

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • December 2023

From Our Pastor

Christmas/New Year's Office Hours & Vacation

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and on Monday, January 1. Lyn, Katelyn, and Andy will be on vacation during the last week of December. If you need assistance during that time, please contact Rachel Gregory in the church office.



CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All Covenant Members

Co-Pastors:

The Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke and
The Rev. Andy Cooke

Director of Music and Organist:

Lyn M. Patterson

Parish Associate:

The Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels

Nursery Caregivers:

Alex Krumme, Sherry Nash, and
Sara van Plew

Church Administrator:

Rachel Gregory

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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Office Hours:

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

We were pleasantly surprised last month by all of the ways that you marked our fifth year as your pastors. It was especially gratifying to be given the largest thank you card that I've ever seen (it must be 3 feet tall!) during our stewardship event on November 12. We feel the love and appreciation from you, and we are grateful for you and the opportunity to continue to serve as your pastors.

For me, your appreciation is felt even more fully through your stewardship commitments. I love what I do, but I could never complete the work that I have to do in a given week. At the end of every week, I wish that I had more time to care for people, prepare for a sermon, or collaborate with our leaders. Every week, I must remember that the work of the church is not my work to do alone. Instead, it is *our* work to do. And it can only be done when the members of the church come together to lead, pray, and serve. So I want to thank you for joining us in that work and for affirming our ministry through your commitments.

As we move into December, we are remembering why we make these commitments in the first place. Once again, we will tell the story over the coming weeks of our need for a savior and the unique way that he came into our world as Jesus of Nazareth. I hope that you'll make every effort to join us as we tell that story again while opening yourself to hearing it in a new way. A schedule of our Advent and Christmas services and events can be found on page 7. Some events are the same as last year, but there are also some changes, so please make a note of the schedule.

Finally, I want to say how excited I am about the new year. You just elected a new class of deacons and elders. They will be preparing for that work in the coming weeks. Please join me in praying for them, and for all the leaders of our congregation, as they seek to continue to serve God faithfully at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

May God bless you with a joyous, hopeful, and meaningful Advent as we await the coming of the Christ child together!

Grace and peace,

Andy

Clerk's Corner

November 7, 2023 Session Meeting

Building usage requests, playground:

Elizabeth Blitch, Sunday, November 5, 2023, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Macy Russell, Sunday, November 4, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Celina Alexander, Thursday November 9, 2023, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Katelyn Gordon Cooke, Saturday December 2, 2023, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Communion servers for December 10, 2023: Maria Rivera, Jim Buckalew, and Judy Grieve

Commissioners' report from October 24, 2023, Presbytery meeting First Presbyterian of Cornelia

William Davis told Session it was his first time to Presbytery, and he learned a great deal. He shared information about the new churches which are different from the traditional church: Immigrant congregations, online and churches combining resources into one facility.

Judy Grieve informed Session that the meeting had been held in the fellowship hall and not the sanctuary. Judy appreciated the formatting which could impact Covenant's hosting Presbytery in February 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aubrey Moore reported he did not have the October 2023 budget figures yet but was able to report that Covenant has a surplus of \$18,982.28 and the Preschool has a surplus of \$4,003.49.

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. Psalm 26:5

Judy Grieve,
Clerk of Session

COVENANT/ BELLE TERRACE
JOINT CIRCLE MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023
10:30 AM
COVENANT FELLOWSHIP HALL

LUNCH
Chicken salad, Pasta salad, Fruit salad
Croissants
Strawberry Trifle, Cherries in the Snow

RSVP by December 5, 2023
Cindy Wallerich cswallerich@gmail.com

Sacred Encounters
The Power and Presence of
Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

LESSON 4
Jesus calls us to value the role
of each person in the community
of faith. Sacred encounter:
INCLUSION.

Breaking Bread, Kathleen Peterson

Worship

Making a Way

“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

This is John the Baptist’s call to the people at the opening of the Gospel of Mark. Get ready, John says, the Messiah is coming! We often think of John’s message in this season of Advent when we are making our own preparations for Jesus’ coming.

Long before John spoke these words, God had already been about the work of way-making. In seemingly insurmountable situations, God makes a way where there appears to be no way. God is insistent and persistent when it comes to matters of justice, love, and well-being. This is perhaps most obvious in God’s coming to be with us in the person of Jesus Christ. It is the central good news of our faith – that God came to us in Jesus Christ so that all people might know the love and grace of the Creator.

In worship this Advent, we’ll consider how God makes a way for hope, peace, joy, and love and how we’re called to be waymakers too.

Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. For many in our community, this time of year is difficult as they grieve losses and remember loved ones during the coldest and darkest time of the year. This service is meant to give them a place to grieve, remember, and hope in the embrace of our community during the shortest day of the year. All are welcome.

Festival Service of Lessons & Carols 2023

Sunday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m. the Covenant Festival Choir, guest instrumentalists, and organ will offer our annual service of Lessons and Carols. Choir selections include: sections of Vivaldi’s “Gloria;” a chorus from Handel’s “Messiah;” “A Shoot Shall Come Forth” by Richard Horn; and “Poinsettia Carol,” a Cuban villancico. The congregation will also be invited to join in singing as with word and music we anticipate and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, our Savior.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Poinsettias

If you would like to remember or honor family or friends this Christmas through the gift of poinsettias, you are invited to make a contribution to the Christmas Poinsettias Fund. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary December 10 through Christmas Eve. (A separate plant may not be purchased for each contribution.) Any excess money received goes into the general flower fund to be used to purchase arrangements for Sundays when there is no donor, or to enhance the beauty of the Covenant grounds through the purchase of plants.

To cover the cost of the poinsettias, we request a contribution of at least \$15.00 for each dedication. Dedications will be printed in the bulletins on December 10, 17, and Christmas Eve. If you want to take a poinsettia with you, please wait until after the Christmas Eve evening service. Orders should be in the church office no later than Thursday, December 7. You may donate online or send checks to the church office made payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church and note for the Christmas Poinsettias Fund. To pay online go to <https://onrealm.org/covenantaugusta/-/form/give/now>

I would like to contribute to the Christmas Poinsettias Fund as follows:

_____ In memory of _____

_____ In honor of _____

Amount of Contribution \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Education Ministry

Emmaus Class

Sunday at 11:15 a.m. Room 12

Leaders: Karla Conditt Daniels and Katelyn Gordon Cooke

Advent signals the “coming” of Jesus into our world. The four Sundays leading to Christmas are traditionally celebrated with the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Not only will we explore the meaning of Jesus’ birth but also the arrival of new life possible for each of us in this season.

On December 3, we will begin this joyful season with the Advent workshop.

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

December classes

We are doing an engaging eight-week series by author Megan Fate Marshman entitled *John: Believe I Am*. Using class videos and discussions, we'll explore Christ's seven "I am" statements in the book of John. The study will help us get to know Jesus in a more meaningful and intimate way. Purchasing a study guide for the class is helpful and you can find it on Amazon by searching [John: Believe I Am](#). All adults are invited to join us!

Please note that we will NOT have class on December 3 but will attend the Advent Workshop in the fellowship hall instead. It's a great way to prepare our hearts and our homes for Christmas!



Wednesdays in December

Get into the Advent spirit with us on Wednesday evenings in December!

Mark your calendars for the following events:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

5:30-6:15 p.m. – Dinner

6:15-7:00 p.m. – Advent games and art project

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Christmas Caroling to Covenant friends at home and at

Brandon Wilde

Meet at the church at 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship in January

Walking with God

Led by Ruben Rosa

Join us beginning on January 10 for a 4-week series in which we will explore our health and wellness under the lens of Scripture. More information will be in Friday emails as we get closer to the new year.

Men’s Breakfast

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

Education Ministry

Children

Preschool

Sundays, December 10, 17, and 24
Children in kindergarten and
younger
Room 2

Each week, teachers share a brief Bible story, prayer, and activity with the preschoolers for the first 10-15 minutes of the faith formation time starting at 11:15 a.m. This month, we'll read the stories of angels visiting Mary and Joseph, Mary visiting Elizabeth, and Jesus's birth!

Elementary School

Sundays, December 10 and 24
1st-5th Graders
Room 103

Elementary Sunday School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and we're excited to spend some time together! This month, we're getting ready for Jesus' birth, and we'll explore how we can share this good news with others!

Youth

Small Groups

Sundays, December 10, 17, and 24
11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Middle School // Room 204
High School // Room 203

This month, we're wrapping up our fall theme of "Knowing God, Knowing Yourself" by listening to what other people have to say. Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" He wanted to know what they saw in him and who they thought he was. We can learn something about Jesus from the disciples' responses and Jesus' reaction to them. It can be a helpful exercise to ask people who love us what they notice and know about us, and we'll be doing that too this month.

Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 15 // 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Youth Room

Do you love Christmas movies? Christmas cookies? Christmas gifts? Then you should come to the Covenant youth Christmas party! All middle and high school youth are invited for dinner, a white elephant gift exchange (please bring a wrapped \$10 gift), luminary preparations for Christmas Eve, and other Christmas merriment. We can't wait to see you there!

Summer Trips

Youth families, keep an eye on your email inboxes next month for information about summer 2024 trips! Here are dates to add to your family calendars:

Montreat Youth Conference (rising 9th grade-graduated senior)
Sunday, July 7-Saturday, July 13, 2024
Montreat Middle School (rising 5th grade-rising 8th grade)
Wednesday, July 17-Sunday, July 21, 2024

Knowing
God
Knowing
Yourself

Covenant Preschool

Buddy the Elf would love the month of December at Covenant Preschool and CDO! The children are filled with the Christmas spirit, and we have a lot of fun learning about winter holidays and hearing the story of Jesus' birth in chapel. This year's preschool Christmas program is on Thursday, December 14, and the students are excited to share some of their favorite holiday songs with their families. As always, Covenant Preschool alumni are welcome to join us and help sing the final song, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas!"

We want to offer a special thank you to the Education Ministry Team for providing lunch for the preschool staff Christmas party and for helping with the Christmas program reception. The support and love that exist between the Covenant congregation and school are special, and it's a joy to celebrate this season together!

Peace,
Katelyn

December Spotlight

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



Getting to know
Chuck Baldwin,
Deacon

A few fun facts about Chuck:

- I have an identical twin brother living in Acworth, GA.
- Favorite places I have visited are Scotland, Ireland, and Germany. (world renowned golf courses)
- My favorite hobby is being on the Building & Grounds team and singing in the Covenant choir.



Getting to know
Susan Monk,
Elder

A few fun facts about Susan:

- *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and love kindness and to walk humbly with your God"* Micah 6:8 is my favorite Bible verse.
- In 2022, Philip and I completed a goal of visiting all 50 states with a trip to Iowa.
- Reading is my favorite hobby, and I especially like historical fiction.

Congratulations

Marvin Fields

Congratulations to Marvin Fields, who will be honored during a ceremony at noon on December 2 when the gymnasium at Westside High School will be officially named the Marvin Fields Gymnasium. Marvin was a long-time basketball coach and athletic director at Westside, and we are celebrating with him in this well-deserved dedication.



Church Member Profile

William Caput

I was born on February 27, 1935 in a hospital in Hamtramck, Michigan which was a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. My parents had migrated to America from Europe a few years earlier (Italy) (Dad, Peter Caputo) and Belgium (Mom, Mariann Wayenberg). My parents were relatively poor and the family lived in an apartment until Dad had made enough money working for Ford Motor Company to buy and move to a home. I can remember he paid \$5,000 for a nice home in the Detroit suburbs.

They attended a near-by Presbyterian church. My dad was a Mason at one point. I can remember that I attended an evening youth activity once a week. I remember one episode whereby the girls who were attending prepared supper and we boys had to bid for the dinner and enjoy it with the girl who made it. I liked one of the girls, actually the minister's daughter. I spent all my allowance to buy her plate. The girls switched the plate after the bidding was over, and I was stuck with the homely girl, but I acted like a gentleman, and we enjoyed our supper together. Interestingly my wife and I were married in the same church many years later when I was in medical school.

During the years that I went to high school, Wayne State University, University of Michigan Medical School, and the United States Army Schools, we went to a number of churches but mainly Presbyterian churches as we moved about 16 times while I was in the Army.

During my tour of duty in the Vietnam War with the First Aviation Brigade of thirty thousand soldiers as the Flight Surgeon for the brigade, I came to realize that God has given me a unique and grateful life. I am convinced and realized that God knew me, and he protected me to do what he has prepared for each of us to do. During my tour, God protected me at least five times when there was danger as he had something else he wanted me to do later.

It was interesting that any time during my tour of duty in Vietnam whenever the general commander of the unit had to visit his troops, he usually asked me and the brigade chaplain to join him. We went to church for the chaplain frequently, and we supported a Vietnam Catholic church and a home for Vietnamese Children who had no parents. In conclusion, I have personally tried to follow Matthew's Gospel Number 25, whereby "And the king will reply "I assure you that whatever you did for the humblest of my brothers you did for me."

Colonel William George Caput, M.D.

Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Advent 1 // Hope
Hanging of the Greens

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Advent games & art project at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Preschool Staff Christmas Party,
Room 7, at 1:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Young Adult Christmas Party,
Cooke Home, at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Advent 2 // Peace

Music Ministry Christmas Lunch,
Brandon Wilde Clubhouse, at 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Covenant/Belle Terrace Joint Circle Meeting & Lunch,
Fellowship Hall, at 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Preschool Christmas Program,
Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, at 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Youth Christmas Party, On-Site, at
6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Advent 3 // Joy

Lessons & Carols will feature specially chosen Old and New Testament Scriptures interspersed with season choral and instrumental music.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Staff Christmas Lunch, Finch & Fifth, at 12:00 noon.

Christmas Caroling, We will gather at the Covenant parking lot at 4:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Longest Night Service at 7:00 p.m.
A service for those whom the light seems far away.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Advent 4 // Love

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*Please note there is no Sunday School on December 31.



Sunday, December 3

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.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, including a collaborative liturgical art project. The Education Ministry Team is hosting this event, and all are welcome!

Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet on December 3.

Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.

The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance

Program of the

Board of Pensions and to

Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of

color. The Assistance Program

provides critical financial support to church workers and their families.

Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while

nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian

commitment for nearly 140 years. We will collect the Christmas Joy

Offering on December 17.



Year-end Giving

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, I wanted to remind you that gifts must be received in the church office by the end of the day on Friday, December 29 to be credited to 2023. Gifts that are postmarked by December 31, or which are made online by December 31, will also be credited to 2023. In mid-January, I will mail and email 2023 giving statements. If you have any questions, then please email me at jharrison@covenantaugusta.org.

Jenn Harrison,
Finance Secretary



December

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	9:45am Called Session Meeting, Parlor 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Advent Preparations, Sanctuary 12:15pm Youth Fellowship Time	27 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	28 12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	29 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	30 6:00pm Jubilation Ringers	1 9:45am PW Treats for Troops, Fellowship Hall	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Approved Birthday Party, Playground 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
3	Advent 10:00am Hanging of the Greens Service* 11:15am Advent Workshop, Fellowship Hall 3:00pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground	4 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 6:00pm Decorate Meeting, Room 12	5 11:30am Ladies for Lunch, Raes Coastal Café 3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	6 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	7 9:30am Preschool Virtual Field Trip, Room 12 1:15pm Preschool Staff Christmas Party, Room 7 6:00pm Jubilation Ringers	8 Preschool Christmas Break	9 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:00pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104 7:00pm Young Adult Christmas Party, Cooke Home
10	10:00am Communion Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale* 11:15am Sunday School* 1:00pm Music Ministry Christmas Lunch Gathering, Brandon Wilde Clubhouse 3:00pm ADK Board Meeting, Parlor	11 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom	12 9:00am PW/Wings Meeting, Room 7 10:30am PW Christmas Lunch, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Men's Lunch, Room 7 4:00pm Education Ministry Team, Room 104	13 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	14 6:00pm Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall	15 Preschool Christmas Break 6:00pm Youth Christmas Party	16 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
17	Special Offering: Christmas Joy 10:00am Lessons and Carols* 11:15am Sunday School*	18 Preschool Christmas Break 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	19 Preschool Christmas Break 6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Room 7	20 Preschool Christmas Break 12:00pm Staff Christmas Lunch, Finch & Fifth 4:45pm Caroling	21 Preschool Christmas Break 7:00pm Longest Night Service	22 Preschool Christmas Break	23 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
24	10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 9:00pm Candlelight Communion Service, Sanctuary	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed Preschool Christmas Break	26 Preschool Christmas Break	27 Preschool Christmas Break	28 Preschool Christmas Break	29 Preschool Christmas Break	30 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
31	No Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service*	1 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	2 3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	3	4	5 Preschool Teacher Workday	6 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104

Trunk or Treat // October 28, 2023



Congregational Life



Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 28 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will hold our annual congregational meeting for the purposes of receiving the annual report, receiving the 2023 budget, voting to elect our 2023 corporate officers (President and Treasurer), and voting to approve the terms of call for the Co-Pastors. More information about this meeting will be available in the bulletin and in the weekly email as the date approaches.

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, December 5, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Raes Coastal Café, 3208 Wimbledon Dr., Augusta.

PLEASE note that our monthly lunch date has been permanently moved up one week. We will now continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month.

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 on Tuesday, December 12 at noon in room 7.

Please bring your own lunch and join us if you can!

NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Jim Buckalew - upcoming back surgery (1127)

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

All who serve in the U.S. Military

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Sam and Maddie McCarter, on the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Rose McCarter, on November 16 (1116)

Bonnie Given, on the death of Joe Leonard (1105)

Blake Pittman, who is deploying to Kosovo (1030)

Vivian Silver, who was kidnapped by Hamas from Kibbutz Nahal Oz in Israel. She is friend of a Robyn Dudley, a volunteer at GAP (1023)

Diane Griffin – accident followed by surgery on her ankle and leg (1024)

Miriam Morrison (Friend of Lyn Patterson) - on the death of her husband (1018)

Charmaine Angwafo, who has moved back to Cameroon for a new job (1018)

Priscilla Gilman - hospitalized for arrhythmia in Aurora, CO (1018)

Tom Fickling (Friend of Angela and Bobby Vernoy) (1019)

Sheri Pauer (daughter of Connie and Fred Pauer) - WI (1002)

Polly Hendrix (Aunt of Angela Hobby) - Nashville, GA (0926)

Kathy and Don Widener (Friend of Sarah Colborn) - Kathy is recovering from colon cancer (0918)

James Golden (Friend of Angela & Bobby Vernoy) - Morgan, GA (1101)

Charles Teffeteller (Friend of Angela & Bobby Vernoy) - Birmingham, AL (1101)

Fred Gehe – At home (0906)

Jennifer Shook (Elaine Lea's sister) – Bandon, OR (0901)

Sue Walsh (friend of Diane Griffin) – Cancer treatment (0901)

ENDURING CONCERNS

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

Dan Freeman (Kaye Petkas' brother) – Winter Park, FL

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



Throughout the year, we give thanks for the many gifts that God showers upon us. But can any compare with the gift of God's son, our Savior, Jesus Christ? This is a good time to reflect on John 3:16 and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the greatest gift of all.

“A thousand times in history a baby has become a king, but only once in history did a King become a baby.” - Unknown

Your Diaconate Prayer Action Team
Joyce Bowers, LJ Jay, and
Kathy Ordelt

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Kathy Ordelt, Joyce Bowers, and Linda-Jean Jay. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at 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.

December Worship Schedule

PREACHER

12/3: Hanging of the Greens
12/10: Andy Cooke
12/17: Lessons & Carols
12/21: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
12/24: Andy Cooke
12/24: **9:00 p.m.**
Katelyn Gordon Cooke
12/31: Karla Conditt Daniels

GREETERS

12/3: Jim Crimmins
12/10: Jane & Fred Gehle
12/17: Lindsay Kircher
12/24: Lindsay Kircher
12/31: Buddy Simpson

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

12/3: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson,
Dalton Cooper, John Ealick,
Angela Hobby, Ruben Rivera
12/10: Jim Buckalew, Jim Crimmins,
William Davis, Jimmy Lea,
Charlie Terry
12/17: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp,
Johnny Lowe, Lucyle Ferris,
Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
12/24: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,
Ruth Mayhall, Philip Monk
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
12/24: **9:00 p.m.**
Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson,
Dalton Cooper, John Ealick,
Angela Hobby, Ruben Rivera
12/31: Jim Buckalew, Jim Crimmins,
William Davis, Jimmy Lea,
Charlie Terry

LITURGIST/READER

AT 10:00 AM SERVICE

12/3: Hanging of the Greens
12/10: Dalton Cooper
12/17: Lessons & Carols
12/24: Lindsay Kircher
12/31: L.J. Jay

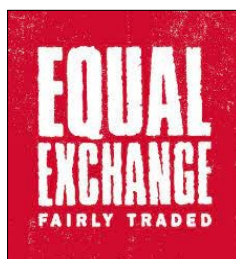
COORDINATORS

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

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support of the Equal Exchange coffee table project. Our purchases support small scale farmers around the world with a fair wage. After many years of holding prices steady, Equal Exchange has needed to increase the purchase price of their products to keep pace with inflation. Starting with our January coffee table, bags of coffee will cost \$9.00 each. We hope that this price will still be in reach for you. There is also an opportunity to stock up on coffee at the old price at the December coffee table sales on December 10!

Charlotte Ealick and Sabina Widner



Mission

GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

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

List of Items by Month

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



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