



# Covenant Chimes



October 2022

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

## Notes from Session

### September 6

Nine ruling elders and teaching elder Andy Cooke were present. Three elders and teaching elder Katelyn Gordon Cooke were excused. Also attending were Treasurer Aubrey Moore and Music Director Lyn Patterson. Moderator Andy called the meeting to order.

After all the motions necessary to begin the meeting, Andy's devotion was *the Scots Confession* from the *Book of Confession*. Following discussion, he opened the meeting with prayer.

The Consent Calendar consisted of minutes from Stated Session meeting August 2, 2022, and the Called Session meeting August 21, 2022. The Consent Calendar was approved.

### The Clerk reported:

1. Facility use:  
Fellowship Hall: Jim Crimmins  
Saturday September 13, 2022  
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Birthday party
2. Membership: Four new members:  
Charmaine Angwafo, Melissa and Jeremy Tyler, and Amelia Hall
3. Commissioners Aubrey Moore, Judy Grieve and Mary McCarter gave their report from the Presbytery meeting August 20, 2022.

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## From Our Pastor

When we first arrived at Covenant four years ago, we were struck by how often the congregation would eat together. There were Wednesday night dinners, of course. But we also had first Sunday breakfasts. There was Salt Shakers, which were small gatherings in peoples' homes where everyone brought a dish. We had special events, like the annual chili cookoff. And it seemed that we had a potluck after worship every few weeks. I remember some members of the Congregational Life Ministry Team asking if we could limit those potluck lunches to just once each month because of the amount of work that it took to set up and clean up.

During pandemic, all those events organized around food were discontinued. We added the occasional Food Truck Friday, which was an innovative and enjoyable way to eat together. We brought back Ladies for Lunch and the men's brown bag lunch earlier this year, but I wonder if we'll ever see others return. It may be that it was time to discontinue some of those events so that new things could emerge.

At first glance, food may seem irrelevant to our mission. But if you pause long enough to consider it, you'll remember that we have a table in the center of our worship space. One of our most important acts of worship is to invite people to that table to eat together. Jesus even calls himself bread and wine and invites us to consume him. Eating together is not simply an afterthought. Instead, it is critical to the development of our faith.



If I'm being honest, I didn't completely see the value in eating together until after we stopped doing it. Now, I find that I really miss it. I miss getting to hear about the everyday occurrences of your lives over casseroles and deviled eggs. I miss the unplanned serious conversations over dessert when the kids have run off to the gym. I miss having my most basic need for nourishment met through the work of many people whom I have grown to love.

In Luke's Gospel, we see two weary travelers on the road to Emmaus who come to know Jesus through the breaking of bread (Luke 24:13-35). It is my prayer that the same may be true for us. It may not seem like it at first glance, but our common meals are important. If you haven't shared a meal with us lately, then I hope that you will find a way to do that. We have a church picnic after worship on October 2, which would be a good place to start. I hope to see you at the table soon!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Andy

# Session Notes

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4. Communion servers for October 2, 2022, are Vernon Barnes, Chris Terry, Chris Henry, and Mary McCarter.
5. The clerk shared correspondence from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary thanking the Session for continued support of Andy's Doctoral Program.
6. The clerk reported total membership at Covenant as of August 11, 2022: 211.

## The Treasurer reported:

Treasurer Aubrey Moore reported that the August church budget had a \$4,648.40 surplus to date with an overall surplus of \$31,838.57.

Preschool August financial statements were not yet available. Aubrey will share with Session when he receives them.

## CHURCH STAFF

**Ministers:** All Covenant Members

**Co-Pastors:**

The Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke and

The Rev. Andy Cooke

**Director of Music and Organist:**

Lyn M. Patterson

**Parish Associate:**

The Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels

**Nursery Caregiver:** Sherry Nash

**Church Secretary:** Judy Stroganoff

**Finance Secretary:** Jenn Harrison

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Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m. Mon, Wed, Fri.

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Tues, Thurs.

## Task Forces

- Open the Gates Task: Chris Terry reported there were no recommendations and that the task force continues to monitor local conditions.
- Capital Campaign Task Force: Chris Henry reported the task force had 2 meetings and no recommendations for the Session.

## Ministry Team Reports

- Worship: No report
- Sustainability: The Sustainability Ministry Team recommended to Session the approval of the revised Church Secretary Job Description. **Following discussion, the motion passed.** Church office hours were also reviewed by Session.
- Mission: Vernon reminded Session of *Take Up the Cause*, September 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at GAP Ministries.
- Education: Reminded Session of Adult Ministry Social Potluck September 25, 2022, at Brandon Wilde from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Congregational Life: Food Truck Friday in September 16, 2022, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and Congregational Picnic, October 2, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. following worship.
- Building and Grounds: Next workday November 5, 2022

## Deacons:

Andy reported that the Diaconate is working on delivering Communion to the Homebound. He thanked the Diaconate for all the care they had provided Grace Heck's family, both at home and the reception following her service.

## Co-Pastor's Report:

Andy stated that it has been a busy beginning of the 2022-2023 program year for both the Covenant ministries and the Preschool. The attendance in the various groups meeting after the 10:00 a.m. service has been very good. Andy reminded Session of the Take Up the Cause event on Saturday September 10 at 10:00 a.m. He suggested bringing friends to this. Andy informed Session that the Congregational Nominating Committee had begun to meet. This committee does not report to Session but is responsible to the Covenant Congregation, giving their report at the Congregational Meeting November 20, 2022 following worship.

## Open Forum

Sarah Colborn shared that her granddaughter Adelaide had a good scan report and is doing very well.

Lyn Patterson shared her experience of listening to the largest organ in the Cathedral at Stephens in Passau in Germany.

Andy started a discussion of how the church could learn to be together again with more emphasis on fun and not just meetings. Ideas were discussed. He also informed Session that the retiring President from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ted Wardlaw, attended Covenant from 1966-1970 when his father, Hubert Wardlaw, was the Pastor here.

Mary McCarter closed the meeting with prayer at 8:25 p.m.

The next Stated Session meeting is October 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

*Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.*

Genesis 2: 3

Judy Grieve,  
Clerk of Session

# Stewardship Campaign



We are excited to announce our 2023 stewardship theme: Heart and Home. Later this month, you will receive some information in the mail regarding stewardship. Some of it will be familiar, but some aspects of it will be new to you. This year, we are not simply dealing with our 2023 pledges of time, talent, and treasure. We are also considering some long-term debt and property needs. When you receive this information, please take the time to review it carefully and respond accordingly. As always, thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

Grace and peace,  
Andy & Katelyn Cooke, Co-Pastors

*“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.”*

Acts 2:46-47

# Congregational Life

## COME TO THE FALL PICNIC

Covenant’s annual Fall Picnic will be held after Sunday services on October 2, 2022. It is a great time to get together on the lawn for food and fellowship with our church family. Covenant will provide fried chicken and drinks for everyone. It’s World Communion Sunday, so please bring a side dish or dessert that celebrates your family or national heritage to honor our unity and diversity. You can drop off your dishes in the Parlor or Parlor Kitchen on your way into church. Labels will be provided if needed.



## LADIES FOR LUNCH

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, October 11, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at MC Neely's Place, 301 Georgia Ave., North Augusta, South Carolina. Contact Phoebe Crimmins at 706-738-7820 or by email at [phoebebeach30@hotmail.com](mailto:phoebebeach30@hotmail.com) to make your reservation for this gathering so that we may have space for you.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



Saturday, October 29  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Congregational Life Ministry Team is hosting another fun-filled Trunk-or-Treat event! Get into the Halloween spirit and get creative! Please join us for a night of fun and plenty of candy! Kid-friendly costumes are highly encouraged!

For any Covenant church attendee interested in submitting their car or for other volunteer opportunities, please visit the Sign-Up Genius: <https://tinyurl.com/CPCTrunkorTreat22>.

Candy donations are more than welcome from church attendees who cannot participate! A candy donation box will be located by the church office.

The deadline to sign up and to donate candy is October 28<sup>th</sup>.

For any questions, please contact Deborah Pittman by phone (404-388-8505) or email ([dbedell.pittman1@gmail.com](mailto:dbedell.pittman1@gmail.com)).

## MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH

The men’s brown-bag lunch has returned for the fall. Bring your own lunch and join us at noon on October 11 and 25 in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet every other Tuesday thereafter. We are continuing to look at Richard Rohr’s book, *From Wild Man to Wise Man*. We hope to see you there!

# Education

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Preschool

Children in kindergarten and younger  
Room 2

Each week, teachers share a brief Bible story and a prayer with the preschoolers for the first 10 minutes of the faith formation time (11:15-11:25 a.m.). In October, the Bible stories and weekly prayer will focus on the theme of **following Jesus**.

### Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Room 103

After a long hiatus, Children's Music is back! On Sundays, October 9, 16, and 23, elementary school children are invited to join Ms. Sarah and friends in room 14 for children's choir. We'll spend 25 minutes each week learning a few songs that we'll sing for worship on Sunday, October 30.

After music time, the children will go to their usual Sunday School room (room 103) for Bible activities and games with the children's leader team.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday Small Groups

Sunday mornings // 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Rooms 203 and 204

During October, middle and high school youth will explore the themes of the Five Things sermon series in their small groups.

### Second Service

Reed Creek Park Hike  
Saturday, October 8 // 10:00 a.m.

Did you know Covenant is an Earth Care Congregation? That means we take seriously our call to care for God's creation. Join other Covenant

members for a guided hike at Reed Creek to learn more about God's creation. We'll meet at Reed Creek Park (3820 Park Lane, Martinez), and the hike will last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

### Fourth Fellowship

October's Fourth Sunday Fellowship event is the Presbyterian Youth Retreat!

Due to some maintenance issues at the Whitewater Express Center in September, the fall Presbyterian Youth Retreat has been rescheduled to the weekend of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the group is heading down to Epworth by the Sea at St. Simon's. Please keep Covenant youth participants and all the youth from other Northeast Georgia Presbytery churches in your prayers as they spend this time of worship, fellowship, and fun together!

## ADULT MINISTRY

### SALT Class

**Adult SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) and Choir Class (11:15 AM in Room 12)**

All adults are invited to participate in our Sunday School class each week at 11:15 AM in room 12. **However, please note that we will not have class on October 2 due to the church picnic.** Our topic is an interesting and engaging book by Brian McLaren titled, *We Make the Road by Walking*. The book leads us in exploring what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in us and in our world today. Since the chapters are short, we will be reading and discussing them together in class. For questions, please contact Steve Bell, Judy Grieve, or Kathy Ordelt.

### Five Things

Sundays, October 9, 16, 23, and 30  
11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Parlor

After worship, join Covenant's parish associate Karla Conditt Daniels for a sermon talkback session

## Coffee and Conversation



You've already come to worship, so stay after the service for coffee and conversation in the gathering area outside the

Fellowship Hall. Join Covenant friends for some time to visit and see where the Spirit leads us in conversation. This time is meant to be informal, and all are welcome!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2  
Fellowship Hall

### Dinner

5:30-6:15 p.m.

Check the weekly bulletin for menu information. If you're interested in providing dinner one week, contact Katelyn ([kcooke@covenantaugusta.org](mailto:kcooke@covenantaugusta.org)) for more information.

### Program

6:15-7:00 p.m.

On the surface, the five things may seem like variations of one thing: disappointment. The realities that things do not always go according to plan, everything changes and ends, life is not always fair, pain is part of life, and people are not loving and loyal all the time are not the things we celebrate about life.

But. (There's always a but.) There is grace on the other side of each of these truths. There are gifts we might not recognize at first but that become apparent with time and perspective. On Wednesday evenings, we'll take our conversations from Sunday morning and explore the other side of the things we cannot change in hopes of discovering the blessings that are there beyond our control.



# Covenant Preschool & Children's Day Out

# Membership Statistics



Three highlights of the school year so far:

1. Spanish class – PK3, PK4, and kindergarten students love spending time with Senora Suzanne a los martes (on Tuesdays). The children are learning conversational phrases like “Buenos dias!” (good morning!), “por favor” (please), and “gracias” (thank you). It’s so fun to see them excited about learning a new language!
2. PTO gathering – We had our first Parent Teacher Organization gathering at the end of September, and it was great to have some time for parents to get to know each other and to talk about what’s going on at the school this fall.
3. Virtual field trip – We went on a virtual field trip to learn how crayons and construction paper are made! It was so cool!

Three things we’re looking forward to this month:

1. Field trip to Steed’s Dairy – The PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten classes are going to Steed’s Dairy on October 6. They’ll get to do the corn maze, visit the petting zoo, and more!
2. Fall Break – We’ll enjoy a long weekend October 8-11.
3. Halloween Fun Event – All students will get to trick-or-treat in the fellowship hall on Thursday, October 27, and we’re excited to see everyone’s costumes!

We are always grateful for the prayers and support of the congregation!

Peace,  
Katelyn Gordon Cooke,  
Covenant Preschool Director

Total Members as of January 2022: 205

Current Members today (09/23/2022): 210

### NEW MEMBERS: (10)

Angela and Robert Vernoy (Reaffirmation) March 29, 2022  
Audrey Baldwin (Affirmation of Faith) May 3, 2022  
Miller Cooke (Affirmation of Faith) May 3, 2022  
Naomi Gillies (Affirmation of Faith) May 3, 2022  
Blake Rogers (Affirmation of Faith) May 3, 2022  
Charmain Angwafo (Reaffirmation) August 21, 2022  
Amelia Hall (Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Natchitoches, LA) August 21, 2022  
Jeremy and Melissa Tyler (Reaffirmation) August 21, 2022

### DEATHS: (5 membership losses)

Lorraine Miller (November 22, 2021) \*We were not notified of her death until 2022\*  
Sandra Bowman (February 20, 2022)  
Fran Mixon (July 11, 2022)  
Grace Heck (August 23, 2022)  
Lois Davis (September 8, 2022)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Youth Fourth Sunday Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale, Narthex 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor 5:00pm Adult Sunday School Social, Brandon Wilde Clubhouse	<b>26</b> 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Nominating Committee, Zoom	<b>27</b> 12:00pm Men's Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	<b>28</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 7:15pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	<b>29</b> 4:00pm Open the Gates Task Force, Zoom 6:00pm JuBELLation Ringers 7:15pm WADING Bible Study, Parlor	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>2</b> Special Offering: Peace and Global Witness Offering <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 10:00am Communion Worship Service* 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:00pm Church Wide Picnic, Covenant Grounds	<b>3</b> 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Nominating Committee, Zoom	<b>4</b> 3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Parlor	<b>5</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30pm VNF Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6:15pm VNF Program 7:15pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	<b>6</b> 6:00pm JuBELLation Ringers 6:30pm Capital Campaign Task Force, Parlor 7:15pm WADING Bible Study, Parlor	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Tannahill Concert, Sanctuary	<b>8</b> 10:00am Meals on Wheels 10:00am Reed Creek Park Tour 10:00am Youth Second Week Service, Reed Creek Tour 11:45am Girl Scout Troup 20179, Room 204 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>9</b> 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	<b>10</b> Preschool Fall Break 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 5:30pm Congregational Life Ministry Team 7:00pm Nominating Committee, Zoom	<b>11</b> Preschool Fall Break 12:00pm Men's Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall 4:00pm Education Ministry Team, Room 104	<b>12</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 5:30pm VNF Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6:15pm VNF Program 7:15pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	<b>13</b> 6:00pm JuBELLation Ringers 6:30pm Matthew 25 Task Force, Room 12 7:15pm WADING Bible Study, Parlor	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>16</b> 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	<b>17</b> COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Nominating Committee, Zoom	<b>18</b> 9:45am PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Room 104 11:00am PW Wings Meeting, Room 12 6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Parlor	<b>19</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30pm VNF Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6:15pm VNF Program 7:15pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	<b>20</b> 1:15pm Preschool Staff Meeting, Room 12 6:00pm JuBELLation Ringers 6:30pm Capital Campaign Task Force, Parlor 7:15pm WADING Bible Study, Room 12	<b>21</b> 2022 PW Synod Gathering at Epworth Presbytery Youth Retreat, Epworth by the Sea	<b>22</b> 2022 PW Synod Gathering at Epworth Presbytery Youth Retreat, Epworth by the Sea 10:00am Bridges Out of Poverty, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 11:45am Girl Scout Troup 20179, Room 204 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
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<b>30</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> Special Offering: Presbyterian women Thank Offering 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale, Narthex 11:15am Sunday School*	<b>31</b> 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Nominating Committee, Zoom	<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> 3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Parlor	<b>2</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:15pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	<b>3</b> 6:00pm JuBELLation Ringers 6:30pm Capital Campaign Task Force, Parlor 7:15pm WADING Bible Study, Room 12	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104

# Presbyterian Women



## WINGS — WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

You are invited to the October meeting of WINGS on October 18 in Room 12 at 11:00 a.m. Judy Grieve will lead us as we discuss Lesson Two from *Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, the 2022-23 PW/ Horizons Bible Study. Contact Gail Baker, Kathy Ordelt or Cindy Wallerich if you have questions.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women will be received on October 30, 2022. Each year at least 40% of the collection is used to fund grants that support health ministries. In 2022, there are 10 grants, with 8 in the United States and 2 overseas. Several types of programs are funded, currently including: 1) assistance to low income home owners with home repair; 2) various projects to help people with disabilities; 3) help for women to obtain housing after release from prison; 4) providing retreats for cancer patients; 5) a coffee house for adults with intellectual disabilities; 6) a program in Haiti that will address root causes of malnutrition. Donations of any size will be gratefully welcomed.

# Worship

## FIVE THINGS



There are some truths about life that are just inescapable. It doesn't matter where a person is born, what

kind of education they receive, where they work, or what their family looks like – these truths are the same for everyone.

Psychotherapist David Richo has identified five things that are true for all people that we cannot change:

- o Things do not always go according to plan
- o Everything changes and ends
- o Life is not always fair
- o Pain is part of life
- o People are not loving and loyal all the time

In its own way, our faith testifies to these five truths too, and we'll spend the month of October digging into each truth as they show up in Scripture and in our own lives. On Sunday mornings, we'll wrestle with these things in worship and in a complementary faith formation class with Karla after worship. "Five Things" will also be the basis for our Wednesday Night Fellowship program, and we'll consider the happiness and the grace that come from embracing each truth.

## THE TANNAHILL WEAVERS ARE COMING TO COVENANT!

Friday evening, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, Covenant is hosting the Tannahill Weavers of Scotland. This Celtic band originated from a session in Paisley, Scotland, and named itself for the town's historic weaving industry and local poet laureate Robert Tannahill.

One of the world's premier traditional Celtic bands, they have a diverse repertoire that spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, original ballads and lullabies, and humorous tales of life in Scotland. Their special brand of Celtic music blends the beauty of traditional melodies with the power of modern rhythms. As the band celebrates the nomination of their 18th recording, *Òrach* ("Golden" in Gaelic) as album of the year, and themselves as band of the year, they are firmly established as one of the premier groups on the concert stage.

Join us on Friday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for a toe-tapping evening with the Tannahill Weavers! Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted.



# Mission

## CREATION CARE TASK FORCE

The Mission Ministry Team and the Creation Care Task Force invite you to Reed Creek Park for a guided tour at 10:00 a.m. on October 8. Reed Creek Nature Park and Interpretive Center is a 15 acre park in Columbia County with a raised boardwalk and trails over a wetland natural environment. Come learn about this habitat and the animals that live there! Address: 3820 Park Ln, Martinez, GA

Amy House,  
Creation Care Task Force

## FAMILY PROMISE

The Family Promise families will be at Covenant December 11-18. Please mark your calendars and consider volunteering that week. The jobs include dinner hosts, evening hosts, overnight hosts, and set up. If you will be in town that week and want to volunteer.

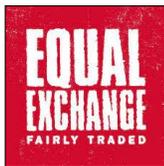
Look for a reminder and more information on signing up in the November Newsletter.

Chuck Baldwin,  
Family Promise Coordinator

## EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE

Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on Sunday, October 30. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.

Charlotte Ealick and  
Sabina Widner



The GAP item of the month for October is instant grits or oatmeal. We always need food that goes into the "walking bags" that we give to the homeless and to the working poor who come by to get something for lunch. We provide two sandwiches, chips or crackers, water with flavoring, fruit and a sweet. Some of these items are seldom available from Golden Harvest at their special pricing, so we really appreciate donations of packs of crackers, small packs of cookies, flavor packets for water bottles, chips, and small containers of fruit.

Many of you are aware of the term "food desert" for areas that do not have a grocery store within walking distance or nearby on a transit line. There is now a designation called a "food swamp." This refers to a neighborhood where convenience stores are the main source of groceries, meaning that people are eating highly processed, unhealthy foods. Many parts of Augusta fit both categories. At the GAP food pantry, we try to have as many fresh fruits and vegetables as we can get, and also provide frozen unprocessed meat. If you have extra produce in your home garden, please contact Mary Beachum at [mmbeachum@gmail.com](mailto:mmbeachum@gmail.com). The GAP clients will thank you.

### LIST OF ITEMS BY MONTH

January: Hot chocolate  
February: Canned pork and beans  
March: Canned chicken or ham  
April: Boxes of cereal  
May: Toothbrushes & toothpaste  
June: Deodorant  
July: Canned fruit  
August: Toilet paper  
September: Canned soup  
October: Instant grits or oatmeal (Individual packets)  
November: Stuffing mix (type which only needs water added)  
December: Beef stew or chili



Bridges Out of Poverty  
Fellowship Hall  
October 22, 2022  
10:00am - 2:00pm

As the Matthew 25 Task Force continues the work of eradicating systemic poverty, we invite you to join us for a one-day training called Bridges Out of Poverty. This training is a comprehensive approach to understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from the individual to the systemic level. Bridges Out of Poverty uses the lens of economic class and provides concrete tools and strategies for a community to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty.

Participants will review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language. Throughout the training, participants will receive specific strategies for improving outcomes for people living in poverty, but the focus of the workshop is to provide a broad overview of concepts. Learn about proven concepts, strategies, and approaches. This training assists employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals gain insight and strategies. To sign up, please contact Joslyn Fields at [joslynsfl@gmail.com](mailto:joslynsfl@gmail.com) or (706) 399-7000.

The Covenant Concert Series presents

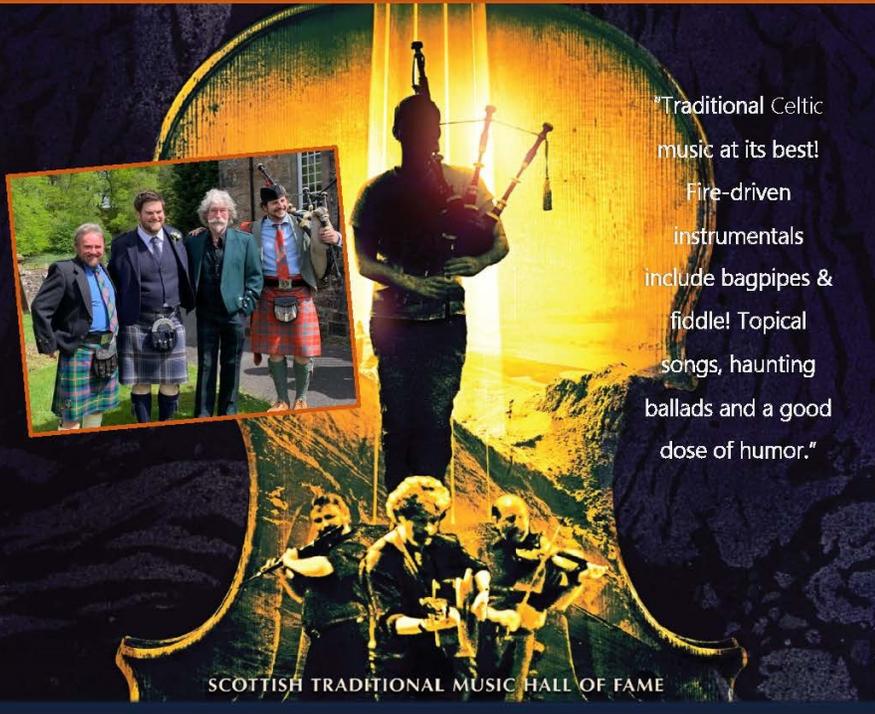


Friday, October 7, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

In the sanctuary of

Covenant Presbyterian Church

3131 Walton Way at Aumond Rd.



"Traditional Celtic music at its best! Fire-driven instrumentals include bagpipes & fiddle! Topical songs, haunting ballads and a good dose of humor."

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# October Worship Schedule

## USHERS

- 10/2: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp,  
Lucyle Ferris,  
Fidelis Ndingwan  
10/9: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,  
Ruth Mayhall, Philip Monk  
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry  
10/16: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,  
John Ealick, Angela Hobby  
10/23: Jim Buckalew,  
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,  
Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry  
10/30: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp,  
Lucyle Ferris,  
Fidelis Ndingwan

## LITURGIST/READER AT 10:00 AM SERVICE

- 10/2: Charlie Terry  
10/9: Dalton Cooper  
10/16: Audrey Baldwin  
10/23: Steve Bell  
10/30: Judy Grieve

## PREACHER

- 10/2: Andy Cooke  
10/9: Katelyn Gordon Cooke  
10/16: Katelyn Gordon Cooke  
10/23: Andy Cooke  
10/30: Andy Cooke

## GREETERS

- 10/2: Gail Baker  
10/9: Mary Beachum and  
Martha Bertrand  
10/16: Kadie Cheeks and  
Kathryn Crandall

- 10/23: Jim Crimmins  
10/30: Fred & Jane Gehle

## A/V TEAM

Steve Bell, Terry Bowers, Miller  
Cooke, John Ealick, Charles Jay,  
Owen Gillies

## COORDINATORS

Lindsay Kircher, *Greeter  
Coordinator*  
John Ealick, *A/V Team Coordinator*  
Chris Henry, *Usher Coordinator*  
Kaye Petkas, *Liturgist/Reader  
Coordinator*  
Cindy Wallerich, *Flower  
Coordinator*

## Prayer Concerns



### New Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

- Family of Tricia Lane** who died  
September 21, She was a friend of  
Danny and Polly Williams (0921)  
**Jessie Lea and Alex Hall** as they  
prepare for their wedding (0924)  
**Philip Thevaos and family** on the death  
of his father Theo on September  
17. (Artie Thevaos was Covenant's  
first organist and music director)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

- All of Covenant's Missionaries**  
**All who serve in the U.S. Military**  
**Ruby and Richard Banks** – For a  
healthy pregnancy (0628)  
**Wanda Butler** (friend of Angela and  
Bob Vernoy) – Lincoln, GA  
(0304)

- Bill Cornes** – At home(0901)  
**Sharon Griffin** (Diane Griffin's sister-  
in-law) (0802)  
**Donna Johnson** (friend of Sarah  
Colborn) – Hospital (0824)  
**Leonard Lewis** (friend of Angela &  
Bob Vernoy) – Washington, GA  
(0304)  
**Sam McCarter** – Summerville, SC  
(0815)  
**Luis R. Rivera** (father of Maria Rivera)  
—in hospital in Puerto Rico (0826)  
**Jennifer Shook** (sister of Elaine Lea) –  
Bandon, Oregon (0901)  
**Sue Walsh** (friend of Diane Griffin) –  
Charlotte, NC (0722)

### Enduring Concerns

- Dorris Andrews** (Elaine Lea's mother)  
– Brandon Wilde  
**Joe and Eunice Cook** – Brandon Wilde  
**Phyllis Daniels** – Brandon Wilde  
**Dan Freeman** (Kaye Petkas' brother) –  
Winter Park, FL  
**Priscilla Gilman** – Brandon Wilde  
**Erroll Hatcher** – Adairsville, GA  
**Betty Johnston** – Brandon Wilde  
**Larry Lutcher** – Brandon Wilde  
**Leah Mannel** – Brandon Wilde

- Jocelyn Martin-Moses** (Karell Moses'  
mother) – At home  
**Anita Parker** (Joslyn Fields' cousin) –  
Beaufort, SC  
**Lois Reynolds** – Sodalis Senior Living,  
Martinez, GA  
**Elizabeth Swink** – At home  
**Jane Terry** (Chris Terry's mother) –  
Lake Wales, FL

And for all those whose names we hold  
in our hearts.

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Lindsay Kircher, Deb Pittman, and Dana Johnson. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at [jestrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org](mailto:jestrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org).

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