



Covenant Chimes



March 2023

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Clerk's Corner

January-February 2023

Facility Usage:

January

- o Child Enrichment: Fellowship Hall for Heroes Club from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. -Dec. 10, 2022, January 21, 2023,-February 11, 2023, March 18, 2023, and April 15, 2023.

February

- o Playground: January 28, 2023, Birthday party, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Daniel Wick
- o Parlor: February 28, 2023, 2:00-4:00pm, Mary Beachum for Mariposa Book Club
- o Election Dates: Fellowship Hall, June 20, 2023, Special election; July 18, 2023 runoff, if necessary; September 19, 2023 Special Election; October 17, runoff if necessary; November 7, 2023, General and Special Election; December 5, 2023, General and Special Election, if necessary

Membership

January

- o Deb Pittman resigned from the Diaconate due to her move to Atlanta.

From Our Pastor

As pastors, one challenge that we are often dealing with among people in congregations is aging. Everyone is aging, of course, so it is a universal challenge that everyone will need to deal with at some point. It is a more urgent challenge for those nearing advanced age, but it is also a challenge for friends and family who are watching and wondering about their roles. It is a sensitive topic that people often want to avoid.

In a recent article in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, author and older adult advocate Missy Buchanan writes about her experiences in asking adult children and aging parents the same question. To the aging parent, she asks, "Other than good health, what do you want for yourself during this season of life?" And to the adult child, she asks, "Other than good health, what do you want for your aging parent during this season of life?"

Generally, the adult child will say something about safety and security, a nice living environment, and help with daily activities. Generally, the aging parent will say something about meaning and purpose, to be respected and independent as possible, and to have deep, fulfilling relationships. Her conclusion is that adult children often name things that impact the exterior lives of their parents while the older adults usually name things that impact their inner lives. Clearly, there are some differing values here than need to be mutually appreciated if children and aging parents are going to work well together and have a good outcome.

During the month of March, we want to explore this with you on Wednesday nights in a series that we are calling *Dust to Dust: A Faithful Approach to Life and Death*. We begin Lent with the affirmation,

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Some may find this macabre. Some may want to skip Ash Wednesday because of it. But I think that it

is faithful to acknowledge aging and death. It is faithful to find a way to be at peace about it. The Apostle Paul (quoting the prophet Hosea) famously wrote, "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting." (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). As people of faith, we are called to reframe the predominant views around death.



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From Our Pastor

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There are five Wednesdays in March, and we will be exploring some topic of aging and death on each evening. If it is uncomfortable for you, then I hope you will find a way to lean into that discomfort and join us. If you have experiences that you would like to share, then I hope that will make a point to be there and support others. If you think that you are too young for this, then I hope that you will realize that this may be applicable to you and the people you love sooner than you think. And if you think that you are too old and it is too late in life for this discussion, then I hope you'll hear me say that we have something here for you too.

Please join us for this important conversation during the season of Lent as we attempt to find a faithful approach to life and death.

Grace and peace,
Andy

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 Caregivers:

Alex Krumme, Sherry Nash, and
Sarah van Plew

Church Secretary: Judy Strogonoff

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Friday

Clerk's Corner

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February

- o Claire and Eddie Hancock joined on January 29, 2023
- o Anne DeGrazia joined the church triumphant on February 6, 2022
- o Elliott Welborn Hancock was baptized on Sunday, January 29, 2023

Commissioners for Presbytery Meeting

- o Commissioners to February 25, 2023, Northeast Georgia Presbytery meeting at Belle Terrace will be Judy Grieve, Chris Henry, and Aubrey Moore.

Treasurer's Report

January:

- o Aubrey Moore reported he would forward the most recent financial reports when they were available.

February:

- o Aubrey Moore reported that the January budget figures were on target. He reported the Preschool budget continues to show a surplus.

Motions

January

- o Brock made a motion to nominate Charlotte Ealick for President of the Corporation and Aubrey Moore for Treasurer of the Corporation. It was seconded and passed.

February

- o The Capital Campaign Task Force made a motion to be dismissed with gratitude. The motion passed.
- o For Congregational Life Ministry Team Charlotte Ealick made a motion to approve for a youth fundraiser, Bingo, on

Wednesday April 12, 2023, during Wednesday Night Fellowship. Following discussion, the motion passed.

- o Worship Ministry made a motion to approve taking three octaves of handbells to the Lutheridge Handbell workshop, February 24-26, 2023. The motion passed.
- o Hubert vanTuyll made a motion to approve the baptism of Micah and Kaleb, twin sons of Rishard Banks and Ruby Nkwenti-Banks on February 26, 2023. It was seconded and the motion passed.
- o Charlotte Ealick made a motion to approve the baptism of Nia Bih Marshall, daughter of Darion Orlando Marshall and Rachel Kien Nkwenti (sister of Ruby Nkwenti-Banks) February 26, 2023. It was seconded and passed. (Darien and Rachel are members Overbrook Presbyterian Church.)
- o To help with relief work for the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, Andy Cooke made a motion to include the link to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the Friday email. It was seconded and passed.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude, and a task to be pursued with courage.

From the Confession of 1967 in the *Book of Confessions*

Judy Grieve,
Clerk of Session

Session minutes are available in the church office.

From Your Treasurer...

With gratitude and thanks for the incredible generosity of our members and friends, and for the faithful stewardship and leadership of our ministry teams and staff, I am happy to report our Covenant economy remains strong. Our revenues were higher than expected (budgeted), and our expenses lower, resulting in a carry-over surplus of \$53,349.05. This is good news, particularly in light of our anticipated capital expenditures highlighted in our recent Home Improvement Campaign. God is good and grace abounds.

Thank you all, and thanks be to God.

Aubrey

Covenant Presbyterian Church			
Year-end Financial Report - January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022			
<i>With 100% of the fiscal year completed, the chart below reflects our revenue performance to date.</i>			
Revenues	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	Goal ≥ 100%
Income Accounts			
Pledges	\$ 474,258.24	\$ 453,000.00	104.7%
Non-Pledge Gifts	64,205.93	55,000.00	116.7%
Loose Plate Offering	1,744.00	750.00	232.5%
Interest, Checking	91.65	200.00	45.8%
Interest, Prime Savings	85.99	300.00	28.7%
Processing Costs Revenue	911.65	750.00	121.6%
Rent/Facilities Use	6,905.00	4,400.00	156.9%
Total Income Accounts	\$ 548,202.46	\$ 514,400.00	106.6%
Designated Funds Transfers			
Transfers from Bldg. Fund	50,000.04	50,000.00	100.0%
Transfers from Carryover Surplus	5,544.00	5,543.96	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 603,746.50	\$ 569,943.96	105.9%
<i>With 100% of the fiscal year completed, the chart below reflects our expense performance to date.</i>			
Expenses	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	Goal ≤ 100%
Ministry Teams			
Building & Grounds	\$ 171,268.28	\$ 177,260.00	96.6%
Congregational Life	2,040.53	2,000.00	102.0%
Education	9,355.60	13,450.00	69.6%
Mission	41,505.73	42,700.00	97.2%
Sustainability	316,083.25	322,733.90	97.9%
Worship	10,144.06	11,800.00	86.0%
Total Expenses	\$ 550,397.45	\$ 569,943.90	96.6%
Net Total	\$ 53,349.05	\$ 0.06	9.4%
Portion of Building & Grounds expense attributable to mortgage.			
Church Mortgage	\$ 70,523.56	\$ 70,197.00	100.5%

HVAC Replacement

As you may know, the sanctuary HVAC system will be replaced later this spring. Our Building and Grounds Ministry Team is working to ensure that the process goes smoothly and that our sanctuary is protected during the installation. Our Worship Ministry Team is working on a plan to move worship into the Fellowship Hall for three weeks. We worshipped in the Fellowship Hall before the Sanctuary was completed in 1976, so we are excited to return to our roots for a brief period as we remember how those who built our sanctuary used to worship together. We do not have a firm installation date yet, but we will publicize it as soon as it is available. We anticipate an installation sometime between April and June, and we are considering all events on our calendar as we finalize the installation timeline. If you have any questions, please be in touch with one of the pastors or the appropriate ministry team chair.



Education

CHILDREN

Preschool

Sundays // 11:15-11:25 a.m.
Room 2

As part of their time in worship nursery, our youngest members also hear a Bible story and say a prayer together each week. During Lent, we'll hear about Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit, God's promise to Abraham, Lazarus, and more!

Elementary

Sundays // 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Room 103

During the season of Lent, the elementary school class will be learning about what it looks like to love God, love neighbors, and even love our enemies! Each week, we'll take on a team mission to share love with others.

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, older preschoolers and elementary school students will have 15 minutes of music time with Ms. Sarah and Ms. Lyn at the start of the Sunday School time. We're excited about making a joyful noise together!

Save the Date! Compassion Camp 2023

Friday, June 17 and
Saturday, June 18

Completed kindergarten through completed 5th grade

We had a great time at Compassion Camp last summer learning about how we can share lovingkindness with ourselves and others! We're looking forward to another fun opportunity to practice compassion together this June.

If you're an adult, there are a variety of ways that you can help make Compassion Camp happen this summer, and Katelyn would love to hear from you if you're interested in being part of the fun!

YOUTH

Sunday Mornings

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Room 203

Christianity and Art

Sundays, March 5, 12, and 19

Lillie DeLecuona will share her series on Christianity and Art with the middle and high school youth. She'll help us learn more about different styles of art and how and why artists throughout the centuries have based their creations on stories of Scripture.

Forgiveness

Sundays, March 26 and April 2

One of the last things that Jesus said on the cross was, "Forgive them, Father, for they do not know what they are doing." Forgiveness is an important practice in Christianity, and it's hard. It can be hard to ask for forgiveness and to give it. In this two-week series, we'll consider questions like, "Is anything unforgivable?", "Why should I forgive?", and "How do I forgive?"

Beyond Sunday Mornings

Second Sunday Service

Sunday, March 12
3:00-4:30 p.m.

Middle and high school youth will visit GAP Ministries and learn more about their diaper ministry. Why is this ministry so important? How does it help serve families in need in our community? Jodi Huff and Judy Grieve will share some details about the diaper ministry, and youth will help package diapers for weekly GAP clients.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, March 26 // 2:45-5:00 p.m.
Stars & Strikes // Wrightsboro Road

Join us for an afternoon of bowling and arcade fun! Bowling, shoe rentals, and arcade games are

covered by the church. Snacks and drinks are on your own. Please let Katelyn know by Wednesday, March 22 if you'll be there!

Youth Parent Dinner

Sunday, March 5 // 6:00 p.m.
House Gillies House

Raising teenagers is amazing...and it's also challenging! Parents of Covenant youth are invited to a casual dinner and time for fellowship and conversation about what it looks like to parent in the faith. Covenant parents, check your email for an Evite from Katelyn for this event.

Youth Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for this year's Youth Fundraise!

Bingo Night!

Wednesday, April 12
6:00 p.m.

More information coming soon!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you so much to everyone who gave to the Souper Bowl of Caring offering on Youth Sunday! We raised \$753.57 for GAP Ministries, which is a win for everyone!



ADULT

Adult SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) and Choir Class

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. in Room 12

All adults are invited to join us Sunday mornings to "share and learn together" at 11:15 in room 12. March 5 will end our series, *Finding Calm in Anxious Times* and we will begin a new topic on March 12. Each week we will view a video segment and discuss the content of [24 Hours That Changed the World](#) by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton notes that "The

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suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ represent the pinnacle of the gospel and the completion of God's saving work through Jesus". **We will not be using the book in class**, but if you'd like a copy to read at home, you can purchase it on Amazon. **Please note that we will not have class on April 9 (Easter).**

Young Adults

Sunday mornings
11:15 a.m. // Fellowship Hall

The newly forming Young Adult class includes time to share about life happenings, prayer requests, and a spiritual conversation starter. Parish Associate Karla Conditt Daniels facilitates this group.

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!

Disciples Bible Study

Disciples will study *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. The class will use the book and the DVD that goes with this 11 part series. We will meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. In this study Amy-Jill Levine analyzes and illuminates Jesus' parables, taking readers back in time to understand how the original Jewish audience heard the stories.

The Disciples Bible Study will meet March 8 and 22, in room 104.

Contact Judy Grieve
judygrieve@mac.com about this class.



Wednesday Night Fellowship

The season of Lent reminds us that part of living faithfully is being willing to acknowledge our own mortality. Each week, we'll consider a scripture passage in conversation with an aspect of aging and death. This time is intended to be helpful to all members of the church, regardless of age or condition. If you have experience with these topics, then please come and share your knowledge with us as we learn and grow together.

March 1 - The Spirituality of Aging and Death

March 8 - Planning for Care and Good Outcomes (with Liz Neal and Amy Hane from Long Term Liaisons)

March 15 - Legal Resources and Respectful Relationships

March 22 - Stewardship and Financial Matters

March 29 - The Service of Witness to the Resurrection

Covenant Preschool & Children's Day Out



We're starting the new month with Read Across America week, which includes daily themes that are related to some of our favorite story books! Be sure to check out the decorations along the hall – especially as we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday together!

We're also finalizing plans for our spring fundraiser this month and will be sharing more information about

Worship

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday:
Sunday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. Covenant sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Communion Service:
Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. Covenant Sanctuary

Good Friday Community Service:
Friday, April 7, at 12 noon, Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 9:
Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. in the Memorial Garden



Easter Service at 10:00 a.m. Covenant

MUSIC WITH MS. SARAH AND FRIENDS

Music with Ms Sarah and friends is happening! We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for time to sing God's praises! Hope to see you there!

that event soon. We're always so grateful for the various ways the congregation supports the school.

Registration for Summer Fun also opens this month! Online registration will open to current preschool families on Wednesday, March 1, and it will open to new families on Monday, March 6. For more information, check out the Summer Fun page on the preschool website. We're looking forward to a great summer together with six weeks of Summer Fun!

Grace and peace,
Katelyn

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	Feb 28	1	2	3	4
			9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30 PM WNF Dinner 6:15 PM WNF Program 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM JuBellation Ringers		10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
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10:00 AM Communion Worship Service* 11:15 AM Sunday School* 12:15 PM Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor 6:00 PM Youth Parent Dinner, House-Gillies Home	5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor	3:30 PM Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00 PM Stated Session Meeting, Parlor	6:30 AM Walk to School Day 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 1:30 PM Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 5:30 PM WNF Dinner 6:15 PM WNF Program 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM JuBellation Ringers		9:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Pick-up Basketball, Gym 11:45 AM Girl Scout Troop 20179, Room 204 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Youth 2nd Sunday: Service 10:00 AM Worship Service* 11:00 AM Equal Exchange Coffee Sale, Narthex 11:15 AM Sunday School* 3:00 PM Youth Service, GAP Ministries	Preschool: No School 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 5:30 PM Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom 6:30 PM Building and Grounds Ministry Team	11:30 AM Ladies for Lunch, Sol Food Kitchen, 471 Highland Ave., Surrey Center 12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall 4:00 PM Education Ministry Team, Room 104	9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 2:00 PM Matthew 25 Task Force, Room 12 5:30 PM WNF Dinner 6:15 PM WNF Program 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM JuBellation Ringers		10:00 AM Heroes Club, Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Family Promise 10:00 AM Worship Service* 11:15 AM Sunday School*	Covenant Chimes Deadline 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor	9:45 AM PW CT Meeting, Room 104 11:00 AM PW WINGS Gathering, Room 12 6:30 PM Sustainability Ministry Team	9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 1:30 PM Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 5:30 PM WNF Dinner 6:15 PM WNF Program 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal	1:15 PM Preschool Staff Meeting, Room 12 6:00 PM JuBellation Ringers		Called Presbytery Meeting, Zoom 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 11:45 AM Girl Scout Troop 20179, Room 204 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
Family Promise Special Offering: PW Birthday Offering Youth 4th Sunday Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship Service* 11:15 AM Sunday School* 12:15 PM Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor	5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor	12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	7:00 AM Backflow Inspection 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30 PM WNF Dinner 6:15 PM WNF Program 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM JuBellation Ringers		
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FAMILY PROMISE

Covenant was scheduled to host Family Promise during the week of March 19-26, however, the families will be staying at a constant place. Covenant will plan to take meals for the families the week they were scheduled to be at Covenant. If you have any questions or would like more information contact Chuck Baldwin at 706-339-1505.

Chuck Baldwin, Family Promise Coordinator

GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

The GAP item of the month for March is canned chicken or ham. 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.

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

WINGS — PW



The March meeting of WINGS will be on March 21 in room 12 at 11:00 a.m. Judy Grieve will lead us as we discuss Lesson Seven 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.

PROJECT LINUS

The Project Linus blanket making day on January 28 sponsored by Covenant's Presbyterian Women was quite successful! We had 16 participants from both the church and the preschool. We made 21 blankets, exceeding our goal of 20! Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship while participating in this worthwhile project. Thanks to all who participated.

CONGRATULATIONS

CINDY WALLERICH

Covenant Presbyterian Women are proud to share that Moderator Cindy Wallerich was nominated 2023 Woman of the Year for Georgia Church Women United by the Augusta CWU Unit. Cindy is the Secretary of the CWU Augusta Unit and a Key member of CWU. There were 4 others nominated and Geraldine Pero from the Dalton/Whitfield Unit was chosen as 2023 Georgia CWU Woman of the Year at the Annual Awards Celebration February 23, 2023 on Zoom.



2023 PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Presbyterian Women (PW) will collect their Birthday Offering and commemorate its 101st year on Sunday, March 26.

This year, the offering is being used to support 2 projects:

Making Miracles Group Home Phase II Group Home in Tallahassee, FL. The home supports women in breaking the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood.

Berhane Yesus Elementary School – Construction of a kindergarten school in Ethiopia.

For more information about the Birthday Offering visit YouTube and search: [2023 Birthday Offering - YouTube](#).

Birthday offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on March 26. You can also give electronically via Realm. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

After the church service Sunday, you are invited to a reception to celebrate the Birthday Offering.

New Member Profiles

CLAIRE WELBORN HANCOCK AND EDDIE HANCOCK

Claire Welborn Hancock and Eddie Hancock are both Augusta natives. We met while both working as evening drive-through tellers at Georgia Bank & Trust in 2005 — Claire was a student at Augusta University and Eddie was back in town after living in North Carolina. After months of nice conversations and getting to know each other at work, we started dating and married in 2009.

Shortly after we began dating, Eddie began working as a firefighter and EMT for the city of Augusta. It was a great career for about 6 years, but he ultimately decided he would like to help people in a different way by becoming a counselor. He returned to school to finish his bachelors and to complete a master's program in psychology and counseling while still working full time. He now works as a licensed professional counselor at Serenity Behavioral Health.

While studying art at Augusta University, Claire worked as an apprentice at Stan Johnson Jewelers, a local jewelry store, to learn how to make and repair jewelry. She decided to make a career in jewelry and continued to work there while wearing many hats including jeweler, salesperson, and manager for over a decade. She moved to a sales position at Windsor Fine Jewelers in 2019 and became a Graduate Gemologist in 2021.

Eddie and Claire both enjoy active careers and have worked hard to grow our professions, but nothing compares to the joy we have in our son, Elliott, who was born in 2018 and is now four years old. Elliott is a very outgoing child who loves to talk to people and is very interested in how things work, especially small appliances like vacuum cleaners. He also likes to play outside and is very blessed to have both sets of grandparents keep him regularly in the afternoons. Elliott has attended Covenant's preschool since 2020 and loves his friends and teachers at the school.

We visited Covenant some before Elliott was born, but having him at the preschool led us to begin attending regularly in 2022. As young adults we mostly attended Quest Church together but drifted away from regular church attendance for 6-7 years. We felt at home at Covenant from the first service we attended last year and have enjoyed becoming a part of the church. We're looking forward to continuing to grow as a family here.

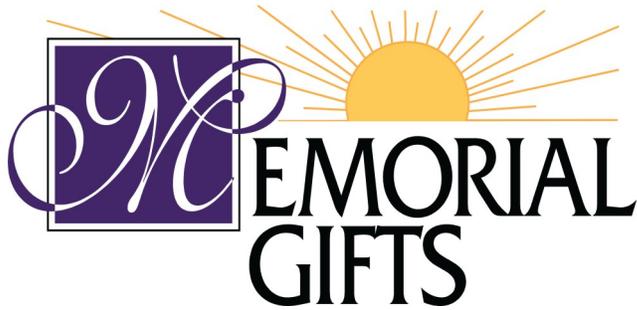
Claire Hancock

AMELIA HALL

Amelia Hall grew up in Natchitoches, LA, and then attended Georgetown University for college, where she double-majored in Theology and English. After graduating, she moved to Ithaca, New York, where she completed a PhD in English Literature at Cornell University. While at Cornell, she taught classes about writing, medical humanities, and Victorian Literature. Amelia is an avid piano player and photographer, and particularly enjoys photographing birds in their native habitats. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone at Covenant and learning more about outdoor places to explore in the area.

Amelia Hall





IN MEMORY OF JOHN TRULOCK

Mary Ann Abbott
 Scott Allen
 Mary Beachum
 Reab & Joy Berry
 Martha Bertrand
 Michele Bird
 Tom & Ann Blalock
 Margaret Brown
 Margaret Bryngelson
 Nick & Andrea Butt
 Nancy Carr
 Julie Carswell
 Barbara Cooke
 Bill & Ginger Cornes
 Jim & Phoebe Crimmins
 Moye Daniel
 Courtney Davis
 Beverly Dorn
 Michael Duffie
 Caroline Durst
 John & Charlotte Ealick
 Jane Edmunds
 Elizabeth Engler
 Nick Evans
 Lucyle Ferris
 Barbara Frazier
 Sandra Freedman

Bonnie Given
 Dave & Judy Grieve
 Joe & Diane Griffin
 Louie & Ginny Griffin
 Barbara Hudson
 David Hudson
 Sean Jenkins
 Molly Jones
 Rosemary Josey
 Ralph & Nancy Kitchens
 Joseph Leonard
 Catherine Luckey
 Mason McKnight
 Sheila McMahon
 Ann Overstreet
 Glen Owen
 Jennifer Reynolds
 Michael Rogers
 Al Rosenthal
 Buddy Simpson
 Robert Smalley
 Peggy Thomson
 Holly Tilloston
 Krista Weigle
 Lewis White
 Earl Wright

IN MEMORY OF GRACE HECK

Martha Bertrand
 Ralph & Nancy Kitchens

IN MEMORY OF LARRY LUTCHER

Priscilla Gilman

IN MEMORY OF LOIS REYNOLDS

Martha Bertrand

IN MEMORY OF SANDRA BOWMAN

E. Gilliland

Congregational Life

LADIES FOR LUNCH

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, March 14, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Sol Food Kitchen, 471 Highland Ave., Surrey Center. Contact Phoebe Crimmins at 706-738-7820 or by email at phoebebeach30@hotmail.com to make your reservation for this gathering so that we may have space for you.

MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH

Bring your own lunch and join us at noon on Tuesdays, March 14 and 28, in the Fellowship Hall. We are continuing to look at Richard Rohr's book, *From Wild Man to Wise Man*. We hope to see you there!

PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Saturday, March 11
 10:30 a.m. Covenant Gym

Anyone who likes shootin' hoops is invited to come to the gym at 10:30 a.m. on December 10 for pick-up basketball game. If you want more information, contact Chris Terry at caterry005@gmail.com.

March Worship Schedule

New Office Hours

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March

- 3/5 Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,
John Ealick, Angela Hobby
3/12: Jim Buckalew,
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,
Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry
3/19: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp,
Lucyle Ferris,
Samuel Ndingwan,
Ivanna Ndingwan,
Fidelis Ndingwan, Edwin Scott
3/26: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,
Ruth Mayhall, Philip Monk
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry

LITURGIST/READER AT 10:00 AM SERVICE

March

- 3/5: Dalton Cooper
3/12: Mac Hobby
3/19: Lindsay Kircher
3/26: Chuck Baldwin

PREACHER

March

- 3/5: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
3/12: Andy Cooke
3/19: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
3/26 Andy Cooke

GREETERS

March

- 3/5: Lindsay Kircher
3/12: Buddy Simpson
3/19: Sabina Widner
3/26: Gail Baker

A/V TEAM

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

COORDINATORS

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

The office hours are shifting back to our original hours of Monday –Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. beginning Monday March 6.

New Mail Box

We have a new mail box on Aumond Road in which we will receive our regular mail. However, the locking mailbox at the Walton Way parking lot entrance will remain for members and friends to leave contributions or correspondence when the office is closed. We will check both mailboxes.

Prayer Concerns



NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Lydia Jendretzke (LJ and Charles Jay's granddaughter) – Student at Michigan State
Catherine McCrosky – on the death of her father, Don Brown
Peter Menk – on the death of his grandmother, Harriet Lynn
Susan Monk – on the death of her uncle, Donald Williams
Samuel Ndingwan – Eye Infection

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS

All of Covenant's Missionaries
All who serve in the U.S. Military
Margaree Donaldson —mother of Bill Usry, recovering from a stroke (1017)
Dixie Dysart (friend of Polly Williams) (1228)

Sharon Griffin (Diane Griffin's sister-in-law) (0802)
Chester Huffman (Polly and Danny Williams son-in-law) – Cancer (1228)
Donna Johnson (friend of Sarah Colborn) – Hospital (0824)
Maggie McFadden (Joslyn Field's aunt) – Beaufort, SC (1003)
Luis R. Rivera (father of Maria Rivera)—Puerto Rico (0826)
Elaine Sanders-Jackson (Joslyn Field's sister) – Orangeburg, SC (1003)
Lisa Selke (Bill Usry's sister) - Wilmington, NC (1218)
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
Bill Cornes – At home

Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde
Dan Freeman (Kaye Petkas' brother) – Winter Park, FL
Priscilla Gilman – Brandon Wilde
Erroll Hatcher –Adairsville, GA
Betty Johnston – At home
Leah Mannel – Brandon Wilde
Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell Moses' mother) – At home
Anita Parker (Joslyn Fields' cousin) – Beaufort, SC
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 Kathy Ordelt, Joyce Bowers, and Linda-Jean Jay. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org.

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Left to right --Wilnetta Sweeting, Joslyn Fields, Jennifer Williams, Vernon Barnes
January 21, 2023 at the Savannah River Rapids Dam overlook.

Project Linus Blanket Making Day, January 28, 2023.

