

# Covenant Chimes



August 2020

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

## Notes from Session

June 2, 2020 via Zoom.

All Session members, Reverend Katelyn Gordon Cooke, Treasurer Aubrey Moore and Lyn Patterson, Music Director attended the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoom meeting. Reverend Andy Cooke was excused.

With a quorum present, the agenda accepted, and voice given to visitors, Katelyn shared her thoughts about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit's work in the world today. She asked the group to share their ideas about where they too see the Spirit at work. After a time of reflection and hearing members' stories, Katelyn led the session in prayer.

Treasurer Aubrey Moore reported for the Covenant budget: May the revenues exceeded the expenses by over \$5,000 with a year to date budget surplus \$10,000. This excess amount is due to the decreased usage of the building and lack of program expenses.

For the Preschool budget: Aubrey stated that there will be a shortfall in the 2019-2020 Preschool budget, due to lack of income from Summer Fun and other reduced funding sources. He reported the Sustainability Team is working with Preschool Director Lauren to create a balanced budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Aubrey informed Session of a \$3900.00 gift given to help fund the Livestreaming/WIFI upgrade. Session voted to accept this donation and created a line item to accommodate this money.

Gail Kouame reported that Covenant received a \$750 grant to help fund the Livestreaming/WIFI upgrade from

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## From Our Pastor

A former colleague of mine is known to ask people, "How is your spirit?"

I suppose it's the pastor's version of "How are you?" and if he asked it too often, it would probably seem cheesy or overly pious. He has a knack, though, for asking it at the right time, which is also part of what makes him a really good pastor. Whenever he asked this question of me, I found that it made me pause and be more reflective about my response.

A variation of this question is, "What is feeding your spirit these days?" I've been thinking about that question and asking it of Covenant folks in conversations recently. It seems like a good question to consider especially as these days of "pandemic life" continue. I've given it some thought myself, and here are five things that are feeding my spirit/getting me through the pandemic:

- Walks around the neighborhood – I used to be a runner, but I've dropped my speed (and the wear and tear on my knees) in recent years and have come to enjoy (and sometimes even crave) walks in the neighborhood. Sometimes I listen to a podcast while I walk; other times I don't. I almost always notice

something new or something in nature. Given how much time I spend sitting these days, I always feel good after I've moved my body.

- Books – My stepmom tells a story about when she first met me. I was in second grade, and I was a lugging around a copy of *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. I remember picking it out at the school library because it was the thickest book I could find, and I also ended up loving the story. I've always been a reader, and the pandemic has given me a little more time to read. If you're looking for some reading recommendations, here are a few of the books I've read and enjoyed since March: *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates; *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio; *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown; *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor; *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas; and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.
- Marco Polo – I think all the cool kids already knew about Marco Polo before the pandemic, but it's new to me. Basically, Marco Polo is an app where you can send video voicemails to friends. You can

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# From Our Pastor

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send a polo to one person or to a group of people. My two best friends and I have been exchanging polos almost daily since March, and it's the most frequently we've been in touch since we lived together in college. Mostly we just share the little things that happen in our day, but it's been good for my spirit to be more connected with them.

- Sleep – Some people can function on just a few hours of sleep and be just fine. I am not one of those people. I like sleep, and I'm good at sleeping.
- Our backyard – Our backyard was one of the major selling points of this house when Andy and I were looking for a home in Augusta. There's plenty of room for the boys to run around and play, and we (read: mostly Andy) have done a lot of work in

the backyard over the past several months. It's become part of Andy's and my routine that we end our workday by sitting outside together in our Adirondack chairs, each with a beverage of choice, and unwind from the day.

That's my list. Maybe you noticed that I didn't mention God in any of them, but to me, each one has been a gift of grace from God for my spirit in these days. I'm curious about what would be on your list, and I hope you'll take some time in these long summer days to notice the gifts of grace that God is giving you that are feeding your spirit. Be well, friends, and trust that we are in God's good hands.

*Peace,*  
*Pastor Katelyn*

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## 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 Associates:**

The Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels,

The Rev. Dr. Gloria Jennings Marshall

**Nursery Caregiver:** Mary Simms

**Church Secretary:** Judy Strogonoff

**Finance Secretary:** Linda-Jean "LJ"

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## A/V Team

We recently began live streaming our worship services on Sunday mornings. This is a challenging task that takes lots of technology, planning, and time. We are grateful to our newly formed A/V Team, who are hard at work on Sunday mornings and on weekdays to make everything work as smoothly as possible. Thanks to Terry Bowers, John Ealick, Owen Gillies, Sam McCarter, and Emma Raider for their hard work and dedication! If you would like to join the team, then please contact Andy Cooke at [acooke@covenantaugusta.org](mailto:acooke@covenantaugusta.org).



# Creation Care Corner

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*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it." Psalm 24:1*

I believe almost everyone cares about our planet and wants to make sure that it's a healthy place for our children and grandchildren to live. Scientists are telling us that urgent action is needed on a global scale to avoid climate catastrophe, but most of us are not taking sufficient action on climate change, myself included. I think there are three main obstacles to taking action on climate change. First, some of us are confused about the science of climate change and may not be sure this is really an urgent problem that needs our immediate attention. This is not by accident. In the U.S., climate change science has become politically controversial because of a massive propaganda campaign paid for by the fossil fuel industry. It seems like there is scientific controversy when there is not. Second, many of us who do understand about climate change feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the problem we are facing and as a result feel stuck in inaction. We think, "the problem is too big, there's nothing I can do," and so we avoid thinking about it. This is a totally understandable response, and I've been there. We need to have reason to hope and be able to take action in the face of our fears. The third reason has to do with habit change. Even if we know some things we could do to help the Earth, it's hard to change our behavior. Just consider the last time you tried to change your diet or stick to an exercise habit – even when we know it's good for us, it's hard to do. We need strategies that will work and a community of support for making change. I am starting a regular column in the Chimes as part of my effort to address these three obstacles. I'll be sharing what I've learned about the science of climate change and then sharing what we can do, individually and together, to make a real impact on climate change. I hope you'll join me!

*Amy House*

# Session Notes

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Northeast Georgia Presbytery. This money will go into the newly created Livestreaming/WIFI account.

Session reviewed the Open the Gates Task Force Stage 1 recommendation. After suggestions that helped add clarity to the recommendation, the Session unanimously accepted the Open the Gates Stage 1 recommendation. This information will be sent to the congregation using all Covenant communication methods, including the phone call tree.

Mission Ministry Team presented a motion to approve holding an Online SERVV sale to benefit GAP Ministry in July. It needed no second and passed. Dates and information about this SERVV sale will be in the *Chimes* and other methods of congregation communication.

Worship Ministry Team made a motion to approve asking the congregation members to bring their own bread or cracker for Communion while we are observing COVID provisions on the church campus. The Pastors will use juice at the chancel only, but no juice will be distributed. This motion needed no second and it passed.

Katelyn reported she enjoyed her “staycation” rest and that Andy is enjoying his time off camping with his sons. Katelyn did share her deep concerns about the current racial related chaos and violence. She asked those present to be aware of ways and opportunities they see for themselves and Covenant to make a difference at this time and going forward.

The Next Session meeting will be via Zoom July 7 at 7pm.

Katelyn closed the meeting with prayer.

As we continue to live through this time of “unknowing,” be assured that all Session members and staff are working to keep Covenant vibrant and alive while staying safe and aware of the needs of our Covenant family. For now, keep your masks handy but let your smile shine through your eyes.

*Judy Grieve, Clerk*

## Mission

### WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS

The Mission Ministry Team recently decided that we wanted to welcome new neighbors to the area with a letter from the pastors and something that they could use—but often not find—when they were unpacking boxes in their new home. As such, we are now mailing a jar opener to everyone who moves into a new home within three miles of the church. We are also sending a letter to welcome them, introduce our church, and invite them to join us for worship. If you would like to send a jar opener to someone new to your neighborhood, then you can either send us their address or come by the church and pick one up. They are also available on the table in the foyer for anyone who would like one.



*Andy Cooke*

### SERRV SALE GAP FUNDRAISER



Shop and support our fundraiser for **GAP Ministries**. It's never been easier to change a life for the better. From **July 12** thru **July 26**, when you buy handmade gifts and home decor using the web link below, 20% of your purchase will be donated to **GAP Ministries**.

You'll do a world of good by supporting this Serrv & Earn fundraiser. I hope you'll shop and share the web address today: <https://www.serrv.org/?a=Covenant>

Dedicated to fighting poverty through fair trade since 1949, Serrv International works with nearly 8,000 artisans and farmers in 24 countries to bring you the world's most beautiful handcrafts. #worldofgood

Thank you so much for your support!

### GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

The items of the month for July is canned fruit. This item will be a welcome addition to our Food Pantry shelves.

GAP Ministries is continuing serve the hungry through its food pantry, and our supplies are running low. We appreciate all that Golden Harvest does to keep us stocked, but their inventory is down, too. When you are at the store, remember that we especially need bar soap, canned meat, and canned vegetables. If you are sewing face masks, please donate some for our homeless clients. A donation box is outside the church on the landing beside the office door.

*Mary Beachum*

# Education

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

Summers take on a different pace, and we do too at Covenant! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom for Summer Sundays, a weekly time to connect and explore spiritual disciplines together. Please check the weekly emails for the Summer Sundays Zoom link.

July 5 – What if we approached our relationship with God as listeners first? On the first Sundays of the month, we consider the practice of prayer, which we often think of as our time to talk to God. But there's more than one side to a conversation, and prayer also involves our listening for what God has to say to us. Members of the Diaconate Prayer Team will lead us as we practice this holy conversation together.

July 12 – “Where words fail, music speaks.” This quote from Hans Christian Andersen resonates with many of us, especially when it comes to worship. Lyn Patterson and Brock Daniels will help us delve into the music that's so central to our worship and our faith.

July 19 – Following Jesus is as much about what we do as what we believe. Members of the Mission Ministry Team will lead a conversation about some of Covenant's mission ministries and the people with whom we are serving.

July 26 – Jesus was a prolific storyteller. The Bible is essentially a collection of stories about God and God's relationship with people. Stories are important to us and central to our faith tradition. Join on us on the last Sunday of the month to hear stories of faith from members of the Covenant community.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Children & Families Zoom Gathering

Tuesday, July 14 // 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Catch up with your church friends via Zoom! Look for the link in the weekly emails.

### Children & Families Social- Distancing Playground Date

Sunday, July 26 // 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Elementary School Covenant kiddos and their families are invited to a social-distancing playground date at the church! We'll see our church friends, play outside on the church playground, and have snacks. For the purposes of planning, please let Katelyn know if you plan to attend by Friday, July 24.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Montreat @ Home



Montreat Conference Center is moving the middle and high school

conferences online this summer and providing at-home resources for youth to have an adapted conference experience.

While we don't have all of the details yet, Covenant youth have expressed interest in planning some sort of gathering (hopefully in-person but maybe virtually) during the week of July 20. Stay tuned for more info!

## JULY 24 EVENT

Mark your calendar for Friday, July 24 at 7 p.m.! The Education Ministry Team will host an intergenerational gathering via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details, and please plan to join us!

## WAKING UP WHITE BOOK STUDY

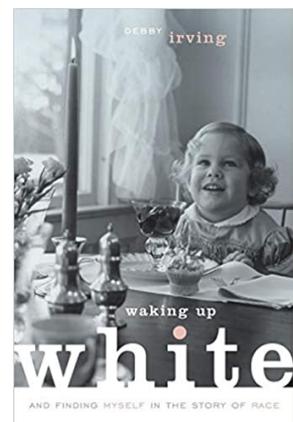
Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29 // 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Last month in the immediate weeks following the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, Andy shared *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving as a reading recommendation from two former PC(USA) co-moderators, and we heard that several of you purchased the book. Others expressed interest in having a conversation about race with other church members.

Starting July 8, Katelyn and Andy will lead a four-week book study on *Waking Up White*. The book study is open to all, though we are asking people to sign up ahead of time. Please sign up online (the link is in the weekly emails) or by calling the church office by July 3.

The book is available on Amazon. If you're interested in supporting a local business, the Book Tavern in downtown Augusta also has copies on order, or you could order from independent bookstore Avid Bookshop in Athens.

If you have questions about this interest group or need help getting a copy of the book, feel free to call or email Katelyn or Andy.



# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Summer Sundays, Zoom <b>11:00 AM</b> Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo <b>1:30 PM</b> Children & Families Social Distancing Playdate, Church Playground <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship Ministry Team, Zoom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Covenant Music Gathering, Zoom	<b>2</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Open the Gates Task Force, Zoom	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>5</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Summer Sundays, Zoom <b>11:00 AM</b> Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Stated Session Meeting, Zoom	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Covenant Staff Meeting, Zoom <b>7:00 PM</b> Waking Up White Book Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>12</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>9:45 AM</b> Summer Sundays, Zoom <b>11:00 AM</b> Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo	<b>13</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>7:00 PM</b> Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom	<b>14</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>11:00 AM</b> Children & Families Zoom Gathering <b>6:00 PM</b> Education Ministry Team, Zoom	<b>15</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>7:00 PM</b> Waking Up White Book Study	<b>16</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries	<b>17</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries	<b>18</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>10:00 AM</b> Girl Scout Troop 20179, Room 103 <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>19</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>9:45 AM</b> Summer Sundays, Zoom <b>11:00 AM</b> Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo	<b>20</b> COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries	<b>21</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>6:30 PM</b> Sustainability Ministry Team, Zoom	<b>22</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>1:00 PM</b> Covenant Staff Meeting, Zoom <b>7:00 PM</b> Waking Up White Book Study	<b>23</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries	<b>24</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>7:00 PM</b> Intergenerational Event, Education Ministry Team, Zoom	<b>25</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>26</b> Online SERRV Sale to Benefit GAP Ministries <b>9:45 AM</b> Summer Sundays, Zoom <b>11:00 AM</b> Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship Ministry Team, Zoom <b>2:00 PM</b> Children and Families Social Distancing Playdate, Church Play Ground	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Master's Table Soup Kitchen, 704 Fenwick Street <b>6:00 PM</b> Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Waking Up White Book Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104

\*\*\* The events on the calendar are tentative. Please check Covenant's website for the latest information.\*\*\*

# A Message From the Prayer Team



The Deacons' Prayer Team, consisting of Becky DeLecuona, Dana Johnson, and Sabina Widner, has been considering ways to update our prayer concerns, listed in the bulletin.

Covenant has long encouraged members of the congregation to share the names of friends and relatives in need of prayer. Some names may stay on the list for months or even years. That means that the list is fairly long and doesn't change much, and people stop reading it.

On the other hand, when asked, most people wanted our church to continue to pray for them. And does seem a little arrogant to decide that anyone has received enough prayer!

But we have decided to institute some guidelines for Covenant's prayer list, for the sake of our human limitations, and trusting in God's steadfast love.

## THE BIWEEKLY PRAYER

As of July 1, there will be some changes to how the biweekly prayers are sent out. The Friday prayer will continue to be sent out to the entire congregation along with other church information.

However, the Tuesday prayer will go out only to a smaller group of individuals who would like to continue to pray with the socially-distanced congregation at noon. The SALT and choir Sunday School classes have been sharing prayer concerns with one another already, so they will be sent the Tuesday prayer automatically. Others can request to receive the Tuesday prayer by contacting the church office or the Prayer Deacons, Becky DeLecuona, Dana Johnson, and Sabina Widner. Of course you can always opt out as well.

If we can pray for you or your loved ones, please contact the church office or Becky, Dana, or Sabina.

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS will remain for a maximum of one month.

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS will remain for a maximum of two additional months. However, exceptions can always be made, upon request to the church office or the Prayer Deacons (Becky, Dana, and Sabina).

ENDURING PRAYER CONCERNS are generally those older members and friends with health issues, and they will remain on the prayer list indefinitely.

In addition, we will add the following to the bottom of the prayer list:

*And for all those whose names we hold in our hearts.*

# Education

## DISCIPLES CLASS

The Disciples class will start a new Bible

study *First Corinthians: One in*

*Christ* from Kerygma on Wednesday, August 12 at 1 pm. The study was written by **Rev Dr. Robert A. Bryant**, the Kristen Herrington Professor of Bible and Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.



Set amid the intensely modern and cosmopolitan world of Corinth, where philosophy and mystery abound, Paul's first letter to that church speaks clearly to us still today. This is a 14 session study, and the group will meet via Zoom if not at church.

Contact Judy Grieve (judygrieve@mac.com or 407-230-6853) if you are interested in joining the class. There will be a fee for the class to be determined when total enrollment is known.

The Disciples class just finished the study of Isaiah 1, 2 and 3 and are looking forward to delving into the New Testament.

## ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR EMAILS?

If you are not receiving our emails, then please visit [www.covenantaugusta.org](http://www.covenantaugusta.org) and sign up. This is the best way to find out what is happening in our congregation each week. If you are having trouble signing up, then you may contact Judy

Strogonoff at [jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org](mailto:jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org). Our emails are also posted to our Facebook page.



# Church Member Profile

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## DEBORAH BONECUTTER

Deborah “Debi” Bonecutter was born Deborah Lynn Tomlinson in 1966, in Battle Creek, MI. Debi’s parents divorced when she was 4, and her mother remarried when she was 10. Her stepfather was a Captain in the Army and she moved with her family to Macon, GA, for about three years, then to Wichita, KS for a year, and then to Fort Smith, AR. She finished high school in 1984 while working in the accounting field half days during her senior year. She continued working in the field of accounting and remained in Fort Smith for another three years until she moved back to Battle Creek with her son, Steven, who was born in 1985. There she met Lee and they were married two years later in 1989. Lee adopted Steven and they moved to Elkhart, IN. After Lee’s job changed in 1991 they moved to Liberal, KS when Debi was 7 months pregnant with their daughter Amy. At that time, they decided that Debi would remain home with the children. They moved again for Lee’s job to Hamlet, IN, where their son Bradley was born in 1993. They moved several other times to Urbana, IL; Kenosha, WI; Wichita, KS; Peachtree City, GA; Marshall, MO; Fayetteville, GA; and finally, to Augusta. While they lived in Peachtree City, Debi attended the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, where she earned her BA in Psychology in 2004. Having always enjoyed exercising and being physically active, when they moved to Marshall, MO, Debi decided to accept a position as a group exercise instructor at the local YMCA. She later became a Wellness Director at the YMCA in Newnan, GA when they moved back to Georgia. She currently works for Brandon Wilde Retirement Community as the Physical Activities Coordinator where she teaches exercise and organizes physical wellness programming for a wide range of fitness levels a variety of residents.

## LEE BONECUTTER

Lee Bonecutter, born in 1962, spent the first eighteen years of his life on his family’s centennial farm near Bronson, MI. At age 16, Lee and one of his friends decided that they needed spending money, so they applied at the local grocery store. Lee got a job as a clean-up boy in the meat department. Little did he know that this spur of the moment decision would be the beginning of his career in the meat industry. After high school he became a meat cutter, then meat manager while attending college at Western Michigan University. The meat industry has provided numerous opportunities (and moves) as you can see. Lee accepted a job with FPL Foods in 2007, so he stayed in Augusta during the week and went back to Fayetteville on weekends until son Bradley graduated from high school. Debi and Lee moved to Augusta in 2012. Lee now works for Cargill as the Integration Lead – converting acquired meat businesses into Cargill facilities. In the fall you may catch him wearing black and white stripes as he enjoys officiating middle school and high school football in the Augusta area.

Their three children are now adults: Steven is a Chief in the United States Navy and is working in the Cyber Security field. He is married to Melissa and they now have 4 children (1 girl, Peyton, and 3 boys, Brayden, Ryker, and Hunter). They are currently living in Martinez but are expected to be stationed in Hawaii sometime in September. Daughter Amy graduated from the Georgia Tech School of Engineering with a BS in Chemical Engineering. She is married and is currently working for L3 Harris Corporation in Melbourne, FL. Bradley is a certified LPN and Drill Sergeant with the United States Army. He is currently stationed at Yorktown Naval Station where he is a Drill Sergeant for an Army medical class.

Debi and Lee joined Covenant on March 12, 2017, and usually attend the 8:30 service.

After all these years in the meat industry, they certainly have the right name—Bonecutter!

~ Lynn Latimer

# Something to Make You Smile

The SSaS Group's May 26 Newsletter shared a wonderful story submitted by Julie Usry. We thought it would be a great story to make you smile. Enjoy!

## LITURGICAL SQUIRRELS



In a small American town, a band of squirrels had become quite a problem. The United Methodist church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will. At the Baptist church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week. The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist

church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide. The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the Catholic church came up with a very creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

And not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

—*shared by Julie Usry*

As for me  
and my  
household,  
we will serve  
the Lord.



Joshua 24:15

# July Worship Schedule

## USHERS

7/5: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,  
Ruth Mayhall,  
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry  
7/12: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,  
John Ealick, Angela Hobby  
7/19: Jim Buckalew,  
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,  
Johnny Lowe, Jim Wade  
7/26: Hugh Dobbins,  
Lucyle Ferris, Dave Lapp,  
Fidelis Ndingwan

## LITURGIST/READER AT 11:00 AM SERVICE

7/5: Lindsay Kircher  
7/12: Gail Kouame  
7/19: Maatsi Ndingwan  
7/26: Mac Hobby

## PREACHER

7/5: Katelyn Gordon Cooke  
7/12: Andy Cooke  
7/19: Katelyn Gordon Cooke  
7/26: Andy Cooke

## GREETERS

7/5: Deb Pittman  
7/12: Sabina Widner  
7/19: TBD  
7/26: TBD

## FLOWERS

7/5: Anne Huff  
7/12: Maatsi & Fidelis Ndingwan  
7/19: Lindsay Kircher  
7/26: Mary Beachum,  
Martha Bertrand, Mary  
McCarter

## A/V TEAM

7/5: Sam McCarter,  
Emma Raider,  
John Ealick, Owen Gillies  
7/12: Sam McCarter,  
Terry Bowers,  
Emma Raider, John Ealick,  
Owen Gillies



## Prayer Concerns

### New Prayer Concerns

**Dr. Marion Conditt** (Karla Conditt Daniels' father) – COVID-19 positive; Rehab Facility, Waupaca, WI (0610)  
**Isabel Lecuona** – Kentwood (0619)  
**Joe and Diane Griffin and family** on the death of his sister, Sally Stalls (0622)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

All of Covenant's **Missionaries**  
All who serve in the **U.S. Military**  
**Martha and Pete Anderson** (friends of Carol and Bill Paulson) – Dahlonga, GA  
**Terry Abenis** (Debra Belair's brother-in-law) – At home, WA (0326)  
**Tim Baranoski** – At home (0311)  
**Debi Bonecutter** – At home (1011)  
**Hunter Lee Bonecutter** (Debi & Lee Bonecutter's newborn grandson) – at home (0609)  
**Sandra Bowman** – At home (0513)  
**Makenna Bryan** (infant friend of Rhoades' family) – in hospital (0210)  
**Eunice & Joe Cook** – At home  
**Leah Cleary** (Angel Cleary's sister) – At home (0525)  
**Danny Davis** (Angela Hobby's cousin) – Statesboro, GA  
**Juanita Davis** (Andrea Butt's aunt) – Jacksonville, FL

**Bailey Deal** (Angela Hobby's cousin) – Portal, GA  
**Lindsey Edwards** (Katie Endruhn's cousin) – Greenville, SC (0227)  
**Dan Freeman** (Kaye Petkas' brother) – Winter Park, FL  
**Hannah Harger** (young friend of Judy Grieve) – Orlando, FL  
**Tanner Haywood** (Ann Haywood's grandson) – At home (0401)  
**James Gilman** (Priscilla Gilman's brother) – Denver, CO (0226)  
**Priscilla Gilman** – Washington Commons  
**Larry Lutcher** – Brandon Wilde (1008)  
**Richard and Gloria Jennings Marshall** – At home (0117)  
**Sam McCarter** (Mary McCarter's son) – At home  
**Jocelyn Martin-Moses** (Karell Moses' mother) – At home  
**Susanna O'Kula, MD & Brett Marinelli, MD** – New York City, NY (0401)  
**Carol Paulson** – At home  
**Wanda Pittman and family** – At home  
**Ian Poe** (Mary McCarter's nephew) – At home (1011)  
**Martha Reagan** – The death of her brother (0604)  
**Hazel Reddin** (Debbie van Tuyl's

sister-in-law) – At home (0525)  
**Mary Geraldine Rhoades** (Judi & David Rhoades' mother; Dana Johnson & Leslie Rhoades' grandmother) – at home (0210)  
**Robert Schaefer** (Debra Belair's father) – At home, WA (0326)  
**Elizabeth Swink** – At home  
**Debbie van Tuyl** – At home (0525)  
**Catherine Williams** (friend of Carol Lapp) – At home (0426)  
**Sarah Worthington** (extended family of Polly Williams) – At home (0414)

### Enduring Concerns

**Dorris Andrews** (Elaine Lea's mother) – Brandon Wilde  
**Phyllis Daniels** – Brandon Wilde  
**Lois Davis** – Kentwood  
**Anne Degrazia** – Alpharetta, GA  
**Dr. Alva Faulkner** – Pavilion, Brandon Wilde  
**Betty Johnston** – Brandon Wilde  
**Malcolm Kling** – Brandon Wilde  
**Leah Mannel** – Brandon Wilde  
**Lois Reynolds** – Washington Commons  
**Jane Terry** (Chris Terry's mother) – Lake Wales, FL  
**Barbara Williams** – Brandon Wilde

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Becky DeLecuona, Sabina Widner, and Dana Johnson. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at [jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org](mailto:jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org).

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