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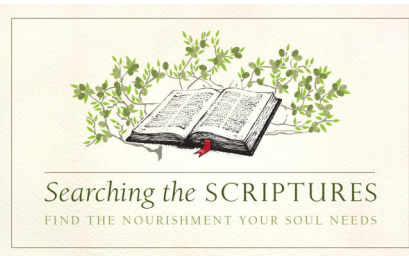
This Sunday May 3rd is Communion Sunday. Please use what you have available for the elements as we celebrate Communion together

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service, Sunday, April 19th :
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCKRp1t3MnecoYXnds4X03A>

Prayer Concerns: Kim McClain's mother struggling with health issues in Florida; Katy Terry's brother, Rob diagnosed with cancer; June Meyers's niece's family mourning her death from cancer; Bill Rigsby recuperating at home from surgery; For those who are affected by the COVID-19 illness, as well as their caregivers, our healthcare professionals, government leaders and those who are working around the clock to minimize the impact of this virus; Mike Swanson recovering at home from chemotherapy; Paula Zimdars recovering at home and awaiting radiation treatment ; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Ruth Brewster at Arbor Terrace #222; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; John & Elizabeth Brewer, & Anna Holshouser at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—April 27—May 3

Monday Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
Tuesday Psalm 117
Wednesday Psalm 118: 1-9
Thursday I Peter 1: 17-23
Friday Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Saturday Luke 24: 13-27
Sunday Luke 24: 28-35



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Update on Stewardship Pledges for 2020-2021! We are in the middle of our annual stewardship / pledge program but with "sheltering in place" this year is anything but normal. This year, we need to have everyone mail, or email, your pledge to the church office. Your pledge commitment is needed to help us plan for our summer activities and community missions. Your support in the past has helped us make a difference in our community and around the world. I would like to encourage you to make a pledge to the mission and ministry of our church. You will be a part of transforming lives! If you have not returned your pledge card, please mail it to the church soon. You can also call the church office to request a new pledge card if you misplaced the original.

HOW TO GIVE. There is a new online giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation at this link <http://covpresathens.org/wp/contributions/>. Or you can click on this link www.covpresathens.org and click on online giving. And as always you can mail your check to the church office. Thankyou for your faithful giving!



FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week#43

Anticipated Pledges \$383,351.04

Actual Pledges \$377,892.59

Thank you for your faithful giving!



Presbyterian Women will meet on ZOOM on Thursday, May 14th at 9:30. Please read Lesson 9 and discover the difference between the Hebrew words chemdah (in Exodus) and ta'avah (in Exodus) as we study the tenth Love Word (Commandment).

We will not have our Salad and Dessert Luncheon but we will have a short Birthday Offering Worship at the end of our lesson. Since 1922 PW have been funding mission projects through the Birthday Offering and one of this year's recipients is GAP Ministries in Augusta, GA. Please send a check to Covenant for a dollar for your age, or a quarter or any amount and designate it for the PW Birthday Offering. All women may participate! Thank you very much!

Many thanks to Juergen Wiegel for his lovely floral arrangements in the worship center each week!





In addition to our handwashing station, Covenant now has a Little Free Pantry for anyone in need. The pantry was built and donated by UGA students Charlie Deyo, Michelle Mason, Reilly Stafford, and Ian Johnson as part of a Communications class project on food insecurity. We are grateful for their love for our neighbors!

JAVA JOY - HELP US BECOME THE NATION'S LARGEST AND BEST PLACE TO WORK FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.

Coming to Cedar Creek Neighborhood May 5 at 9am—10:30am at the pool area, Java Joy will be SAFELY visiting to serve coffee, Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits, and joy-filled interactions. One of our Joyristas, Hannah Baird, will be spreading joy from the Java Joy cart and will maintain social distance from customers. We ask for customers to stay 6-feet apart, wear appropriate face masks, and PLEASE order in advance. PRE-ORDER LINK: java-joy.org/neighborhood-popup



Java Joys Mission & Vision Our mission is to empower people of all abilities to transform others by spreading their unmatched joy. Our vision is to become the largest employer and best place to work in the U.S. for adults with disabilities. Our vehicle is a mobile coffee cart and a passion for joy. Java Joy is a 501(c)(3) entity with headquarters in Athens, Georgia.



During the Corvid-19 crisis we are scheduling online opportunities to grow in discipleship. Church school classes for all ages, midweek studies, and youth group programs from Montreat are available online, and the links to these opportunities which require ZOOM invitations may be viewed weekly on our church website: covpresathens.org. Make it a habit to check the website often for links to our weekly newsletter and other communications, online giving, and our Sunday morning virtual worship services!



Congratulations to Covenants Confirmands for 2020!

Luke Shannon, Thomas Bowden, George McMaster, Jacob Page, and Owen Barnett!

CONGRATULATIONS! Elizabeth and SIL Hampton of Greenwich, SC welcomed a baby girl last Sunday morning (in the middle of Phil Hales Zoom Sunday School class). Named Macie Hale Watkins, she arrived a bit earlier than planned, but all are home and doing well, under the watchful eye of older sister, Callie Rose. Proud Grandparents are Phil & Sallie Hale.





Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry

Members, and friends of Covenant have been giving generously of their time and talents to the Emergency Food Pantry. As you can imagine, the need is great. For the month of March 331 families were served by the wonderful volunteers of Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry.

we will be following the process one of our volunteers dubbed the "Chick Fi La" approach:

Food will be bagged ahead of time and placed on tables in the fellowship hall. More square footage there allows for ease of social distancing.

Meat and cheese will be added at the time of distribution. (if available)

Neighbors in need of food will be instructed by our "parking lot attendant" to drive up to the side door of the fellowship hall.

Food bags will then be handed off to the neighbor.

Jesus said, "You give them something to eat."

We have masks, gloves and sanitizer for volunteers

Currently, Covenant's Food Pantry is still available on Tuesdays, Thursdays 1pm – 4pm.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

STAY SAFE—If there is any reason at all that you should NOT physically volunteer-consider the following:

Make a financial donation to the Food Pantry by sending a check to Covenant and write "food pantry" in the subject line. (*You could send it in at the same time you send in your pledge*).

We can use grocery bags (paper or plastic), and small boxes to pack the food. If you call the church, someone could even come out to your car and get it.

If you are able to physically be present as a volunteer:

Click the link below for an easy sign up or call or email Betsy Pless 540-1719
bppless@gmail.com

You can just sign up for 1 day, or for multiple days. You can also share the 3-hour time slot with 2 friends!

HOW TO 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.*