

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER June 30, 2024

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



### LOVE OFFERING June 23 to July 21, 2024.

Our sister church, The Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren, located in Olomouc, CZ, needs extensive repairs and renovation. Repairs for this beautiful, 100+ year old structure will be expensive and will take place over the next 6 years. The ECCB congregation is a vibrant and active church working hard to share the good news of God's Word in Olomouc and beyond. The people have warmly embraced Covenant, welcoming our visits and friendships. We will be collecting donations to contribute to the renovation fund from June 23 to July 21, 2024. Please note ECCB or Olomouc on your check or envelope.

The following link will show you pictures of the church, but the dialog is in Czech. There is an English version of the construction schedule provided. The link does not work for direct donations. <https://kostelnanaplavce.cz/en/>



The Music Ministry and Fellowship Committee will present the **Covenant Coffee House** on

**Wednesday, July 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Those interested in sharing their talent may sign up at the name tag/welcome table on Sunday morning or email me at [acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org](mailto:acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org). Aaron will respond to confirm logistical needs for each presentation.

Those interested in bringing a dessert may contact Rebecca Silver at [ohiosilver@windstream.net](mailto:ohiosilver@windstream.net) or Caly DePalma at [calyd44@gmail.com](mailto:calyd44@gmail.com)



**Sunday, July 21, 2024**  
**Covered Dish Luncheon**  
(Details to follow)

We will be celebrating the Gabriel Family (Roman, Adela, Sara and Lucka), as they visit and bring greetings from our sister church in Olomouc, CZ. Joan Prittie will be their host. Please plan to celebrate our partnership as we join in fellowship.

Have a safe and happy July 4th!

The church office will be closed  
Thursday, July 4 and will reopen on  
Friday July 5.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Dennis Calbos recovering from back surgery June 28; Dick Zimdars recovering from a mild stroke; Winnie Mburu's finance's father passed away from cancer; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA; June Meyers' sister, Fae in PA receiving home care for stage 4 colon cancer; Joe & June's nephew, Ted in Hospice care and their niece, Wendy, recently diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer; Bill Lindstrom recovering from surgery last week; DeLynda Tweedell's step-mother, Clarice Davis having a heart procedure July 3; Oglethorpe Community child, Mercee Nimmons is in ICU with multiple injuries from a horrific accident; Shari Cobb's nephew, Josh, in hospital in Chicago with viral encephalitis, responding well from treatment; Larry Hatfield undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; Missy Green's co-worker, Jesse Haley in the passing of her husband from unknown causes and the family of Fredrick Bolton, who passed away last week from an accident; Brian Striggow's wife, Becky at home; Juergen & Heide Wiegel at home; and our nation.

*Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or kwetherington@covpresathens.org or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to the Pastor.*

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 \* **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** \*  
 \* 2 Samuel 5: 1-5,9-10, Psalm 48, Ezekial 2: 1-5, \*  
 \* Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 and \*  
 \* Mark 6: 1-13 \*  
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The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is in desperate need of **BROWN PAPER BAGS**. Please **NO** egg cartons at this time. Consider asking for paper bags with your groceries and a few more for the food bank. Thank you!



God's commands to love one another and to live lives of service are daily tasks that we strive to embody at Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our *Caring Hands* need your caring heart to continue to support our mission and to serve our mighty God and our brothers & sisters in Christ. Please show your care and consider a one-time gift or an annual giving commitment to the *Caring Hands* Fund. You can contribute at <https://www.phgainc.org/donate/> or make your check out to Covenant with Caring Hands in the memo portion of the check.

**Tomatoes at TERRAPIN**

*Save the Date!*

**14th Annual Fundraiser benefiting**



*Athens Wellness Clinic*  
 Compassionate Healthcare for the Uninsured

**Saturday, July 20th 4pm—7pm**

Featuring:  
 Live Music!  
 Fresh tomato sandwiches!

More info available at [www.athenswellnessclinic.org](http://www.athenswellnessclinic.org).



## Highlights of the June 23, 2024 Stated Session Meeting

A stated Session meeting was held on June 23, 2024. For her devotional, Kathryn Fowler read 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 and Isaiah 43:19 on grace and new beginnings. God invites us to release yesterday's burdens and embrace the promise of tomorrow. Because of grace, it is never too late for new life!

According to the Financial Summary for May, 2024, we will probably end the year with a surplus. Ministry Teams were urged to submit reimbursements before June 30<sup>th</sup>, the end of the fiscal year.

Clerk, Luanne Rigsby stated that following some corrections made in the numbers and the passing of Jim Verbrugge, the total membership is 212.

Stephanie Cahill, inactive elder, has been nominated with Dick Zimdars to serve on the Nominating Committee for the next class of elders. They will solicit the congregation for nominations of someone; who has never been an elder to be elected with them by the congregation at an upcoming Congregational Meeting.

Kathryn Fowler, member of the PNC, introduced Rev. Joel Thomas (Tom) Buchanan, Jr. as the newly called pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Tom told a bit about himself and his wife, Lisa, and expressed his gratitude and excitement for this call. He answered questions from Session and said that he hopes to learn as much as he can about Covenant to get up to speed as much as possible before he begins work. Session approved that July 31, 2024, will be Rev. Teresa Franklin's last day as interim pastor and August 1, 2024, will be Rev. Tom Buchanan's start date.

Session approved that on September 14, 2024, Covenant will host the NEGA Presbytery's Presbyterian Women's Workshop, originally planned for June.

Session discussed the possibility of offering programming for our youth in the coming months with the resignation of the youth minister at First Presbyterian. Conversation to be continued.

Bert Ballard-Myer of the Mission Outreach Ministry Team announced two new outreach offerings that Amy Baer is working on for this fall: Experiencing Creation Through the Arts and Theology on Tap Bible Study for ages 21 and older.

Covenant Coffeehouse talent show will be July 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Those interested in sharing their talents may sign up at the name tag/welcome table on Sunday morning or by emailing Music Director, Aaron Carter-Enyi, at [acarterenyi@covpresathens.org](mailto:acarterenyi@covpresathens.org). Those interested in bringing a dessert may contact Valerie at [valeriefreystone@gmail.com](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com).

Submitted by *Luanne Rigsby*, Clerk of Session

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

8:30am Church School

*Adult Classes:*

Journey Class

Upper Room Class

*Children's Class*  
K-5th will resume  
in August 2024

10:00am Worship

SUNDAY, June 30—Worship 10am

USHERS/GREETERS: Jim Newland, Robyn Malone, Randy & Susan Parish

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

SUNDAY, July 7—Worship 10am

USHERS/GREETERS: Katy Terry, Chris Wilson, Sandy & Jim Whitney

LITURGIST: Stephanie Cahill

### OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson 1st Sunday Judy Capie 2nd Sunday

Pam Knox 3rd Sunday Tim Foutz 4th Sunday

Dick Zimdars 5th Sunday

### GROUNDS STEWARDS

First Monday Week—Katy Terry & Chris Wilson

Second Monday Week—Don Bower & Alex Clark

Third Monday Week—Phil Hale & Phil Koehler

Fourth Monday Week—Susan & Randy Parish

5th Monday Week—Ellen Stoneburner & June Meyers



Nursery  
Ministry

June 30, 2024

Luanne Rigsby, Wyatt Herndon

July 7, 2024

Adam & Rebecca Rea

**Ministry** Sign up on the bulletin board  
of next to the mailboxes to provide  
**Flowers** flowers for worship services. You  
can arrange them yourself or order from a  
florist. If you would like to commemorate an  
event please let the church office know so we  
can publish it in the newsletter and/or bulletin.

June 30

July 7

July 14



Wednesday

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Will resume July 31 at 6:00pm



We are the *Athens Women's Singing Circle* (men are welcomed). We have been together for 23 years and anyone who likes to sing can join us. We often sing at retirement homes and other venues to cheer people up. Plus appear at fundraisers and farmers markets. We sing songs from various genres — from decades past to the present. Please join us. All are welcome!

EVERY THURSDAY AT 3:00, except when we go to nursing homes. Notice will be given when you join our email.

# Ways to Serve @ Covenant *Covenant Cares!*

## Covenant Food Pantry Every Thursday

SHIFT 1: Unloading and  
Bagging the Food  
(9:30am – 11:30am)

SHIFT 2: Food Distribution  
12: 30pm – 3pm



You can click on the pic or sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5aa22a20-covenant#/>

**NEEDED:** Volunteers for summer distribution as most of the students are gone.

*Recycle your plastic grocery bags with the food pantry. You can bring them to the church office or leave in the fellowship hall.*

*Thank you Covenant and May We All Have Enough!*

**Covenant Cooks! Every First Tuesday of the month, our Covenant group alternates serving dinner to the children and families of the Athens Area Homeless Shelter and the UGA students at The Table (formerly the PSC). Click the **signup link to volunteer and for more info!****



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>



**Volunteers Needed: Athens Free Clinic @ Covenant, Fall and Spring Clinic Dates Added**

If you are interested in helping out with one of our clinics, please sign up at the link below. As a volunteer

your tasks are quite simple.... welcoming the medical team into the church building, cheerfully greeting clients as they arrive for their appointments and assisting the doctor and medical students with handing out intake forms! Here is the link to sign up for all of our upcoming volunteer spots:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>

Also, if you know anyone in need of free health care, please give them this link to schedule an appointment:

<https://calendly.com/covenantclinic/free-clinic-appointment>

**DEADLINE EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE!**

## COOKING

### BASICS CARE PACKAGES FOR SENIORS

Many seniors served by Meals on Wheels in Athens do not have the means to get simple condiments and spices for cooking at home. These items are also not available for ACCA to purchase from the NEGA Food Bank. We are hopeful that by partnering with each other, First Pres. and Covenant will be able to fill this need for our most vulnerable neighbors as the summer begins. If you are able to help, please purchase the items listed below and place them in a paper grocery bag and bring them to church by the end of June!

**NEEDED ITEMS:**  
Cooking Oil  
Sugar  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayo  
Salt  
Pepper  
Garlic Powder  
Chili Powder  
Italian Seasoning

**HAVE QUESTIONS?!**  
Rev. Amy Baer  
[abaer@covpresathens.org](mailto:abaer@covpresathens.org)



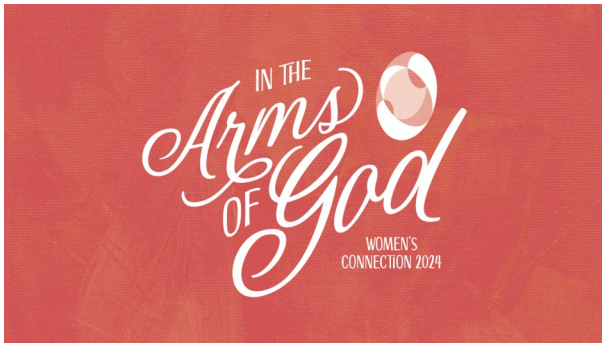
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!**

The "UPPER ROOM" Summer Schedule Class will begin at 8:30am. Location: "Upper Room" Classroom at the top of the ramp and Via Zoom. James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in The Present Word. If you would like to participate, via Zoom please contact James at [gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com).

The "JOURNEY" Summer Schedule Class will begin at 8:30am.

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. Join us as we study the book, *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

**CHILDREN's SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for K-5 will resume in August 2024!**



**Women's Connection 2024—  
Montreat Conference Center**

**IN THE ARMS OF GOD  
August 9–11, 2024**

For more info and to register click  
on the link below:

<https://montreat.org/events/wc-2024>

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Mission & Outreach Team Meeting**

**Thursday, August 1 at 11 a.m.**

**Bring your own lunch**

This meeting will take place between the morning and afternoon shifts of the Covenant Food Pantry, so feel free to come early to help or stay afterward to help if you weren't planning to do so already!

Please click on this link <https://www.covpresathens.org/documents/session-minutes/> for the session minutes. When you scroll down you will see links to earlier minutes. If you would like minutes from previous years please let me know at [kwetherington@covpresathens](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens).

**HOW TO GIVE.** There is a new online giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation at this link <https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving/>

Or you can click on this link [www.covpresathens.org](http://www.covpresathens.org) and click on online giving. And as always you can mail your check to the church office or give in person.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #52**

Anticipated Pledges — \$426,004.00

Actual Pledges — \$403,238.37

Non-Pledged - \$17,465.10

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

Caring Hands \$950.00

Olomouc Renovations \$200.00

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**Covenant by the Week!**

**July 7, 2024**

**SUNDAY**

9:30am Nursery

8:30am Upper Room Adult Bible Study

8:30am Journey Class Adult Bible Study

10:00am Worship—

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**

Bells of NEGA will resume July 15

11:00am New Horizons Band

7:00pm 12 Step Group

**TUESDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution

1pm Covenant Food Distribution

11:00am Harmony English Conversation Class

7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

**WEDNESDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band in Fellowship Hall

7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

**THURSDAY** Office **CLOSED FOR 4th of July**

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