

THE COVENANTER

May 26, 2019



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Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
(USA)



PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF GEORGIA

Caring Hands Offering

The *Caring Hands Fund* benefits our most vulnerable residents. Money is used largely to bridge the \$3 million gap between Medicaid reimbursement and the actual cost of the high-quality care we provide for our health services residents. Almost 85 percent of our charitable expenditures are used to cover this cost. *Caring Hands* donations also allow in-home services to help residents in independent apartment homes maintain their independence.

More than 200 Presbyterian churches along with hundreds of individual donors statewide participate in the annual *Caring Hands* Offering, which benefits the *Caring Hands Fund*. One of life's great blessings is the opportunity to honor those who touched our lives by giving back to God's senior adults. Your support enables Presbyterian Homes to provide exceptional care for our aging residents. We can provide materials to help every church make the *Caring Hands* offering a success. You will find an envelope in your mailbox.



Kickin' It at Covenant is back this summer. For six Wednesdays in June and July, kids and adults are welcome to come hang out for ice cream, games, and a short program. We need volunteers to help make this happen! See the available slots on the Sign-Up Genius page at <https://bit.ly/2X5tKhs>. **Schedule will be as follows:** 6:30-7:00: Lesson and activity for kids. 7:00-7:15: Ice cream 7:15-8:00: Indoor/outdoor games. Can include kickball, capture the flag, freeze tag, or one of our cooperative board games for Wednesdays June 12, 19 & 26 and July 10, 17 & 24.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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It is time to sign up to bring **Punch & Cookies** for after 9:45am worship service beginning June 2. You will find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. *(Please no red punch)*



Please note that the mailbox arrangement has changed. I have incorporated our friends from Central and tried to put everyone in alphabetical order as much as possible. Session members and the clerk of Session are still located at the far end. *(If the location of your mailbox is inconvenient please let me know and I will try to relocate your box.)* Thanks, Karen

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: JOHN KIPP, PARISH ASSOCIATE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DOWNTOWN, RECOVERING AT HOME AFTER A STROKE MAY 19 (WHILE LEADING WORSHIP); PAM KNOX, RECOVERING FROM A RECENT KNEE INJURY; JANET SMITH, HAVING KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY AT ST. MARY'S ON MAY 29; ALICE ROSE, IN TREATMENT FOR A BRAIN LESION; JACK PARSONS, DOING WELL IN TREATMENT FOR CANCER; CATHARINE TYSON'S SISTER-IN-LAW, HAVING ABDOMINAL SURGERY JUNE 6; THE MCMINNS' SON GREG (PCUSA PASTOR), IMPROVING AT HOME IN MONROE, AS BLOOD CLOTS IN HIS LUNGS & LEGS DISSOLVE SLOWLY; DIANNE RALPH AND ELSIE BOTHWELL, AT HOME.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	May 27	Psalm 97
Tuesday	May 28	Psalm 98
Wednesday	May 29	Psalm 99
Thursday	May 30	Psalm 100
Friday	May 31	Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Saturday	June 01	John 17: 20-26
Sunday	June 02	Acts 16: 16-34



Upcoming Events!

Sun. May 26	8:30am, FINAL early worship 9:30am, FINAL Adult Church School 10:45am FINAL worship
Sun. June 2	9:45am, Summer Worship begins
Sat., June 29	6pm Covenant's Coffee House



WHEN: every Tuesday 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Beginning June 18th

WHERE: Athens Nurses Clinic, 240 North Av.
Call ANC to sign up today 706-613-6976.

This is a year long program proven to help participants lose weight, lower their A1C, and feel great! We help you modify your lifestyle by eating healthier, getting active, and reducing stress. Don't miss out on this free program.

WHO'S WHO at Covenant? Who at Covenant once trained as a Navy Seal?

2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

Fiscal Year to Date: Week #47

Anticipated Pledges: \$420,697.90

Received Pledges: \$404,239.11

Now is the time to catch up on your giving. The end of the fiscal year is soon!

Caring Hands Offering: \$1,050.00

Treasurer's Reminder:

As we approach summer and the end of the fiscal year, please remember to turn in all receipts for which you need reimbursement to the office after getting approval from the appropriate ministry team. *Thanks for your contributions to Covenant!*



Feast on May 18th served over 150 families, distributing over 1,200 lbs. of food. Many thanks to all our volunteers!

Who's Who:

Bill Rigsby



Learn more about the Bible!

Youth Group Happenings!

Middler Fundraiser for Montreat: Middlers are earning some money for Montreat! They're helping out with projects around the church, led by Building and Grounds Chair, Richard Reaves. Remaining dates: June 8 and June 15 from 10am - noon. Also, 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. Get your "Hiring" on!



Middlers, tubing in Helen trip is a go. Tuesday, May 28 is the **last day** to let Craig or Jeremy you are going. \$25 is needed for spending money and a tube. Saturday, June 1st we will depart from church at 8am, back before 5pm.

Montreat High School Conference, June 2-8. We are a week away from this fun filled, faith forming event. Ten youth (one of the largest groups in recent years) 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 and Mary Barnett 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 want to go, please speak with Craig.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM is July 16-20. Four youth, plus Brian Herndon will travel to Purdue University for this special event. What is the Presbyterian Youth Triennium? A gathering of over 3000 students from PCUSA churches all over the country. The NEGA Pesbytery delegation will travel on a charter bus with the delegation from Greater Atlanta & Cherokee Presbyteries.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study at
10:00am will continue through June.
All are welcome!

If you know of a "fun fact" about a Covenant member or friend or yourself (!), then please give it to Beecher for the **Who's Who** column in the newsletter.
Thanks!

ATHENS AREA EMERGENCY FOOD BANK!



The month of MAY Covenant is collecting these items for the AAEFB: (they are in desperate need of) **canned pork and beans and saltine crackers.** Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!



Covenant Breakfast Club
Monday, June 3rd at 8am.
Cracker Barrel on Epps
Bridge Road. Join us for a
good time of conversation and food.

Going underground with WoRM! “let the little children come unto me.” - Jesus



Super long question: Are you willing to be part of the WoRM rotation, as a Shepherd and/or Teacher during the fall and spring of 2019-2020, where you will nurture with amazing children aged k-5th grade with other cool people like yourself? If you answered yes or if you want more information, please contact Craig Topple. He's trying to help put the pieces in place for that period before his time with Covenant in that role ends (end of June).

Parents Corner: Recently I listened to the following podcast, “Becoming Wise” in which Krista Tippet had a conversation with Sandy Eisenberg Sasso--rabbi emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis, where she was spiritual leader for 36 years. Her books for adults and children include “God’s Paintbrush” and “Midrash: Reading the Bible with Question Marks”. Here is a slightly abridged portion of the interview as you may consider your involvement with the spiritual nurturing of the children of Covenant Presbyterian.

Tippett: What advice do you give parents who come to you and ask, “How do I nurture this aspect of my child’s being that I may not understand myself? How do I give them experiences of the sacred?”

Rabbi Sasso: “If we’re going to nurture the spiritual lives of our children we have to nurture our own spiritual lives. We have to take time in our lives to reflect, perhaps be part of a community that talks about issues of spirituality, to read. When we [first become] parents, we’re clueless about what we’re supposed to do. We read books — how to feed them, how to bring them up, how to get them to sleep, how to potty-train them. We ought to also engage in educating ourselves about our own spiritual lives because it’s very difficult to share with children what you’re thinking if you haven’t been thinking about these issues... Most of what we do in terms of nurturing our children’s spirituality really happens when no one else is looking — meaning, it’s not all planned for. It’s what happens every day. What do you do when you see a homeless person on the street? How do you respond when an animal gets run over on the road, a squirrel, for example? How do we act with other people? All of these are messages to our children about what really matters in life, what’s precious, what’s more important than earning a living and going through our daily routine. Society does a very good job in teaching us how to be consumers and a very good job in teaching us how to be competitors. The question I think parents are struggling to answer is, how do we not just teach our children’s minds, but how do we teach their souls? And that’s a much deeper question. I know *we want our children to be more than consumers and competitors*. We want something much more. We want our children to be gracious and grateful. We want them to have courage in difficult times. We want them to have a sense of joy and purpose. That’s what it means to nurture their spiritual lives.”

Covenant Connection will start up again on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. If you are willing to help with Covenant Connection in the 2019-2020 school year please let Sarah Shannon know:
sarah@shannons.us

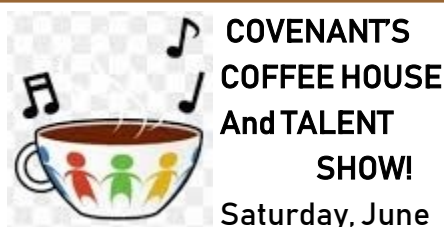
Vacation Bible School - First Pres will once again be hosting VBS May 28 - 31st, and Covenant Pres. Children are invited to sign up through their website: https://firstpresathens.org/z_extra_pages/vacation-bible-school-form/. Any youth or adults who want to volunteer are welcome to do so, please contact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

Late July Chips: The Rock Stars of Chips! Why are Late July Chips the ROCK STARS of chips? It’s because the Late July company partners with TerraCycle to reward the groups that collect Late July Chip bags. The reward is two-part: **1.** UPS labels are provided for shipping boxes of Late July Chip bags to TerraCycle. **2.** For every 2 lbs. of chip bags shipped, the collecting organization is paid \$1.00. This is not true for all the other brands of chip/salty snack bags.

If you only like potato chips, then Late July Chips are not for you, but if you like corn and multigrain chips, be sure to look for Late July Chips. At Kroger, the large bags of Chia & Quinoa Tortilla Chips and Sub-Lime Multigrain Tortilla Chips are on sale through July 23. Kroger and other stores carry additional flavors, shapes and colors of organic corn chips. You can put the bags in the same drawer with the other chip/salty snack bags. *Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team*

Birthdays of the Month JUNE

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| 1 Sally Barnes | 17 Ben Bruner
Micah Shannon | 24 Ed Ralph
Rebecca Rea |
| 3 Allisyn Johnson | 18 Ron VanSickle | Wesley Bowden |
| 5 Natalie Bowden | 19 Carrie Tweedell
Carol Wheeler | Emma Goodrick |
| 7 Larry Hatfield | 20 Marilyn Martin | 25 Tom Cooney
Scott Goodrick |
| 7 Bill Rigsby | June Meyers | Martha Willis |
| Ethan Whitney | Linda Morrison | 27 Hanna Harper
John Wilkins |
| 8 Judy Capie | Pat Tinga | 28 Barbara Engram
Dick Page |
| Frederick Ritzler | Brad Sperr | Craig Topple |
| 10 Rindy Trouteaud | Jessica Fraedrich | 29 Betsy Burmeister |
| 13 Robyn Malone | 21 Kurt Wolfe | 30 Cliff Brock |
| Larson Rea | 23 Aly Huberty | |
| 14 Ellie McMinn | 24 Greg Huberty | |
| Garrett Devaney | Susan Nemetz | |



**COVENANT'S
COFFEE HOUSE
And TALENT
SHOW!**
Saturday, June

**29 at 6pm . See the sign up
sheet on the bulletin board next
to the mailboxes.**

let's do
lunch

Join the **Restaurant Roadtrip** for its monthly outing, this time on Tuesday, June 11, at 11:30am, at the Golden Sun Chinese restaurant, 4375 Lexington Road,

by Wal-Mart. Separate checks. Meet us there – or carpool from the church by 11:15am. Please SIGNUP on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, to let us know your plans. *Always good fun & fellowship!*

Congratulations to **Hannah Barnett** for being selected the Freshman Athlete of the Year in soccer at Clarke Central High School. And to **Hanna Harper** upon her graduation from Elon University in NC this past week, before moving to Boulder, CO, for employment in environmental science.

Way to go, Covenant!

Congratulations to Colleen Cook on her graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary on May 18, and for receiving the Frederick Buechner Prize for excellence in preaching. And to Mary Cook too, upon her confirmation as a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucker, GA, on May 19. The family will be moving June 1 to Columbus, GA, where Colleen is now pastor at All Saints Presbyterian Church. Blessings on this new journey in life!

You are invited to Colleen Cooks Ordination Service on June 9th at 4pm. Kim Long (co-editor of the new Presbyterian Book of Common Worship and formerly my professor) will be preaching. Pastors Mark and Beecher will be giving charges.

WEEK OF May 26, 2019—

SUNDAY—

8:30am Worship (final)
9:30am Adult Church School (final)
10:45am Worship (final)
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY—

MEMORIAL DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY-

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Restaurant (eastside)
9:30am Athens Mothers Center
6:30pm Stated Session Meeting
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
10am Adult Bible Study
7pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY—

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

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom in FH beginning at 5:30pm for Anniversary Celebration

SATURDAY—

8am—5pm FOSTER CARE
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



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YOUTH AND LEADERS LEAVE FOR MONTREAT

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WORSHIP—May 26, 2019

8:30am Worship

Reader: Dianne Simpson

Ushers: Judy Capie

Coffee: Lola Bell

10:45am-

Reader: Carol Huber

Ushers: Phil & Sallie Hale, Jerry & Sarah Shannon

Greeters: Maurine Wathen, Gloria Pylant

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby (May 15-31)

Counters: Pam Knox, Bill Barstow

Flowers: Paula & Dick Zimdars

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (May 27 - June 2)

Nursery/Super: Pam Knox

Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5yearsold: DeLynda Tweedell, Chuck Rosenberger

WORSHIP—June 02, 2019

9:45am

Reader: Luanne Rigsby

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

Greeters: Anna Cobb, Shari Cobb, Jimmy Cobb

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Judy Capie, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Hilda & Alex Clark

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (June 3—9)

Nursery/Super: DeLynda Tweedell

Birth—Walking: DeLynda Tweedell

Walking—5yearsold: Christine Carpenter, Richard & Marcia Page