humble opinion is one of the best events of the denomination). What is Presbyterian Youth Triennium? A *gathering of* over 3000 students from PCUSA churches all over the country. The Northeast Georgia Presbytery delegation will travel on a charter bus with the delegation from Greater Atlanta and Cherokee Presbyteries. Please **contact Brian Herndon** with youth from Greater Atlanta and Cherokee Presbyteries. Any rising 9th - graduated HS student wants to attend, please **contact Brian Herndon** for more information.

Child Liturgist**(10:45 Service)**

4/21 Jacob, 4/28 Ruby, 5/5 Eli, 5/12 Isaac

Instructions: As part of a rotation, your child is assigned to a Sunday. If you can't make the Sunday assigned, switch with someone ahead of you on the schedule, and if you can't find a replacement, *no worries, as one of the pastors will fill in. 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."* If you haven't already please let Craig Topple know if your **child would like to be a part of the rotation.** ctopple@covpresathens.org.

**Going underground with WoRM!** “let the little children come unto me.” - Jesus*Easter Scripture: John 21:1-19**Memory Verse: Jesus said..."Do you love me?" John 21:17c***WoRM Rotation for upcoming Sundays:**

Date	Teacher/Shepherd	Teacher/Shepherd	Music	Story Teller
4/21/19	various	Combined	Betsy	everyone
4/28/19	Kay/Adam (Temple Courtyard)	Jerry/Jere (Oasis Theatre)	Betsy	Adam/Kay
5/05/19	Luanne/Susan (Potters Workshop)	Patrick/Jere (Loaves and Fish)	Betsy	Susan
5/15/19	Megan/Jennifer	Craig/Jere	TBD	Craig

Parents Corner: Last summer, pop-musician Drake issued a viral challenge called the “Kiki challenge” which featured his hit song, “In My Feelings.” (Note: It’s a fun song, but look up clean version if you want to listen. Also, there were creative ways people responded to the challenge on YouTube, but be aware police had to issue a warning against some dangerous ways people were living into the challenge.) *Anyhoo*, in the song Drake asks a key question: “Do you love me?” This is a question we have all asked at some point or another. It’s very likely that even our children have asked that of us, their parents! “Do you love me?” It could be asked of anyone by anyone? Even Jesus asked this deep and intimate question of his closest disciple, Peter. Peter had denied knowing him three times on Good Friday. Our Easter story in WoRM over the next few weeks explores John 21:1-19, in which Jesus appears before disciples in a dramatic way by fostering in a huge catch of fish, he grills fish for them on the beach, and he asks Peter three times: “do you love me?” The way we will encourage our children to respond to that question of Jesus is in the affirmative (of course), and to show they love Jesus by sharing God’s love through care of others. “Feed my sheep,” is how Jesus puts it. Maybe we’ll start a new fad this summer. Instead of the “Kiki challenge” it will be the “Jesus challenge” to feed sheep as we are inspired by our children to care for those who are most vulnerable among us.

Vacation Bible School - First Pres will once again be hosting VBS May 28 - 31st, and CovPres Children are invited to sign up through [their website: https://firstpresathens.org/z_extra_pages/vacation-bible-school-form/](https://firstpresathens.org/z_extra_pages/vacation-bible-school-form/). Any youth or adults who want to volunteer are welcome to do so.



Kickin’ It at Covenant will happen again this summer for three in June and three in July. Many thanks to Jerry Shannon for again helping organize these events! If you have ideas, let him know. More info to follow!

Wonderful Wednesdays April 24 (final)

10:00am Adult Bible Study— Bible overview using the Disciple Bible Study curriculum.

COVENANT CONNECTION (CovConn)

MENU April 24th

Lemon Chicken Thighs

Mixed Veggies

Yellow Rice

Surprise Desert

5:30pm—6:00pm combined

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

6:30pm—7:00pm combined

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 Mathes. 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

7:00pm TAIZE

7:25pm Adult Choir

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.

Chuck and Chandler Rosenberger would like to share a video for the **JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes**. It stars our precious granddaughter Laurel (Clair's daughter), who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in December. Her father, Ryan Bertram, is hoping to participate in this 100 mile ride to help raise funds to cure diabetes. He and Clair live in Suwanee and he is a middle school band teacher in Gwinnett County. He produced the video, and also composed the music for it. Thanks for watching. Here is the link: https://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?fr_id=7733&pg=personal&px=12590804

WHO'S WHO at Covenant? Who at Covenant once briefly held Bruce Springsteen's harmonica?



Who's Who: Mark Harper of course!

MAY THE 4th BE WITH YOU!

May 4th 2019, 10am—noon

Water Treatment Plant Tour & Workshop

Tour, 10am—11am: see your drinking water treatment plant & learn about the *Force of Water*

Workshop, 11am-12noon:

Water Your Drinking? Spring water?

Purified water? Tap water? Join us as we discuss the different types of water & take the taste test challenge

Register for tour, workshop or both at thinkatthesink.com.

Juergen Wiegel who so lovingly provides the floral arrangements each Sunday will be gone for several weeks.

If you would like to provide flowers for worship please sign up on the sheet next to the mailboxes.

Available dates are:

May 12, 19, and 26, June 2 & 16



On **Sunday, April 28th**
Central Presbyterian Church will join
us in worship. Please join us in
giving them a heartfelt welcome!

Welcome

BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY
TEAM meeting April 28 at 12:25pm..



Sunday, April 28th we will honor
Covenant's High School
Graduates and Seminary
Graduate at the 10:45am
worship service, with a
reception following.

High School Graduates for 2019

Adam Brooks

Isaac Carpenter

Andrew Mote

Max Lorraine

Katie Rentz

Seminary Graduate 2019

Colleen Cook

WEEK OF April 21, 2019 - IHN HOSTING WEEK BEGINS

SUNDAY— EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am SUNRISE WORSHIP (outside)
8:30am Easter Covered Dish Breakfast/
Youth Alumni Reunion
9:30am Church School
10:45am Easter Worship (indoors)
12:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
NO Middlers, NO HS Youth Groups



MONDAY—

6:30pm Scouts
OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
11:30am Restaurant Road Trip to Catch 22 Gastropub
6:30pm Stated Session Meeting
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY— 8:30am—9:30am AA

10:00am Adult Bible Study
5:30pm—7:00pm COVCONN (final)
6:30pm Adult Bible Study
7:00pm Taize
7:25pm Adult Choir
7:30pm LA Support Group

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters
6:30pm YOGA
7pm Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—April 21, 2019

7:30am- SUNRISE WORSHIP OUTSIDE

Reader: Sonja Holden

Ushers: Warren & Arnelle Combs, Steve & Lola Bell

10:45am-

Reader: Steve Follin

Ushers: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Dick Zimdars, Betsy Pless,
Stephanie Cahill

Greeters: Julie Bower, Jim Whitney

Congregational Care: Dell Whitehead/Susan Parish

Counters: Ellen Stoneburner, Paige Campbell

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (April 22—28)

Nursery/Super: Lola Bell

Birth—Walking: Lola Bell

Walking—5yearsold: Sandy Whitney, Chuck Rosenberger, Steve Bell

WEEK OF April 28, 2019 - IHN HOSTING WEEK ENDS

SUNDAY—

8:30am Worship
9:30am Church School
10:45am Worship
12:15pm High School & Seminary Graduates Reception
12:25pm B&G Ministry Team Meeting
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY—

6:30pm Scouts
OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
5:30pm Christian Education Meeting
8pm New Freedom in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
10:30am—12:30pm NEGA Presbytery Meeting
10:00am Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters
6:00pm PW Salad Supper & Worship
6:30pm YOGA
7pm Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—April 28, 2019

8:30am Worship

Reader: Wayne Crowell

Ushers: Wayne Crowell, Cheryl Devaney

10:45am-

Reader: Juergen Wiegel

Ushers: Heide & Juergen Wiegel, Bill Rigsby, Julie Bower, Robyn Malone

Greeters: Katie Bemisderfer, Bert Ballard-Myer

Congregational Care: Dell Whitehead/Susan Parish

Counters: Caren Snook, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (April 29—May 5)

Nursery/Super: Don Bower

Birth—Walking: Don Bower

Walking—5yearsold: Megan Sperr, Christine Carpenter, Wyatt Herndon