

THE COVENANTER September 01, 2019

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

WORSHIP

8:30 AM

RALLY DAY BREAKFAST 9:15am

Join us for a continental breakfast courtesy of the
Fellowship Ministry Team.

OPENING PROGRAM

9:45 AM

Our Covenant family gathers for a time of singing, scripture, and devotion for all ages. Mary Barnett & Sarah Shannon, CE Co-Chairs, will say a few words about the Christian Education Ministries, and our Adult Church School teachers will introduce their studies. Enjoy this time for visiting too!

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

10:45 AM

with commissioning of our Christian School Teachers, Covenant Connection Leaders,
and Youth Group Leaders



Retirees of all ages & stages enjoy active fellowship & renewing friendships. Join us on second Tuesdays monthly for a delicious Covered Dish Luncheon, an engaging program, and lots of fun and conversation. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Beverages are provided.

Our next date is **September 10 at 12:30pm**, in Fellowship Hall, with Jacob Douylliez, Covenant's new Director of Music.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TODAY – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

8:30am Worship

10:45am Worship

Resumes!

Remember in Prayer: Maurine Wathen with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma now in hospice care at home with her granddaughter in Watkinsville; John Chamblee's mother, Hope Galloway in hospice care in Columbia, S.C.; John Chamblee's aunt, Lily Wright recovering from a fall at Avery Place; a friend of Jacob Douylliez in hospice care at St. Mary's; friend & colleague in our presbytery, Miriam Dunson in Commerce in treatment for metastasized cancer, now in her spine; prayers and practical support options for our homeless neighbors, at the church and around town, especially as winter approaches; Jere Bowden's sister Jan hospitalized in Atlanta, in dialysis and on a ventilator, slowly recovering from open heart surgery Aug.21; Anna Holshouser, moved to Comer Health & Rehab Center for infection & advanced Parkinson's; Beth Nunnally, having gallbladder surgery Friday, September 6; former members Joe & Edie Covert, in the death of her mother Blanche Carper in NC, Aug. 26; and Sally Boardman, John Brewer, Beda Cain, and Elsie Bothwell, at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Sept. 02	Jeremiah 18: 1-10
Tuesday	Sept. 03	Psalms 139: 1-6
Wednesday	Sept. 04	Psalms 139: 13-18
Thursday	Sept. 05	Philemon 1-21
Friday	Sept. 06	Luke 14: 25-33
Saturday	Sept. 07	Matthew 10: 37-39
Sunday	Sept. 08	Matthew 11: 28-30

Title: *We Are in God's Hands*

Theme: How do we respond to the loving guidance God offers?

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00AM

JOIN US AS WE VIEW AND DISCUSS KEN CURTIS' DVD ON THE LORD'S PRAYER. *ALL ARE WELCOME!*

2019-2020 Financial Summary

Week #7

Anticipated Pledges: \$71,350.77

Actual Pledges: \$67,169.96

WHO'S WHO at Covenant? Who at Covenant have scuba dived the Blue Hole in Belize?



Who's Who: Susan & Randy Parish



Contact Ellen Stoneburner at ellenstoneburner@gmail.com to let her know that **YES** you are interested in volunteering for Nursery Duty. Nursery duty will come around just once a quarter for such a sweet blessing from Covenants little ones.



Please add Jennifer Frey's birthday for September 1 to your list!



Congratulations to Susan & Chase Dachenhausen on the birth of their daughter, Chloe Rea on August 26th. Proud grandparents are Steve & Lola Bell.



Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant
(eastside)

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 11:30am

Join us for a great time of food and fellowship. Separate checks!

KNITTERS AND KNOTTERS

Join us on Thursdays at 2pm for a great time of fellowship and ministry as we join together to make blankets, hats, scarves, pillows, etc. for those in need. Everyone is invited, beginners welcome! See Pat Tinga for more information.



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, September 2nd at

8am. Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road. Join us for a good time of conversation and food.

SHORT TALK. *Supply the initials for the following: ex. Sandwich favorite. Ans. BLT*

1. Ends of Proof
2. Doctors United
3. Kid's Lunch Favorite

By Marilyn Brown

Answers to **SHORT TALK:**
1. QED 2. AMA 3. PB&J

JOURNEY CLASS

facilitated by Steve Bell

Sunday, September 01 at 9:30am

Climate Church, Climate World argues that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. Hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war—climate change multiplies all forms of global social injustice. Environmental leader Rev. Jim Antal presents a compelling case that it's time for the church to meet this moral challenge.

Covenant/Central will NOT be serving on
Friday, September 6 at Our Daily Bread.



The CAVE -

Come and serve in this ministry of presence on Friday afternoons with our neighborhood youth!

The Cave is an on-site ministry every Friday afternoon hosted by Covenant and volunteers from UGA and various campus ministries. We provide space for kids to play basketball, video games, hang out with friends, have snacks, and generally have a loving and safe place to be after school as the weekend begins. We'd love to have you join as a weekly volunteer, a regular volunteer, or even as a sub on the volunteer sub list. If you have any questions about the actual program, please contact the Cave program coordinator Dibenhi Reyna at dibenhi.reyna@gmail.com. If you want to sign up as a volunteer, please tell Paige Campbell drpaigec@gmail.com, Steve Rathbun srathbun@uga.edu, or Mark Harper mharper@covpresathens.org. The Cave program will begin on August 23 from 3:30-5:30pm.

New Pictorial Directory! September 26, 27 & 28

Sign up for your family portrait today! Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and online directory. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation! Quick Tip for your photos: Please avoid wearing green, as we will be using Green Screen Technology to photograph (Like what they use in action and superhero movies!) Please click the following link to make an appointment:

<https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2220147538.1?schedule=covenantpresbyterianchurch>

or call to set an appointment: 1-877-896-9667 ext. 360.

*****IMPORTANT***** When on the website to schedule an appointment, *an email address is required to go to the next page and confirm the appointment, so anyone who doesn't have an email address can use: dfox@theportraitcafe.com*. You can see the attachment titled "How to Make an Appointment Online for easy step-by-step instructions.

Please check your contact info in the large notebook on the table in the gathering room. Correct or add anything that you wish to appear in the new directory. If everything is okay then just place a check mark beside your information. Thank you!

As many of you know, Covenant is one of many Earth Care Congregations within the PC (USA). What does this mean? It means that as a congregation we strive toward good stewardship of all aspects of God's creation, from our backyard to the whole planet and every place in between.

If you have an interest in or ideas for ways that Covenant can demonstrate this good stewardship, please join with the **Green Dream Team Thursday, September 5 at 12:30 pm** in the Conference Room to work on ways to achieve this goal for the coming year. We welcome ideas on worship, use of our facilities, educational programs and outreach. If you have ideas or thoughts but cannot make this meeting, please email Barbara Burnett at followtheheronhome@gmail.com and she will bring your ideas to the meeting for you! Go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment> to get more information and ideas.

On September 8th our worship will be enriched by the musical gifts and leadership of Kim McClain, our new piano accompanist and the most recent addition to Covenant's staff. Kim has been playing piano for most of her life, and has served as an accompanist for numerous local churches as well as groups like the Athens Chamber Singers. She recently retired from Southern Mutual Insurance Company, where she had been a colleague of Carol Huber. Kim is the parent of five grown children. She and her husband Gary, a retired firefighter with Athens-Clarke County, live just down the road in Watkinsville. Please welcome Kim the first chance you get!



Covenant Connection! Popcorn, cupcakes, DePalma's pizza...those are the smells of Covenant Connection. Laughter, conversation, shouts, bouncing balls, singing...those are the sounds of Covenant Connection. What is Covenant Connection? A Wednesday evening gathering of people of all ages in the fellowship hall for fellowship, fun, Bible study, recreation, choir, mission, movies, celebrations, a great meal, and more! Covenant Connection, CovConn, is your weekly opportunity to reconnect with old and new friends around all sorts of tables and activities that promise to open our eyes and hearts to the ways God is working in our lives...today. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. (and the joy goes home with you at 7:00 p.m.), and volunteers are needed to make this happen. In the coming weeks you will find a link to a fantastic app that will allow you to sign up as a volunteer on a weekly basis, or, if you're "old school", you may wish to sign up on the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet in the hallway. Circle the date for the start-up of CovConn: **Wednesday, September 11!** Questions? Contact Rindy Trouteaud, rindy@trouteaud.com.

"JUBILEE PLAYGROUND" ENHANCEMENTS – The following items are desired to enhance the usefulness and beauty of the newly installed YOUNG CHILDREN'S JUBILEE PLAYGROUND at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Session-designated early childhood playground design committee believes these optional additions will strengthen the presence as well as effective use of this new facility and its immediate surroundings. Please consider making a contribution.

Benches, 1 to 3, to place inside playground fencing for use by supervising adults

Mulch, 2 cubic foot bags, up to 40, for spreading outside the fence to prevent adjacent areas from turning to mud after rains

Square step stones, 16" gray, 17 for widening the breezeway sidewalk out to the new backyard steps

Portland pavers, 60, to extend walkway from stairs out of the WoRM building to playground

Landscape shrubbery, in 1 – 5 gallon containers, compatible with shade garden growth and blooming

Daffodil bulbs, to plant for blossoming with each new Spring

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept.1 8:30am & 10:45am Worship resumes

Sunday, Sept.8 8:30am & 10:45am Worship

9:15am, RALLY DAY light breakfast
& CE presentation

Tuesday, Sept.10 12:30pm, Graduates Luncheon with Jacob Douylliez

Wednesday, Sept.11 5:30-7:00pm, Covenant Connection resumes

Thursday, Sept.12 9:30am, Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Sunday, Sept.15 9:30am, Church School for all ages

Beecher's final day at Covenant



CNN Climate Crisis Town Hall - Watch Party

Everyone Invited!!!

Sponsored by the Athens-Clarke County Democrats, Athens Earthstrike, Athens YDSA (Young Democratic Socialists of America

Loco's Eastside-1985 S. Barnett Shoals Rd., Athens, GA 30605

Wednesday, September 4th - 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM

No charge- but Loco offers a full dinner and beverage menu

See and hear leading Democratic presidential candidates discuss the most serious and urgent issue of our time! Bring a friend! No RSVP Needed

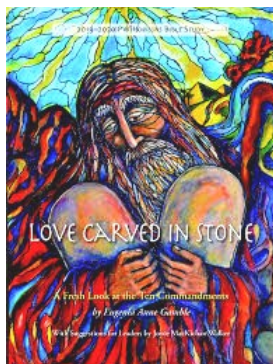
Invitation for Participation

As we are experiencing firsthand the complex issues around homelessness here at Covenant Presbyterian, your Session has charged an AD Hoc Committee to craft a compassionate response and specific policies for Covenant concerning treatment of / engagement with the homeless in Athens / eastern Athens-Clarke County, particularly those individuals directly looking to the church for living assistance. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Paige Campbell (Outreach), Hank Tweedell (B&G), Mark Harper or Rindy Trouteaud at your earliest convenience. ALL perspectives are welcome on this committee, as we expect and value diverse views on how to respond to the complexities of homelessness in our backyard.

Once the committee is formed, we will be fully committed to creating opportunities for input from congregants and friends of Covenant in various ways in order to craft our communal response. There is NO pre-set agenda for how to accomplish the development of a policy nor for any particular outcomes.

Covenant's Fall Brochure,
" A Place at the Table"
is published and in your
mailboxes. They are also
available on the table in the
gathering room.

The purpose of Christian Education at Covenant Presbyterian Church is to nurture our discipleship, build our spirit of community and cultivate clarity of thought about our faith.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN begins Thursday, September 12

9:30-11:00am

Covenant's women meet monthly in the Gathering Room for a time of Bible study, fellowship, and service. Childcare is available upon advance request. In the copy room, pick up the PCUSA Horizons Study Guide (\$11.00), entitled "Love Carved in Stone" and written by Eugenia Anne Gamble. A fresh look at the Ten Commandments. Each lesson begins with an exploration of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

So come and join us on the second Thursday of the month - and bring a friend! For more info, see the PW website: www.presbyterianwomen.org.

YOUTH KICK-OFF POOL PARTY!

Sunday, September 8

This year Bill Barstow, 375 Sandstone Drive, is hosting the YOUTH Kick-Off Pool Party 5pm—7pm.



All middle schoolers, high schoolers and their parents are invited to the kick-off of our youth group year! While the youth swim, parents will meet briefly to learn more about plans for the upcoming year and to sign necessary permission forms for participation in youth group activities.



To get our kitchen ready for upcoming events and a new school year, all personal items have been moved to the Lost & Found area across from the church office. Please look through these items to see if anything is yours. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity on the morning of Saturday, September 14. *Thank you!*

Please note the new address below for Maurine Wathen:

76 White Street

Watkinsville, GA 30677

Maurine is homebound and has Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma as well as other complications. She would enjoy cards from her Covenant family.

WEEK OF September 01, 2019—

SUNDAY—

8:30am Worship resumes
9:30am Journey Class
10:45am Worship resumes
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY— OFFICE CLOSED

8am Covenant's Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road
6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

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

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters
12:30pm Green Dream Team Ministry Meeting
6:30pm—8pm YOGA
7:30pm CR

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center meeting in the FH
3:30pm The Cave
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

10am—1pm Health Boundaries in FH
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—September 01, 2019

8:30am

Reader: Bruce Menke Coffee: Shirley Hunt

Ushers: Dennis & Carol Calbos

10:45am

Reader: Sallie Hale

Ushers: The Stone Family, Robyn Malone, Juergen Wiegel

Greeters: Steve Rathbun, Jim Anderson

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby

Counters: Judy Capie, Ellen Stoneburner

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Sept. 2—8)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Ellen Stoneburner

Walking—5 years old: Grace & Clayton Adams, Paula Zimdars

WEEK OF September 08, 2019—

SUNDAY— RALLY DAY

8:30am Worship
9:15am Rally Day Brunch
9:45am Opening Program
10:45am Worship with CE Commissioning
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
7pm YOUTH & Parents Kick-Off Pool Party at Bill Barstow's

MONDAY— OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
12:30pm Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon with Jacob Douylliez
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
10am Adult Bible Study with Mark Harper
5:30pm—7pm Covenant Connection Kick Off!
7:30pm Adult Choir
7:30pm LAG

THURSDAY—

9:30am—11am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study in gathering room
9:30am Exams, 11am COM
2pm Knitters & Knotters
6:30pm—8pm YOGA
7:30pm Happy Squares 7:30pm CR

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center 3:30pm The Cave
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— 9:00am EFBC women's prayer breakfast
Fellowship Hall Cleaned & set up for reception/luncheon

WORSHIP—September 08, 2019

8:30am

Reader: Wayne Crowell Coffee: Sharon Edwards

Ushers: Judy Capie, Elsie Bothwell

10:45am

Reader: Luanne Rigsby

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

Greeters: Tim & Karen Foutz

Congregational Care: Luanne Rigsby

Counters:

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Sept. 9-15)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard Myer

Walking—5 years old: Sarah Shannon, Tamara Stam, Tim Foutz