First Press

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVINGTON, GA

A Look Back : Summer Fun

Upper right: The kids had a blast in July with Creative Praise Puppet Ministry! Here they are enacting "Peter On the Water" in worship!

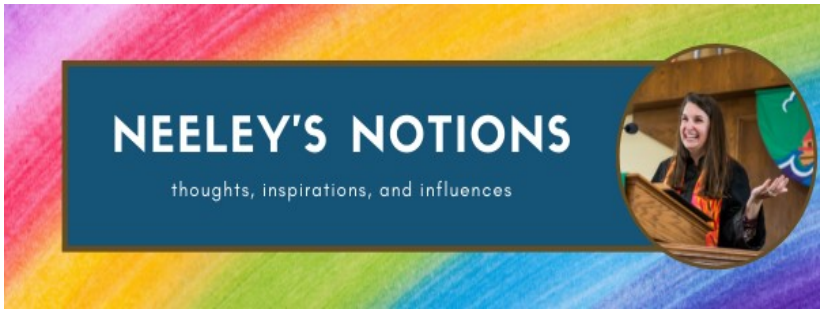
Below: Rev. Erin Morgan was installed as our Associate Pastor of Faith Formation on June 12th!

Right: VBS in June was a hit as the campers dove into "Living Waters for the World!"

Left: Our Chancel Choir (pictured), the Ambassador Choir, Neeley, and Dan and Perri Walden participated in the Salem Camp Meeting in July! Thank you to everyone who came out!

Right: Participants from FPC had a wonderful time in June at "In the Stranger's Guise" Worship and Music Conference in Montreat!

Messages from FPC



As the Church we have work to do when it comes to personal invitation. The power of personal invitation is a gift we give one another as well as the church of Jesus Christ. When we cultivate an atmosphere of invitation, the contagious energy builds, and people want to join in. Personal invitation isn't just about what newcomers can "get out of church" but also the relationship we build when they RSVP an enthusiastic "YES!"

I am looking forward to exploring this new sermon series "RSVP: Stories of Invitation" with you! I propose a sermon series practical challenge: Invite a friend to church this month. Be intentional! Show up to meet them and walk with them as they come in the door. Share with them what to expect. Invite them to lunch following worship!

Not sure what to invite a friend to? There are plenty of easy entry ministry opportunities for August in this edition of First Press!

Faithfully,
Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

We have started a "Children's Church" monthly email offering to keep you up to date on all of our children's ministry!
Greetings in the name of the Lord! What a joy it is to serve in ministry with you! As we walk on this journey of faith together, we will begin sending out a monthly newsletter with ministry opportunities for Children and Families. Be on the lookout for ways to connect with one another!

With joy,
Rev. Erin Morgan
Associate Pastor for Faith Formation

People's Potluck of Ideas:

A Sermon Series inspired by YOU

Our fall sermon series (starting September 4th) will be a "People's Potluck of Ideas!" Neeley and Erin invite you to consider what YOU would like to hear US discuss in a sermon. We will only be able to cover a few in the three weeks of this series, but we'd love to hear all of your ideas! What is a faith topic you'd like to learn more about? What Bible story might you want highlighted? What do you want to hear us preach on? We invite you to send us your ideas and faith questions as we prepare for this upcoming sermon series!

Email your ideas to Neeley at neeley@fpccov.org by August 10th!

Join Us for the 2022-23 Kick-off Presbyterian Women Meeting!

Presbyterian Women to meet September 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

Join us for salads, dessert & beverages as we gather for a new year of circle meetings!

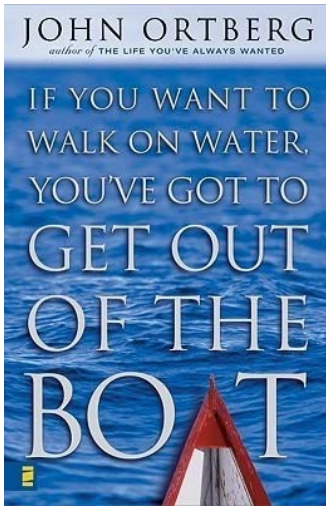
Judy Davis will share Lesson 1 from "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight."

Contact Dana Hall
for more information:
danahall0234@gmail.com
or 770-787-0234

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

JAMMIES AND JESUS

Join Neeley and Erin on Zoom
for a 10-minute bedtime prayer.
SUNDAYS 7 PM BEGINNING AUG 21



Enjoyed our water sermon series? Want to dive deeper?

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg

Neeley will be leading this five part book study on Wednesdays in August from 6-7 pm.

Come one or come all!

Want us to order a book for you?

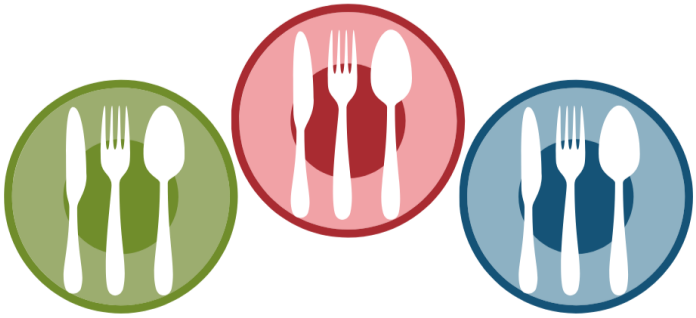
$11 call the church office today.

Childcare will be available.

Call the office or email Neeley and let her know that you are coming!

SOUL FEAST

NOW MONTHLY



Soul Feast is starting back in September!
Feed your body and soul with FPC
one Wednesday a month at 5:30pm.
RSVP by the Monday before at 12:00pm
to catherine@fpccov.org or 770-786-7321

September 7 • October 5 • November 9 • December 7

Ever thought of planning your funeral in advance? Do you have all legal documents in order for your family upon your death?

Heavenly Prep is not about making sure your loved ones do the right thing when you are gone, it is about ensuring your loved ones don't have to stress about what the right thing is.

All are invited to join our pastors for a time of conversation about funeral planning in advance. We'll hear from panelists with expertise in End of Life planning. Practical tools will be provided including Funeral Planning and End of Life guides for you to complete and put on file at the church.

Dinner will be provided so please RSVP by August 18 at 12:00pm. As always, invite a friend! This is open to the community!

FPC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

BELIEF AND – BEER –

DRINKS AND DISCUSSION
AUGUST 11TH | 5:30PM
THE SOCIAL GOAT TAVERN
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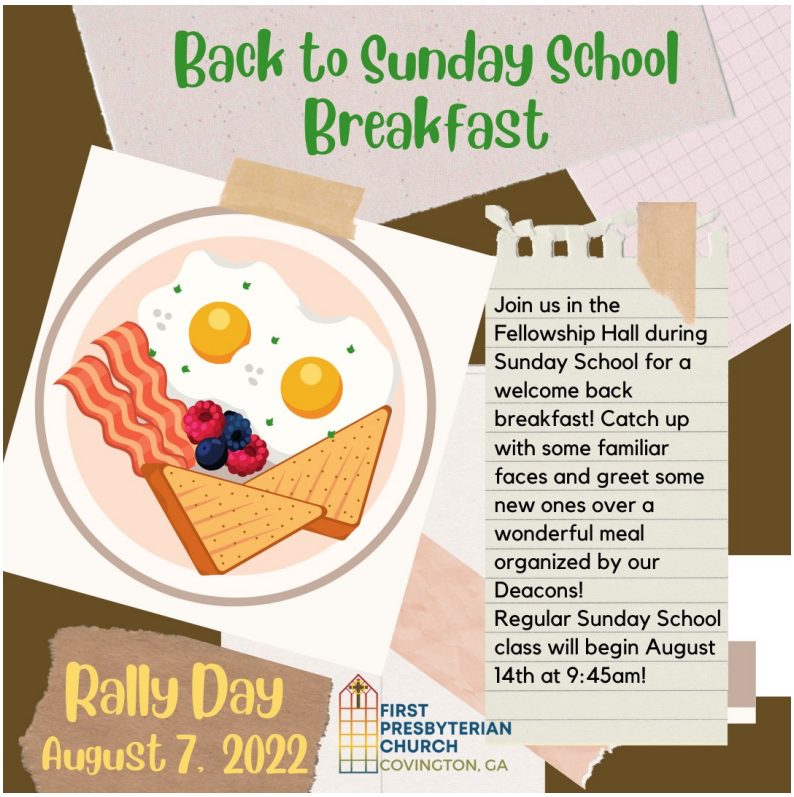


Lectio Divina

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
WITH NEELEY AND ERIN
TUESDAYS AT 12:00PM IN THE PARLOR

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CLASSIC HYMN SING

Sunday, August 14th | Fellowship Hall
Ice Cream served at 6:00pm | Singing starts at 6:30pm

What better way to beat the heat of August than ice cream! Join us in the Fellowship Hall to build your own sundae. Choose your toppings!

Then we will have an old-fashioned hymn sing-along. Is there a hymn near and dear to your heart? This is an event for all ages. Make plans now to gather together with your church family for an evening of fun and fellowship!

RSVP to Alicia Taylor at alicia@fpccov.org so we can be sure to have music ready for all of the oldies, but goodies!

Mission Opportunities

A reminder to everyone, First Presbyterian is responsible for delivery and distribution of the Meals on Wheels for the Covington High Rise on the last Saturday of each month. The next delivery will be on August 27th. It only takes about an hour (9:30 to 10:30 AM) of your Saturday morning. Anyone who would like to help in this important and *gratifying* program should contact Curtis Watson at wats1818@bellsouth.net at or 404-550-1212.

Newton Trails and FPC!

We are called to be stewards of creation! We have "Adopted-A-Spot" on Newton Trails! FPC and YMCA will clean up a section of the trail between Conyers Street and the Covington Bypass. We start at 10:00am and the scheduled dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

September 6th December 6th

For more information contact John McCarthy.

You are invited to **"Text to Give"** your offering. Text FPCCOV followed by the amount to 73256

Or scan the QR code to give online.

Give-A-Bell Program

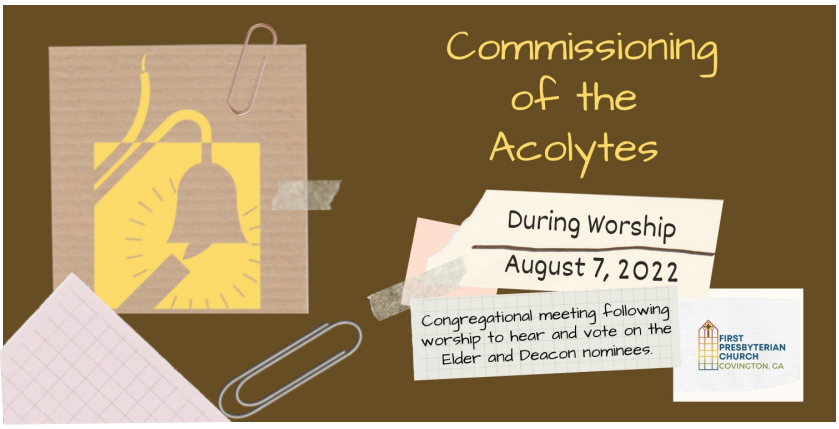
For continued growth of our Carillon Bell Choir, we need more handbells - a terrific challenge to have and to meet! We are incredibly blessed as a church to have the original gift of three octaves of handbells, and now we need to add a fourth.

Our Give-A-Bell fundraising effort provides an opportunity for ALL in our congregation to give to a handbell fund for the music ministry. Our goal to is raise enough for an octave of handbells, making room in the bell choir for an additional five ringers! Contributor forms can be found on our website and in the Narthex and can be put in the offering plate or dropped off at the office.

Contributors will be acknowledged in the worship guide by the name(s) given when the new handbells are dedicated. Thank you!

Sunday School

Sunday school classes will begin on August 14 at 9:45am, and they include the Children's class (PreK-4th grade), the Youth Class (rising 5th grade and up), and the Adult class. Interested in teaching? Email erin@fpccov.org



Usher Chair

August 2022
Trista Hooten-Wilson

Deacons

Day Kennon (2022)
Eleanor Scarborough (2023)
Darcel Tabb (2024)
Alice Walker (2022)

Session

Class of 2022
Aubrey Evans
John McCarthy
Stephanie Scarborough
Trista Hooten Wilson

Class of 2023
Stan Hall
Louly Hay Kapp
Ed Perkerson
Bob Tabb

Class of 2024
Billy Fortson
Pat Harper
Curtis Watson

Monthly Financial Report

2022 April	Monthly Budget	Monthly Income/Expenses	YTD Income/Expenses
Pledged Income	30,414	27,841	168,823
Non-Pledge Income	3,167	4,108	31,170
Other Income	4,249	28	3,839
Total Income	37,831	31,977	203,832
Expenses	34,028	41,874	227,753
Net Totals	3,803	-9,896	-23,921

Mission Statement

Covington First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community existing to glorify God by welcoming all of God's children. We celebrate through serving, teaching, praying, eating, crying, singing, and dancing with the Holy Spirit. As works in progress, we seek to respond to God's presence in our church, lives, and community.

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane	*Senior Pastor*	*Caring for Our Children in the Nursery*
Erin Morgan	*Associate Pastor*	
Alicia Taylor	*Director of Music & Worship Arts*	Danielle Schubert
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO *Organist/Ambassador Choir*	Beverley Beasley
Catherine Laseter	*Director of Communications & Operations*	Kennedy Lynn
Peni Kehoe	*Finance Administrator*	

Phone Extensions

Our office phone extensions have changed! New extensions are listed below.

Office Phone: 770.786.7321
Neeley Rentz Lane: 1013
Erin Morgan: 1012
Catherine Laseter: 1010
Alicia Taylor: 1017
Peni Kehoe: 1011

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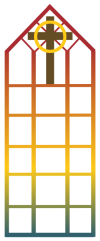
August Birthdays!

Jean Elder is celebrating her 85th birthday this year! Since she cannot join us in person, her family invites you to send her a birthday card! Call the office or check the worship guide for her address.

Bill Clary 2
Betsy Morehouse 4
Mac Cranford 5
Danny Vining 6
Sandy Morehouse 8
Kenny Compton 12
Emily Bunn 13
Jean Elder 14
Carol McGiboney 16
Aarley Roberts 16
Homer Borders 17
John Stamps 22
Elizabeth Harwell 27
Brad Hawley 29
Holden Evans 31

WORSHIP WITH US
11:00AM SUNDAYS

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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