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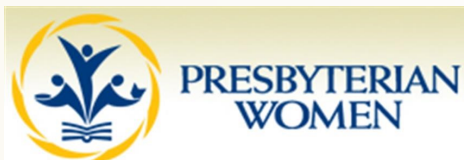
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THE COVENANTER

November 08, 2020

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

The Session has called for our **Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held on **Sunday, November 15**, via Zoom at 11am – for the purposes of approving the pastors' call in the new fiscal year, reviewing the 2020-2021 budget, hearing updates on various ministries during this unprecedented year! *Please look for your ZOOM invite in your email. If you have not received your invite by Friday November 13 please notify the church office and one will be sent to you.*



ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 12th Beginning

at 9:30am

Presbyterian Women will meet Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 via ZOOM, which Karen, our faithful co-worker, will make work! Pastor Rindy will be our Lesson 3 leader which is entitled "Women's Lament". Please read the lesson and have your Bibles and Hymnals handy. We will be ending the lesson with Hymn #515, "I Come with Joy" so come find out what that has to do with lament!

Look for your ZOOM invite in your email. If you do not receive your invite by November 11 please contact Karen at 706-548-2756

Graduates ZOOM

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 10 12:30pm—1:30pm

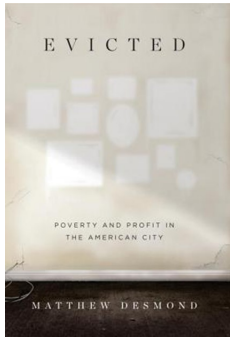
We will share our most memorable Thanksgiving celebrations while we enjoy a meal together—
virtually!

Please contact our Graduates coordinator, Betsy Pless for a
ZOOM invitation.



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Join the Social Justice Book Club! NEW STARTING DATE: November 10th we will dive into the MacArthur Genius Award winner Matthew Desmond's *Eviction: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Each week we will examine the irrevocable damage caused by evictions, systemic poverty, discrimination, and exploitation. Based on years of entrenched fieldwork and meticulously assembled data, through *Evicted*, we will explore the causes of extreme poverty and fresh ideas for solving the devastating, uniquely American problem. Each week, starting at 7 PM, we will discuss the book, issues of poverty, discrimination, and justice with professors, housing experts, and community leaders. For more info email Travis at twilliams@covpresathens.org. Book are available for purchase from the church office. \$15 each or you can order your book online on Amazon for \$15.28 plus shipping.

Parents and All Who Love Our Toddlers and Preschoolers! We have added a weekly offering for toddlers and preschoolers on the virtual ministries page of our church website, www.covpresathens.org. Scroll to the bottom of the site and look for stories, songs, and fun activities to help our younger children understand some beloved Bible stories!

Family Promise Week is Here!

Family Promise of Athens (formally known as Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens) will participate in Family Promise's national Family Promise Week, a weeklong event that seeks to raise awareness for the fight against family homelessness and the challenges low-income families are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The nonprofit is one of 200 Family Promise Affiliates nationwide.

Kelly Girtz, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, has proclaimed the week of October 18 as Family Promise Week. Mayor Girtz urges all citizens to recognize and raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in our community. Davin Welter, Executive Director of Family Promise of Athens, thanks all volunteers and donors who help FPA carry out its mission of preventing families from becoming homeless, sheltering those in crisis, and stabilizing families so they are no longer at risk.

Each year in America, 2.5 million children experience homelessness. One in sixteen American children will experience homelessness before they reach the first grade. These children are three times more likely to be placed in special education programs, eight to nine times more likely to repeat a grade, and seven times more likely than their peers to commit suicide. The COVID-19 crisis has increased economic instability, creating an even greater risk of homelessness for American families.

Those who wish to support these efforts can donate to Family Promise of Athens at FPGives.org. A generous anonymous donor will match all gifts during this week. If we can raise \$25,000, the donor will match that amount with a \$25,000 gift.

Make a difference by making a gift.

You can make a secure contribution through our webpage at
<http://www.ihnathens.org/donate-now.html>

or by mailing a check to
FPA, PO Box 581, Athens, GA 30603..



Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers Advent is around the corner and here are our youth group activities for November:

Middle schoolers - during the month of November you are invited to be a part of upcoming Advent worship services by taking and submitting photos to the church technology team. Think about where you might see Jesus today - in your neighborhood, outdoors in nature, maybe your school, on the soccer field, at your grandparents' home, in the Chick fil-A drive-thru, sitting in a Zaxby's booth, in the Walmart parking lot, anywhere you think Jesus might hang out - and using your cellphone **HORIZONTALLY**, snap photos of scenes. Then, send those photos in a text or e-mail to: **bob@trouteaud.com or 404-405-6085**. We will use your photos in a montage at the end of our Advent worship services beginning Sunday, November 29 and continuing through Sunday, December 20. You will be listed under the photography credits on the YouTube videos that include your photos. Questions? Contact Rindy by phone or text, 678-231-7556.

High schoolers - this month we begin designing and assembling our Christmas float that will "visit" our friends and neighbors who are homebound and wanting to see and hear the Good News of Christmas in a way that lets them know how much they are loved and missed. Youth group leaders will set up outdoor work sessions in consultation with you. These work sessions will require masking and social distancing and will be arranged to meet your busy schedules. Bert Ballard-Myer will contact you via the app, GroupMe. If you need to install this app on your cellphone or other device, please call, text, or e-mail Bert, **mysammie1@yahoo.com and 706-207-2665**.

Prayer Concerns: Chris Wilson and family in the passing of her nephew, Paul; Anne Page with a hip infection and in hospice care at Avery Place; Alice McMaster testing positive for Covid-19; Shirley Hunt now in rehab at Landmark Hospital in Athens; Ginger Davis-Beck undergoing cancer treatments; June Meyer's niece diagnosed with cancer; Dan Stoneburner waiting surgery option; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; for our Nation.

Shirley Hunt would love to hear from her church family while she is in rehab. Cards can be mailed to: Landmark Hospital,

Attention: Shirley Hunt Room #206, 775 Sunset Drive, Athens, GA 30606.

Daily Bible Readings Nov 9—15

Monday	Psalm 123: 1-4
Tuesday	Psalm 135
Wednesday	Psalm 145
Thursday	Joel 1: 15-22
Friday	Revelation 18: 15-24
Saturday	I Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Sunday	Matthew 25: 14-30



Little Food Pantry – We continue to seek out new and faithful ways to respond to the needs of the food insecure and homeless friends in our community. UGA students built a Little Food Pantry on our church campus. It is located outside the doors of our fellowship hall. Little Food Pantries are scattered throughout Athens, and their purpose is to respond to the emergency food needs of hungry folks. We encourage you to help us keep our Little Food Pantry stocked with pop-top single serve canned goods that do not require cooking, peanut butter and jelly, packaged crackers, healthy snack items. Small individual personal hygiene items (ie: soap, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, and shampoos) in a zip lock bag with a granola bar of some kind is also needed. Please remember everything must be sealed to prevent ant infestations...*Please no raisins.*



The Covenant coffee closet still has lots of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate ! Although the regular office hours and services are suspended, the church is open on Tuesdays 5pm—7pm and Thursdays 1pm - 4 pm at the Food Pantry. *Please call the church office at 706-548-2756 and place your order and when you would like to pick it up. A food pantry volunteer will hand your order as you drive through the parking lot.* In this time of uncertainty, let's not forget the hard working farmers and their families who depend on the Equal Exchange folks to buy their coffee at a Fair Price !!!

Any questions please contact Sandy Whitney at sandrawhitney08@gmail.com.

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. Thank you for your faithful giving!

FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #19
Anticipated Pledges \$164,423.08
Actual Pledges—\$172,912.20
Thank you for your faithful giving!

Actions You Can Take for a More Humane Community!



Contact lawmakers at the local, state, and federal level about pending animal welfare platforms. Enacting laws against malicious animal cruelty, animal fighting, killing marine mammals, stopping extreme confinement of farm animals, and banning trophy hunting of carnivores has been transformative. Public officials will act when they hear from people demanding change. Sign up for email alerts at hslf.org. *Jere Bowden and the Green Dream Team.*



Upcycling Flat Magnets

You know the kind:

The UGA football schedule on the frig, the back of your realtor's business card or the tiny paper tear off calendar from the mechanic, the removable ad from the phone book. Easy to glue onto the back of a card, piece of art, or other sign of encouragement, keeping it in sight of the recipient. Kathy Boardman will happily receive your extras, to extend this gentle ministry.

Beecher's home church South Highland Presbyterian in Birmingham, AL, had a hymnsing worship service the evening of Wed. Nov. 4, asking members to submit favorites. They used the one that Beecher turned in for her Mother! If you'd like to listen to it click on the YouTube link below. It comes after Holy, Holy, Holy!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SouthHighland>



Did you know that diapers cost the average family \$900 per year and that 1 in 3 American families struggle to meet this need? Diaper need is a lack of sufficient supply of diapers to keep babies clean and dry.

Join us as we partner with Athens Area Diaper Bank for a month-long diaper drive by bringing unused diapers of all sizes to the church during the normal food pantry hours Tuesdays 5pm—7pm, or Thursdays 1pm—4pm. For more information email Travis at twilliams@covpresathens.org.

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

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.

*the **Tuesday Food Pantry hours are 5PM-7PM**. This is being done with the thought that there may be people who work and are also in need of assistance from the Food Pantry. There also may be volunteers who work but would like to volunteer. The Thursday Food Pantry hours will remain the same: 1PM-4PM. A hearty THANK-YOU to the many volunteers who help feed our neighbors.*

Some of our Volunteers!



Sandy Whitney, Chris Wilson & Sue Loegel

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.

