

# Merry Christmas

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

THE COVENANTER  
December 22, 2019

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

**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!**



*Children's Christmas Program*

*Sunday, December 22 at 10:45am*

*Candlelight  
Communion*

**Christmas Eve Worship**

5:30pm

*Childcare available*



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.



*The beautiful poinsettias in worship are given in honor or memory of the following:*

**GIVEN BY**

Judy Capie  
Carol & Dennis Calbos

Jimmy & Shari Cobb  
Joe & June Meyers

Jennifer Frey

Betsy Burmeister

Rich Reaves

Mary Anna Wynes

Marie Ballard-Myer

Cheryl & Chris Devaney,  
Wayne Crowell

Tom & Sara Cooney

Katy Terry

Frank Allen

Ellen & Dan Stoneburner

Pat Tinga

Sharon Edwards

Juergen & Heide Wiegel

The Shannon Family

The Stams

Bill Barstow

Alex & Hilda Clark

Anonymous

**IN HONOR OF**

Willene O'Neal

Karen Wetherington

Betsy Burmeister & Rich Reaves,  
Office Staff

Betsy Burmeister, Mark Harper

Rich Reaves & Family

Arnelle & Warren Combs

**IN MEMORY OF**

Frances & David Glaspey

Jane Bundy, Stim Brown,  
Betty & Dan Calbos

Joan Cobb

Jim & Jane Meyers  
Bill & Sara Wagner

Horace & Claudia Burmeister  
Stanley & Doris Reaves

Mary Ruth Ballard

Mary Linn Crowell,  
Joyce & Gary Harding

Margaret & Truman Terry

Bill Powell

Jake Tinga

Carol Wheeler

Lynnette Stertz

Dolly Barstow

Jake Tinga

Dianne Ralph, Maurine Wathen

## **RESUMES Wednesday, January 08, 2020**

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**

Enjoy the holidays! See you in the New Year!  
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

**6:30pm Adult Bible Study**

**6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal**  
**7:20pm Adult Choir**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
YOUTH AT  
COVENANT  
CONNECTION on  
Wed, Jan. 8th**

*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

## **WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL December 22, 2019 at 9:30am**

We get closer to Bethlehem, and this week, we'll finish some coloring work  
before going to the worship center to practice for the child-friendly service!

### **YOUTH GROUP December 22, 2019—**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

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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.

Middle schoolers and high schoolers...spend some time with your families and enjoy the holi-  
days! We'll get together again in the New Year, January 5, and high schoolers will work on their  
lasagna fundraiser and middle schoolers will begin making "facelift plans" and, if needed, helping  
the high schoolers with their fundraiser efforts.

**Note our new gathering time: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

### **YOUTH LASAGNA LUNCHEON**

January 12 at 12:15pm

Adults \$8.00 each

Children 12 - 4 \$4.00

Children 3 and under FREE!



You can pre-order a 1/2 or  
whole lasagna. See DeLynda  
or Bert for pricing!

Wonderful lasagna (meat, cheese or spinach) with garlic bread,  
drink and dessert. Proceeds help youth with Mission Trips!

# 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, January 9th 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!

Please note the address below for Pastor Mark's mother:

Betty Jo Harper

501 V. E. S. Road, Apt. B617

Lynchburg, VA 24503



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, Jan. 6th at 8am.

Cracker Barrel on Epps

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



Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Jan 7th.

Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 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.*

## 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.



**Remember in Prayer:** Mark Harper and family in the passing of his father, Curtis Harper, Lynchburg, VA, 12/19, graveside service is Sunday, 12/22; Family & friends in the passing of Mary Fenner; Family & friends in the passing of Rev. John L. Kipp; All those suffering from winter colds and flu; 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.

**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. bruised
2. healthy
3. officially

*By Marilyn Brown*

Answers to True Colors:  
1. black & blue  
2. in the pink  
3. black & white



**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH  
FEAST ON January 18, 2020!!**

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!*

**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.

**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**

no Scouts

**TUESDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship  
8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY—**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**THURSDAY—**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:30pm CR

**FRIDAY—**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

NO CAVE

8pm New Freedom in FH

**SATURDAY—**

10:30am OEA in Upper Room  
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



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8:30am—9:30am AA

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**THURSDAY—**

7:30pm CR

**FRIDAY—**

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NO CAVE  
8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY—**

10:30am OEA in Upper Room  
12noon Asher Hill in worship center  
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



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**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

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**WORSHIP—December 29, 2019**

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Reader: Luanne Rigsby

Ushers: Bob Trouteaud, Steve Rathbun, Paige Cummings,

Linda & Phil Koehler

Greeters: Randy & Susan Parish

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Counters: Caren Snook, Bill Barstow

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Open the Building: Jim Bowden

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Grounds Stewards: Brian Striggow (Dec. 30—Jan. 5)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

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