



Covenant Chimes



November 2021

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Notes from Session

From Our Pastor

October 5, 2021

Katelyn was moderator of the meeting held at Covenant in the gathering area. Using the *Book of Order: The Form of Government: G-1.0304—The Ministry of Members* as the basis of her devotion, Katelyn gave each Session member a sticky note and asked them to write what it meant to them to be a member at Covenant. Members posted their sticky notes on the wall which Katelyn then read to the Session. Some statements included “fellowship with the wise,” “family,” “shared goals,” “joy, privilege, and commitment.” The elders reflected on the meaning of membership and discussed why membership matters. Katelyn opened the meeting with prayer.

As clerk, Judy Grieve reported the following requests to use the building or playground were approved: P.E.O. meeting Tuesday, November 23 in the parlor from 6:00 -9:00 p.m.; special elections on November 2, allowing set up in the afternoon on Thursday, October 28 in the fellowship hall; playground birthday October 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. There was no change in the membership rolls. Elders who volunteered to serve communion on November 2 were Vernon Barnes, Chris Terry, Charlotte Ealick and Chris Henry. Elders Steve Bell, Chris Henry, and Judy Grieve will be the commissioners for the October 26 Presbytery meeting via Zoom.

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November is always an important month for Covenant and this year is no different. Our annual Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans service is on November 7, Dedication Sunday is November 14, a congregational meeting to elect new officers is on November 21, and Advent begins on November 28 with our Hanging of the Greens service. Information on all of these events are included in the pages of this newsletter.

I hope that you’ll pay special attention to our stewardship campaign this fall. A letter from the Stewardship Task Force should be in your mailbox shortly if it is not there already. Our theme this year is *Open Hands, Open Hearts, Open Eyes*, and we will be focusing on passages from the Psalms, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Gospel of John as we consider how we might be opened anew to God and each other.

Every year, the staff and leaders carefully review and respond to your commitments of time and talent. If you are making a new commitment of time and talent, then you should expect to hear from someone within a few weeks of turning in your pledge card so that you can get plugged in to the appropriate ministry. After we review those commitments, I like to put them together with the biggest binder clip that I can find. I have the time and talent sheets from the last two years, and I like to pull them out of the drawer and look at them from time to time. It is impressive to see a hundred pages or so of commitments to the ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church, and I hope that you will add your page to that stack this year.

Our Finance Secretary, Jenn Harrison, will also carefully review your financial (“treasure”) pledge to the church and report the total pledges to the staff and session. It is especially important to us that you make a financial pledge by November 14 this year if you are able to do so. We have experienced a small dip in giving this year and expect to see a small increase in expenses next year. As we create a budget for 2022, we have some concern about how we will make the numbers line up. We trust that God will provide for the needs of Covenant, and we are hopeful that you will be a part of that.

Thank you for sharing in this ministry together. It continues to be a great joy to serve as one of your co-pastors. I hope to see you around this month!

Blessings,
Andy

Worship

NECROLOGY

One of Covenant's annual All Saints Day traditions is to include the necrology to remember individuals in our congregation and extended community who have died in the last year. During the service, the pastors read these names aloud, and each name is followed by chiming of a bell.

As in previous years, the bulletin will include a printed list of Covenant members who have died and/or had their funeral or memorial service in our sanctuary in the last 12 months. This year, the Worship Ministry Team has decided to provide time in the service where congregants may speak aloud the names of other individuals outside the church who they would like to remember. We welcome your participation in this holy time in worship on Sunday, November 7.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Service of Witness to the Resurrection with Gratitude to God for the Life of JoAnn Cheeley Ealick

Saturday, November 13, 2021
11:00 a.m., Covenant Sanctuary

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: Sherry Nash and

Caley Boomer

Church Secretary: Judy Strogonoff

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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KIRKING CONCERT

The concert will be held in Covenant's sanctuary on Friday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m. All of Covenant's current COVID protocols will be observed for this concert with socially distanced seating in the sanctuary and the wearing of face masks.

De Ceadaoin, the concert group for the 2021 Kirking Concert, is no stranger to Covenant. The Celtic band and individual members or ensembles from the group have played here often in the past, including a Kirkin' in 2013.

Members of the congregation will likely remember Debbie van Tuyl and Angel Cleary who have performed on duo harps at several worship services, and nearly a year ago, fiddler Jonathan Clark headlined a concert at Covenant that featured two violins he had just completed as part of his luthier training.

The band spent much of 2020 on hiatus due to the pandemic, but it is now back to performing regularly. The band's most recent performance was for the Augusta Canal Boat Tour in late September. They also play regularly at Riverwatch Brewery.

The band was formed in 2013 when a group of musicians met through O'Donovan's Irish Pub that used to be in downtown Augusta. After playing sessions and performing there regularly for several months,

the musicians decided to formalize their relationship by starting a band that would specialize in Irish, Scottish and other forms of Celtic music. They play the traditional jigs, reels, polkas and slow airs that are common to the Celtic lands, and they've recently developed a repertoire of sea shanties.

Membership has been fluid through the years. Current members include Hubert van Tuyl, banjo and vocals; Sandy Adams, mandolin and vocals; Bob Harmon, guitar, bouzouki and cittern; Beth Carson, fiddle and vocals; and Drake Rudolph, vocals and bodhran.

Angel Cleary, guitar, harp and vocals, and Nathaniel and Aubrey Bruner, both fiddlers, join De Ceadaoin for most performances. Angel teaches chorus at Grovetown High School and has a small guitar studio that she runs out of her house. Nathaniel and Aubrey are Jonathan's partners in the Antique Violins of Augusta, a luthier shop in Old Town that also sells violins and other stringed instruments; they also offer lessons. *Debbie van Tuyl*

KIRKING SERVICE

Kirking Sunday, November 7, will look somewhat different from events of previous years. Due to current health considerations, we will not host the annual Kirking Tea with live music. However, pipers will play just before service begins.

Don't forget to wear your tartan or plaid on Sunday, November 7!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7



Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour on the evening of Saturday, November 6.

CHRISMON TREE SETUP NOVEMBER 21

Volunteers are needed on after worship on November 21 to install the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary. This effort results in a centerpiece for our holiday worship decorations. Pizza and good fellowship will be provided for volunteers!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 28
11:00 a.m.



Session Notes

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Treasurer Aubrey Moore stated there remains a deficit of \$12,000 in the year-to-date budget. Aubrey is watching the budget closely. Aubrey also reported that the preschool has an operating budget surplus of \$7,373.75 which is good news.

The Open the Gates Task Force had no recommendations but suggested some minor changes to ministry teams—allowing food to be served on Wednesday Night Fellowship beginning October 20 and the Kirkin' concert to be held Friday evening November 5.

The Stewardship Task Force announced the theme of the stewardship campaign - *Open Hands, Open Hearts, Open Eyes*.

Building and Grounds Ministry:

The ministry team will meet Monday, October 11, and will announce a congregational workday after the meeting. The dehumidification system is in the queue for installation.

Congregational Life Ministry

informed session that the Fall congregational picnic would be held in the Spring. The last Food Truck Friday for this fall is Friday October 22 at 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 30.

Education Ministry had no report.

Mission Ministry had no report.

Charlotte Ealick made a motion that session approve sales of Fair-Trade products on an ongoing basis. Charlotte said she would check the church calendar before scheduling the sales. It was seconded and passed.

Sustainability Ministry:

1. Recommended to Session to assign the Co-Pastor Annual Review to the Personnel Committee of the Sustainability Ministry Team. No second needed. It passed.
2. Recommended to Session the approval of the revised job description for the Church

Secretary. It needs no second and the motion passed. Chris Henry reminded ministry teams that their budgets were due to Sustainability by November 1.

Worship Ministry: Brock Daniels reported the Kirkin' Concert would be Friday, November 5.

He also informed Session that during the necrology time in the Kirkin' service members will be encouraged to speak names of those who died during the past 12 months and whose names are not listed in the printed necrology. Traditionally, the printed necrology consists of members and those who have had their funeral or memorial service in the sanctuary in the past 12 months.

Deacons: Andy informed Session that the Diaconate prayer action team had changed the prayer time to after the 11:00 a.m. service on the first and third Sunday. This time of prayer will be either in the parlor or in the prayer room on the lower level. There will be a sign indicating the location.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

Co-Pastor's Report: Andy told Session that JoAnn Ealick's Memorial Service will be held in the sanctuary Saturday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m. and all are welcome. He stated how challenging it has been trying to get the church "started again." He shared that he had watched a video by a pastor from the Pittsburgh Presbytery who talked about how slow and sluggish it seems to be to get activities going. This pastor commented it is disappointing to make plans and then need to cancel them. He suggested that it is the loss of momentum that is causing this phenomenon. Andy stated that patience and support would be the answer to getting people to return to activities. He told Session he and Katelyn had invited the high school youth to dinner on the spur of the moment. The youth responded positively, and it was a

bright spot in their week, renewing their hope. He also said he was encouraged by the enthusiasm he sees in the Matthew 25 task force group.

Katelyn told Session she is reading a book *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You Are Going*. From her reading she learned the church is in a liminal space, one where there is anxiety and where participation is different. She offered that this space is an opportunity for creativity and that it won't be here forever.

Chris Henry made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. Andy closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with prayer.

The next stated session meeting is November 2, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

"A change of heart or of values without a practice is only another pointless luxury of a passively consumptive way of life." —Wendell Berry, from the essay *The Idea of a Local Economy*

Judy Grieve, Clerk

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 21 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of receiving a report from the Nominating Committee and electing officers. While this meeting will be streamed online (along with the worship service), it will follow the traditional format and all voting will be in person rather than online.



Congregational Nominating Committee Report

ELDER CLASS OF 2024

Dalton Cooper

Dalton Cooper has been a member of Covenant since 2013. He is currently a member of the Congregational Nominating Committee and in the past, has served on the Stewardship Task Force and as a leader for Youth Sunday School. Dalton is in his final year of law school at the University of South Carolina and plans to practice in Aiken after graduation. Dalton has been married to his high school sweetheart Katie since 2019, and the couple welcomed their first child, Charlotte, in 2020.



Charlotte Ealick

Charlotte Ealick has been a member of Covenant since 1984. She and her husband, John, have three sons who were baptized and confirmed at Covenant. She is active in the church's music program where she sings in the choir and rings handbells in the church's bell quartet, the Ensembells. You may occasionally see Charlotte and her husband offering Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate for sale as part of the Presbyterian Coffee Project. In the past, Charlotte has served in Presbyterian Women and is currently an elder on the session. Charlotte works at Augusta Prep where she is the director of technology.



Judy Grieve

In 2010 Judy and Dave Grieve moved to Clarks Hills, SC from Winter Springs, FL to be close to their children and their families in Augusta and Atlanta. Judy served as elder at Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church in Oviedo, FL. Upon joining Covenant, Judy taught elementary Sunday School, continued her involvement with Presbyterian Women and participated in the Disciples Bible Study and Companions in Christ, both of which she continues to attend. Judy serves



on the Education Ministry Team and is co-leading the adult SALT/choir classes. Judy joined the Session as an active ruling Elder in 2019 and was elected Clerk of Session in 2020.

Maria Rivera-Rivera

Maria Rivera-Rivera has been a member of the Baptist Church in Puerto Rico since 1982, and a member of the Presbyterian church since 1998. She has participated in the church life as a member of the choir, Sunday school teacher for kids, Stephen Ministry, Meals on Wheels program, as a deacon, and playing the organ. Maria is married to Rubén and has two independent daughters. She currently works in Augusta, GA at the Central Services Department.

DEACON CLASS OF 2024

Sabina Widner

Aubrey and I began attending Covenant in 2003 after enrolling our children in Covenant's Weekday School. Covenant was the first church either of us had ever been members of. I feel blessed to be a part of such a vibrant, devoted, and loving church family. I am particularly grateful for the solid foundation Covenant gave our children (Ava and Ian). I have also appreciated all of the mission opportunities Covenant has provided me over the years including helping with GAP dinners, Meals on Wheels, Family Promise, Presbyterian Women, and youth retreats. I am currently serving as a Deacon and active on the Prayer Action Team and am happy to continue to serve. In my working life, I am a professor of Psychology at Augusta University and have been with the University since 1995.



Kathy Ordelt

Kathy Ordelt joined Covenant in 2014 and was installed as a Deacon the following year. Kathy loves working with underserved and homeless



communities including GAP Ministries, Meals on Wheels, and the Master's Table Soup Kitchen. She is also a member of the Education Ministry team and helps to lead the S.A.L.T. adult Sunday School class. Kathy, a retired nurse, has been married to Rick for 52 years. They have a son, daughter, and two grandchildren who help to "light up their lives"!

Joyce Bowers

Joyce Bowers and her husband Terry have been members of Covenant since the fall of 1989, moving here from Tennessee, with their three children, who are now grown and married. They have been blessed with seven grandchildren. A long time Presbyterian, Joyce has served here as an Elder and Deacon, and on other church ministry teams. She is a member of the choir and handbells and has assisted with children's music. She continues to support Presbyterian Women's work at Covenant and served with the Northeast GA PW Coordinating Team. After retiring as an RN, Joyce has been active with the nursing program at GAP Ministries helping provide medications to the underserved. She shares that being involved in the vital life of Covenant's ministries has fed her faith over the years.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mary Beachum

I am grateful to have been a member of the Covenant community for twenty-eight years, and to have had many opportunities to serve and grow. I worked as a librarian and have been retired for quite a while. I am busy working with GAP Ministries, enjoying time with friends and family (especially grandchildren), walking, being a part of Bible study, and learning about the early church.



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Nominating Committee Report

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Terry Bowers

I have been a member of Covenant since 1989 when my family and I arrived in Augusta from Tennessee. At Covenant I have been active in the choir, Building & Grounds Ministry team, and have served as an Elder on several occasions. I was also an Elder and a Deacon at Presbyterian churches in Tennessee and Pennsylvania respectively. Since the pandemic I have also been active with the Audio/Video Team streaming our Sunday services. Thus, if you don't know me, it's because I'm often behind the scenes.



Respectfully submitted by the Congregational Nominating Committee, Chris Terry, Chair.

THORNWELL HOME SPECIAL OFFERING

We will take up a special offering for the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC on Sunday, November 21.



With a legacy of hope and healing that began in the heart of a young pastor in 1875,

Thornwell serves to prevent child abuse and neglect, build up and reunite families, and support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Thornwell activates its mission with a Christ-centered continuum of care to build strong children and families across FL, GA, and SC. When the organization started, the first funds came from a young boy. Thornwell Emphasis Month honors this legacy by inviting each of us to contribute what we can—prayers, acts of service, or financial donations. Family takes all of us. Together, we are building strong families.

OPEN



Covenant Presbyterian Stewardship 2022



“... when you **open your hand**, they are filled with good things.”
Psalm 104:28



“...the Lord **opened her heart**.”
Acts 16:14



“Here is an astonishing thing... he **opened my eyes!**”
John 9:30

Dedication Sunday is November 14, 2021

COFFEE BAR IS BACK!

Come early on Kirkin Sunday (November 7) and Dedication Sunday (November 14) to enjoy some coffee (or tea) and fellowship outside before the service! Our coffee bar has been shut down during the pandemic, but we are bringing it back for at least a few weeks if not longer. We hope that you will join us just outside of the doors to the Aumond Rd. parking lot at 10:40 a.m., share some coffee, make a nametag, and chat with some friends.

The coffee bar is a part of our greeter ministry, which is coordinated by Lindsay Kircher. If you would like to help with greeting or the coffee bar on a regular basis, then please email Lindsay at lindsayk13x@aol.com.



Preschool News



Two years ago, we celebrated the church's 60th anniversary, and now it's the preschool's turn

for festivities! The school opened its doors as an outreach ministry of the church in 1961 with a single kindergarten class. In the last sixty years, the school has added additional classes for younger children and has served countless families in the Augusta community. This month, we're celebrating six decades of the preschool and Children's Day Out program with a special spirit week and a fundraiser to support the future of the school.

As part of the preschool's 60th anniversary celebrations, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is hosting a Giving Wall fundraiser during the week of November 15-19. Look for the Giving Wall near the preschool office that week. The wall will feature 60 envelopes each with a number between one and sixty printed on it. If you'd like to participate in the fundraiser, just take an envelope with the dollar amount you'd like to give, and then return the envelope with your cash or check in it to the donation box outside the preschool office.

However you support the preschool – with your time, your prayers, or your dollars – we are grateful for you!

Congregational Life

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

During the month of November, we're taking a break from Wednesday night programs. We'll still have dinner together starting at 5:30 p.m., and music rehearsals for all groups will happen as usual.

We hope you'll join us for a three-week Advent series next month starting on Wednesday, December 1. Stay tuned for more information in future church publications.

A Note from Your Treasurer

All, below you will find the third quarter financial report. You will see that revenues and expenses continue to fall below budget. This is good news for expenses, but not for revenues, as we ended September with a \$12,349.52 deficit. You will see that our pledges are running 6%, or approximately \$29,000, below budget. At this point last year, our pledge receipts were 3.5% above budget. That represents a 9 ½ point swing. Non-Pledge Gifts are also below budget, by almost 25%, but this is typical as we usually see a large influx in non-pledge gifts as we approach year-end.

Please be aware that we continue to encounter some irregularities in our banking experience. We know of at least seven (7) checks/pledges/gifts that were intended for Covenant, but received and deposited elsewhere. We also know that six (6) of these seven (7) checks were issued by Wells Fargo Bill Pay. The affected individuals are working with their financial institutions to try to rectify this. Although it seems a remote possibility, we cannot rule-out mail theft, so we have taken measures to secure our incoming mail delivery system. But we still need your help. **If you have not already done so, please reconcile your Covenant Giving Statement(s) with your bank or other financial institution transaction records to verify that your checks/gifts intended for Covenant were indeed received and processed by Covenant. If you are able to view your cancelled checks, you will see that checks received by Covenant are clearly marked by a Covenant Deposit stamp.** If you need a copy of your Covenant Giving Statement, please contact the church office.

Thank you,
Aubrey Moore, Treasurer

Covenant Presbyterian Church			
3rd Quarter Financial Report - January 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021			
<i>With 75% of the fiscal year complete, the chart below reflects our revenue performance to date.</i>			
Revenues	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Goal ≥ 75%
Income Accounts			
Pledges	\$ 331,778.00	\$ 481,000.00	69.0%
Non-Pledge Gifts	28,629.00	57,000.00	50.2%
Loose Plate Offering	470.00	3,000.00	15.7%
Interest, Checking	137.42	200.00	68.7%
Interest, Prime Savings	273.89	200.00	136.9%
Processing Costs Revenue	580.04	500.00	116.0%
Rent/Facilities Use	3,269.00	4,000.00	81.7%
Exp. Reimb. Donation	-	300.00	0.0%
Total Income Accounts	\$ 365,137.35	\$ 546,200.00	66.9%
Designated Funds Transfers			
Transfers from Bldg. Fund	19,931.85	26,575.84	75.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 385,069.20	\$ 572,775.84	67.2%
<i>With 75% of the fiscal year complete, the chart below reflects our expense performance to date.</i>			
Expenses	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Goal ≤ 75%
Ministry Teams			
Building & Grounds	\$ 130,304.12	\$ 177,744.96	73.3%
Congregational Life	-	2,000.00	0.0%
Education	4,330.42	13,450.00	32.2%
Mission	31,174.04	44,800.00	69.6%
Sustainability	226,141.23	322,980.88	70.0%
Worship	5,468.91	11,800.00	46.3%
Total Expenses	\$ 397,418.72	\$ 572,775.84	69.4%
Net Total	\$(12,349.52)	\$ -	-2.2%

Education

CHILDREN

Preschool & Elementary Sunday School

Sundays // 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Preschool – Room 4
Elementary – Room 103



In November, we'll talk about how God made us to have relationships with other people and to take care of each other from the PC(USA) *Follow Me* curriculum. Preschool and elementary Sunday School classes continue to meet in-person on Sunday mornings, and we'd love to see your child there!

New Children's Worship Art Gallery

Have you noticed the new art gallery in the back of the sanctuary? We have several little artists in our congregation, and we display the artwork they create with supplies from the worship bags.

Grown-ups, if your child has a creation they'd like to share in the Children's Worship Art Gallery, please let Katelyn know!

YOUTH

Bible Study

Sundays, November 7 and 14
3:00 p.m. // Zoom

How many people do you follow on Instagram? How about on TikTok? For people of faith, the most important person we follow is Jesus, and we're exploring what that means in our current series, "Follow Jesus."

Youth Bible study is happening on the first and second Sundays of this month (note the calendar change from our usual schedule!), and we'll be talking about following Jesus together and learning to love. Carrie and Dana look forward to seeing your smiling faces via Zoom this month!

Service & Fellowship Activity

Sunday, November 21

After 11:00 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

It's a Covenant tradition for the youth to help assemble the giant Christmas tree that's at the front of the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Come for 11:00 a.m. worship on November 21, and stay for a pizza lunch and to put together a Christmas tree that's so big even Buddy the Elf would be impressed. We'll wrap up by 1:30 p.m.

ADULTS

Sunday School

SALT (fellowship hall) and Choir (parlor)

All Covenant adults are invited to participate in our 5-week adult Sunday School class series based on Christ's Five Discourses (teachings) in the book of Matthew and will end with Christ's teaching in Matthew 25. These important teachings are as relevant for us today as they were 2,000 years ago, as we try to live out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. This series ends on November 14.

On November 21, we will begin a new study entitled *Confess*. The study explores what it means to confess and how to engage in the practice of confessing. We will also examine how confession can help us begin the process of healing and restoration with God.

For questions about adult classes, feel free to contact Judy Grieve, Steve Bell, or Kathy Ordelt.

Companions in Christ

This small group meets every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the parlor as it has for over 10 years. The current study is Brian D. McLaren's *We Make the Road By Walking*. If



anyone is interested in beginning a Companions in Christ small group, please get in touch with Cindy Wallerich cswallerich@gmail.com.

Disciples Bible Study

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. in room 104. Having completed the beginning series of the Disciples, this group is now finishing the study of 2nd Corinthians from the Kerygma series. A new study will begin soon. Contact Judy Grieve judygrieve@mac.com if you are interested in joining this Bible study group.

WADING Bible Study

This is a time for Bible study and fellowship for women. For all women, but after dinner for those women who find that their schedules don't permit them to join in the daytime study or fellowship groups.

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (to approximately 8:15) in Room 12.

For more information, please contact Mary McCarter, (812) 229-1368.

ADVENT WORKSHOP



Sunday,
November 28
9:45-10:45
a.m. //
Fellowship Hall

Covenant members and friends of all

ages are invited to an Advent Workshop on the first Sunday of Advent. You'll have the opportunity to make an Advent wreath for your family and other crafts. Join us for fun, fellowship, and food in the Fellowship Hall. The Education Ministry Team is hosting this event, and all are welcome!

Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet on this Sunday.

MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

At the October session meeting, part of our devotion was a discussion about what church membership means to us. The question is especially important during stewardship season and as we consider our understanding of our responsibilities as the body of Christ.

Here's how Covenant elders answered the question, "What does membership at Covenant mean to you?"

"Commitment, accountable, supported, supporting"

"To be a member is to be active in the life and mission of the church and to encourage others in membership."

"Expanded family, safe haven, sharing in times of good and bad"

"I am accepted. I am loved. I can show love to others."

"Part of the body of Christ; responsible for helping with the mission of the church."

"To be part of a family. To share in responsibilities."

"It means I belong, the other members are like a family, and so many of the important events in my life have happened here."

"A claiming of my belonging to and responsibility in the body of Christ."

"Participation"

"Fellowship with the wise"

"Thankful"

"A positive rhythm to my life; always growing in faith together; enjoy serving"

"It means I am a Christian who believes in love, kindness, compassion, giving, and thankfulness along with my family at Covenant!"

"A member of family who care for each other; a place to find 'sanctuary' (holy quiet)"

Building and Grounds

WORKDAY

Building and Grounds will have an Outdoor Workday, Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We plan to work on the following items during this Workday.

- o Manicuring flower beds
- o Playground: trimming back brush and raking
- o Trimming bushes and small trees
- o Window cleaning
- o Seal cracking of roof deck over kitchen

- o Remove pine-straw from downspouts near offices

Snacks will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Baldwin (706-339-1506).



Presbyterian Women



Calling all ladies...

You are invited to join us for our monthly Presbyterian Women (PW) get together on Tuesday,

November 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 12. Our in-person meetings will continue to be combined and include both the Faith and the Deborah Circles. Masks are needed at this time.

We will be discussing lesson two of the PW Bible study — *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair. The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spell bound as a grandmother reminisces about her early life. What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us about being followers of Christ? Please contact Gail Baker or Kathy Ordelt if you have questions.

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS

In the past, Covenant, along with many other churches, has provided small gift items for residents of Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Due to COVID 19, these items will not be collected again this year. Instead, you can help by making a contribution to the

Presbyterian Homes Caring Hands Fund. Your contribution will help Presbyterian Homes of GA to purchase items and spread a little holiday cheer to some of the home's most vulnerable residents. You can either send a check marked as being for Santa Clause Express to Presbyterian Homes of GA, Development Office, P.O. Box 926, Quitman, GA 31643 OR donate online with a credit card at the following website: <https://www.phgainc.org/donate/general-caring-hands/>

Treats for Troops

Covenant Presbyterian Women will again be collecting individually packaged treats for making "goodie bags" for soldiers at Fort Gordon. The treats will be collected at the end of November and the first part of December. Details will be provided soon.

MISSION HAVEN

Judy Grieve was installed as Vice President (VP) of the Mission Haven Board on October 27, 2021. Following her one year term as VP, she will become the President and after that will serve for one more year as the Past President. Thank you, Judy, for your very diligent and faithful service to Presbyterian Women (PW) and the missions of PW.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Reformation Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo*	1 All Saints Day 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	2 7:00 AM General Special Election, Fellowship Hall 8:30 AM Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences, Parlor and Room 12 3:30 PM Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00 PM Stated Session Meeting, Zoom	3 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30 PM WNF Dinner, Fellowship Hall 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	4 8:30 AM Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences, Parlor and Room 12 5:00 PM Stewardship Task Force, Zoom 6:30 PM JuBELLation Ringers	5 7:30 PM Kirking Concert featuring De Ceadaoin, Sanctuary	6 9:00 AM Building & Grounds Workday 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
7 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Kirking of the Tartans Worship Service and Live Stream, Sanctuary* 12:00 PM Prayer Action Team, Prayer Circle, Parlor 3:00 PM Youth Bible Study, Zoom	8 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 5:30 PM Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	9 1:45 PM Church Women United, Room 104 6:00 PM Education Ministry Team, Room 104	10 COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 1:30 PM Covenant Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM WNF Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM Matthew 25 Task Force, Fellowship Hall 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	11 No Preschool Veterans Day 6:30 PM JuBELLation Ringers	12	13 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 11:00 AM JoAnn Ealick Memorial Service, Sanctuary 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
14 Dedication Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 3:00 PM Youth Bible Study, Zoom	15 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	16 9:30 AM PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Gathering Area 11:00 AM Faith and Deborah Circle Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Sustainability Ministry Team, Zoom	17 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30 PM WNF Dinner, Fellowship Hall 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	18 10:00 AM Preschool Thanksgiving Program 6:30 PM JuBELLation Ringers	19	20 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
21 Special Offering: Thornwell Home 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 11:55 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary 12:00 PM Chrismon Tree Set-up, Sanctuary 12:00 PM Prayer Action Team, Prayer Circle, Parlor 12:00 PM Youth: "It's Beginning to look A Lot Like Advent" Service & Fellowship 12:30 PM Worship Ministry Team, Sanctuary	22 Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday (No School) 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	23 Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)	24 Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday (No School) 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Room 104	25 Church Office Closed Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday (No School) Thanksgiving Day	26 Church Office Closed Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)	27 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
28 Advent First Sunday of Advent 9:45 AM Advent Workshop* 11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo*	29 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	30 6:00 PM Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	1 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	2 4:00 PM Open the Gates Task Force, Zoom 6:30 PM JuBELLation Ringers	3	4 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104

Mission

MEALS FOR THE JEFFREY VADEN CHAVIS HOUSE

For quite a number of years members of Covenant have provided lunches for outpatients of the Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital, who are staying at the Jeffrey Vaden Chavis House. We provide meals on the third Friday of every other month (6 meals/year). Sunday School Classes, Presbyterian Women and church members working individually or together in small groups have participated in this mission activity. Currently we have a need for volunteers to prepare lunches for the third Fridays of June and December. Recently we have been preparing for about 15 people. If you are interested in this mission, please contact Cindy Wallerich, Charlotte Ealick or the church office.

GAP MINISTRIES ITEM OF THE MONTH

The item of the month for November is stuffing mix (type which only needs water added). This item will be a welcome addition to our Food Pantry shelves.

GAP Ministries is continuing serve the hungry. Due to construction and Covid-19 concerns, we are still serving pre-bagged food outdoors. We hope to be able to return to a choice Food Pantry in the late fall. We are still seeing new people whose lives have been disrupted by the pandemic, as well as those who are unable to work due to mental or physical health problems. Please support GAP as we work to help people get through tough times by helping with prescriptions, birth certificates, photo IDs, diapers, and storage bins. We are also proud to share our building with other groups who work to help God's children to find value and stability in their lives.

Mary Beachum



In memory of :

DR. ALVA FAULKNER

Mary Beachum
Janet & Buster Boshears
Nancy Carr
Fay J. Clements
Charles & Alva Compton
June S. Durden
Lucyle Ferris
Virginia Flanagin
Bonnie Given
Joe & Diane Griffin
Jeff & Grace Heck
Mary H. Johnson
Nancy P. Kitchens
Carol S. Mottel
Glen Owen
Martha Reagan
John & Ruth Tucker
Herbert & Merry Williams

DR. GLORIA JENNINGS MARSHALL

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Lucyle Ferris
Joe & Diane Griffin
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Terry & Joyce Bowers
Nancy Carr
Jim & Phoebe Crimmins
Gene & Carol Anne Harrison

JERRY WREN

Mary Beachum
Cynthia Beckum
Lloyd DeFoor
Joe & Diane Griffin
Gardelle Lewis
James Weigle
Janice Williams
Barry Wood

November Worship Schedule

USHERS

- 11/7: Jim Buckalew,
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,
Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry,
Jim Wade
11/14: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp,
Lucyle Ferris,
Fidelis Ndingwan
11/21: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,
Ruth Mayhall,
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
11/28: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,
John Ealick, Angela Hobby

LITURGIST/READER

AT 11:00 AM SERVICE

- 11/7: Dana R. Johnson
11/14: Charlie Terry
11/21: Jimmy Lea
11/28: Hanging of the Greens–
TBD

PREACHER

- 11/7: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
11/14: Andy Cooke
11/21: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
11/28: Andy Cooke

GREETERS

- 11/7: Sabina Widner
11/14: Mary Beachum &
Martha Bertrand
11/21: Jim Crimmins
11/28: Fred & Jane Gehle

A/V TEAM

November

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

COORDINATORS

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

Prayer Concerns



NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

- Joe Cook** – home after brief
hospitalization (1015)
Elizabeth Fleming and family on
the death of her father, Porter
Fleming October 20.
Corinne Saddler (granddaughter of
Joslyn and Marvin Fields) –
hospitalized in Baltimore with
RSV
Thelma Spill (Gail Kouame's
mother-in-law) – cancer (1007)
Family of Barbara Williams upon
her death October 16

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS

- All of Covenant's **Missionaries**
All who serve in the **U.S. Military**
Deb Pittman – Health during
pregnancy (0723)
Lois Reynolds – Oaks at Evans
(0728)
David Rhoades – At home (0518)
Susan Williams – Surgery (0909)
The Family of Jerry Wren, who died
September 13 (0914)

ENDURING CONCERNS

- Dorris Andrews** (Elaine Lea's
mother) – Brandon Wilde
Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde
Lois Davis – Kentwood
Juanita Davis (Andrea Butt's aunt) –
Jacksonville, FL
Anne Degrazia – Alpharetta, GA
Priscilla Gilman – Brandon Wilde
Betty Johnston – Brandon Wilde
Larry Lutcher – Brandon Wilde

Leah Mannel – Brandon Wilde
Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell
Moses' mother) – At home
Carol Paulson – At home
Elizabeth Swink – At home
Jane Terry (Chris Terry's mother) –
Lake Wales, FL
**And for all those whose names we
hold in our hearts.**

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF BARBARA WILLIAMS

If you would like to send a card to
the Williams Family, you may send
it to:

Briton Williams
522 San Salvador Dr.
North Augusta, SC 29841

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Lindsay Kircher, Sabina Widner, and Dana Johnson. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Phinizy Swamp Nature Hike, October 2, 2021



Food Truck Friday, Pizza Palooza, October 22, 2021

