

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • April 2024

Masters Week Office Hours

The office hours during the week of April 8–12 will be Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thank You!

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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Office Hours:

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

From Our Pastor

“Joy is not made to be a crumb.”

I’ve always liked this line from Mary Oliver’s poem “Don’t Hesitate,” and I’m appreciating it in a particular way since I’m eating a coffeecake crumb muffin while I write this *Chimes* article. (You can imagine what the keyboard of my laptop looks like right now.)

As someone who tends to put responsibility ahead of enjoyment, I find Oliver’s idea that joy is not meant to be easily brushed away to be both challenging and appealing at the same time. What does it look like to let joy be the main course in your life? To let it be substantial and unmistakable in your daily comings and goings?

My sense is that this call to joy is part of the invitation we’re issued every year when we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead – to give joy a little more room in our lives or maybe a lot more room. We may not understand resurrection any more than we understand joy, but both are holy gifts given to us by a God who loves us deeply.

If you’re not seeing a lot of joy around you lately, then I have good news for you: every page of this issue of the *Chimes* has at least a little joy on it. From Aubrey Moore’s report about our retiring the debt of our renovation loan to Elaine Lea’s invitation to a fall mission trip to an opportunity to celebrate the graduates in our congregation to the financial gifts given in memory of beloved Covenant members – joy persists just as life persists in the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to God that, at Covenant, joy is much more than a crumb.

Grace and peace,

Katelyn



Rejoice!
He Lives!

Clerk's Corner

Facility Usage: Four requests to use the playground for birthday parties in February.

Communion Servers: Sunday, April 7, Judy Grieve, Jim Buckalew and Bobby Vernoy.

Financial Audit: Audit Committee completed 2022 Financial audit and submitted report.

Presbytery Meeting: Covenant hosted the meeting of the NE Georgia Presbytery on February 24, 2024. The Task Force established by the Session did a wonderful job organizing everything and Building and Grounds worked to make everything look nice and function well for our visitors. There were plenty of volunteers and we received very positive feedback. The Task Force was dismissed with gratitude for all their work.

Motions:

- **Mission Ministry Team made a motion that Session move funds from Global Mission Build Fund Tithe (080254) with the amount of \$34.20 and Local Mission Build Fund Tithe (080255) with the amount of \$5,686.85 to the Summer Work Mission Fund (080823). The motion came from committee and did not need a second. Motion passed.**
- **Sustainability Ministry Team made a motion to approve the proposal submitted by Treasurer Aubrey Moore to payoff, in its entirety, Covenant's Renovation Loan (Mortgage) debt. The motion passed.**
- **Sustainability Ministry Team made a motion to renew the Parish Associate Covenant Agreement between the Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels and Covenant Presbyterian Church. The motion passed.**
- **Sustainability Ministry Team made a motion to approve the revised Preschool Director Job Description. The motion passed.**
- **Sustainability Ministry Team made a motion to create a Preschool Director Search Committee, to be comprised of Anne Ealick Henry, Lola Bell, Andy Cooke, and Adam Toomey, with the added stipulation that this Search Committee be authorized to spend up to \$2,000 from Carryover Surplus in their search and recruitment efforts. The motion passed.**
- **Building & Grounds recommended Session approve a transfer of \$2,959.00 from Memorials to cover paint and other minor repairs to the Hallway/Gathering Area and women's restroom next to the kitchen in anticipation of the upcoming Presbytery Meeting. The motion passed.**
- **Worship Ministry Team recommended approval of the updated funeral policy. Motion passed.**
- **Judy Grieve made a motion to elect William Davis to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee. Motion was seconded and passed.**
- **Aubrey Moore made a motion that William Davis serve as chair of the Congregational Nominating Committee. Motion was seconded and passed.**
- **Aubrey Moore made a motion to approve the baptism of Sophie Ann Ross, daughter of Christine and David Ross, during worship on March 10, 2024. Motion was seconded and passed.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Susan Monk
Clerk of Session



Presbytery Meeting February 24, 2024



Education Ministry

Emmaus Class

Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Room 12

Leader: Karla Conditt Daniels

Four Sundays in April. Four chapters in the book of Jonah. The Emmaus class will explore one chapter each week of the enigmatic and reluctant prophet, called by God to preach to his sworn enemies. Hardened by his own hatred, Jonah can't even enjoy the remarkable repentance shown by an entire city despite his half-hearted proclamation. Come join the Emmaus Class as we examine God's mercy toward all, even those who begrudge God's saving action.

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 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. Purchasing a study guide for the class is helpful and you can find it on Amazon.

Men's Breakfast

The Men of the Church will have a Saturday morning breakfast on April 6, at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Covenant Preschool

Somehow it is April already, and we are excited about all that's happening at the preschool this month! During the first week of April, we'll hear the Easter story in chapel, and then we'll have class egg hunts on Thursday, April 4. We'll be on spring break during Masters Week, and it'll be time for class photos when we come back to school.

Registration for Summer Fun is open, and we're excited for all of the kiddos who will spend some time with us in June and July. Information about Summer Fun, including the program dates and cost, is available on the preschool website, and there's still room in the older classes for families who'd like to join us!

The Preschool Director Search Committee has also been busy reviewing applications, and I'd ask you to keep the committee members and the applicants in your prayers in this process. We look forward to sharing the news with you when we find the right person for the job, and I know you'll give that person a warm welcome when the time comes.

The last full month of school is always a busy one, and there's a lot of joy here too. Thanks for your continued prayers and support of this important ministry!

Peace,
Katelyn



Education Ministry

Children

Sunday School

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

Sundays, April 14 and 28 // 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 this month we're learning more about what it looks like to trust Jesus and to be his disciple.

Children's Music

Sunday, April 28 //
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.

Youth

Sunday Mornings

Sunday's April 7, 14, 21, and 28 // 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Room 204
High School Youth Room 203

We say the Lord's Prayer together in worship every Sunday, and many of us know it by heart. This prayer was Jesus' answer to the disciples' request to teach them how to pray, but what does it really mean? And what are we really saying when we pray it?

This month, middle and high school youth will explore this well-known prayer and consider how the Lord's Prayer is both comprehensive and formative for people of faith.

Third Sunday Service: Youth Fundraiser Prep

Sunday, April 21 // 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Room 203

The Youth Fundraiser is happening at the end of the month, and we have some things to do to get ready! We'll gather in the youth room to prep supplies for the Giving Wall and to make plans for the Sundays of the fundraiser. If we finish our preparations and planning early, we'll hang out and play games together.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, April 28 // TBD

Be on the lookout for updates on the fellowship event in upcoming church publications.

Youth Fundraiser

This year's youth fundraiser is a Giving Wall! The Giving Wall will feature envelopes with numbers on them, and members are invited to pick an envelope with the amount that matches the amount they'd like to give. The envelopes will also feature fun trivia about Covenant youth, Montreat summer trips, and more.

The Giving Wall will be in the lobby area outside the sanctuary starting Sunday, April 28 through Sunday, May 5, and all donations will go to offset the costs of youth summer trips.



Treasurer's Report

Dear friends,

I am pleased to report our church economy remains strong. This is a testament to the generosity of our people and the financial management of our staff and elected leaders, and to the abundance provided by God.

I have three items I would like to share with you. First, on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, we paid off our Renovation Loan debt 55 months ahead of schedule. This remarkable achievement, made even more remarkable when you consider our outstanding loan balance was \$357,439.03 as of December 31, 2022, was accomplished through regular mortgage payments made from our church operating budget, extra principal payments made from our Home Improvement Plan contributions, and a generous planned giving gift left to Covenant by one of our departed members who joined the church triumphant several years ago. For as long as I have been a part of this congregation, generosity has been a part of our culture, and I give thanks to God for this and for you.

Second, Covenant is part of a larger culture that has unfortunately experienced a rapid escalation in stolen checks and check fraud, and we have not been spared from this fate. However, we have recuperated any funds misappropriated or misdirected by these endeavors thanks to the hard and diligent work of our Financial Secretary, Co-Pastors, and personnel at South State Bank. All of our vendors and loan holders have been paid, we have instituted new practices to reduce our use of paper checks, we have minimized our use of the Post Office and in some cases are hand delivering payments to our mission partners and vendors, and we are in the process of reviewing new financial controls for both check and ACH payments that are available through our bank.

Third, and finally, I want to encourage your continued giving to the Home Improvement Plan. As per our stated intentions when this plan was first introduced, we now wish to turn our attention to the accelerated repayment of our HVAC Loan debt. It is exciting to think about the possibilities for our church and our ministries as we continue to liberate ourselves from these debts, and I am grateful for all of our efforts to accomplish this task.

Thankfully and faithfully,

Aubrey Moore



WINGS-Women in God's Service (PW)

All women are invited to the monthly meetings of WINGS. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 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 Seven. Please join us as we fellowship with each other and learn more about Christ.



Congregational Life

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, April 2, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at The SolFood Kitchen, 471 Highland Ave. 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 Tuesday, April 23 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!

Building & Grounds

Workday

Our next workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Dalton Cooper.

Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 19, we'll celebrate Covenant members who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this year! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please take a moment to let us know by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/CovGrad2024> or by calling the church office by Monday, May 13.

Thank you!





The beautiful Easter Lilies that have been placed in the sanctuary this Easter season have been contributed by the following members and friends of Covenant:

In Memory of Martha Bertrand
In Memory of Edward Beachum
Mary Beachum

In Honor of Covenant's talented & faithful musicians
Lyn M. Patterson

In Memory of Shirley and Charlie Parker
In Memory of Wilma and Grady Bell
Lola and Steve Bell

In Memory of Our Parents
The Carsons

In Memory of Zach House
The House-Gillies Family

In Memory of Priscilla Gilman
In Memory of Martha Bertrand
In Memory of Joe Griffin
Judy Grieve

In Memory of our son, Kenneth Charles Gehle
Jane and Fred Gehle

In Memory our daughter, Carrie Michelle Dick
Emily and Tom Dick

In Memory of Val and Don Williams
Susan Williams and Ann Hill

In Honor of Camille, Corinne, Jonah & Adrian
Joslyn and Marvin Fields

In Memory of Eloise and Bob Little
In Memory of Lucy and Wiley Monk
Susan and Philip Monk

In Memory of A. Hinton Baker, Jr.
In Memory of Jean and Conrad Smith
Gail Baker

In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. A.W. Simpson, Jr.
Buddy Simpson

April Spotlight

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



Getting to know
Kim Ball, Preschool Teacher

A few fun facts about Kim:

- My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because my family has always had a big family gathering with four sometimes five generations present and over 50 people.
- I have been married to my husband Jim for 34 years and we have two young adult children.
- I have been teaching at Covenant Preschool on and off for over 10 years, and I love our school.



Getting to know
Suzanne Hobby-Shippen, Preschool Teacher

A few fun facts about Suzanne:

- *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."* Isaiah 43:2 is my favorite Bible verse.
- I was part of the Covenant Youth Group '94-'96.
- I enjoy running.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	Easter Sunday Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service, Memorial Garden 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Children's Easter Celebration 11:15am Sunday School*	1	5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom	2	9:00am Preschool PTO Meeting, Room 7 11:30am Ladies for Lunch 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	3	9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 7:15pm Covenant Choir	4	9:30am Preschool, Class Egg Hunts 6:00pm Jubelation Ringers	5		6	8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
7	10:00am Communion Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	8	Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spring Break - No School 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	9	Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spring Break - No School	10	Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spring Break - No School	11	Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spring Break - No School	12	Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spring Break - No School	13	10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
14	10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale* 11:15am Sunday School*	15	COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom	16	9:15am PW Coordinating Team, Room 104 10:30am PW Wings Meeting, Room 7 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 4:30pm Education Ministry Team, Room 7 6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Room 7	17	9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 7:15pm Covenant Choir	18	1:15pm Preschool Staff Meeting, Room 7 6:00pm Jubelation Ringers 6:30pm Matthew 25 Task Force, Rm 7	19		20	10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
21	10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 11:45am Children's Music, Room 3 12:05pm Liturgist Training, Sanctuary 2:30pm Youth, Third Sunday Service, Room 203 4:00pm Creation Care Task Force Program: "Common Ground" Film, Fellowship Hall	22	5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom	23	12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	24	9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 6:15pm Creation Care Task Force Program, Fellowship Hall 7:15pm Covenant Choir	25	6:00pm Jubelation Ringers	26	5:30pm Ballet, Tout le Monde, Fellowship Hall	27	10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
28	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor	29	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Creation Care Task Force, Zoom 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom	30	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Room 7 Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym	1	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 7:15pm Covenant Choir	2	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Room 7 Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 6:00pm Jubelation Ringers	3	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall	4	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104

*Childcare available

Mission



Work Mission Trip to Florida



Our mission ministry team would like to invite you to be a member of our work mission team this September. We will travel to Ft. Myers, Florida to help with the recovery from Hurricane Ian that hit this area hard on September 30, 2022.

We plan to drive to Ft. Myers on Saturday, September 14 or Saturday, September 21. This is a 9-hour drive. We will travel back home the following Saturday of the week we choose once we know who will be going. We will sleep, shower and eat our meals at the Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Ft. Myers. The projects we will work on will be assigned by the volunteer organizer for The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. All of our assignments will involve unskilled labor. Several of us will go to each site where we are needed.

We will have devotions and share our experiences each evening. There is great value in the bonds we form during these trips. In the words of our host at Buckingham Presbyterian, “the devastation here is unbelievable.”

You are invited to join us in helping those who need us in Florida. Contact Elaine Lea – leaje81@gmail.com - 706-339-4484 if you have questions.

Please continue to pray for the people affected by Hurricane Ian. We welcome your prayers for Covenant’s work mission team as we prepare for the journey and while we are away.

Elaine Lea, Mission Trip Coordinator

Family Promise

I want to give a BIG THANKS to the people who prepared seven evening meals for the two families at the new shelter house facility on Wheeler Road.

The dinners were prepared with love for seven individuals, two moms and five children ranging from seven months to 16 years.

The cooks were: Lucyle Ferris, Lola and Steve Bell, Joslyn and Marvin Fields, Melissa and Jeremy Tyler, David Ross, Loree and William Davis, and Sarah Colborn.

The food they prepared included pasta dishes, baked chicken, meatloaf, baked ham, pineapple shrimp, sliced beef tenderloin, a diverse array of vegetables, desserts, and a lot more.

This whole setup is a 21st century version of the old model with a quiet remodeled four bedroom house, an onsite preschool, and a big yard. The best thing is they don’t have to move every week!

P.S. Our next date to serve is November 24 which is Thanksgiving week.

Chuck Baldwin, Family Promise Coordinator

GAP Ministries

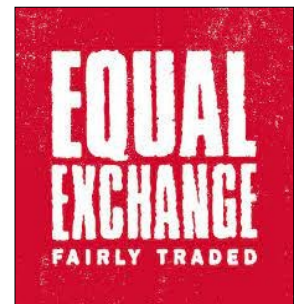
GAP needs our help to keep the food pantry stocked amongst rising food costs! On your next trip to the grocery store, look out for “Buy One Get One” deals and other sales on all non-perishable foods to make the most of your donations. Everything helps, but some specific needs are instant grits, instant 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, April 14. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.

Charlotte Ealick and
Sabina Widner



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Bell - heart catheterization on March 25 (0319)

Family of Erroll Hatcher, who passed away on March 17 (0318)

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

Bill Paulson - recent move to Philadelphia (0313)

Sandy Hobbs (friend of Sabina Widner and Aubrey Moore) - cancer diagnosis (0308)

Joe Jay (Charles Jay's brother) - Tallahassee, FL - in the hospital following a stroke (0307)

Family of Priscilla Gilman, who passed away on March 5 (0306)

Kaye Petkas - recovering from knee replacement surgery (0304)

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 from brain surgery (0213)

Bill Simmerman (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - Orlando, FL - pancreatic cancer (0213)

Diane Griffin - recovering at home (0306)

Jennifer Shook (Elaine Lea's sister) - Bandon, OR (0306)

Sascha Hagerman (Liz Weckel Hagerman's husband) - recovering at home (0306)

Claire and Eddie Hancock - for a healthy pregnancy (0306)

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

Jean Dirksen - at home (0123)

Debbie van Tuyll - hip replacement (0125)

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)

ENDURING CONCERNS

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

Joe and Eunice Cook - Brandon Wilde

Bill Cornes - At home

Phyllis Daniels - Brandon Wilde

Fred Gehle - At home

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

Betty Johnston - Brandon Wilde

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

Sue and Jim Wade - At home

Danny Williams - Barclay House



How many of the world's problems can you name? Perhaps things like war, disease, and climate change come to mind. Sometimes it feels like the difficulties are so overwhelming that it's useless to pray. If that happens, this quote is a reminder that God is always ready and willing to listen.

"To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees." - Billy Graham

Your Diaconate Prayer Action Team

Kadie Cheeks, LJ Jay, and Kathy Ordelt

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.

April Worship Schedule

PREACHER

4/7: Karla Conditt Daniels
4/14: Andy Cooke
4/21: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
4/28: Andy Cooke

GREETERS

4/7: Beth Wilson
4/14: Gail Baker
4/21: Mary Beachum
4/28: Lola Bell

LITURGIST/READER

4/7: Chuck Baldwin
4/14: Lindsay Kircher
4/21: Amelia Hall
4/28: Jimmy Carson

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

4/7: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson,
Dalton Cooper, John Ealick,
Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
4/14: Jim Buckalew, William Davis,
Beau Southwell, Charlie Terry
4/21: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris,
Dave Lapp, Johnny Lowe,
Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
4/28: Shirley Gilleland, Judy Grieve,
Chris Henry, Philip Monk,
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry

COORDINATORS

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

Worship

Creation Care and Communion

The Creation Care Task Force has encouraged ministry teams to consider ways that we might honor God's creation. To that end, the Worship Ministry Team has made the decision to discontinue the use of plastic communion cups, which are used once and then thrown away. As we celebrate Earth Day this month, we are excited to begin using glass communion cups, which we will wash and reuse every month thereafter. On April 7, you will receive a glass communion cup when you come forward. Please be sure to handle it with care and return it to the basket before you return to your seat. Thank you for your support as we continue our efforts to be good stewards of creation!

William Davis, Charlotte Ealick,
and Paula Reardon

Covenant Choir

Thank you to Covenant's talented, committed, and hard-working musicians who provided beautiful music for our services during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!

Thank you for sharing your talents so willingly.

Lyn M. Patterson

Earth Care Congregation

Covenant has been recertified as an Earth Care Congregation for 2024 by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)! Thanks to Amy House and the Creation Care Task Force for their work on this application and their efforts in helping us to honor God's creation.



Covenant Celebrates Earth Day

The Creation Care task force would like to invite you to two events this month focused on understanding our environment and discussing how we can be faithful stewards of God's creation. Please mark your calendars!

Sunday, April 21, at 4:00 p.m.: We will host a screening of the film "Common Ground" in the fellowship hall. This is a 90 minute film about regenerative agriculture and how it can help the planet. Invite your friends! Childcare will be provided.

Wednesday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m.: Chef David Ross will provide an earth-friendly and delicious dinner, followed by a program at 6:15 p.m. discussing the film "Common Ground" as well as what we can do individually and collectively to have a positive impact on our planet. All are welcome and childcare will be provided.





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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

PW NEGA Presbytery Annual Gathering

March 16, 2024

