



Covenant Chimes



October 2020

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Notes from Session

September 8, 2020 via Zoom

One Session member was excused from the Session meeting with the rest of the Session present. Also present were Katelyn Gordon Cooke, Moderator of the meeting, Andy Cooke, Treasurer Aubrey Moore and Music Director Lyn Patterson.

After a quorum was declared, voice was given to non-Session members, Andy shared a leadership quote he had learned: "Leadership is disappointing people at a rate they can absorb." He cited 1 Corinthians 4 and 2 Corinthians 13 as examples of when Paul called on the church members to examine what they were doing to handle issues that caused division in the church. Andy told the Session that as the leaders of Covenant there could be times when it would be necessary to disappoint the congregation. He asked members to share if that had happened to them and how it was handled. Andy thanked the Session for sharing their thoughts and opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk's report:

- There were no new requests for building usage.
- Membership change: death of Kenneth Wayne Mixon.
- Nominating Committee: Chair Chris Terry stated he would hold a meeting ASAP to get the process underway. Information will be in the bulletin.
- NE GA Presbytery Commissioners Gail Kouame, Aubrey Moore and Judy Grieve reported the highlights of the August presbytery meeting and notable actions.

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From Our Pastor

Recently, Katelyn and I joked that we needed to have more people loitering in the parking lot at Covenant. The weather is getting to be nice, we haven't seen many people in person over the past six months, and we know that being outdoors is a safer way to gather. During normal times, loitering is generally discouraged at most places. But these are not normal times, and a few more people outside on the grounds would be a welcome sight.

This fall, several of our ministry teams have been working to help you safely loiter outside at the church. Katelyn and I were thrilled to see the success of our first *Food Truck Friday* on September 11. We saw many people whom we had not seen in months. We kept a safe distance and saw many smiles underneath masks. I feel like I could have stayed there all night catching up with people. The food was great, but I would have paid \$50 for a bologna sandwich if it meant that I could have an excuse to be there with all of you. Thank you to the Congregational Life Ministry Team for organizing such a great event. There will be several more Food Truck Fridays in the future, so be sure to check the calendar.

The Mission Ministry Team has also been at work helping you to safely loiter outside. Recently, they purchased three new picnic tables to add to the one that was already next to the Aumond Rd. parking lot. The youth group said that they were looking for mission projects for the fall, so the Mission Ministry Team asked them if they would paint the picnic tables in colors bright enough for everyone to see them. I'm glad to say that you will not have any trouble finding these new tables and it is our hope that you will use them this fall. Whether for small groups, Bible studies, meetings, or just for dinner with a friend, we hope that you will come by the church and loiter at these tables this fall.

Finally, I want to give a big thank you to the Building and Grounds Ministry Team. Last month, they worked to put new mulch and sand on the playground. It was a significant undertaking, but the playground looks great. We're always happy to have our playground open to the community. It has been wonderful to see so many families use it during the pandemic. It can be hard to figure out what to do with kids when their normal routine is

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disrupted. I'm glad that our playground is a safe, fun option for so many families in our community. If you have kids or grandkids and don't visit it regularly, then I hope you will.

As you consider ways to safely be involved at Covenant this fall, I hope that you will consider being outside with us. I'm looking forward to loitering with all of you at the church this fall.

Pastor Andy

NEW MEMBERS

Over the last several weeks, some in our community have indicated that they are considering committing themselves to our congregation through membership. If you are interested in having a conversation about membership, and possibly joining Covenant this fall, then please be in touch with Andy Cooke at acooke@covenantaugusta.org.

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" Jay

Preschool Director: Lauren Stull

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Session Notes

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1. Gail Kouame noted that the Presbytery voted to concur with the joint statement on Racial Justice from Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and Savannah Presbytery.
2. Aubrey shared that John McCrosky had advanced from Inquirer to Candidate.
3. Judy informed Session that the number of commissioners from each church changed. Covenant can now send four elders. She also noted that Covenant had received one of the 28 full grants awarded by Presbytery to churches for updating effective virtual ministries.

Treasurer Aubrey Moore was pleased to announce the church budget has a surplus of \$20,000 which is due to many factors: lower bills and less spending. The Preschool has a \$1,300 deficit that is being worked on by the preschool staff and Sustainability.

Open the Gates Task Force:

The Open the Gates Task Force had one recommendation:

Continue Stage 1 recommendations until October 11th.

- The motion from the Open the Gates Task Force passed.
- Motion to approve a new guideline for Preschool families:
If a preschool students family member get tested because they suspect exposure or are exhibiting symptoms, please keep student home until test results are back. The motion did not need a second and was passed.

Stewardship Task Force

- Dalton Cooper and Lola Bell will join Andy, Katelyn, and Aubrey to form the task force.
- November 15 will be Dedication Sunday.

Ministry Reports:

- Sustainability presented an updated Church Secretary job description which was approved

after an amendment.

- Building and Grounds continue to keep the facility in good shape. Work Day September 12
- Congregational Life reminded the Session of the Food Truck Friday September 11 5-7:30 in the playground parking lot
- Education had no report
- Mission had no report
- Worship is working on Fall special services; there will be a Kirkin' of the Tartans but modified

Under New Business the Fall Stated Congregational meeting was discussed. A motion by Brock to hold the meeting November 8 following the 11 am service passed. Andy and Katelyn will look into the best way to implement this meeting.

In the Co Pastor's report Katelyn shared that Kick-off Sunday went well, all day with a variety of groups meeting via Zoom. She and Andy came back refreshed from their much-needed vacation. They are ready for the Covenant fall events and in October they will attend the Healthy Congregation workshop at Montreat. Katelyn starts her maternity leave in December and is busy getting things ready at church as well as at home.

Katelyn closed the meeting with prayer.

And from Nadia Bolz Weber: *"I'm glad you love it here, but at some point, I will disappoint you, or the church will let you down. Please decide on this side of that happening if you will still stick around. Because if you leave, you will miss the way that God's grace comes in and fills in the cracks of our brokenness. And it's too beautiful to miss. Don't miss it."*

Judy Grieve, Clerk

Education

ADULT

Please join us for the upcoming SALT and Choir classes:

Members of the SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) and Choir Sunday School classes invite you to join us for an interesting and engaging study as we resume our regular **Sunday classes via Zoom at 9:45 AM.**

Rediscovering Paul

We will have our final class on "Rediscovering Paul" on October 4. Steve Bell will complete the series on the writings of one of the early church's greatest evangelists, the apostle Paul. Please join us for the conclusion of our study into the life, times, and writings of Paul. For questions, feel free to contact Judy Grieve, Brock Daniels, or Kathy Ordelt.

Walking the Crooked Path: Lament, Hope, Thanksgiving, and Joy

Beginning October 11, Covenant adults are invited to participate in a combined Sunday School class series called "Walking the Crooked Path: Lament, Hope, Thanksgiving, and Joy." We have many reasons to lament in our present times, and we will discuss how beginning with this Biblical practice can lead us onward to hope, thanksgiving, and finally, to joy. Moving through these steps allows us to process our pain and grief so that we can once again rejoice in God's sovereignty and blessings. For questions, feel free to contact Judy Grieve, Brock Daniels, or Kathy Ordelt.

Companions in Christ will meet each Monday at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Disciples class is studying First Corinthians by Kergyma and will meet Wednesday, October 14 and October 28 from 1-2:30pm via Zoom. New members are most

welcome. We have the books and would love to have you join us. Contact Judy Grieve judygrieve@mac.com for more information.

YOUNG ADULT

B.Y.O. Milkshake Fellowship Gathering



Thursday, October 1 // 7:00 p.m. Church parking lot (playground side)

Bring your favorite frozen treat and a chair, and come hang out in the church parking lot with your fellow Covenant young adults. We hope you'll join us for this time to catch up with each other and enjoy these cooler fall evenings. We'll be near the playground, so kids are welcome to join us too!

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, October 15 // 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

This monthly virtual gathering includes a time for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Folks take turns leading the discussion, and we always enjoy some good theological conversations. We hope to see you there!

YOUTH

Here's our schedule for October, and we hope middle and high school youth will plan to join us!

Youth Bible Study with Carrie and Katelyn

Sundays, October 4 and 18 @ 3:00-4:00 p.m. via Zoom

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest and oldest gospel, and the gospel writer is known for moving the action along quickly. It seems like things are always happening "immediately," and Jesus is always on the move from one place to the next.

The youth Bible study is taking the opposite approach. We're reading Mark from beginning to end and taking our time to stop, ask questions, and listen for what God is saying to us. All youth are welcome to join us for this time of Bible study and fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month!

Second Sunday Service: Zoom with Covenant Mission Partner

Sunday, October 11 // 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Covenant supports several mission partners around the world, including Allison and Ernie Sizemore in Honduras. Ernie grew up at Covenant, and he and Allison and their family serve with Mission on the Move in St. Elenas, Honduras. Allison and Ernie will join us via Zoom to talk about their ministry and their connections to Covenant.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship: Steed's Dairy Corn Maze

Sunday, October 25 // 3:00-4:30 p.m.; 4634 Wrightsboro Road

Middle and high school youth are invited to spend an afternoon at Steed's Dairy Farm! We'll try to make our way through the corn maze, check out the petting zoo, and enjoy other attractions. The church is covering the cost of admission. Please bring cash if you think you'd like a snack or drink while we're there.

For planning purposes, please let Katelyn know by Wednesday, October 21 if you plan to attend. Thank you!

Parents, please plan to drop-off and pick-up your youth at Steed's Dairy Farm. Because of COVID, we're not able to coordinate transportation through the church. Thank you!

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Education

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CHILDREN

Covenant Kids Club

In place of Sunday morning Sunday School this fall, Education Ministry is creating Covenant Kids' Club bags for elementary and preschool children with at-home faith formation resources. There's a new bag of goodies available each month, and they're made for kids of all ages!

Grown-ups, did you know that Covenant Kids Club bags include:

- Faith on the Fridge cards – Bible verses for each week to put on your fridge and talk about with your family
- Monthly Prayer cards – A suggested prayer to say with your family
- Worship Resources – children's bulletins for elementary kids and coloring pages for preschoolers
- Mission Activity – A suggestion for your whole family to

participate in a mission project connected to the larger church

- Craft Activity – Supplies and instructions for a craft that corresponds with one of the monthly Bible stories
- Something Special – A little surprise for your Covenant kiddo from the church
- And more!

The theme for this month's Covenant Kids Club bags is "Stories and Questions," and we'd love to see photos of your crafts, your Faith on the Fridge cards, and your children's bulletins. Feel free to share your photos with via email (kcooke@covenantaugusta.org) or on the church Facebook page!

There are two times families can pick up their October bags:

- Sunday, October 4 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the covered walkway by the sanctuary

- Friday, October 9 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. during the Food Truck Friday event

If you have any questions, please contact Katelyn (kcooke@covenantaugusta.org) and she'll be happy to help!

October Zoom Gathering

Sunday, October 18 // 2:00-2:30 p.m
via Zoom

Join Pastor Katelyn and Mr. Ralph for a time of fellowship, mystery guests, games, Bible stories, and prayer! We'll talk about this month's theme "Stories and Questions," and we'll share some of what we've been doing with Covenant Kids Club bags at home. We hope you'll join us!

Preschool kiddos are asked to have an adult accompany them on the Zoom call. Thank you!

Congregational Life

FAMILY • FOOD • FRIENDS!



**FOOD TRUCK
FRIDAY**

**Fridays,
October 9 and
23**
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Covenant
Parking Lot –
Playground side

Who likes cooking dinner on Fridays? No one! Who likes hanging out with their church friends? Everyone!

Join us for Food Truck Fridays in October. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, invite your friends, and enjoy dinner and fellowship at Covenant. The playground will be open, and all are welcome!

The food trucks for each date will be announced soon!

IT'S A BOY!

You are invited to a
**Congregational Shower
for Baby Boy Cooke**
October 24, 4-6pm

at Aumond Road Parking lot/side yard

Drop in or Drive by
(We will have runners to get item from your car.)

Bring a chair, wear a mask and
practice social distancing

Suggested Gifts:

Diapers-Pampers Swaddlers
Wipes- Pampers Aqua Pure
Babyletto Toco glider + Ottoman (\$500)



To contribute to the purchase of the glider send your check to Judy Grieve (223 Bent Oak Drive, Clarks Hill, SC 29821) or mail to the church. Please make checks payable to Judy Grieve.

Covenant Preschool

Tuesday, September 22nd was the first day of fall. It was also our first virtual field trip. We visited an apple orchard in Connecticut. The children learned there are 700 varieties of apples. They watched ladders being pushed up against the trees and big bags strapped across the backs of the pickers. We brought the virtual to life as the children made their way to apple stamping and enjoyed a cup of apple juice! We have several virtual field trips planned this year



as part of COVID safety. We have also implemented, “Totally Terrific Thursday”..... last Thursday was the first of its kind. We read Eric Carle’s, *The Tiny Seed*. The children made tissue paper sunflowers to mimic Eric Carle’s illustrations. We put real sunflower seeds in the middle and enjoyed eating shelled sunflower seeds for a snack!! This



event provides a small break in the week for our teachers to have thirty minutes to decompress, lesson plans they might otherwise not finish since there are no “specials” this year, such as music. We are also excited to announce Covenant’s Corner..... it’s the first ever preschool gift store. Be on the lookout for more news. The focus to the playground was the item of the month, this month! Thanks to all who helped.

*Lauren Stull
Preschool Director*

Congregational Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

The Nominating Committee is continuing to work and is still considering nominations from the congregation. If you would like to submit a nomination for someone to serve as an elder, a deacon or an at-large member of the nominating committee, email your nomination to Chris Terry, the chair of the Nominating Committee, at catterry005@gmail.com or call Anne Huff, a member of the Nominating Committee at 706-863-8105. You can also pray for the Nominating Committee and its work as we seek the will of God in discerning who will join the leadership of our congregation.

Exodus 18 - ...Jethro stayed around for a few days, observing Moses' performance as our leader, then he offered some free advice: He told Moses, "This is not good. You are trying to do it all by yourself. Choose responsible persons who can share leadership with you..."

A very important request from your Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)...

Who leads our Church?

Jesus Christ is head of the church, but it takes a number of people to organize and oversee the ministries of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Over-all direction is set by the Session (Co-Pastors and Elders), and programs are carried out by Deacons and Ministry Teams.

Who chooses our Officers?

With your help, the Congregational Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of nominees to be elected by the congregation.

We are seeking members who feel called to serve, and who are...

- **ready to be ordained by God and the church to serve as an Elder or Deacon.**
- or
- **prepared to share their knowledge of the congregation and their insight as a member of the Congregational Nominating Committee.**

How can you help?

Please think prayerfully about people you know and respect in our congregation. Print their name below or should you feel called to serve, your name. Please circle Elder, Deacon, and/or CNC member.

NAME: _____ E D CNC

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To submit nominations online please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2020nominatingform>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class, Zoom 11:00 AM Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo 1:30 PM Children's September Zoom Gathering, Zoom 3:00 PM Youth Fellowship: Parking Lot Hangout 5:00 PM Congregational Nominating Committee, Zoom	28 6:00 PM Companions in Christ, Zoom	29	30 7:00 PM Covenant Together: Pandemic Life, Zoom	1 3:00 PM Stewardship Task Force, Zoom 7:00 PM Young Adult BYO Milkshake, Parking Lot near Playground	2	3 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
4 World Communion Sunday 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class, Zoom 11:00 AM Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo 1:30 PM Covenant Kids Club Bag Pick-up 3:00 PM Youth Bible Study, Zoom 5:00 PM Congregational Nominating Committee, Zoom	5 5:30 PM Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom 6:00 PM Companions in Christ, Zoom	6 7:00 PM Stated Session Meeting, Zoom	7 7:00 PM WNF Covenant Together: Being a Purple Church, Zoom	8	9 5:00 PM Covenant Kids Club Bag Pick-up 5:00 PM Food Truck Friday	10 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
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18 Special Offering: PW Thank Offering 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class, Zoom 11:00 AM Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo 2:00 PM Children's Ministry Gathering, Zoom 3:00 PM Youth Bible Study, Zoom 5:00 PM Congregational Nominating Committee, Zoom	19 COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE 6:00 PM Companions in Christ, Zoom	20 2:00 PM Deborah and Faith Circles, Zoom and Room 12 6:00 PM P.E.O Meeting, Room 12 6:30 PM Sustainability Ministry Team, Zoom	21 7:00 PM WNF Covenant Together: Being a Purple Church, Zoom	22	23 5:00 PM Food Truck Friday	24 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
25 Reformation Sunday 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class, Zoom 11:00 AM Stage 1 Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo 12:15 PM Worship Ministry Team, Zoom 3:00 PM Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM Congregational Nominating Committee, Zoom	26 6:00 PM Companions in Christ, Zoom	27 Northeast Georgia Presbytery Meeting 6:00 PM Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	28 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Zoom 1:30 PM Covenant Staff Meeting, Zoom 7:00 PM WNF Covenant Together: Being a Purple Church, Zoom	29	30	31 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28

7:00-8:00 p.m. // via Zoom

To join, call 1-646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID 844-9225-4293# or visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84492254293>

Being a Purple Church

As we approach the presidential election next month, we become more aware of the political diversity that exists not just in our country but also within our congregation. While many people say religion and politics don't mix, we want to explore what it looks like to be a church that holds differing political opinions but maintains its unity in Christ. Join us for this important series!

Please note: WNF will take a break in the month of November and will resume for an Advent series in December.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF COVENANT,

Thank you for all your messages of sympathy and support to us after the loss of our mother-in-law and grandmother Isabel Lecuona. This church has been tremendously supportive of her and of us over the years. Truly we are all a part of the body of Christ.

*Becky, Lillie,
and Russell DeLecuona*

THANK YOU

Thanking you for your on going prayers, cards, gifts, and treats sent our way. They are so appreciated.

In Christ,
*The Jason Matthew Colborn Family,
Adelaide, Daddy, Mommy and
Granny Sarah*

Mission

UPDATE ON OUR MISSION PARTNERS IN HONDURAS

Our Mission Ministry team was blessed with Allison and Ernie Sizemore joining us in our zoom meeting in August. Honduras has closed its borders due to the pandemic which has resulted in Ernie and Allison living in Georgia over the last months. We learned that their mission's immediate need still continues to focus on their Food for Families program. This program provides enough food for a family for 2 weeks. The cost to Mission on the Move is \$20 per family. Covenant Mission Ministry Team sent \$3000 in April to help this program and approved unanimously to send an additional \$500 at our August meeting.

We also learned that the Casa de Mariposas which was operating as a transition home for abandoned babies is now operating as a pre-school for 9 toddlers. The Oaks of Righteousness residential care home is serving as a family style children's home for children who are in need of permanent homes. These children, who are placed with Oaks of Righteousness through Honduras social services, live with foster parents who nurture and encourage them to learn and live their Honduran culture. Once it is safe for the borders to open, the Sizemores will return to Honduras. Then the after-school program for 30 children can resume with a local volunteer leading that program.

It is such a blessing for our Covenant family to provide financial support to this mission program. Please continue to pray for Mission on the Move and the Sizemore family.

Elaine Lea

FAMILY PROMISE

Covenant was scheduled to host Family Promise from October 4 – October 11. Because of the pandemic families in the program are staying at one location and host churches are asked to provide meals for the family either through monetary donations, grocery store food items, or providing restaurant prepared meals for the families. If you wish to make a donation, please send it to the church and note it for Family Promise, or you may contact Chuck Baldwin (706-339-1506) for more information.

GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

The item of the month for October is instant grits or oatmeal (Individual packets). This item will be a welcome addition to our Food Pantry shelves.

GAP Ministries continues to 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

TROUBLE WITH LIVESTREAMING?

If you are experiencing difficulties streaming the service on a Sunday morning, then you may want to return to our website on Sunday afternoons. We always record the service and post it there later in the day. You may also wish to watch past services that you may have missed. Please visit www.covenantaugusta.org and click on the worship tab to learn more.

Presbyterian Women

SAVE THE DATE

The Deborah and Faith Circles are continuing with combined meetings at this time. Our next meeting will be October 20, 2020, at 2 pm. Judy Grieve will lead the lesson. We will use Zoom. Some women will participate from home and a small group will meet at Covenant in Room 12.

2020 THANK OFFERING

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women will be received on October 18, 2020. Each year at least 40% of the Thank Offering funds grants that support health ministries. Currently there are 15 grants, with 13 of the programs in the United States and two overseas. Several types of programs are funded, including those for the homeless, learning assistance for children, education for refugees and assistance to children who have been victims of domestic violence.

2020 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSION PLEDGE

Funds from the Presbyterian Women's Mission Pledge are used to meet costs involved with the PW leadership functions churchwide, including the Presbytery and Synod. Every mission and ministry program of PW is supported in full or in part through gifts to the mission pledge. There are churchwide operating expenses such as rent, utilities and information technology support. At the Presbytery level, the pledge supports workshops, the Gathering, travel costs, Zoom fees and missions. The Synod has financial obligations for the costs of the Triannual Gathering, communications, etc. Please prayerfully consider your pledge. In 2019, of the \$375.00 in collected

pledges, we designated 55% for the Presbytery, 25% for the Synod and 20% for churchwide needs.

Anything that you give above \$25.00 will stay with Covenant PW for local operating expenses and mission contributions. Last year, Covenant PW was blessed to be able to give \$300 dollars each to Thornwell, Mission Haven and the Columbia Friendship Circle. When you determine your pledge amount, please give your check labeled "PW Pledge" to our Financial Secretary Linda-Jean Jay, or to Joyce Bowers, PW treasurer.

2020 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to **Gail Baker** and **Mary Beachum** on September 15, 2020, at the combined Deborah Circle and Faith Circle meeting.

Gail Baker's quiet faithfulness through more than fifty years at Covenant demonstrates her loving concern for others. She has raised her own family here and has served Covenant in many ways. She has also worked in a doctor's office and has been a Teaching Assistant. After earning a degree in social work, she was employed as Social Services Director and Admissions Coordinator in local nursing homes. Gail taught our youngest Sunday School children for several years. More recently, she taught elementary children's Sunday School. Following in her mother's footsteps, she has always been involved in the study and work of Presbyterian Women's circles. Currently, she is a circle chair and she serves as a Deacon. Her diaconate ministry organizes food for receptions and help for families in need. Always a willing volunteer, Gail Smith Baker can be found working to fill the need.

Mary Beachum has been active in PW for many years, both at Covenant and at her home church. She is the mother of a son and a daughter and has three grandchildren. Mary has served as Chair of the Deborah Circle and has actively participated in our many PW programs and projects. Other major contributions include being a member of Session and serving as Clerk of Session. She has been active on a number of ministry teams. Covenant members have benefitted greatly from the many Christian Education programs that she has taught throughout the years. She has a heart for missions and can be found almost every week serving as the Thursday Ministry Manager of GAP. She currently serves on the Congregational Life Ministry team and is on the Silver Saints and Sinners Coordinating Team. She retired from an Administrative Librarian position with the East Central Georgia Regional library group, but has not retired from much dedicated work on behalf of the PW and Covenant PCUSA.



Creation Care Corner



How have your efforts at reducing food waste been going? Have you started composting? I've been surprised at what a difference having a container in the kitchen has made - we've added a lot more to the compost bin! Remember, it's never too late to start making changes to reduce your emissions footprint. In this column, I'm going to focus on what may be the single biggest thing you can do as an individual to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: eat a plant-based diet. According to a 2016 study, contributions to greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced 63% by switching to a vegetarian diet.

Livestock (especially cattle) are responsible for 18% of global greenhouse gas emissions, which is more than cars, planes, and all transportation sources combined. How do livestock contribute so much to greenhouse gases? Because of the tremendous demand for beef, especially in Western diets, there are about 1.5 billion cows on the planet. According to the U.N. almost 1/3 of land on earth is used to raise livestock or livestock feed. About 80% of deforestation in the Amazon forests has been for the purpose of cattle ranching. When those forests are cleared by burning,

it releases the carbon stored in the forests into the atmosphere, and that forested area is also no longer available to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Fossil fuels are used to produce fertilizer to grow the feed, in meat production, and in transporting meat. Cow gas and manure produce more than a third of all methane emissions, and methane is 25 times more powerful than CO₂ in its impact on global warming.

Many of us are not willing to give up meat entirely, but there is a single change you could make that would have a high impact: substitute beans for beef. In 2017, a team of scientists calculated what the impact would be if every American made this one dietary change. In that hypothetical scenario, substituting beans for beef would have allowed the U.S. to meet 50-75% of 2020 goals for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Our family read about this study in 2017 and started reducing our beef intake and substituting beans as a plant-based protein. We still eat chicken, turkey, and pork. While we haven't given up beef completely, it is now rarely on our dinner table. However, I have noticed that we aren't eating as many vegetarian meals as I would like. So my current aim is to have at least one entirely vegetarian meal per week, and then work our way up to two per week. What goals will you set for you and your family regarding dietary changes?

*Amy House
Chair, Creation Care Task Force*

Building & Grounds

PLAYGROUND

WORKDAY!

On Saturday, September 12, several volunteers came out to spread sand and mulch on the playground. We are very grateful for the help in keeping our playground maintained so that the Preschool children and the community can have a safe area to play. The following people came out to help in this endeavor:

Matt and his son Eli (preschool father & son); Chuck Baldwin; Terry Bowers; Andy Cooke; John Ealick; Judi & David Rhoades; Chris & Charlie Terry; and Bill Usry. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Memorials

In Memory of Kenneth Wayne Mixon

Mark K. Ackerman
Mr. & Mrs. R. Lanier Anderson III
Stanley M. Angle, Jr.
Sona S. Arora
Mr. Keith Brewington
Mr. & Mrs. James Frazier
Carol Fore
Joe & Diane Griffin
William & Elizabeth House
Mr. Henry E. Johnson
Mary Johnson
Anita Irvin & Jan LaFrance
Mrs. Gwendolyn M. McMurray
Dr. William N. Nelson
Alison Prout
Mary Anne Richardson
Bob & Locketta Stephenson
Charlie & Elizabeth Tudor

Church Member Profiles

KATIE AND DALTON COOPER

Katie Cooper was born to parents Kim and the late John Humphrey, Jr., in Augusta, Georgia, on October 17, 1994. Katie began attending Covenant Presbyterian with her paternal grandparents, Camilla Humphrey and the late John Humphrey, Sr., from the time she was born. From a young age, Katie has been involved with the church, going through confirmation class and being an active member of the Youth Group throughout middle and high school. Katie has also served as a Vacation Bible School Leader, Children's Church Leader, and Youth Group Leader at Covenant.

Katie attended Lakeside High School and graduated in 2013. From there, she entered college at Augusta University, eventually earning a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in Secondary Education. Throughout college Katie was very active on campus, being involved with organizations such as Zeta Tau Alpha, the Homecoming Executive Council, Study Abroad & Away, Orientation Leadership, and the Honors Program. Shortly after graduating in 2017, Katie began her teaching career at Harlem High School in Harlem, Georgia, where she currently teaches 12th grade English and serves as the Senior Project Coordinator for the school. In June 2020, Katie earned her master's degree in Instruction in Secondary Education from Augusta University. In her free time, Katie enjoys serving as the Color Guard Director for Lakeside High School's Marching Band, reading, crafting, and working on home improvement projects.

Dalton Cooper was born to parents Beth and Paul Cooper in Newark, Delaware, on January 9, 1995. As a child, Dalton lived with his family in Delaware, Virginia, and North

Carolina before settling in Augusta in 2001. Dalton began attending Covenant in high school after he started dating his then-girlfriend, now-wife, Katie. He has been an active member since officially joining the church in early 2013, serving as a Youth Group Leader, Children's Church Leader, an usher, and most recently, as a member of the Stewardship Task Force.

Dalton also attended high school at Lakeside High School before graduating in 2013. After graduating high school, he enrolled at the University of Georgia for one year before transferring to Augusta University. At Augusta University, Dalton was an involved member of the Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, and various honor societies. Dalton graduated from Augusta University in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in English Literature. After working full time for a year, he decided to go back to school, and in 2019, Dalton enrolled at the University of South Carolina School of Law, from which he expects to graduate in 2022. Outside of school, Dalton enjoys reading, listening to podcasts, and re-watching his favorite shows on Netflix.

Katie and Dalton began dating in 2010 during their freshman year of high school; they met as members of Lakeside High School's marching band. Katie and Dalton continued dating throughout high school and college, with Dalton proposing on the campus of Augusta University in late 2017 and the two getting married at Covenant on February 2, 2019. Katie and Dalton have recently started adding to their family, adopting two kittens, Whit and Hemy, in February of this year and expecting their first child, Charlotte Elzie Cooper, in November!

Katie and Dalton Cooper

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If you are not receiving our emails, then please visit 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.

Our emails are also posted to our Facebook page.



October Worship Schedule

USHERS

- 10/4: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,
John Ealick, Angela Hobby
10/11: Jim Buckalew,
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,
Johnny Lowe, Jim Wade
10/18: Hugh Dobbins,
Lucyle Ferris, Dave Lapp,
Fidelis Ndingwan
10/25: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,
Ruth Mayhall,
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry

LITURGIST/READER

AT 11:00 AM SERVICE

- 10/4: Jimmy Lea
10/11: Fidelis Ndingwan
10/18: Audrey Baldwin
10/25: Chuck Baldwin

PREACHER

- 10/4: Andy Cooke
10/11: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
10/18: Andy Cooke
10/25: Katelyn Gordon Cooke

GREETERS

- 10/4: Lindsay Kircher
10/11: Sabina Widner
10/18: Deb Pittman
10/25: Jim Crimmins

FLOWERS

- 10/4: Mary Simms
10/11: Gail Baker
10/18: Maatsi & Fidelis Ndingwan
10/25: Lindsay Kircher

A/V TEAM

October

Terry Bowers, John Ealick,
Owen Gillies, Sam McCarter,
Emma Raider



Prayer Concerns



New Prayer Concerns

Sue Blackstock – At home (0922)
LJ Jay – At home (914)

Continued Prayer Concerns

All of Covenant's **Missionaries**

All who serve in the **U.S. Military**

Helen Chilton (Close relative and family friend of Andrea Butt) – At home in Hospice Care (0902)

Adelaide Colborn (Sarah Colborn's granddaughter) – At home with hospital treatment of lymphoma; Austin, TX (0805)

Mildred Coleman (Neighbor and Friend of Chuck Baldwin) – Emory, treatment of advanced Leukemia (0716)

Juanita Davis (Andrea Butt's aunt) – COVID and Pneumonia, Nursing Home in Jacksonville, FL (0916)

Sunny Griffin (Diane's sister-in-

law) – Winston-Salem, NC (0728)

Tanner Haywood (Ann Haywood's grandson) – At home (0401)

Hazel Reddin (Debbie van Tuyll's sister-in-law) – At home (0525)

Debbie van Tuyll – At home (0525)

Enduring Concerns

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

Dr. Marion Conditt (Karla Conditt Daniels' father) – Rehab Facility, Waupaca, WI

Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde

Lois Davis – Kentwood

Anne Degrazia – Alpharetta, GA

Dr. Alva Faulkner – Pavilion, Brandon Wilde

Priscilla Gilman – Washington Commons

Betty Johnston – Brandon Wilde

Malcolm Kling – Brandon Wilde

Larry Lutcher – Brandon Wilde

Richard and Gloria Jennings Marshall – At home

Leah Mannel – Brandon Wilde

Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell Moses' mother) – At home

Carol Paulson – At home

Lois Reynolds – Morning Side

Elizabeth Swink – At home

Jane Terry (Chris Terry's mother) – Lake Wales, FL

Barbara Williams – Brandon Wilde

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

Sympathies extended to

Family of JoAnn Ealick upon her death on September 15 (0916)

Family of Isabel Lecuona upon her death on September 12 (0914)

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.

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Youth Painting new picnic tables for
their monthly service to others,
September 13.



Covenant Preschool Chapel, Wednesday
September 9.

Food Truck Friday, September 25.



Food Truck Friday,
September 11



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September 11.

