

THE COVENANTER January 19, 2020

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery, Synod
of the South Atlantic, General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
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8:30am Worship Resumes TODAY

Sunday, January 19th



Souper Bowl Of Caring, February 2nd. Contributions will go to support **FEAST**, the East Athens Food Distribution, a partnership of local churches that purchase a truck load of food to distribute to hungry families in our community. Each truck load of food costs \$350. Covenant is the host of the food distribution the third Saturday of each month, with the next one on February 15th. Thank you!

Opportunity to Practice Hospitality–*Family Promise* 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 be-

gins for us the week of **February 9th–February 16th** when we host temporarily homeless guests for Family Promise (formally IHN). 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)



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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In celebration and recognition of Mark Harper's 15 years at Covenant a special offering will be received to support Covenant's Benevolence Fund for our neighbors in need. Please mark your check for the benevolence fund.

Thank you!

THE GRADUATES

Restaurant Road Trip

Let's meet for lunch! Join us for good food, company and conversation at a neighborhood spot.

Tuesday, January 28, 12:30 p.m.

Taqueria La Parilla

855 Gaines School Road, Suite B.

Graduates Council Meeting-

We've been working to create a ministry that meets the needs of our wonderfully creative and gifted older adults, and our Graduates Council will meet in the Conference Room to finalize those plans for this year on

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2:00 p.m.

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, January 23rd 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!



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, Jan. 20th at 8am.

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

DOUBLE HITS — *the same words or phrases can share a common expression.*

Example: Peter's Family; judge unfavorably. P A N

1. fresh water fish; complain
2. Opp of swarthy; so-so
3. A fit; way to light up

By Marilyn Brown

Answers to
Double Hits:
1. carp
2. Fair
3. match



Please consider signing up to take a meal to the home of Anna and Gene Holshouser.

To sign up, go to the website takethemameal.com. Under "Find", type in Holshouser and also type Holshouser for the password. Or, you can call Luanne Rigsby, (706) 224-3828 and she can sign you up or walk you through the website sign up process.

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL - Sunday, January 19th! We continue our look at the “post-Christmas stories” about Anna and Simeon with creative activities led by Kay and Paul Brooks and our shepherds, Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver.

Are you interested in brightening the morning for our young people? Please consider bringing a snack for them to enjoy during the Sunday School hour. The box to receive donations is in the hall across from the church office. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP January 19, 2020— This year we serve our hungry neighbors every month as volunteers at FEAST. Come join us and a host of volunteers of all ages, Saturday morning, 8:00 a.m. (Remember: We do not meet on the Sundays of FEAST weekends!)

Are you willing to make a light lunch for our youth groups? If so, please contact our Lunch Volunteers Coordinator, DeLynda Tweedell, 706.540.2473. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the church office.

CONFIRMATION for 6th -12th graders will begin Sunday, January 26, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. For our first gathering, we need magazines with plenty of pictures for making a life wheel. If you have magazines to spare, especially magazines with sports and outdoor photos, please bring them to Rindy's office.

Dear Covenant Family and Friends, Thank you for your generous support of our high school Youth Group's annual Lasagna Luncheon Fundraiser. Under the skilled direction of our close-lipped Iron Chef youth group leaders who guard the treasured lasagna recipe passed down from generations - Bert Ballard-Myer, Sue Goodyear, and Mark Harper - a host of adult volunteers worked tirelessly with our high schoolers in prepping and serving over 100 hungry worshipers in addition to making take-out casseroles for fine dining offsite! We are so grateful for the wonderful gifts of time and talent by these faithful volunteers. More than \$2,000 was received to support the mission programs of our high school youth group. Once again, thank you Covenant!

Wednesday, January 22, 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 facilitates.

Covenant Connection 5:30pm – 7:00pm

This month during Servant Time we'll take a deeper look at what it means to love our neighbors. We'll watch Kid President talk about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and we'll imagine what we can do to change the world...with our two hands.

We continue to need volunteers to help with this vital ministry. If you are able to assist with table set up, meal prep, or “hanging out” with our middle and high schoolers, please sign up on the CovConn Volunteers Sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

6:30pm – 7:30pm ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Join us in the church parlor, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., as we look at the gripping story of Lazarus' death and Jesus' untimely delay, John 11.

6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult Choir



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
YOUTH AT
COVENANT
CONNECTION on
Wed, Jan. 22nd**

*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!

We resume our ongoing study of Anne Lamott's book, *Grace Eventually*,

Tuesday, January 21, 10 a.m., in the home of Georgiana Sumner, 525 Westview Drive. This week we'll talk about the section, “Forgivishess.” Come join us for great conversation, fellowship, and refreshments!

Prayer Concerns: Anna Holshouser with a lung infection, at home; family & friends in the recent passing of Grace Eubank, Boaz, AL; Jeremy Reaves with the flu; Jerry Shannon's parents with health concerns; Robert Terry, Katy Terry's brother, recuperating from surgery; Nancy Rogers, recovering from injuries sustained in a fall; Tineke Van Veenendaal, mother in law of Kate Stam and close friend of Tam & Ton, who has just been diagnosed with cancer of the cheek and jaw, with surgery in the near future to remove and reconstruct her jaw and cheek and radiation; 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 John & Elizabeth Brewer & Caren Snook at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY 20 – 26

Monday	Isaiah 9:1-4
Tuesday	Psalms 27:1-9
Wednesday	I Corinthians 1:10-18
Thursday	Matthew 4:1-11
Friday	Matthew 4:12-17
Saturday	Matthew 4:18-23
Sunday	Matthew 4:23-25



Organizational Meeting

CLIMATE CRISIS – WORKING GROUP

Sunday, February 2, 2020 (NEW DATE)

12:30 PM - Lite Lunch - Conference Room

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.*

*He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.*

All things bright ...

— Cecil Alexander 1848, *Glory to God* #20

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens, Georgia Climate Crisis Working Group is to offer education, resource information, and empowerment on the complex topic of climate change. The Ministry will encourage a healthy exchange of ideas, collaboration, and dialogue that are based on scripture and that demonstrate servant care for the great gift God has given us ... Planet Earth.

After adopting a structure, attendees will be asked to join one of the three working groups underlined in the Mission Statement above. Working to save our planet will be a formidable task, but we resolve — with the help of God — to try. The meeting will last approximately one hour. Please bring your calendar! For Information: Carolyn 706/255-9021 neverstopsearching@yahoo.com, Steve 814/418-0785, rathbun@uga.edu or or Ed 706/543-2760 ralphsathens@att.net.

FINANCIAL REPORT for Week Ending 01/12/2020

ANTICIPATED PLEDGES:

\$249,727.80

ACTUAL PLEDGES:

\$257,483.80

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Joy Offering \$75.00

Dear Ministry Team chairs,

Please remember that January is the month when budget requests for the next fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020 are prepared by the Ministry Teams and sent to Pam Knox, the treasurer. I would love to receive your requests by January 31 so that we can get the next budget done with a minimum of fuss. Since many of you are new, a good place to start is by looking at the current year's budget (which is on the financial summary sheets, or Karen can provide a copy) and review what you have spent so far. Once you have reviewed that, you can decide if the current budget is OK or if you need to make changes.

Thanks for your help and your service to Covenant!

Pam Knox

pnknox@yahoo.com

Did you know that Covenant has an Emergency Food Pantry?

In partnership with the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, our Emergency Food Pantry exists to distribute food to families and individuals in need. For some, this need is on-going. For others, this need may be temporary.

Covenant's Food Pantry is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1PM-4PM.

Did you know that we need volunteers to help distribute the food?

Here is what is needed:

1. Two volunteers each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1-4. You can just sign up for 1 day, or for multiple days. You can also share the 3-hour time slot with 2 friends!
2. When someone comes in requesting food, one person will assist the person in filling out the required one page form, and the other person will go to the food pantry, put the food in the bag, place it in the grocery cart and take the cart to the person.

Interested?

Call or email Betsy Pless 540-1719 bppless@gmail.com

OR- click the link below for an easy sign up.

Please sign up for Covenant Food Pantry!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/login/entry/611848298042>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Thanks so much for your willingness to assist our neighbors in need!



PCUSA Joy Gift Offering

When you give to the Joy Gift Offering, you honor the wondrous gift of Jesus by nurturing the faith we have in God and one another. 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related school and colleges equipping communities of color. 50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. You will find a brochure and envelope in your mailbox. *Please give generously.*

Dear Covenant Family,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift, and especially the kind words. I am also most grateful for the bottomless well of support and commitment, both physical and musical, you've given in launching the handbell choir. We are blessed with a strong foundation moving forward. Since the choir's former nomadic existence, this now feels like home.

With deepest gratitude, *David Boardman*



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES – All Your Favorite Cookies!

Tagalongs, Samoas, Do-Si-Do's, Trefoils, Thin Mints, NEW Lemon Cookie are \$4.00 per box.

SPECIALTY COOKIES: Girl Scout S'More's, and Toffee-Tastic, are \$6.00 a box. See Carrie Tweedell to order.

If you purchased a poinsettia for the worship center during the Christmas season, you are welcome to take it home. Thank you!

Jennifer Frey, Co-Chair Worship Ministry Team

FEED MY SHEEP for January

Covenant is collecting these items for the Athens Emergency Food Bank: Saltines, Cold Breakfast Cereals, Canned Tomatoes, (*such as stewed, diced, whole and etc*).

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



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPPORT

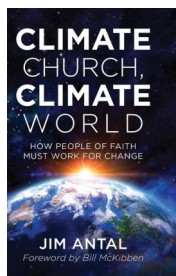
When: Friday, February 7 **Time:** 5:30 PM-9PM **Where:** Home of Tamara Stam, 245 S. Church Street (She lives off of Milledge Avenue not far from *The Tree That Owns Itself*.)

Tamara's Phone: 573-355-3681

This will be a casual pot-luck. If you're feeling excited about a new recipe and want to create a sensational dish, go for it! But if you want to slouch in wearing sweatpants and clutching a bag of store-bought chips and dip, that's fine too! **Building Relationships And Support** (humorously known as "BRAS") is an informal group of Covenant women who gather a few times per year for fun and fellowship. All are welcome. Most often we meet at a member's home for a potluck, but other ideas for social gatherings or events are good too.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM MEETING -FEBRUARY 9th after the 10:45am worship service. Join us as we prepare Valentine cards to send to our college students and home bound members and friends. We will also discuss activities for the upcoming year. Refreshments will be served. *Lu-anne Rigsby, Coordinator for the Congregational Care Ministry*



You will find copies of Jim Antal's book, "Climate Church, Climate World" in the conference room library. We encourage all members of Covenant to read the book. *Bruce & Karen Menke*

Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change by [Jim Antal](#)

WEEK OF January 19, 2020—**SUNDAY—8:30am WORSHIP RESUMES**

9:30 Church School for all

10:45am Worship

No Youth Groups

3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

MONDAY—**OFFICE CLOSED**

8am Covenant Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road

6:30pm Scouts

7pm—8pm AA (New Freedom)

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

5pm Diabetes Class

8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY— 8:30am—9:30am New Freedom

10:00am Adult Bible Study

2pm Graduates Council Meeting

5:30pm—7:00pm Covenant Connection

6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Adult Bible Study

7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters and Knotters

6:15pm Yoga

7:30pm Happy Squares

7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center

10am Worship Sub-Committee Meeting

3:30pm The Cave

8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— Session Retreat (Rivendell B&B , Watkinsville)

10:30am OEA in Upper Room

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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9:30 Church School for all

10:45am Worship

12:30pm Confirmation Class

12:15pm IHN Informational Meeting

3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

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