

THE COVENANTER  
June 16, 2019

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

**Opportunity to Practice Hospitality– IHN *Family Promise of Athens***

To be the church is to be hospitable. Hospitality is a major way for Christians to demonstrate the *GRACE* of God who receives us with *open arms*. This opportunity begins for us the week of **June 30 – July 7** when we host temporarily homeless guests for *Family Promise of Athens*. (IHNA) **NOW** is the time to sign-up on the board across from the Church office. Check the board to see the many ways you can practice *Christian hospitality*. You can also call the Church office (706-548-2756) and ask Karen to sign up for you. It is an opportunity as Scripture emphasizes: *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so they entertained angels unaware.* (Hebrews 13:2)



**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 19 & 26 and July 10, 17 & 24.

COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**COVENANT'S COFFEE  
HOUSE and TALENT  
SHOW!**

Saturday, June 29 at 6pm.

This year's **Covenant Coffee**

**House** will be held on Saturday, June 29 at 6pm. Dust off those tap shoes, polish those jokes, warm up your voices and tune your instruments – we would love to see your performance that evening! *Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Thank you!*

**Remember in Prayer:** Maurine Wathen, in treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; John & Mary Sue Brewer, with his recent diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer; our piano tuner, Steven Cox, with bladder cancer; Paige Cummings, recovering from a deep Mohs skin surgery June 13; Andy & Katelyn Cooke, co-pastors of Covenant/Augusta, in the death of a child by miscarriage, on June 3; Dianne Ralph, with hospice care at home; Norman & Janice Patterson, Don Sumner, Janet Smith, and Elsie Bothwell, at home.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	June 17	Isaiah 65: 1-9
Tuesday	June 18	Psalms 42
Wednesday	June 19	Psalms 43
Thursday	June 20	Luke 8: 26-39
Friday	June 21	Psalms 22: 19-28
Saturday	June 22	I Kings 19: 1-15a
Sunday	June 23	Galatians 3: 23-29



#### WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**10am in the Upper Room**

Viewing and discussing Ken Curtis' DVD on the 23rd Psalm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### 2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

Fiscal Year to Date: Week #50

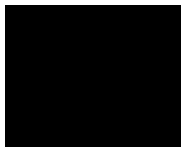
Anticipated Pledges: \$447,559.96

Received Pledges: \$423,286.04

*Now is the time to catch up on your giving. The end of the fiscal year end in two weeks!*

**WHO'S WHO at Covenant?** Who at Covenant used to be a finish line judge for his children's swim meets? Happy Father's Day

**Who's Who:** Rich Reaves



**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!*

#### Upcoming Events

- July 3-16 Olomouc Mission Trip
- Tues. July 9 12:30pm, The Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- July 10,17,24 6:30-8:00pm, Kickin' It
- July 16-20 PCUSA Youth Triennium Conference
- July 17-21 Montreat Middler Conference in Maryville, TN
- Sat. July 20 7:00am, FEAST food truck delivery
- 9:00am, Women's prayer breakfast at East Friendship Baptist Church

## ATHENS AREA EMERGENCY FOOD BANK! The



month of June Covenant is collecting these items for the AAEFB: **canned pork and beans, canned salmon, and sweet peas.** Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!

*“Any fool can have a child. That doesn’t make you a father. It’s the courage to raise a child that makes you a father” – Barack Obama*

*“I had no expectations about fatherhood, really, but it’s definitely a journey I’m glad to be taking” – Christopher Meloni*



The Worship Ministry Team and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all those who volunteered at the Pentecost celebration and the Reception for Colleen last Sunday. We have some amazing volunteers! Both celebrations went so smoothly. We appreciate the donations of food and time and smiling faces. Thank you so much! It was a joyful day! Blessings, Jennifer Frey

*“It’s only when you grow up and step back from him – or leave him for your own home – it’s only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it” – Margaret Truman*

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!



Covenant Breakfast Club Monday, July 1st at 8am. Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road. Join us for a good time of conversation and food.

Caren Snook’s husband Maurice is offering a



chemical magic shows in area libraries this summer, free & open to the public Sat. June 22 (1pm), ACC Library, for late middle school age & older –

and Thurs. July 25 (3pm) Bogart Library, for all ages, and you get to make slime! Come & enjoy “Space Chemistry Magic Right Here on Earth!” See the bulletin board for more dates in other counties.

**What’s In A Name?** Find the first name that fits: Example: \_\_\_\_\_ sled.  
Answer: bob

1. \_\_\_\_\_ rack
2. \_\_\_\_\_ finn
3. \_\_\_\_\_ chart

*By Marilyn Brown*

Answers to What’s in a Name:  
1. rick; 2. mickey; 3. flo

## Child Liturgist - Summer schedule

**Instructions:** As we transition to our summer schedule, child liturgists will be on a volunteer basis. If your child would like to lead the "Call to Worship" a specific Sunday please contact the church office by, at the latest, midweek of the Sunday before your child would lead. 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



**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 Rindy Trouteaud. She's beginning to help put the pieces in place for the fall.

## WoRM will begin again on Sunday, Sept. 8!

**Parents Corner:** While at the Montreat Youth week, Ruby Gene, my rising fifth grader, expressed an interest in reading the Bible. She had a children's bible, but it was abridged, stories were selective, and she didn't seem that interested. I handed her a Bible (I think it was either a *Good News* or *NIV* translation) and said, "Go for it!" She took the Bible and after flipping through it asked, "Where do I begin?" "How bout, you begin with the beginning--the Book of Genesis." And she did. She read through the first creation story with interest. It reminded me of when I was about her age and really began to read the Bible on my own. I was in the 5th grade. At that time, I shared a room with an older boy from Cambodia whom we were hosting in our home (he stayed with us about two years total). He was really getting into the Bible, and was reading through all the stories; I wanted to do so, also. I remember reading the gospels, and being fascinated and confused, engaged and disinterested depending on the section and my mood. But, I distinctly remember reading the scripture, particularly the gospel stories about Jesus. Sometimes it's just a matter of being encouraged or given permission to do so. If you're children haven't already started doing so on their own, as Ruby Gene had not, yet, consider this summer encouraging your children, as they have ability, to read the Bible for themselves. Seeds of faith may be planted more deeply within.

**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](mailto:sarah@shannons.us)

## 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!

**Montreat High School Conference,** - Ten youth from Covenant, Athens, shared the GA Lodge with three youth from Covenant, Augusta for an amazing week. This annual tradition is so meaningful for children and adults who attend. Worship inspires, recreation re-creates, back home and small groups create safe spaces to explore questions and faith, and the place itself nurtures and fosters growth. It was an awesome week. The theme was "Let Love Lead," and all who attended were challenged with the radical biblical notion of God's abundant love, and how that love may lead us in our own lives. Thanks to the church's generosity, and the La-sagna Lunch fundraiser, youth and their parents are only responsible for paying approximately 25% of the cost. *What a gift all of these things are!*

**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](http://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 (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** for more information.



## Recycling Facts *Studies have shown that:*

- **More than 60% of the rubbish** that ends up in trash bins **can be recycled**.
- Around **16% of the cost of a product is spent on its packaging**, which is completely wasted if not disposed of properly.
- **80% of a vehicle can be recycled**.
- **Aluminum cans** can be **recycled entirely** and put to use in a short time.
- Thousands of glass jars and bottles are thrown away every day.
- Glass can be recycled 100% and reused.
- Glass products which end up in landfills do not decompose at all.
- **24 trees are cut down to make one ton of paper**.
- On the contrary, recycled paper is proved to create 70% less pollution compared to non-recycled material paper production.



In gratitude for your friendship  
**Jubilee Partners**  
invites you and your family for  
**FREE BLUEBERRY PICKING**



Please come on any *two* of the following dates:

Tuesday, June 18, 5pm-dark	Saturday, July 6, from 9:30am-noon
Tuesday, June 25, 5pm-dark	Monday, July 8 from 5pm-dark
Tuesday, July 2, 5pm- dark	Tuesday, July 16, 5pm- dark.

Jubilee is located a 1/2 mile south of downtown Comer on Hwy. 22 at 427 Jubilee Rd.


What to bring: this coupon, picking buckets,  
and close-toed shoes.

Please print your name here for our records:  
# in your party \_\_\_\_\_

Your employer/church \_\_\_\_\_

**Performance by  
New Horizons Band &  
Yargo Community Band**

**Georgia Square Mall  
Saturday, June 22nd  
2:00 pm**




**THE LONGEST DAY**


alzheimer's association ALPHADeltaKAPPA


Join us for great music and  
raising funds to fight Alzheimer's

Concert sponsored by  
Georgia Beta Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa



*We're Blowin' to End Alzheimer's*





**10th Annual 2019**

**an annual fundraiser**  
**benefiting Athens Nurses Clinic**  
*Healthcare with compassion*

**Featuring:**  
**Live Music!**  
**& Fresh Tomato Sandwiches**  
**Saturday, July 20th**  
**4:30pm—7pm**  
**More info at**  
[www.tomatoesatterrapin.com](http://www.tomatoesatterrapin.com)

**WEEK OF June 16, 2019—**

**SUNDAY—CONGREGATIONAL HYMNSING—*Faith of our Fathers***

9:45am Worship

2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**MONDAY—**

8am Covenant's Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Rd

OFFICE CLOSED

8am—5pm Boy Scout Camp

**TUESDAY-**

8am—5pm Boy Scout Camp

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY—**

8am—5pm Boy Scout Camp

8:30am—9:30am AA

10am Adult Bible Study

6:30pm—8pm *Kick'in It* at Covenant

**THURSDAY—**

8am—5pm Boy Scout Camp

2pm Knitters & Knotters

6:30pm YOGA

7pm Celebrate Recovery

**FRIDAY-**

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**SATURDAY—**

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**SATURDAY— 6pm Coffee House**

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—June 16, 2019**

**9:45am**

Reader: Marcia Verbrugge

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

Julie Bower

Greeters: Don & Julie Bower

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Judy Capie, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (June 17-23))

Nursery/Super: Robyn Malone

Birth—Walking: Robyn Malone

Walking—5 years old: James Malone, Sue Loegel, Megan Sperr

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**9:45am**

Reader Don Bower

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

Greeters: Tim & Karen Foutz

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Pam Knox, Caren Snook

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (June 17-23))

Nursery/Super: Annemarie Braswell

Birth—Walking: Annemarie Braswell

Walking—5 years old: Adam & Rebecca Rea, Sydney & Delaney Braswell