

THE COVENANTER  
November 10, 2019

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

**THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN**  
*Hope and Joy****Come from the overflow of giving***

Today, we highlight the mission of Thornwell to raise awareness and funds for children and families in need. Thornwell began in 1875 in Clinton, SC by a Presbyterian minister, Reverend Jacobs, who felt a call from God to care for the orphans of the Civil War. The ministry of Thornwell has grown and evolved over its nearly 150-year history to be a leader in the call to care for children and families throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. What was once a dream in the heart of a young man, God anointed and blessed to become a transformative ministry that has impacted the lives of thousands. We celebrate Thornwell Emphasis Month with a single focus: "Hope and Joy come from the Overflow of Giving." You get to be part of this. You can make a difference. You are giving hope and joy to families through the overflow of your giving. Don't forget to pick up a Turkey to fill with coins. You will find an envelope and insert in your mailbox next Sunday, Nov. 17th

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S  
BIBLE STUDY****Thursday, November 14th****Lesson begins promptly at  
9:30am.**

Please read the Horizons study guide, "Love Carved in Stone" chapter 3, "Keep Sabbath". Study books are available in the copy room. \$11 each. *Join us for wonderful fellowship and light refreshments.*



For the month of

**November**

the Athens Area

Emergency Food Bank

needs these items: *canned soups, small boxes of rice, pasta and hamburger helper, and snack bags of chips.*

Thank you Covenant and  
may we all have *enough!*

COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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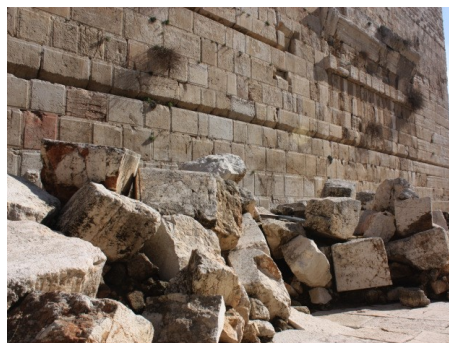
**Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon—  
November 12 at 12:30pm**

We will take this time to honor our veterans and have a special speaker, Speaker - Rev. Amy Hobby-Rickard, "Empowering Our Veterans Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share. Beverages and Turkey will be provided. *See ya there!*

**Remember in Prayer:** Ann Anderson at Piedmont; Carol Wheeler at St. Mary's; Mary Fennner diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer; Steve Rathbun's father hospitalized with sepsis; Deb Agostini recovering well from severe burns; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at Avery Place #104; Ruth Brewster at Morningside #108; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; Jean Gibson at The Oaks #101; and Anna Holshouser, John Brewer & John Scott at home.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS for November 11—17

Monday	Isaiah 12
Tuesday	Psalms 40
Wednesday	Psalms 42
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Friday	Isaiah 65:1-16
Sunday	Isaiah 65:17-25
Sunday	Luke 21:5-19



#### HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Please accept this invitation to offer your thoughts, ideas, concerns and wishes for responding to homelessness at Covenant. If you haven't already had an opportunity to share your thoughts, please take time to reach out to one of the Committee Members: Paige Campbell, Hank Tweedell, Co-Chairs Chris Wilson, Tom & Sara Cooney, Linda & Phil Koehler, Brian Striggow, Chuck Rosenberger, Bert Ballard-Myer, Hilda & Alex Clark, Mark Harper, Rindy Trouteaud, Jacob Douylliez, Juergen Wiegel, Paige Cummings, Randy Parish, & Steve Rathbun

#### 2019-2020 Financial Summary

##### Week #18

Anticipated Pledges: \$160,539.23

Actual Pledges: \$174,704.61

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

**HELP WANTED!** Family seeking female support staff to work one to one or two to one with individual diagnosed with intellectual/developmental disabilities/autism in their home and community setting. Staff to provide assistance to individual female including but not limited to: personal care, social activities, dressing, light meals, and supervise daily independent living skills. Care needed mornings, after school & every other weekend. Qualifications: 2 year experience working with individuals with disabilities, state/FBI background check, drug free, insured and reliable vehicle/valid drivers license, employment & personal references required. Send resume to: [mason2p826@gmail.com](mailto:mason2p826@gmail.com)



give the gift of warmth!

The Athens YMCA's 5th Annual

**COAT DRIVE** beginning November 1st

**Please leave your clean, gently used coats in the box in the hallway across from the church office.**

**They will be taken to the YMCA on Nov. 25th!**

**Any questions see Marilyn Brown. *Thank You!***

# *Covenant Presbyterian Holiday Progressive Dinner*



*Saturday, December 7, 2019 6:00PM*

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our annual Covenant Holiday Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 7, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm.

For those who may not have attended previously the progressive dinner is an event where you share hors d'oeuvres at one home, have dinner at a second and finally enjoy dessert and coffee at a third location. As you progress through the night you will meet and dine with several different groups of people and everyone meets at the dessert home to finish off the night.

Covenant provides the ham and rolls, so dinner guests are encouraged to bring covered dishes to share. It's a great way to share food and fellowship before the busy holiday rush begins.

The progressive dinner signup sheet is on the bulletin board beside the church office. If you would like to host for hors d'oeuvres, dinner or dessert please include your phone number, address and how many guests you can accommodate on the signup sheet.

Thanks and Happy Holidays to All

*The Congregational Fellowship Committee*





**INTERFAITH  
Thanksgiving Worship**  
Sunday, November 24,  
at 4 p.m., at the Pied-  
mont College Meeting  
House, 595 Prince Ave.  
Athens, 30601, join Rev.  
Eskildsen and members

of the UUFA Chalice Choir for the 4th Annual  
Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship service.

**Want to give a helping hand?** Join our ministries  
at **Our Daily Bread**, the soup kitchen for Athens,  
based at First Baptist Church downtown.

Dorothy Newland coordinates preparing lunch on  
fifth Wednesdays, arriving at 10am. The next day  
of service is Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Contact  
Dorothy at 706-202-0474 if you would like to help.  
Paige Cummings coordinates preparing lunch on  
first Fridays monthly, arriving at 11am. Contact  
Paige at paigemercercummings@gmail.com if you  
would like to help. The next day of service is  
Friday, December 6, 2019..



**Visitor Luncheon**—November  
17th immediately following  
the 10:45am worship service.  
Casual lunch for Covenant's  
newest members and visitors. Please RSVP  
by 11/14 to luannerigsby@gmail.com  
so we can plan for the appropriate number  
of people.

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

1. Tells us how hot it is
2. Voice for legal issues
3. Epidemic fighters

*By Marilyn Brown*

Answers to **SHORT TALK**:  
1. BTU 2. ACLU 3. CDC

### **Congratulations to Steve Bell's Sunday School Class!**

When Sunday School started up again, several  
weeks ago, the members of Steve Bell's Sunday  
School Class decided to discontinue using throw-  
away coffee mugs. Everyone now uses "real" cof-  
fee mugs. For this achievement, the class has  
earned a Green Star from the Green Dream Team.  
Let the Green Dream Team know when your  
group does something "green" and your group  
will also earn a Green Star. Look for the Green  
Star posters on the Green Dream Team bulletin  
board. *Caren Snook* for the Green Dream Team



November 16 at 7:00am

November 28 & 29

December 7 at 6pm

December 13 at 10am

December 15

December 24 at 5:30pm

December 25th

FEAST food truck distribution

Church office closed for Thanksgiving  
Covenant's Annual Progressive Dinner  
(please sign up on bulletin board)

Presbyterian Women Cookie Party at  
Jere Bowdens

Christmas Choral Worship & Luncheon

Christmas Eve Worship

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day  
(Office Closed)



# THE GRADUATES



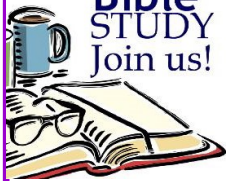
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## RESTAURANT ROAD TRIP PLANNING LUNCHEON!

Tuesday, November 19th at 12noon

There will be a luncheon/planning meeting for future Restaurant Road trips to Fatz Restaurant, noon, Tuesday, Nov. 19. If you are interested in planning for these trips - which may include sightseeing, overnights, concerts, and out-of-town meals - please make plans to attend this outing. If you cannot come, but are interested in planning future events, contact Betsy Pless and share your ideas with her. Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the church hallway for this planning luncheon.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am at the home of Georgianna Sumner's, 525 Westview Dr., 30606. We will begin looking at our faith in a fresh way using Anne Lamott's book, *Grace (Eventually) : Thoughts on Faith*. Copies will be ordered, and if you would like a book, please call the church office, 706.548.2756.

## Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 2pm

Join us for a great time of fellowship & ministry as we join together to make blankets, hat, scarves, pillows, etc. for those in need. Everyone is invited, beginners welcome!



## Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside)

Tuesday, November 26 at 11:30am

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



## Covenant Breakfast

Club Monday, November

18th at 8am. Cracker

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

## WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL November 10th at 9:30am

We continue our study of the Lord's Prayer. Luanne Rigsby and Susan Parish will lead the fun and creative activities. Shepherds are Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver.



### YOUTH GROUPS

NOVEMBER 10th—(includes the Middle School Students)

**High School & Middle School-** 3pm—5pm **FROZEN CHOSEN CUP!** We'll vie with our Presbyterian friends from Oconee, Madison, and First Presbyterian churches, for the dubious? exalted? distinction of Most Frozen or Most Chosen! Events get underway on our field, and a light meal/snacks will be provided. See you there!

**Parents** - please be sure to reserve your young person's spot for our Montreat youth conferences for high schoolers (June 7 - 13, 2020) and middle schoolers (July 15-19, 2020) by November 24. A deposit of \$100 will secure your reservation, and if you pay by check, please note in the left corner, "Montreat Youth Conference - your young person's name" or "Montreat Middle School Conference - your young person's name".

### Wonderful Wednesdays November 13!

10am Adult Bible Study in the Upper Room  
Using Miriam Dunson's book, *A Very Present Help*,  
the Wednesday morning Bible study which meets in  
the Upper Room, 10 - 11:15 a.m.  
Mark Harper leads the exploration.

#### Covenant Connection

**5:30pm—6pm Servant Time-** Canned food Drive.  
Our young people are looking at ways to end hunger in  
our community and ask for your help in restocking our  
Covenant Food Pantry with canned goods for the holi-  
days. Please bring your canned goods to the Fellowship  
Hall, and our young people will sort and shelve them dur-  
ing Servant Time on Wednesday, November 20.

6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner  
6:30pm -7:00pm Carol/Joy Choir

Sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4ca9ab23a3f49-covenant>  
to help Rindy with Servant Time and to make  
birthday cupcakes. *Thank you!*

6:30pm—7:30pm **Adult Bible Study**  
We will take a look at a wedding in Cana, John 2.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH AT COVENANT CONNECTION!



*For middle and high  
school students.*

3:30pm—5:30pm Su-  
pervised fellowship/  
recreation in the youth  
rooms;

5:30pm—6:00pm Bible Study;  
6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner;  
6:30pm—7:00pm Faith & Film



*deck the halls...*

The Congregational Fellowship Ministry  
Team will be decorating in the Fellowship  
Hall on November 30th (the Saturday after  
Thanksgiving). Come and join us at  
11:00am as we **DECK THE HALLS!**

## HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Kenyan student to attend

Athens Tech this Spring 2020 and he needs housing.

If you are interested or need more Information please contact Rose Chepyator-Thomson at [jchepyat@uga.edu](mailto:jchepyat@uga.edu).



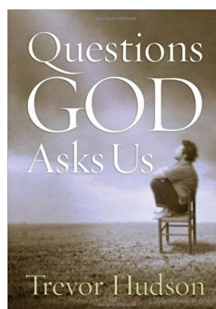
Solarize Athens Townhall Meeting

November 19 at 6:30pm

Covenant Fellowship Hall

## Emmaus Road Sunday School Class

(facilitated by Bob Trouteaud)



The Emmaus Road class will be starting a new study on Sunday, November 3rd, using the book, *Questions God Asks Us*, by Trevor Hudson. "I thought the Bible existed to give me solutions to my everyday concerns and dilemmas," writes Hudson. "Then I realized I might be approaching God and the Bible from the wrong direction. It was as if God said to me, 'Trevor, rather than you always asking questions of me, start listening to the questions I have for you.'"

Each of 10 questions Hudson excerpts from the Old and New Testaments serve as a starting point for genuine conversation with the Creator. *Questions God Asks Us* offers a fresh approach for personal study and small group discussion. It's sure to bless anyone longing for a meaningful, growing relationship with God.

If you have been wanting, or waiting to join a Covenant Sunday School class, now is a good time! Come join us for worthy conversations based on *Questions God Asks Us*.

The book is available on Amazon in paperback for \$15, or Kindle version for \$4.99.

## PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FEAST ON NOVEMBER 16th!



Covenant Presbyterian Church in conjunction with other local churches will join together to distribute food from the Food Bank of NEGA to our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the mailboxes.

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 contact Sue Goodyear, Nancy Omdahl, Ed Ralph or Mark Harper.

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

**WEEK OF November 10, 2019—****SUNDAY—**

8:30am Worship  
 9:30 Church School for all  
 10:45am Worship  
 3:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
 3pm—5pm Youth Groups MS & HS (Frozen Chosen)

**MONDAY—**

OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:30pm Scouts

**TUESDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 12:30pm Graduate Covered Dish Luncheon  
 5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic  
 6:30pm Session Meeting  
 8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY—**

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

**THURSDAY—** 9:30am PW Bible Study

9:30am Presbytery Examination Board 11am Committee on Ministry  
 2pm Knitters & Knotters  
 6:30pm—8pm YOGA  
 7:30pm CR  
 7:30pm Happy Squares

**FRIDAY—**

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

**SATURDAY—**

7:00am—10:00am FEAST Food Truck Distribution  
 Fellowship Hall Cleaned  
 10:30am OEA in Upper Room

**WORSHIP—November 10, 2019****8:30am**

Reader: Dianne Simpson Coffee: Bruce & Karen Menke

Ushers: Dennis & Carol Calbos

**10:45am**

Reader: Paige Campbell

Ushers: Jerry & Sarah Shannon, Dick & Paula Zimdars

Greeters: Brian, Alice & Wyatt Herndon

Congregational Care: November—Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Ellen Stoneburner, Paige Campbell

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Nov. 11-17)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

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 10:30am OEA in Upper Room

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Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

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