



THE COVENANTER

December 15, 2019

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery, Synod
of the South Atlantic, General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
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Covenant's Annual Christmas Choral Worship

TODAY—Sunday, December 15 at 10:45am promptly

Join us for a morning of carols and festive music. This is our annual tradition of Christmas Choral Worship and there will be offerings from our chime choir, hand-bell choir, children's choir and adult choir as well as solos and instrumental pieces. A catered luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall hosted by Congregational Fellowship.

Meals on Wheels - received in the month of December to sponsor persons who receive a daily meal through the "Meals on Wheels" program. The annual cost (including food & expenses) to provide meals for one person is \$1,848.00. Last year's offering enabled Covenant to support close to 7 older Athenians for this year. The congregation is encouraged to give generously as a way to participate with members and friends making deliveries: *Ann Anderson, Jim & Jere Bowden, Marilyn Brown, Phil Hale, Sue & David Loegel, Phil & Linda Koehler, Dorothy & Jim Newland, Caren Snook, and Heide & Juergen Wiegel.* **Consider making a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. You will find an envelope in the pews. Please make checks out to Covenant and earmark MOW. Thank you!**



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The beautiful blankets on display in the hallway were lovingly made by Covenant's Knitters and Knotters. They will be given to the mother's of Project Safe. Knitters and Knotters meet every Thursday to knot blankets for high school graduates, Project Safe mothers, and those hospitalized, and knit caps and scarves for cancer patients.

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL December 15, 2019 at 9:30am

We continue our journey towards Bethlehem, and this week, the shepherds join us. Rindy Trouteaud, Jere Bowden, and Wanda Oliver will lead us in creative, "sheeply" activities.



YOUTH GROUP December 15, 2019—

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle schoolers and high schoolers will celebrate the holidays with a white elephant exchange (bring an inexpensive or "regifted" gift to exchange) and an afternoon of ice skating at the Classic Center, 3-4:30 pm. We'll join the congregation for lunch after worship before carpooling to the indoor rink. Admission - which includes skate rental - is \$13.

All middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to help with the luminaries (265 of them!!!) on Christmas Eve! Rich and Jeremy Reaves will begin placing them around the church campus at 1:30 p.m., and all are invited to come when you are able. There will be DePalma's pizza for everyone.

Wednesday, December 18

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

Come join us. 5:30-7 p.m. for our Christmas celebration! Santa will make a visit, a "guest" from the North Pole will read a special story, and there will be crafts and games for everyone! The incredible Patrick McMaster will provide dinner, and who knows? We may sing some Christmas carols! Children's choir and Wednesday evening Bible study will not meet.

Covenant Connection will resume on Wednesday, January 8th. We will have postings for volunteers on Sign-Up Genius and ask that you consider how you may serve our church family

NO Adult Bible Study

6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult Choir



WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH AT COVENANT CONNECTION on Wed, Dec. 11th

*For middle and high
school students.*

3:30pm—5:30pm Supervised fellowship/
recreation in the youth rooms;
5:30pm—6:00pm Bible Study;
6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner;
6:30pm—7:00pm Faith & Film

Tuesday Morning Bible Study!

Join us Tuesday 12/17 at 10:30am.
We will celebrate the holidays with a
brunch at the home of Georgiana Sumner,
525 Westview Drive, Athens. Come join
us at 10 am for great food, wonderful fel-
lowship, and good conversation.



THE GRADUATES

Merry Christmas and a Hopeful New Year! Let's share the message of Christ's love with our home-bound - with a card or call or visit. Blessings and peace to all.

Coffee Worth, 1323 Timberbridge Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33801

Louie Boyd 1030 Ramser Drive, Bogart, GA 30622

Pauline Marshall, Highland Hills #112, 1660 Jennings Mill Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677

Anne Page, 116, Avery Place 124 Avery Street, Winterville, GA 30683

Gene & Anna Holshouser, 15 Walden Lane, Lexington, GA 30648

Kay Swan, Dogwood Forest of Dunwoody, 7400 Peachtree-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30328

Jacqueline Mathes, 295 Segrest Circle, Athens, GA 30605

Libby Wright, Avery Place #104, Avery Place, 124 Avery Street, Winterville, GA 30683

Jean Gibson, The Oaks, #101, 490 Cathwood Drive, Athens, GA 30607

Ruth Brewster, Morningside, #108, 1291 Cedar Shoals Drive, Athens, Ga 30605



Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside)

Tuesday, December 31 at 11:30am

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

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, Dec. 19th 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!

Restaurant Road Trip

We'll carpool to Social Circle for the Christmas buffet lunch at the Blue Willow Inn:

Wednesday, December 18

Meet in the church parking lot to carpool,
10:45 a.m.

The cost will be \$13.95 (drinks not included), and after lunch we'll visit the Inn's gift shop for some last-minute holiday shopping. Reservations by December 15 are necessary, and a sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, Jan. 6th at 8am.

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



Please note the address below for the
family of Carol Wheeler:

Jim & Ann Wheeler

50 Greenhill Drive

Lock Haven, PA 17745

THE GRADUATES LUNCH & A MOVIE

. Join us for lunch and a movie, **Tuesday, December 17**. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. for a quick lunch before going to the GTC Movies - University Cinemas, 1793 Oconee Connector, Athens, to see, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" with Tom Hanks portraying the (arguably) most well-known Presbyterian minister, Fred Rogers. The movie starts at 1:15 p.m. so make plans to see this inspiring movie!

Remember in Prayer: Williene O'Neal not feeling well at home; Ann Anderson during well now at home; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at Avery Place #104; Ruth Brewster at Arbor Terrace #222; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; Jean Gibson at The Oaks #101; and Anna Holshouser & John Brewer at home.

Purchase a beautiful live Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special! They are used in the Worship Center throughout the Christmas Season. Sign up sheet is outside the church office. Make your check payable to Covenant and put poinsettia in the memo portion of your check. \$10 each. Please do not leave cash. Thank you!



Increase the FEAST!



Beginning in January 2020, our FEAST food distribution will be happening every month! In partnership with the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, St. Gregory the Great Episcopal, and the Christian Campus Fellowship, we will continue to serve over 10,000 pounds of food to between 150 and 175 families on the third Saturday of each month. And can you guess what each truck load of food costs? A grand total of \$350! Talk about stretching a dollar – or a modern version of the loaves and fishes!

Of course, the food would not wind up in the pantries of our neighbors without the gracious hospitality of all of you who volunteer. We are so grateful for your commitment to this ministry. Please contact Nancy Omdahl, Mark Harper, or Sue Goodyear if you would like to learn more.

In addition to serving what we believe is an ongoing and growing need among our food insecure neighbors, a new partnership with the Mobile Medical Clinic of the UGA School of Medicine will be offering free health care at each distribution. The healing, life-giving spirit of Jesus is at work on the Eastside, so please come and join us. The next FEAST will take place on January 18th. We hope to see you then!

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, January 3, 2019.

TRUE COLORS. Answers contain specific colors. **Ex:** Vermont Uplands

Answer: Green Mountains

1. 1600 Pennsylvania Ave
2. VooDoo
3. Celebrate big time

By Marilyn Brown



Another Green Star!

Dick Zimdars has nominated Robert Holden to receive a Green Star Award. UGA has already bought 20 electric buses and, thanks to Robert, 13 more are on the way. The university has received a grant from the Federal Transit Administration Grant for Buses and Bus Facilities Program, which will be used to purchase the 13 new buses. Robert was instrumental in the university's receiving this grant. Quoted in the Athens Banner Herald, Robert said, "In addition to reducing costs and contributing to research, advancing electric bus technology on our campus will allow us to provide better, cleaner transportation for the community by significantly reducing the university's greenhouse gas emissions." Thank you, Robert! Look for your award on the Green Dream Team bulletin board.

Caren Snook for the GDT

Designated Opportunities to Give Covenant Presbyterian Church 2019-2020

As the Christmas season approaches with the New Year 'just around the corner' practicing generosity to help others brings delight to our hearts and to the holiday season. Someone has said, "The best way to catch the spirit of Christmas is to give it to someone else." To help us restore life-giving balance, Covenant offers alternatives, so that giving can once again become the sign of the season which celebrates the gift of God's serving love, born in a stable in Bethlehem long ago. On the table in the narthex are opportunities to give. Please make your check payable to: Covenant Presbyterian Church and designate how you want your contribution to be used.

Answers to *True Colors*:

1. White House
2. Black Magic
3. paint the town Red

WEEK OF December 15, 2019—

SUNDAY—

9:30 Church School for all
10:45am CHRISTMAS CHORAL Worship
12:15pm Fellowship Luncheon in fellowship hall
3pm—4pm Youth Groups Skating
3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
10am Morning Adult Bible Study
5:30pm—7:00pm Covenant Connection with Santa
6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY—

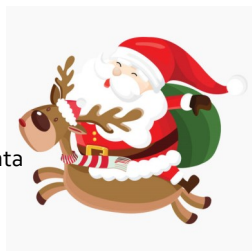
6:30pm Yoga
7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
NO CAVE
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

10:30am OEA in Upper Room
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



WEEK OF December 22, 2019—

SUNDAY—

9:30 Church School for all
10:45am Worship (Children's Program)
3:30pm Debtors Anonymous
5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic
5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30am—9:30am AA
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THURSDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
NO CAVE
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

10:30am OEA in Upper Room
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



WORSHIP—December 15, 2019

10:45am

Reader: Various

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

Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland

Congregational Care: Chuck Rosenberger

Counters: Paige Campbell, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Jim Bowden

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Dec 16-22)

Nursery/Super: Joan Baird

Birth—Walking: Joan Baird

Walking—5 years old: Lily Herndon, Christine Carpenter, Phil Hale

WORSHIP—December 22, 2019

10:45am

Reader: Sallie Hale

Ushers: Jerry & Sarah Shannon, Dick & Paula Zimdars, Marie Ballard-Myer

Greeters: Phil & Linda Koehler

Congregational Care: Chuck Rosenberger

Counters: Randy Parish, Katy Terry

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell/Alex Clark (Dec. 23—29)

Nursery/Super: Rebecca Rea

Birth—Walking: Rebecca Rea

Walking—5 years old: Adam & Rebecca Rea, Jennifer Frey, Sarah Shannon