

# Covenant Chimes



January 2020 COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

## Notes from Session

## From our Pastor

### December 3, 2019

At its December meeting, Session continued to consider policies and practices that would improve the quality of our church life and deal with some practical issues around church maintenance. Financially, we had some good news. Covenant is on track to end the year with a surplus of income over revenue, with some of that income coming from our designated fund account to help pay the mortgage. Our stewardship campaign has exceeded its goal with \$466,000 in eighty pledges. Some pledges have yet to come in.

We also heard more about our efforts to create an unobtrusive, but effective, upgrade to security on Sunday mornings. The nursery workers now have walkie-talkies to communicate with the ushers, and the ushers and greeters are making a practice of walking the halls during services. It was also reported that a video doorbell will be installed on the handicapped entrance near the sanctuary.

Another practical matter dealt with an evaluation of our property/liability/umbrella insurance and worker's compensation. This is something that hasn't been sent out for new proposals in quite a few years, and we found that our current coverage was not enough for the value of our property. Fortunately, the Insurance Board, a company that specializes in churches, gave us a quote for expanded coverage at practically the

(See "Session Notes," page 2)

For the past several years, I've made it an end-of-year practice to spend some time during the last days of December reviewing the year month-by-month. I'll flip through the pages of my planner (I love a paper planner!) and my journal and make notes about the things that happened each month. Here are some highlights from 2019: January – my best friends visited me in Augusta for the first time; March – we celebrated Andy's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday; April – I went to the Masters for the first time; June – I went to Montreat with our high school youth and went to the beach with Andy; November – Andy's grandfather died, and we celebrated our second wedding anniversary and our first anniversary with Covenant. Some wonderful things and some difficult things happened in 2019, and I appreciate the reminder of just how much life happens in 365 days.

I'm not always as good at looking ahead. It feels easier (or perhaps safer) for me to reflect on the past and what has already happened than it is for me to look to the future with all of its possibilities and uncertainties. And yet God is always calling us into the future. God invites us not to get too comfortable with the way things are and to be open to doing things a bit differently. Some of y'all are better at that than I am, and one place where I've seen evidence of that is your commitments of time and talent\* during the stewardship season. Andy and I have read through your commitment forms, and we were amazed and impressed by your offerings. Thirteen people volunteered to join the prayer team in praying for concerns in our congregation, eight people offered to help in the church office, at least one person wants to join the choir, some of our young people are willing to do yard work around the church, some of our older members want to greet people on Sunday mornings. The list could go on.

At the start of this new year, I celebrate the ways that God continues to do new things in our lives and in the life of our church. I can't wait to see what the Spirit has in store for us this year.

*Peace,  
Pastor Katelyn*

\*P.S. If you've completed a Time and Talent form, you can expect to hear from a ministry team leader or officer soon! If you haven't completed a form yet, it's not too late. Forms are available in the back of the sanctuary.





Happy New Year from all of us at the preschool. The teaching staff is back after a long and well deserved holiday break.

Our Kindergarten class will be busy making predictions, talking about winter in the south, the difference between fiction and non-fiction. PK4 students are writing numbers and letters, rhyming words, and making slime!! Our PK 3 students are working on letters N, O, P, and Q. We will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Kindergarten and PK4 will attend a musical, Rapunzel, at Storyland Theatre.

Spread the word.... Preschool Registration for 2020-21 school year begins January 27<sup>th</sup>!!!! Please refer anyone who might be looking for a half day preschool program, 3 months-kindergarten, to call or drop by the preschool office from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday, 706-733-8102.

*Lauren Stull,  
Preschool Director*

## 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 Caregivers:**

Mary Simms, Caley Rentz

**Church Secretary:** Judy Strogonoff

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

**Preschool Director:** Lauren Stull

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same price. As a part of our reassessment, we realized that we needed to formalize our relationship with Karla Conditt Daniels as regards her marriage and family counseling practice and her role as Parish Associate. Karla was glad to work with Katelyn and Andy on that and came up with documents that Session passed quickly.

We also passed the budget for 2020. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation in their pledges, every ministry will get what it needs, and the staff will get a cost-of-living increase. We set the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation for January 26, 2020 after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Andy and Katelyn led us in an interesting discussion of our approach to wedding requests from people who have no relationship to the congregation. Generally, these couples are looking for a venue that is close to the place they have set for the wedding reception. One of the hallmarks of our congregation is hospitality and many felt we should be open to all. It was also voiced that being a site for a wedding required time commitments from the staff and

volunteers that should not be over-used. There is always a consideration of theological views when a pastor is invited to perform any service in our church. One approach would be to require the engaged couple to commit to meeting with the pastors and form some relationship with the church. No decisions were made, and the issue was referred to the Worship Ministry Team for further consideration.

All of the ministry teams reported that their work was going well, and it seems to me that we are all feeling upbeat about progress in 2019. As the chosen leaders of the congregation, the elders on Session are grateful for the enthusiastic participation of members of the congregation, for your continued prayers and for your commitment to our values of hospitality, compassion and inclusivity.

*Mary Beachum,  
Clerk of Session*

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation



In accordance with the bylaws of Covenant Presbyterian Church, the Session has set the date of the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation for Sunday, January 26, 2020 at noon in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to receive annual reports, to receive the 2020 budget that was previously approved by the Session, to set the terms of call for the Co-Pastors, and to elect a president and treasurer of the corporation for 2020. All members of Covenant

Presbyterian Church are encouraged to attend and are entitled to participate and vote. Non-members are also welcome to attend. We hope that you will join us for this meeting as we seek to be good stewards of our finances, structure, and governance.

Sincerely,

*Andy and Katelyn Cooke,  
Moderators of the Session and  
Congregational Meetings*

*Mary Beachum, Secretary of the  
Corporation and Clerk of Session*

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Feb. 7, the church office will close at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays so that office staff can have uninterrupted time to concentrate on particular tasks related to church publications. Office hours on Monday through Thursday will remain the same (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). This change was approved at the January Session meeting. Thank you for your patience with us as we make this change.

Dear Covenant Family,

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the staff Christmas gift last month. It is wonderful to feel appreciated for the work that we do here at Covenant. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in this congregation alongside of you and we pray for God's blessing on you and this ministry in the coming year.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Covenant Presbyterian Church

## 2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution Envelopes for 2020 have been placed outside the sanctuary for those of you that normally use them. If you have a mailbox in the church hallway, your envelopes will be placed there.

*LJ Jay,*  
*Finance Secretary*

## COFFEE WITH A COOKE

Are you new to Covenant? Do you want to learn more about our community? Are you considering membership in the coming year? Come to room 104 (downstairs at the end of the building) at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 12 or Sunday, January 19 for a conversation over coffee and doughnuts with one or both of our Co-Pastors. We hope to see you there!



## Education

### CHILDREN'S NEWS

#### **Covenant Kiddos Playground Playdate**

Sunday,  
January 26 //  
1:30-2:30 p.m.



Preschool and elementary school kiddos and their parents are invited to a playdate on the church playground! We'll have some snacks to share, and if it's rainy, we'll head inside to the church gym. We hope you'll join us!

### YOUTH NEWS

#### **January Youth Sunday School**

During the month of January, middle and high school youth will be working on plans for Youth Sunday during Sunday School. The youth will lead both worship services on Sunday, February 2, and we'd love for as many youth as possible to be involved. Please plan to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the youth room to help plan this special service!

#### **Second Service Activity**

#### **Care Packages for Covenant College Students**

Sunday, January 12 // 2:00-3:30 p.m. // Youth Room (room 203)

Who doesn't love getting fun stuff in the mail? Help us make care packages for Covenant college students and send them a little Covenant love as they begin a new semester!

### **Fourth Fellowship Activity**

#### **Youth Bowling**

Sunday, January 26 // 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Stars and Strikes (3238 Wrightsboro Road)

Middle and high school youth are invited to an afternoon of bowling at Stars and Strikes! The church will cover the cost of shoe rental and bowling; all you have to bring is a pair of socks and money if you'd like to get something to eat. Please let Katelyn

(kcooke@covenantaugusta.org; 706.733.0513) know if you plan to join us by Thursday, January 23, so we can reserve the right number of lanes. We hope you can join us!

### **SALT CLASS**

Room 12 // 9:45 a.m.

This month, the SALT class will be looking at several "Epiphany" occurrences in Christ's life that point to his Kingship and Divinity. Please join us as we seek to share, learn, and journey together in building our faith.

# Mission

## LETTER FROM MISSIONARIES

Dear Friends at Covenant Presbyterian Church,

Our Ministry as Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission co-workers is coming to a close. At the end of this month (December 2019), we will retire from 30 years of service in Bangladesh. We thank God for giving us the opportunity to serve as medical missionaries and for your love and support that helped sustain us in our ministry.

Your participation with us and our immersion in the life of the PC (USA)'s sister church, the Church of Bangladesh, taught us much about working from a foundation of Christian Fellowship to reach out in ministry to people in need. Together with our Bangladeshi co-workers, we cared for the sick and helped them and their communities access quality health care in the face of massive corruption in Bangladesh's health care system. Although carrying out such work in Bangladesh was challenging, doing it in fellowship with the body of Christ was profoundly rewarding experience, and your participation made our joy complete.

We will always remember with deep gratitude your joining with us and our brothers and sisters in faith in Bangladesh to carry out the sacred mission of Christ's church.

*Your fellow servants,  
Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan  
Mission Co-Workers  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

## NEW MISSIONARY SUPPORTED BY COVENANT

Covenant is now supporting Cheryl Barnes in her missionary work in Africa. Below is more information of Cheryl's ministry.



As the education facilitator for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Cheryl Barnes collaborates with the CCAP Education Department and the education departments of the five CCAP Synods — three in Malawi, one in Zambia, and one in Zimbabwe — to improve the quality of primary school education in the many schools under the CCAP umbrella. In her role as an education advisor, Cheryl strives to assist the CCAP in improving the quality of teaching and implementing best practices in educating children, including those with special needs. A focus of Cheryl's ministry is working with the CCAP to safeguard the rights of children by developing child protection policies and implementing them in schools. Of particular emphasis is protecting young girls against violence and empowering them to continue their schooling.

Research confirms that one of the key ways to lift a community from the grips of poverty is through the education of children. Nelson Mandela wrote, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The CCAP Education Department is not only transforming children's lives, but it is transforming entire communities. Cheryl is honored to be a part of this process.

More information can be found <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/cheryl-barnes/>

## FAMILY PROMISE

Our next turn to host Family Promise will be Sunday, January 19 through Sunday, January 26. There are many ways to help like setting up rooms, bringing dinner, staying overnight and a lot of just "being present" (which is a simple yet foundational part of our Christian walk). Sign-up sheets will appear soon near the Gathering area and the main Sanctuary entrance. Whether you have participated many times or feel newly called, you will find this a rewarding experience.

~ **Chuck Baldwin**,  
(706-339-1506)  
**Family Promise Coordinator**

## GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

 **GAP** The item of the month for January is hot chocolate. These items will be a welcome addition to our Food Pantry shelves. Boxes for the item of the month are located near the sanctuary and outside the Fellowship Hall. There are also GAP donation boxes under the mailbox table near the church office.

## MASTER'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

The Master's Table Soup Kitchen serves a hot lunch to more than 325 hungry people every day, 365 days per year in downtown Augusta. Every month, Kathy Ordelt leads a group from Covenant to help with this important ministry. Our next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Please contact Kathy at 404-593-9161 for more details if you'd like to join us.

# Augusta Community Prayer Garden

Session received a letter from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church inviting Covenant to join them in becoming part of the Augusta Community Prayer Garden. You can read the letter below:



Following Christ  
Serving in Love  
Engaging the

Dear Covenant Session,

St. Andrew PC would like to invite Covenant to join us in being a part of the Augusta Community Prayer Garden at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. We will start construction of the prayer garden on our property in the spring of 2020. We are inviting everyone to take a moment from the trial and tribulations of their day and rest for a while in this peaceful setting.

We have started an engraved brick fundraiser. We will be placing a brick in the honor of your church along the walkway of the prayer garden. The congregation of Covenant can help our community by purchasing laser engraved bricks with your name or in honor or memory of someone.

**The 4x8 brick with 3 lines and 18 characters per line will be \$40.00 each.**

**The 8x8 brick with 6 lines and 18 characters per line will be \$100.00 each.**

The bricks can be ordered by using the enclosed order form and returning it to St. Andrews PC with your payment.

You can also design and purchase your bricks at our donor friendly website.

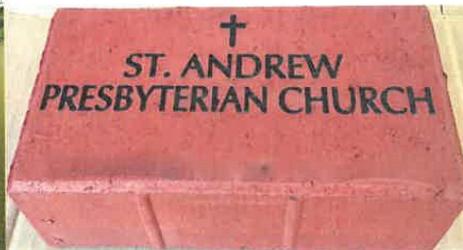
**[bricksrus.com/donorsite/sapc](http://bricksrus.com/donorsite/sapc)**

We thank you in advance for helping us create this much needed sanctuary for the Augusta community. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Cravens, 706-836-9196, [wtcjgc@gmail.com](mailto:wtcjgc@gmail.com).

*Blessings!  
Rev Ed Rees*



Rendering of Prayer Garden



Sample Brick



## Wednesday Night Dinners

Adults (12 and over): \$5.00  
Children (4-11): \$2.00  
Toddlers (under 4): Free  
Family Maximum: \$12.00

**Our Wednesday Fellowship  
Dinner  
is served at 5:15 p.m.**

You can make reservations by calling the Church Office; clicking the link in Covenant's weekly email; or emailing Judy Strogonoff, (jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org). Reservations/cancellations must be made by 11:00 a.m. on the preceding Tuesday. Indicate how many adults and how many children will attend the dinner.

If you wish to be placed on the permanent list, please note that when making your reservations. Once you are on the permanent list you will need to call by 11 a.m. on Tuesday with any changes or if you are not able to attend.

Menus will be posted in the bulletins each week.

WNF resumes **January 15, 2020.**

## ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

What was the last great movie you saw? Have you binge-watched a Netflix series recently? What are you curling up on the couch to watch this winter? One more question for you: Are there any connections between the shows and movies you love and your faith? God speaks to us through a variety of channels, and this month, we're going to look at the some of the underlying theological themes in some of our favorite shows and movies.

**Wednesday, January 15:** *It's a Wonderful Life*

**Wednesday, January 22:** *The Help*

**Wednesday, January 29:** Viewers' Choice\*

\*WNF participants will have the chance to vote on the show/movie we discuss!

## CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC PROGRAMS

**Our regular Wednesday Night  
Program Schedule**

**6:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

2nd grade: Cherub Chimers  
3rd – 5th grades: Creation Ringers

**6:10 – 6:35 p.m.**

4 years – 1st Grade: Family Choir

**6:30 – 7:05 p.m.**

Youth Handbells

**6:35 – 7:05 p.m.**

2nd – 5th grades: Creation Singers

**6:35 – 7:00 p.m.**

4 years – 1st grade: Nursery

Adult and Youth Program is  
scheduled for 6:15 – 7:00 in the  
Fellowship Hall

Children's Music programs in Music  
room and Room 12

## Music Ministry

THANK YOU to all Covenant's volunteer singing and ringing musicians (adult and children) whose dedication and talents helped make our Advent, Longest Night and Christmas worship services and programs such beautiful and joyous occasions. Everyone spent many hours in rehearsal working to perfect their singing and playing in order to present our musical offerings at their best. I especially thank volunteer Directors Sarah Colborn and Charlotte Ealick along with their Assistants Chris Terry, Joyce Bowers, and Lynn Latimer. Beautiful instrumental music was provided by Debbie van Tuyll, Angel Cleary, Ian Purdy, Tayler Norwood and Chris Byrne. Brock Daniels added some percussion at the WNF Christmas Program, Hubert van Tuyll sang at the Longest Night service, and Joan Lancaster was soloist Christmas Eve and again on December 29. It has been such a privilege to be there with all of you!  
*Soli Deo Gloria! Lyn Patterson*

## Member Notes

Dear Covenant Family,

Words cannot express how thankful Bill and I are for the love you have shown to us during my recent illness and recovery. The cards, calls, and especially the delicious meals that you prepared for us were truly a blessing.

God has truly shown his love through the kindness and concern you have shown. Your prayers were answered, and I am still under doctor's care for my continued recovery and I am slowly on the road to being able to do my normal routines.

Thank you for being such a loving church family. I look forward to returning to church and becoming more involved.

*In Jesus name,  
Ginger Cornes*

# Church Member Profiles

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## DANA RHOADES JOHNSON

Dana Rhoades Johnson was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania and lived there until she was 8 years old. At that time, her dad began working for Club Car here in Augusta. Dana graduated from Lakeside High School and, while there, she enjoyed swimming and junior varsity volleyball.

After high school, Dana attended Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, where she majored in biology. While there, she was part of the TriBeta Biology Honor Society, the Women in Chemistry Alliance, and was co-president of the Anime Club, a Japanese animation and cartoon group.

Once Dana graduated, she first worked for 4 years at FLP Foods, LLC on Gordon Highway and then went back to school at Aiken Technical College to receive her nursing degree. Since graduating in 2017, she has worked in the Operating Room at University Hospital, a job she enjoys very much.

Dana first met her husband-to-be, Rob, at a dog park in 2013. Dana says that Rob needed to “be approved” by her dog before she would give him any serious consideration. Rob evidently passed the test, as he and Dana dated for 6 years and were married at Covenant in January 2019. They are currently the proud owners of 2 dogs and a cat.

Dana enjoys archery and chilling with Rob and the dogs in front of a good movie. She is also an avid reader and loves to be surrounded by her books when at home. They are currently looking for a plot of land to buy so they can build a new home.

Dana and her family joined Covenant when they first moved here in 1995 and have been members for 24 years. Her parents report being “overwhelmed” by the welcome they received when they first attended. Dana and her family are regular attendees of the 8:30 worship service. Her family enjoys spending time together by going out to breakfast after church on Sundays.

Dana began her service to Covenant playing hand bells as part of the youth group and as a reader during worship when she was 15. She also was part of the Northeast Georgia Youth Council and served as a camp counselor at a church-sponsored camp for middle-school kids. While at the camp, Dana met Andy Cooke and has known him for 10 years. As an adult, Dana was a Deacon for 3 years and played with our Jubellation Ringers and Celebration Ringers. Dana’s “best summer ever” occurred in 2007 when she interned at the Charleston Aquarium raising jellyfish and releasing sea turtles back to the ocean.

~ Kathy Ordelt

## ROBERT JOHNSON

Robert (Rob) Johnson is a relative newcomer to Covenant and you will most likely find him worshipping at the early service. Rob hails from Michigan where he began his early life, along with his younger brother Steve. His parents, Diane and Doug, are both nurses, as is his wife, Dana Rhoades Johnson. Rob says he feels secure knowing that he is surrounded by “good medical people”.

Rob and his family moved several times during his early years. When his parents divorced, Rob, his mom, and brother moved to Florida where they settled on a 5 acre property near Apopka. He attended both middle and high schools there and graduated from Forest Lake Academy, a Christian prep school. Rob grew up with horses and enjoyed riding his bike and attending family cook-outs. He recalls that his favorite part-time job in high school was landscaping the school grounds, which allowed him to tinker with lawn mowers and power equipment. He learned many of the mechanical aspects of these machines and said it was very much like “shop class without a teacher”.

Rob attended the University of Florida, majoring in chemistry. He did well in his classes and belonged to Gator Christian Life, a Christian non-denominational campus group. While a student there, he worked in the computer lab as well as doing chemical research. He also enjoyed college life with many roommates before graduating in 2009.

At the time of graduation, the economy was in a downturn, so Rob worked at several jobs until he was hired by Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro. There he works as a chemistry tech analyzing such things as the water, air, and nuclear waste. He also has responsibilities analyzing drinking water, sewage treatment plant operations and environmental safety.

Rob and Dana met “online” and had their first date at the dog park, where Dana’s dog, Biscuit, fortunately took a liking to him. The couple married at Covenant in January, 2019 and now live in Trenton, SC.

Rob loves the outdoors, target practice, archery, and video games. He and Dana also love to travel and this year, they were able to visit grandparents and family members who were not able to attend their wedding. Their travels took them to Pennsylvania, Florida, and Arkansas.

~ Kathy Ordelt

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# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 11:00 AM Worship*	<b>30</b> <i>Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i> Preschool Christmas Holidays	<b>31</b> <i>Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i> Preschool Christmas Holidays	<b>1</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>New Years Day</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> Preschool Christmas Holidays <b>10:30 AM</b> Covenant Book Group, Room 104	<b>2</b> <i>Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i> Preschool Christmas Holidays	<b>3</b> <i>Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i> Preschool Christmas Holidays	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>5</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Communion Worship* <b>9:30 AM</b> First Sunday Breakfast Fellowship <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Communion Worship* <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship*	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Companions in Christ, Parlor	<b>7</b> <b>11:20 PM</b> Covenant Presbyterian Men's Group, Fellowship Hall <b>3:30 PM</b> Communion at Brandon Wilde <b>7:00 PM</b> Stated Session Meeting, Parlor	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Covenant Staff Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 <b>4:00 PM</b> Philomathic Club Meeting, Parlor	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Preschool PTO Meeting, Gathering Area <b>6:00 PM</b> Celebration Ringers, Music Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Bridge Group, Library	<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> <b>8:30 AM</b> Communion Worship* <b>9:45 AM</b> Coffee with a Cooke, Room 104 <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship* <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship Ministry Team, Room 12 <b>2:00 PM</b> Youth Service Project: College Care Packages; Room 104	<b>13</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Companions in Christ, Parlor <b>6:30 PM</b> Building & Grounds Ministry Team, Gathering Area	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Ladies for Lunch, Hildebrands, 226 6th Street, Augusta <b>6:00 PM</b> Education Ministry Team, Room 12 <b>7:00 PM</b> Diaconate Meeting, Parlor	<b>15</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Covenant Book Group, Room 104 <b>4:30 PM</b> Congregational Life Ministry Team, Room 6 <b>5:15 PM</b> Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner*, Fellowship Hall <b>6:00 PM</b> Cherub Chimes & Creation Ringers* <b>6:10 PM</b> Covenant Family Choir* <b>6:10 PM</b> WNF Adult and Youth Programs* <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Handbells <b>6:35 PM</b> Creation Singers* <b>7:15 PM</b> Covenant Choir*, Music Room	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Celebration Ringers, Music Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Bridge Group, Library	<b>17</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Preventative Stress Management for SSaS presented by Vernon Barnes, PhD, Parlor	<b>18</b> <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> <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Communion Worship* <b>9:45 AM</b> Coffee with a Cooke, Room 104 <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship*	<b>20</b> (Church Office and Preschool Closed) <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>Martin L. King, Jr. Day</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Companions in Christ, Parlor	<b>21</b> <b>COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Faith Circle, Room 104 <b>12:00 PM</b> Covenant Presbyterian Men's Group, Fellowship Hall <b>6:00 PM</b> P.E.O. Meeting, Parlor <b>6:30 PM</b> Sustainability Ministry Team, Room 12	<b>22</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Covenant Staff Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 <b>5:15 PM</b> Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner*, Fellowship Hall <b>6:00 PM</b> Cherub Chimes & Creation Ringers* <b>6:10 PM</b> Covenant Family Choir* <b>6:10 PM</b> WNF Adult and Youth Programs* <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Handbells <b>6:35 PM</b> Creation Singers* <b>7:15 PM</b> Covenant Choir*, Music Room	<b>23</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Celebration Ringers, Music Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Bridge Group, Library	<b>24</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Covenant Concert Series Featuring Keith Gehle, Classical guitar	<b>25</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
<b>26</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Communion Worship* <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship* <b>12:00 PM</b> Congregational Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Youth Fellowship: Stars & Strikes <b>1:30 PM</b> Covenant Kiddos Playdate, Playground <b>6:00 PM</b> Officer Training, Home of Andy & Katelyn Cooke	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Deborah Circle, Parlor	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Master's Table Soup Kitchen, 704 Fenwick Street <b>6:00 PM</b> Mission Ministry Team, Room 104	<b>29</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner*, Fellowship Hall <b>6:00 PM</b> Cherub Chimes & Creation Ringers* <b>6:10 PM</b> Covenant Family Choir* <b>6:10 PM</b> WNF Adult and Youth Programs* <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Handbells <b>6:35 PM</b> Creation Singers* <b>7:15 PM</b> Covenant Choir*, Music Room	<b>30</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Celebration Ringers, Music Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Bridge Group, Library	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:30 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104

## Mark Your Calendars

### LADIES FOR LUNCH

The December gathering for Ladies for Lunch is Tuesday, January 14, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Hildebrands, 226 6th Street, Augusta. Contact the Church Office or Phoebe Crimmins (706-738-7820) to make your reservation for this monthly gathering so that we may have space for you.

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S GROUP

The Presbyterian Men's group will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The French Market Grille provides lunch, which concludes by 1:00 p.m. The cost per person is \$7. Contact Chuck Baldwin (706-339-1506) or Jim Crimmins (706-738-7820) for more information. The Men's Group meets twice a month, the first and third Tuesday of each month.

### COVENANT BOOK GROUP

Join us as watch the video series "Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God." This series follows Paul's journeys as prominent New Testament scholars discuss Paul's message about the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial ideology, and its relevance to today. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month in room 104 at 10:30. Contact Marian Moseley at 706-830-1785 to confirm.

*Becky DeLecuona*

### FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will meet January 21 for the fifth lesson of our 2019-2020 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone*. Our leader is Gail Baker. All gatherings are scheduled to be held the third Tuesday of each month in Room 104 at 10:30 a.m. Following the meeting, we will enjoy a lunch catered by Chuck Baldwin (\$7.00 each). Come! Be fed spiritually and physically. Please contact Gail Baker (706-738-5921) for more information.

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

The Deborah Circle will meet on Monday, **January 27** at 7 PM in the parlor. Our study for this year is *Love Carved in Stone, a fresh look at the 10 Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. All Covenant women are invited to join us for an evening of interesting Bible study, discussion, fellowship, and snacks!

### DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY

In January 2020, the Disciples class starts the "Second and Third" Isaiah study. We welcome anyone who wants to join us for this continuing study of Isaiah. "First" Isaiah was the study of chapters 1-39. "Second" Isaiah will be 40- 55 and "Third" Isaiah is chapters 56-66. Rev. Boyd Lien, pastor of Bath Presbyterian Church, wrote this series. Contact Judy Grieve at 407-230-6853 or [judygrieve@mac.com](mailto:judygrieve@mac.com) to join the class.

*Judy Grieve*

## SILVER SAINTS AND SINNERS EVENT

Mark Your Calendars

### **"Preventative Stress Management for SSaS"**

Power Point Presentation and Guided Meditation presented by our own Vernon Barnes, PhD  
Assistant Professor emeritus, MCG  
Certified instructor of Transcendental Meditation



# January Worship Schedule

## USHERS

- 1/5: Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,  
Johnny Lowe, Jim Wade  
1/12: Hugh Dobbins,  
Lucyle Ferris, Dave Lapp,  
Fidelis Ndingwan,  
Edwin Scott  
1/19: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,  
Ruth Mayhall, Bill Usry,  
Buddy Simpson  
1/26: Dalton Cooper, John Ealick,  
Angela Hobby,  
Rubén Rosa-Rivera,  
Hannah Weckel

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1/5: Katie and Dalton Cooper  
1/12: Gail Baker  
Elizabeth Fleming  
1/19: Amy House  
Maatsi Ndingwan  
1/26: Deb Pittman  
Owen Gillies

## LITURGIST/READER

### AT 11:00 AM SERVICE

- 1/5: Chris Henry  
1/12: Jimmy Lea  
1/19: Audrey Baldwin  
1/26: Chuck Baldwin

## LITURGIST/READER

### AT 8:30 AM SERVICE

- 1/5: Loree Davis  
1/12: Polly Williams  
1/19: Andrea Butt  
1/26: Polly Williams

## PREACHER

- 1/5: Andy Cooke  
1/12: Katelyn Gordon Cooke  
1/19: Katelyn Gordon Cooke  
1/26: Andy Cooke

## LOCK

- January: Terry Bowers  
Charlotte Ealick  
February: Aubrey Moore  
Buddy Simpson

## COMMUNION

- January 5: Martha Bertrand  
February 2: Joy Scott & Jodi Huff

## FLOWERS

- 1/5: Beverly Dorn  
1/12: Ruth Mayhall  
1/19: Sabina Widner  
1/26: Joyce Bowers

## GREETER

- 1/5: Lindsay Kircher  
1/12: Nancy Carr  
1/19: Barbara Williams  
1/26: Ralph Gillies, Amy House,  
& Jonah Gillies

## COFFEE BAR

- 1/5: Lindsay Kircher  
1/12: Lisa Snoddy  
1/19: Lindsay Kircher  
1/26: Sabina Widner

## Prayer Concerns

### New Prayer Concerns

**Don Niederhauser** (Lana Niederhauser's husband) – At home, Indiana

### 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  
**Debi Bonecutter** - At home (1011)  
**Eunice & Joe Cook** – At home  
**Ginger Cornes** – At home (1010)  
**Danny Davis** (Angela Hobby's cousin) – Statesboro, GA  
**Juanita Davis** (Andrea Butt's aunt) – Jacksonville, FL  
**Bailey Deal** (Angela Hobby's cousin) – Portal, GA  
**Lucyle Ferris** – At home  
**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  
**Priscilla Gilman & Larry Lutcher** – Brandon Wilde (1008)  
**Sam McCarter** (Mary McCarter's son) - At home  
**Jocelyn Martin-Moses** (Karell Moses' mother) – At home  
**Carol Paulson** – At home  
**Wanda Pittman and family** – At home  
**Ian Poe** (Mary McCarter's nephew) – At home (1011)  
**Gail Roat** – At home (1219)  
**The Rogers Family** – At home  
Emily Smith (Janet Boshears' family member) – Pawley's Island, SC  
**Elizabeth Swink** - At home  
**Polly Williams** – At home (1107)

### 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  
**Betty Johnston** – Brandon Wilde  
**Malcolm Kling** – Brandon Wilde  
**Leah Mannel** – Brandon Wilde  
**Richard and Gloria Jennings**  
**Marshall** – At home  
**Isabel Lecuona** – Personal Care Home  
**Lois Reynolds** – Washington Commons  
**Sally Stalls** (Joe Griffin's sister) – Williamston, NC  
**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 Gabriella Williams. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at [jstroganoff@covenantaugusta.org](mailto:jstroganoff@covenantaugusta.org).

*Covenant Chimes*

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## Christmas 2019 at Covenant Presbyterian Church

Hanging of the Greens Service,  
December 1, 2019



Covenant Preschool students performing in the Christmas Program, December 17, 2019



Covered-dish Lunch following Lessons & Carols, December 15, 2019



Christmas Poinsettias, December 1, 2019