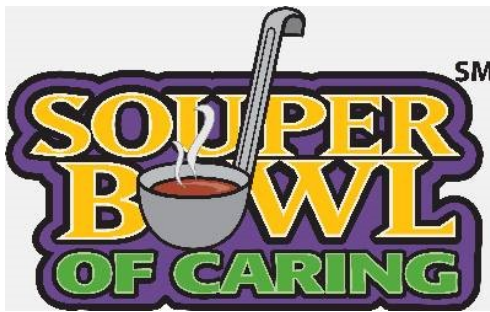


## THE COVENANTER January 26, 2020

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



**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!

### *Family Promise* Opportunity to Help!!!

Covenant will be hosting overnight guests for Family Promise (IHN) the week of February 9-16. Please give thought and prayer of ways you can serve from the

many options: set up, *take down*, provide a meal, *spend the night*, host for two hours one evening, transport guests to and from the Day Center. The sign-up board is in the Gallery (across from the office). Your help is needed and appreciated.



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1065 Gaines School Road  
Athens, Georgia 30605  
706-548-2756 or 706-613-2344  
[www.covpresathens.org](http://www.covpresathens.org)  
[covenantp@covpresathens.org](mailto:covenantp@covpresathens.org)

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.



**CLIMATE CRISIS –  
WORKING GROUP  
SUN. FEB. 2, 2020**

12:30pm with a lite lunch in the Conference Room!

*See page 4 for more information!*

## **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

We need your help to make our children and youth ministries vibrant, especially our Sunday morning WoRM program, Sunday afternoon youth groups, and Wednesday evening Covenant Connection. Here are some opportunities to serve our young people and (by the way!) honor your baptismal vows to raise our children in the Christian faith:

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.

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!

For our first gathering of our Confirmation Class, 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 by Sunday morning.

We continue to need volunteers to help with our vital Covenant Connection ministry which is serving our own young people, kindergarten – twelfth grade, but also young people from our neighborhoods. 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.



## WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL - Sunday, January 26th at 9:30am

We continue our look at the “post-Christmas stories” about Anna and Simeon with creative activities led by Susan Parish and Dell Whitehead and our shepherds, Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver.

**YOUTH GROUPS** The High School Youth Group will meet after worship, noonish - 2:30 p.m. for lunch, retreat planning, and a conversation about faith, our world, and our lives prompted by the insights of Nadia Bolz-Weber.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders will begin after worship, noonish - 2:30 p.m. In our first session we'll look at the BIG questions, “Confirmation: Brainwashing??!! We'll learn more about each other making life wheels and more about the One Who Offers Abundant Life, Jesus Christ, viewing the groundbreaking movie, “The Parable”.

### Wednesday, January 29, 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. This week we'll make Valentines for our friends at Avery Place. (Next week we'll decorate Valentines cookies for them!)

**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 -**  
Wednesday evening - Join us in the church parlor,  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m., as we look at the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, John 13.

**6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal**

**7:30pm Adult Choir**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
YOUTH AT  
COVENANT  
CONNECTION on  
Wed. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>  
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, “Lost and Found”. Come join us for great conversation, fellowship, and refreshments!

# 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 COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

**FEBRUARY 11 at 12:30pm**

Join us for a travel log of Scotland and Wales presented by Phil & Linda Koehler. Bring your favorite dish to share (and bonus points or second helpings for folks that bring Scottish and/or Welsh dishes!)

Oh, and don't forget desserts.

Tea, coffee and water will be provided.

Lunch Bunch Let's meet for good food, great company, and interesting conversation on Tuesday, February 25, 12:30 p.m., at DePalma's Italian Café, 1965 Barnett Shoals Rd

## Knitters & Knotters

**Thursday, January 30 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, Feb. 3rd. 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. Slice of zest; 60's dance
2. Allow; rent
3. Uncensored; uncooked

*By Marilyn Brown*

**Answers to  
Double Hits:**  
1. Twist  
2. Let  
3. raw



Join us for a movie (*Panga*) and lunch, **Tuesday, February 18.** *Panga* is the story of a middle-class Indian woman, a forgotten kabaddi world champion, who decides to live out her inner desire to give a new meaning to her existing role as a wife and mother. She makes an ingenious, courageous decision to come back to the sport of her youth despite the challenges of age stereotypes and a new generation of complexities which create an upheaval in her life as she is torn between family responsibility and love for the sport. The film will be released next week so watch the newsletter for theater details. In the spirit of the movie, let's plan to have lunch beforehand at Taste of India Restaurant, 1040 Gaines School Road.

**Cookies & Punch Reception** in memory of Jean Gibson on Wednesday, January 28 from 2pm – 4pm in Covenant's Fellowship Hall. Graveside service 11am at Evergreen on Thursday, Jan. 29 .

**Memorial Service** at Lord & Stephens East on February 15 at 2pm for Grace Eubank.



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](http://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.

**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, February 26, 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](mailto:paigemercercummings@gmail.com) if you would like to help. The next day of service is Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.



**Prayer Concerns:** Family & Friends in the passing of Jean Gibson on Monday, Jan. 20; Ellie McMinn doing well at home after shoulder surgery on Tuesday, Jan. 21st; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at High Shoals #105; Ruth Brewster at Arbor Terrace #222; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; and John & Elizabeth Brewer, Anna Holshouser & Caren Snook feeling some better (but recovering slowly) at home.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS Jan. 27 – Feb. 02

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Monday    | Psalm 15               |
| Tuesday   | Psalm 16               |
| Wednesday | Psalm 17               |
| Thursday  | Micah 6: 1-8           |
| Friday    | I Corinthians 1: 10-17 |
| Saturday  | I Corinthians 1: 18-31 |
| Sunday    | Matthew 5: 1-12        |

### FINANCIAL REPORT for Week Ending 01/19/2020

#### ANTICIPATED PLEDGES:

\$258,646.65

#### ACTUAL PLEDGES:

\$264,303.80

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

Joy Offering \$255.00



### 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](mailto:neverstopsearching@yahoo.com), Steve 814/418-0785, [rathbun@uga.edu](mailto:rathbun@uga.edu) or or Ed 706/543-2760 [ralphsathens@att.net](mailto:ralphsathens@att.net).

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

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\* WHO'S WHO AT COVENANT: \*  
\* WHO AT COVENANT WAS A CLASSMATE \*  
\* OF REV. DR. BRAD SMITH AT \*  
\* COLUMBIA IN '87? \*  
\* WHO'S WHO: KAREN REDWINE. \*  
\* The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with \*  
\* a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at \*  
\* Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, \*  
\* South Carolina: Lord, even as we enjoy the \*  
\* Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of \*  
\* those who are without a bowl of soup to eat. \*  
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### 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. *Luanne Rigsby, Coordinator for the Congregational Care Ministry*

### NEW STUDY ON PARABLES (from the Back Side) The Emmaus Road Adult Sunday School Class - beginning this Sunday, January 26 at 9:30am—10:30am

Come join our study of familiar bible stories from a whole new perspective. We will study "Parables from the Back Side Volume 1: Bible Stories with a Twist", by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Kalas creatively approaches Jesus' parables clarifying basic teachings while introducing new possibilities of meaning. The result will open us to new perspectives on these stories from Jesus. The Emmaus Road class features lively discussions and personal insights as we uncover how to trust in God and live our lives as authentic Christians in a world of constant change. The Emmaus Road Class, facilitated by Bob Trouteaud, meets in the conference room next to the church office on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. Join us for worthy conversations on how the Bible speaks to us today. No pre-reading is needed for the class this Sunday. *Hope to see you there!*







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|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Colleen Cook     | 12 Delaney Braswell    | 22 Randy Morrison   |
| 2 Heide Wiegel     | 13 Bill Lindstrom      | 23 John Floyd       |
| 3 Benjamin Simpson | 16 Rosalie Bouton-Wise | Ayla Dartez         |
| 4 Michael Capie    | 17 Heidi Nibbelink     | 27 Carolyn Hatfield |
| 5 Paul Van Wicklen | 18 Jim Bowden          | Nate Nibbelink      |
| 8 Georgia James    | Willene O'Neal         | Barbara Parker      |
| 9 Warren Combs     | 19 Tom Rigsby          |                     |
| Sallie Hale        | 21 John Scott          |                     |



## Healing Grief Workshop

Wednesdays February 12, 2019 - April 8, 2019

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Griffin-DuBose Healing Lodge  
240 Talmadge Drive

A nine-week workshop for those who have lost someone through death.  
The loss does not have to be cancer related.

### Topics:

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Getting Acquainted  | Stress Management |
| Understanding Grief | Anniversaries     |
| Remembering         | Memorialization   |
| Accepting           | Role Changes      |

Pre-registration is required for this workshop.

Please call 706-475-4900

This free workshop is sponsored by the "In Their Shoes" Walk

## Bowden Church Vocations Fund

### Covenant Presbyterian Church

February 2020

Named in honor of Jim & Jere Bowden's 35 year ministry at Covenant. The Bowden Church Vocations Fund was established in 1996 by our Session to support members who have been called to full-time employment in some form of Christian ministry.

A special offering for the Bowden Fund will be received in the month of February. There will be an insert and envelope in your mailbox February 9th. Thank you!

**WEEK OF January 26, 2020—****SUNDAY—8:30am Worship**

9:30 Church School for all  
 10:45am Worship  
 12:30pm Confirmation Class  
 12:15pm IHN Informational Meeting and lunch in fellowship hall  
 3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

**MONDAY—****OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30pm Scouts  
 7pm—8pm AA (New Freedom)

**TUESDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 10am Adult Bible Study at Georgiana Sumner  
 10am Presbytery Coord. Team Meeting  
 12:30pm Restaurant Road Trip to La Parilla  
 8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY—**

8:30am—9:30am New Freedom  
 10:00am Adult Bible Study  
 2pm—4pm Reception (Jean Gibson)  
 5:30pm—7:00pm Covenant Connection  
 6:20pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study  
 7:30pm Adult Choir

**THURSDAY—**

11am Graveside Service for Jean Gibson at Evergreen Memorial Park  
 2pm Knitters and Knotters  
 6:15pm Yoga  
 7:30pm CR

**FRIDAY—**

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

**SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned**

10:30am OEA in Upper Room

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**WORSHIP—January 26, 2020****8:30am**

**Reader:** Rich Reaves

**Ushers:** Dennis & Carol Calbos

**10:45am**

**Reader:** Steve Follin

**Ushers:** Linda & Phil Koehler, Dick Zimdars, Stephanie Cahill, Katy Terry

**Greeters:** Phil & Sallie Hale

**Congregational Care:** DeLynda Tweedell (Feb. Bert Ballard-Myer)

**Counters:** Pam Knox, Judy Capie

**Flowers:** Juergen Wiegel

**Plant Care:** Frank Allen

**Open the Building:** Rich Reaves

**Close the Building:** Alex Clark

**Grounds Stewards:** Hank Tweedell (Jan 27—Feb 2)

**Nursery/Super:** Rebecca Rea

**Birth—Walking:** Rebecca Rea

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

**WEEK OF February 02, 2020—****SUNDAY—8:30am Worship**

9:30 Church School for all  
 10:45am Worship  
 12:30pm Confirmation Class  
 12:30pm Climate Crisis-with lite lunch in Conf. Room  
 3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

**MONDAY—****OFFICE CLOSED**

8am Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Rd  
 6:30pm Scouts  
 7pm—8pm AA (New Freedom)

**TUESDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 10am Adult Bible Study at Georgiana Sumner  
 8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY—8:30am—9:30am New Freedom**

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
 1pm 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 CR

**FRIDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 3:30pm The Cave  
 5:30pm Building Relationships & Support *at Stam's residence*  
 8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned**

10:30am OEA in Upper Room

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**WORSHIP—February 02, 2020****8:30am**

**Reader:** Wayne Crowell

**Ushers:** Wayne Crowell, Alan Edwards

**10:45am**

**Reader:** Jim Newland

**Ushers:** Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Jim McMinn, Katy Terry

**Greeters:** Brian Herndon, Wyatt Herndon

**Congregational Care:** Bert Ballard-Myer

**Counters:** Bill Barstow, Pam Knox

**Flowers:** Juergen Wiegel

**Plant Care:** Frank Allen

**Open the Building:** Alan Edwards

**Close the Building:** Hank Tweedell

**Grounds Stewards:** Alex Clark (Feb. 3—9)

**Nursery/Super:** DeLynda Tweedell

**Birth—Walking:** DeLynda Tweedell

**Walking—5 years old:** Patrick, Alice, Lila, & George McMaster