

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • March 2024



On Sunday, March 10, daylight savings time begins. Please remember to move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening.

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:

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9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

From Our Pastor

When we began the season of Lent a few weeks ago, we did so by marking an ashen cross on our foreheads. The week before, we had red paraments in the sanctuary with images of fire on them to represent the Holy Spirit as we ordained and installed new deacons and elders. Before that, we had stars for Epiphany. And before that, a tree and a manger.

There are many symbols in Christian worship that we use throughout the year. At one time, I would have said that the cross was the most basic, universal symbol that we see in Christian worship. But then I went to the northeast to attend seminary and started worshiping in Christian churches that did not have a cross. Many Presbyterian congregations there have no images or crosses in their worship space—a legacy of Puritan influence and the Calvinist iconoclasm of earlier days.

The cross may not be a universal symbol in Christian worship spaces, but every single Presbyterian congregation that I have ever entered has a table, font, and pulpit. Usually, the table is the largest of these three symbols, and it is positioned in the very center of the space. In our tradition, we might say that the table is the most basic and universal symbol in Christian worship.

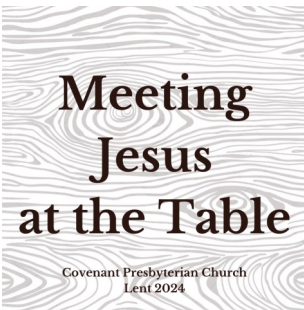
Our theme for this season of Lent is *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, which is based on a book of the same name by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Over the six and half weeks of Lent, we are looking at stories from the gospels in which Jesus is engaging people around this ancient symbol of Christian faith: the table. It is my prayer that we will see new opportunities to practice our faith around the table as we dig into these texts together on Sundays and Wednesdays in March.

We'll conclude the month with Holy Week, and I hope that you will join us for the Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary, the Good Friday service at Belle Terrace Presbyterian, and the Easter Sunrise service in the memorial garden. May your season of Lent be rich in meaning and worship as you continue the journey to Easter!

Grace and peace,

Andy

Wednesday Night Fellowship



Take a quick moment to think of the tables you've sat around today. Maybe you ate a bowl of cereal at your kitchen table this morning. Maybe you sat around a conference room table at work and made some decisions about your next project. Maybe you sat on the exam room table at a doctor's appointment, or maybe you set the dining room table to host friends for dinner.

Tables are often at the center of our daily lives, and this was true for Jesus too. Jesus spent a lot of time around tables during his ministry, and we can learn from the company he kept at those tables and the kinds of conversations he had there too. We're using Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr's book *Meeting Jesus at the Table* as a guiding text for our Lenten sermon series, and we're continuing our Sunday morning worship conversations in our Wednesday Night Fellowship series. Each week, we'll read the story of one of Jesus' table encounters in Scripture, and we hope you'll plan to join us!

Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15 p.m., and the program is from 6:15-7:00 p.m. Childcare is provided each week in room 2.

Clerk's Corner

December Building usage requests:

Playground: Jillian Reeves - December 30, 2023; 10-11:30 a.m. – birthday party

Membership:

The memberships of Fidelis and Maatsi Ndingwan were transferred to Frederick Presbyterian Church, Frederick, MD.

Joe Griffin joined the church triumphant on January 20, 2024

Laurie Hudson joined on January 21, 2024

Annual Meeting of the Congregation:

Charlotte Ealick who served as President of the Corporation for 2023 and Aubrey Moore who served as Treasurer agreed to serve again in 2024 if elected. They were elected by the congregation in the Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2023. Our thanks to these faithful servants of the congregation.

Budget for 2024 was presented to the congregation and terms of call for our Co-Pastors were approved.

Commissioners for Presbytery Meeting

Commissioners for February 24, 2024, Northeast Georgia Presbytery meeting at Covenant Augusta were Charlotte Ealick, Amelia Hall, Anne Ealick Henry, and Susan Monk.

"We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells."

from the Confession of Belhar

Susan Monk
Clerk of Session

Presbyterian Women

2024 PW Birthday Offering

Presbyterian Women (PW) will collect their Birthday Offering and commemorate its 102nd year on Sunday, March 10.

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

- Renovations at Bethel Hills, a home for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Bethel Hills is located at Marthasville, Missouri and is a faith based, inclusive community.
- Renovations at Shawnee Presbyterian Church of Louisville, Kentucky. The church is located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and their children are challenged with food insecurity. The grant will help the church reopen a café where meals were served in the past.

Birthday offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on March 10. You can also give electronically via Realm. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

PW NEGA Presbytery Annual Gathering

March 16, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Augusta Georgia

Time: Registration begins 9:15 a.m., Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Daryl Mullee, USA Mission Experience 2023 to the Southern Border Participant

Registration Donation: We are collecting **shelf stable food** – canned goods, pasta, rice, dried beans, etc. for **GAP Ministries Food Pantry** and small body wash, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, etc. for **Project Refresh**.

Lunch will be provided by the Beth Duncan Fund.

Registration: to register, please email: pwnegaregistrar@gmail.com and give your name and church name. Registration deadline is March 8, 2024.

WINGS-Women in God's Service (PW)

All women are invited to the monthly meetings of WINGS. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 7. This year's study book is *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. We will discuss Lesson Six. Please join us as we fellowship with each other and learn more about Christ.



Sanctuary Flowers

Our Flower Calendar is a meaningful way to show love and to glorify God. If you would like to donate flowers, check with Rachel Gregory in the church office to make sure your date is available. Forms to order flowers and to include a special message for the bulletin are available in the church office. You are welcome to use your own florist or Rachel can place the order with the florist that Covenant uses. The cost of each arrangement is usually \$125.



Education Ministry

Emmaus Class

Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Room 12

Leader: Karla Conditt Daniels

Come join the conversation with the Emmaus class.

Each of the Sundays leading up to Easter we will be discussing significant stories of Jesus' ministry that center on table fellowship. Our co-pastors will be using the book Meeting Jesus at the Table to inform their sermon series, as well as the Wednesday evening program. Each gathering we will focus on the same passage, allowing more time to consider the story and its sermon interpretation, as we explore significant Lenten themes such as grace, emptiness, provision, sacrifice, mercy, hospitality, and gratitude. Plenty of spiritual food for thought. All are welcome.

Coffee and Conversation

Gathering Area by the Fellowship Hall Kitchen

You've already come to worship, so stay after the service for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. Join other 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!



SALT

Adult SALT

(Sharing and Learning Together)
11:15 a.m. in Room 7

Please join us for an engaging ten-week series by author Phillip Yancey entitled *What's So Amazing About Grace?* Using class videos and discussions, we'll look into ways that we receive grace as well as ways we can use grace in our everyday lives. The study will take us through Lent and into the Easter season, a time of Christ's amazing gift of grace for all of us. Purchasing a study guide for the class is helpful and you can find it at [What's So Amazing About Grace?](#)

Souper Bowl of Caring



THE REAL WINNER:



\$725.50

Thank you so much to everyone who gave to the Souper Bowl of Caring offering on Youth Sunday! We raised \$725.50 for GAP Ministries, which is a win for everyone!

Financial Peace University Class

Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your money? This. Is. Your. Time. And you don't even have to leave your home to do it!

Covenant is offering a virtual Financial Peace University class **starting on March 4th**. Whether you are struggling to make ends meet or have your finances on auto pilot and want a financial check up, join us on Monday nights at 7:00 to learn God's way of handling money. The class is 9 weeks with Master's week off and will end on May 6th. The cost is \$80 and comes with outside of class resources.

For more information you can email Laurie Hudson at laurierfc@icloud.com.



Men's Breakfast

The Men of the Church will have a Saturday morning breakfast on March 2, at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Education Ministry

Children

Preschool

Sundays // 11:15-11:30 a.m.
Room 2

As part of their time in worship nursery, our youngest members also get to hear a Bible story, do a craft or activity, and say a prayer together each week. The weekly Bible stories correspond with the liturgical season and the stories we hear in worship on Sunday mornings.

Elementary School

Sundays, March 10 and 24 // 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Room 103

Elementary Sunday School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, and during the season of Lent, we're learning more about what it looks like to be a disciple. We'll explore what it means to be a witness and how we can teach others about Jesus.

Children's Music

Sunday, March 24 //
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Children's Music at Covenant will meet in the preschool enrichment classroom (room 3) on the fourth Sundays of the month from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Sarah Colborn assisted by Lyn will lead sessions.

Children's Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 31 // 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Room 2

Preschool and elementary school children are invited to a special Easter Celebration on Easter morning! We'll hear the story of Jesus' resurrection together, watch a short movie, play a game or make a craft, and then we'll head outside for an egg hunt!

The Education Ministry Team could use a few volunteers to help us with this event. If you're interested in helping to put together goodie bags beforehand or helping with crowd control and photos on Easter morning, please contact Katelyn Gordon Cooke.

Youth

Small Groups

Sunday mornings // 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
High School Youth Room 203
Middle School Youth Room 204

The season of Lent is an annual invitation for people of faith to consider the things in their lives that get in the way of their relationship with God. For people of all ages, and especially for today's young people, a busy schedule and the demands of school, work, and family can be overwhelming.

On Sunday mornings in Lent, middle and high school youth will talk about the practice of sabbath-keeping as a response to the anxiety and stress that so many of us experience in our daily lives.

Second Saturday Service

On Saturday, March 9, Covenant high school and middle school youth will travel to Clinton, SC, to visit Thornwell (formerly known as Thornwell Home for Children). Thornwell was founded in 1875 by Dr. William Plumer Jacobs, a Presbyterian minister who saw a need to care for children and families in his community. Thornwell's mission continues today, and Covenant has supported Thornwell for many years now.

The youth will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Covenant parking lot on Saturday, March 9 to drive to Thornwell where we'll have lunch and spend some time with Thornwell youth. We'll also get a tour of the Thornwell campus and learn more about its history before coming back to Augusta later that afternoon.

For more information about this service activity, contact Katelyn Gordon Cooke.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

Movie Afternoon
Sunday, March 24 // 3:00-5:00 p.m.
High School Youth Room 203

Join your Covenant friends for a movie afternoon complete with popcorn and your favorite movie theater candy. Katelyn will be in touch with the youth as the date gets closer, so they can vote on the movie they'd like to watch.



Worship

Home Communion

Covenant deacons will be serving communion to homebound church members on Sunday, March 3, 2024, after 10:00 a.m. worship. If you or someone you know would like to receive home communion, please contact Katelyn Gordon Cooke.



Covenant Choir Seasonal Singers' Invitation for Holy Week & Easter

The first 40 minutes of each Wednesday evening rehearsal of the Covenant Choir will be devoted to preparing the music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday evening, and Easter morning.

If you are unable to sing with us on a regular basis, but would like to be a member of the Covenant Festival Choir for these special services, please consider attending our rehearsal from **7:15 – 7:55 p.m.** on Wednesdays. At 7:55 p.m. you will be free to depart (with no guilt!); our rehearsal will then continue as we work to prepare music for weekly worship services. Questions – contact Lyn Patterson, lpatterson@covenantaugusta.org.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Harrison Memorial Service

A service of Witness to the Resurrection in gratitude for the life of Carol Anne Harrison will be held in the sanctuary on **Saturday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m.** A brief reception will be held in the parlor following the service. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Griffin Memorial Service

A memorial service for Joe Griffin will be held in the sanctuary at Covenant on **Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m.** We hope that you can join us on that day as we witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, mourn together, and thank God for a life well-lived.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Easter Sunday, March 31

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Please give generously.

If we all do a little,
it adds up to a lot!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, March 28 // 7:00 p.m.
Covenant Sanctuary
*Childcare provided

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 // 12:00 p.m.
Belle Terrace Presbyterian Church
2473 Golden Camp Road
Augusta, Georgia 30906

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, March 31
Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
Memorial Garden

Easter Service at 10:00 a.m.
Covenant Sanctuary

Easter Cross

On Easter Sunday, March 31, you are invited to come by and place flowers from your yard on the cross as we continue the tradition of the flowered cross. The large wooden cross will be in the narthex. The flowering of the cross is a beautiful way to witness to the new life that comes through Christ's Resurrection.



Covenant Preschool

It's an exciting time in the preschool year as we start to think ahead to the next school year and to our Summer Fun program. As of February 12, registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open to the public, and we've had a great response so far. You can learn more about next year's class offerings by visiting the preschool website, and if you have any friends looking for a quality early childhood education experience for their little ones, please send them our way!

We're also glad to be able to offer Summer Fun, a six-week program for children age 1 through 1st grade, again this summer, and we're especially grateful to Kim Ball for serving as the Summer Fun director. Ms. Kim was the Summer Fun director last year, and she did a fantastic job. We're looking forward to lots of fun together in June and July, and Summer Fun registration will open to the public on Monday, March 11.

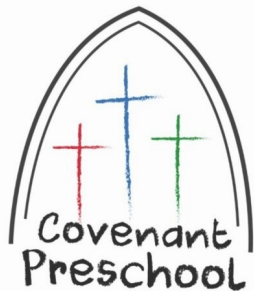
Finally, I want to share the news that I will be concluding my time as the preschool director at the end of this school year in May. I love our preschool – its staff, students, and families – and I've loved serving as the director for the past three years. It's been a joy to get to know the families, to lead the staff, and to be part of the preschool community. At the same time, my first call has always been as a pastor, and, for a variety of reasons, it's become harder and harder for me to be both pastor and preschool director (and wife and mom and friend, etc.).

I'm looking forward to continuing a close relationship with the preschool as a pastor and a parent, and I'm grateful for the good work we've done over the past few years and for the ways the preschool is thriving. It's been exciting to see preschool families join us for worship on Sunday mornings and become involved with the church, and I'm hopeful that that will continue in the future.

This month, the session will review a revised job description for the Preschool Director position and will vote on members for a search committee to find the next director. I'm confident in the work of our leaders in this process, and I trust that the Spirit is already preparing the person who will be the next director at our preschool. I'd encourage you to pray for the search committee in its work as well as the preschool staff and families and potential candidates.

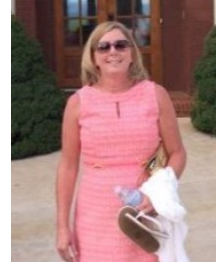
God is good all the time, and I'm looking forward to seeing what's next for us in this important ministry!

Peace,
Katelyn Gordon Cooke



March Spotlight

Each month we'll share a few fun facts about current officers and/or Covenant Staff.



Getting to know
Missy Woolever,
Preschool PK
Floater

A few fun facts about Missy:

- *"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* Psalm 118:24 is my favorite Bible verse.
- I love to travel, my favorite place to travel to is Europe.
- Visiting flea markets and searching for antiques is something I enjoy for fun.



Getting to know
Sara van Plew,
Nursery Caregiver

A few fun facts about Sara:

- *"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."* Jeremiah 17:7-8 is my favorite Bible verse.
- I LOVE plants, tropical plants, indoor plants, and growing my garden outside.
- Panama City, Florida, and its stunning beaches are my favorite places to travel to.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
25	10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 11:45am Children's Music, Room 3 12:15pm Youth Lunch at Vallarta 3:00pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground	26	5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	27	12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	28	9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program 7:15pm Covenant Choir	29	6:00pm Jubilation Ringers 7:00pm Creation Care Task Force, Zoom	1		2	8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm AU Basketball Games 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104 2:00pm Memorial Service for Carol Anne Harrison
3	Home Communion 10:00am Communion Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor	4	No Preschool 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	5	11:30am Ladies for Lunch 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	6	9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program 7:15pm Covenant Choir	7	6:00pm Jubilation Ringers	8		9	9:00am Youth Service Activity, Thornwell Home for Children (Clinton, SC) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
10	Special Offering: PW Birthday Offering 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Diaconate Meeting, Parlor	11	5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 6:30pm Building and Grounds Ministry Team Meeting, Gathering Area 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom	12	Primary Election, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Men's Lunch, Room 7 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 4:30pm Education Ministry Team, Room 7	13	9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program 7:15pm Covenant Choir	14	6:00pm Jubilation Ringers 6:00pm Young Adult Gathering, Edgars Above Broad	15		16	Northeast Georgia Presbyterian Women Gathering, Covenant 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
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*Childcare available

Congregational Life

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, March 5, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at P.F. Chang's, 3450 Wrightsboro Road in the Augusta Mall. Contact Phoebe Crimmins at 706-738-7820 or by email at pbjcrim.949@gmail.com to make your reservation for this gathering so that we may have space for you.

Men's Brownbag Lunch

Join us at noon on Tuesdays, March 12 in room 7, and March 26 in the fellowship hall. You are invited to bring your own "brown bag" lunch, or pick up something on the way to the church, join us if you can!

Around the Table Meal and Fellowship Groups



Following the theme of our Lenten series, the Congregational Life Ministry Team would like to invite you to spend some time 'around the table' with members of your church family. Gathering in small groups and on our own schedule allows us to create deeper relationships.

Congregational Life will create the "guest list" for each Around the Table group, and then individual groups will make plans to eat together once a month in April, May, and June.

The 'table' can be at your home, at a restaurant, at the ballpark, at the bowling alley, at the museum, at the park, at the ice cream shoppe - -you are limited by your own imagination. You decide (if applicable), if you want to bring the young ones along, or have an adult-only event.

At the end of June, we will do a shuffle and start again with new groupings for July, August, September, for those interested in continuing and those ready to join in.

Questions? Talk with Chris Terry or Paula Reardon.

Ready? Provide the following information to the church office on or before March 24.

YES!

I/we would like to be part of an AROUND THE TABLE group in April, May, and June:

Name(s) _____

The best way to contact me/us to choose the gathering dates/places is

_____ By phone – preferred phone number: _____

_____ By email – preferred email address: _____



Everyone in the Covenant congregation who wishes to remember or honor family and/or friends through the gift of Easter Lilies is invited to make a donation to the Flower Fund. Donations will be used to purchase lilies to place in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. To cover the cost of the plants, we are asking for a minimum contribution of \$20.00 for each dedication. Orders should be in the church office no later than Tuesday, March 26. Those who make donations are invited to take a lily home after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

You can either donate online or send a check to Covenant Presbyterian Church with a note specifying the Easter Lilies Fund. To pay online go to <https://onrealm.org/covenantaugusta/-/form/give/now>

I would like to contribute to the Easter Lilies Fund as follows:

_____ In memory of

_____ In honor of

Amount of Contribution \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS

Continued prayer concerns will be removed after three months. Please contact the church office to have them renewed or moved to enduring concerns.

All of Covenant's Missionaries, and all who serve in the U.S. Military

Katie and Dalton Cooper - for a healthy pregnancy (0212)

Philip Monk - recovering from knee replacement surgery (0215)

Tom Mote and Jennifer Drake as they begin their married life together (0205)

Cheryl Andrews (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - recovering at home from brain surgery

Bill Simmerman (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - Orlando, FL - metastatic pancreatic cancer

Family of Carol Anne Harrison, former member and former Preschool Director, who passed away on January 28 (0128)

Family of Joe Griffin upon his death on January 20 (0120)

Jean Dirksen - at home (0123)

Debbie van Tuyl - hip replacement (0125)

Rick Ordelt - at home (0122)

Judy Grieve - at home recovering from a traffic accident (0117)

Jim Buckalew - recovering from back surgery (0117)

Ella Davis - recovering from surgery (0117)

Amelia Hall and Edward Tremel - for a healthy pregnancy (0118)

Anne Huff - back pain (0104)

Kevin O'Kula - upon the death of his sister Joan Gatz (1219)

Sascha Hagerman (Liz Weckel Hagerman's husband) - recovering at home (1211)

Claire and Eddie Hancock - for a healthy pregnancy (1211)

Jennifer Shook (Elaine Lea's sister) - Bandon, OR (1201)

Sue Walsh (friend of Diane Griffin) - Cancer treatment (1201)

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Kadie Cheeks, Kathy Ordelt, and Linda-Jean Jay. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at rgregory@covenantaugusta.org. The prayer team will pray for these and other confidential/unlisted prayer concerns on a weekly basis. To add a confidential/unlisted prayer concern, please contact a pastor or a deacon.

ENDURING CONCERNS

Priscilla Gilman - Aurora, CO

Polly Hendrix (Aunt of Angela Hobby) - Nashville, GA

Fred Gehle - At home

Betty Johnston - Brandon Wilde

Dorris Andrews (Elaine Lea's mother) - Brandon Wilde

Joe and Eunice Cook - Brandon Wilde

Bill Cornes - At home

Phyllis Daniels - Brandon Wilde

Erroll Hatcher - Adairsville, GA

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

Danny Williams - Benton House



Think about the best friend you've ever had. How well did you know your friend? What did you contribute to the friendship? Were you a good listener? Did you share things that were in your heart?

Have you ever stopped to think about being friends with Jesus? Getting to know Jesus better by reading scripture and praying (talking with) are often first steps. Other things like trust, honesty, loyalty, and listening skills are important for any friendship, including one with Jesus.

Your Diaconate Prayer Action Team
Kadie Cheeks, LJ Jay, and Kathy Ordelt

"Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

-Teresa of Avila

March Worship Schedule

PREACHER

- 3/3: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
3/10: Andy Cooke
3/17: Andy Cooke
3/24: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
3/28: **Maundy Thursday Service:**
Katelyn Gordon Cooke
3/31: **Easter Sunrise Service
at 7 a.m.**
Katelyn Gordon Cooke
3/31: **Easter Service at 10 a.m.**
Andy Cooke

GREETERS

- 3/3: Amelia Hall
3/10: Lindsay & Beau Southwell
3/17: Buddy Simpson
3/24: Lindsay Kircher
3/31: Sabina Widner

LITURGIST/READER

- 3/3: Chuck Baldwin
3/10: Mac Hobby
3/17: Dalton Cooper
3/24: L.J. Jay
3/31: Lori Rogers

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

- 3/3: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris,
Dave Lapp, Johnny Lowe,
Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
3/10: Shirley Gilleland, Judy Grieve,
Chris Henry, Ruth Mayhall,
Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson,
Bill Usry
3/17: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson,
Dalton Cooper, John Ealick,
Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
3/24: Jim Buckalew, Jim Crimmins,
William Davis, Beau
Southwell, Charlie Terry
3/28: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris,
Dave Lapp, Johnny Lowe,
Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
3/31: Shirley Gilleland, Judy Grieve,
Chris Henry, Ruth Mayhall,
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COORDINATORS

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

Family Promise

A devout member of St. Mary's and I were talking last week about Lent. I said giving up watching Fox News for 40 days might be the way to go. He suggested rather to find a way to serve someone in need for Lent. That fit perfectly with Covenant's appointed time to take meals for people staying at the new site that Family Promise now owns at 4221 Wheeler Road.

As we continue to emerge from the three year bad dream of Covid, Family Promise is an uplifting story of rebirth. For the first time in this mission's long history, they own a 4-bedroom house with a preschool/daycare operation and their administrative offices all on one property. Everything has been remodeled, and they can accommodate up to 15 residents.

We will be delivering meals beginning Sunday, March 10 through Saturday, March 16. Five days have already been covered (Mon. - Fri.), leaving Sunday, March 10, and Saturday, March 16 to be claimed.

I will meet the volunteers between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. at Covenant and lead them to the exact address on Wheeler Road (about three miles west of church).

Call/Text me at 706-339-1506 or email me at chuckjr.cb@gmail.com.

Chuck Baldwin, Family Promise Coordinator

Mission

GAP Ministries

GAP needs our help to keep the food pantry stocked amongst rising food costs! On your next trip to the grocery store, look out for "Buy One Get One" deals and other sales on all non-perishable foods to make the most of your donations. Everything helps, but some specific needs are instant grits, instant oatmeal, canned chili, and canned soup. Let's see if we can fill our donation boxes — they're located at the main entrance of the church and underneath the mailboxes near the church office. If we all add a couple items to our carts we can make a big difference in the community!

Claire Welborn Hancock

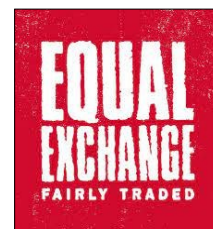
Equal Exchange

Coffee and

Chocolate Sale

Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on Sunday, March 10. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.

Charlotte Ealick
and
Sabina Widner





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