



**LIFELONG LEARNER OPPORTUNITIES  
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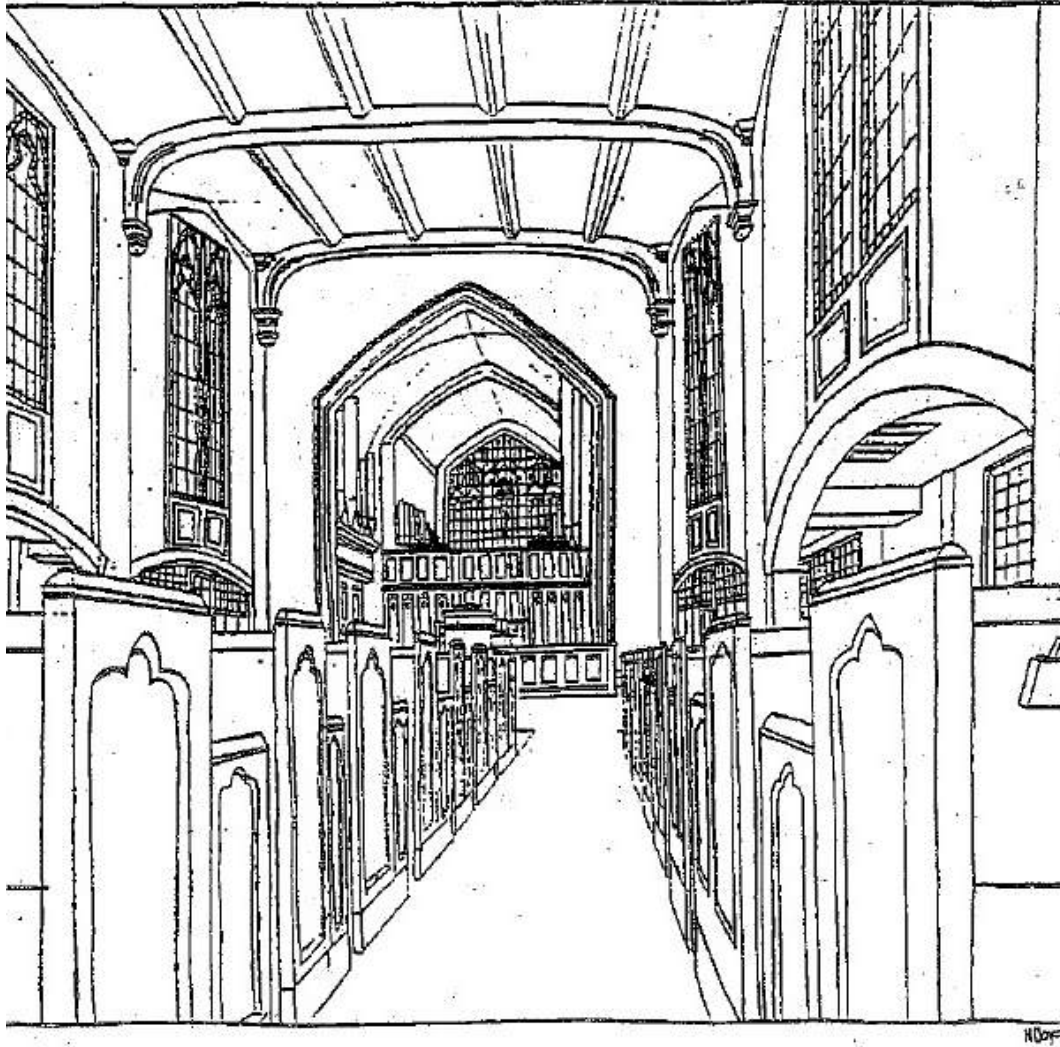
**WE HAD A BLAST!  
CHECK OUT OUR  
SUMMER PICTURES**



**SERVE WITH  
COVENANT THIS  
SEASON**



**SPOTLIGHT ON HVAC:  
PROJECT  
NEARS COMPLETION**



Covenant Presbyterian Church is a neighborhood church in the middle of the city. If you are looking for connection and care in a community of faith, come see us at Covenant. We may not have all the bells and whistles of the big church, but we have a sincere desire to follow after Christ and love God's people.



SEEK | SERVE | CELEBRATE

# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **A NEW “SCHOOL” YEAR FOR YOU TOO: LIFE-LONG LEARNING AT COVENANT**

Being a lifelong learner is an important part of being a Christian. At Covenant Presbyterian Church, we embrace the idea of continually learning throughout our lives to grow as individuals and as a congregation. We offer a variety of classes, small groups, and Bible studies to help members stay informed and inspired.

One of the great things about Covenant Presbyterian Church is that we recognize that everyone learns differently. We strive to provide a variety of learning opportunities to suit different styles and interests. Over the next few months, we will offer lecture-style classes on topics such as Christian history. We also have small group learning focused on spirituality and prayer. There will be experts talking about their fields of study (Supper Series with Dr. Jenn Carlier). And we'll have our very own members reflecting on lived-experience (“Moving on Up: A New Independent Stay”). We also learn by doing. Don't miss our intergenerational activities offering hands-on engagement around advocacy and mission. Finally, we learn by remembering the past and looking to the future. Our September “Month of Memories” will offer exhibit-style displays of Covenant's impressive past, while appreciating the future with my installation as pastor on September 17th at 11:00 a.m.

At Covenant Presbyterian Church, we are seekers striving to create a environment that is both fun and transformative. We value the idea of lifelong learning and believe that it is an important part of being a Christian. We invite you to join us!

In Christ,

Jamie Butcher



# SEEK

**\*AUGUST & SEPTEMBER \***

**9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**Liberty and Religion in 18th C. America:  
Protestant Sectarians try to make a Virtuous People**

with Dr. Will Simson

Sundays August 13 & September 3

Learn why the Revolution was known by many as the Presbyterian Revolution. We'll consider the Great Awakening: New/Old Sides and New/Old Theology and the echoes of all this today.

**Peace Sunday**

Sunday, August 20

Intergenerational activities with a focus on Peace: backpack blessings, gun violence advocacy, representatives from Compassionate Atlanta and Interfaith Atlanta

**Ethical Wills**

with Barbara Gifford

Sunday, August 27

Hear about creating a "Legacy of Life" (or ethical will). We reflect on how we want to be remembered by those dearest to us. The conversation will be rich for those of all ages.

**Month of Memories**

with Sue Colussy

Sunday, September 10

Sue Colussy will introduce the learning opportunity September. See exhibits from Covenant's storied past including the Minister's Manifesto and more.

**Touch a Budget**

with John Greeley and Keene Miller

Sunday, September 24

Learn more about the budget process at Covenant. Where do we spend? Where do we save? All questions welcome.

# SEEK

## SHORT-TERM SMALL GROUP

Starting Tuesday, August 22, join Jamie for a one-hour, four-week small group on ZOOM. It's a great way to touch base with your church family. Find some time for prayer and reflection in your busy week.



## DRUMMING CLASS



Curious to learn about a djembe, shekere, or tarr drum...or how to play maracas, tamborine, claves? You are invited to join James for a 5 week (30 min) drumming circle class to learn world rhythms, new songs, and make new friends. Sunday August 27 to September 24, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. in the Choir Room Suite.

## INSTALLATION SERVICE

Sunday, September 17  
11:00 a.m.

Join us to celebrate Jamie's call as the Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Worship will be led by Rev. Olive Mohair, author of current PW Horizons Bible Study with guests from the Presbytery in attendance. We'll open with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and close with Pickleball on the Plaza.



# CELEBRATE

Open Choir is here to stay! If you can't commit to Wednesday night choir practice, **join James at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings** in the choir room. He'll bring you up-to-speed for that morning's worship service. We hope this approach allows more people to participate in Covenant's choir as we make a joyful noise! Strat Sunday, August 20th.

Claude Cox is heading up the **Braves Baseball Game** again this year. Save the date for **September 19 at 7:20** versus the Phillies. Tickets are \$27, contact Claude to reserver your spot: [ccc974@comcast.net](mailto:ccc974@comcast.net).

Looking for a way to be involved on an ongoing basis? Covenant has a vibrant **Dinner Group** program. Members meet monthly in individual's homes. Want more information? Contact [jamie@covpresatl.org](mailto:jamie@covpresatl.org)

I mean, who wouldn't want to officially join the fun? **Covenant New Member Conversation** on Sunday, October 15 after worship. RSVP to [jamie@covpresatl.org](mailto:jamie@covpresatl.org)

# SERVE

**COVENANT SUPPER SERIES: COURSE WITH DR. JENN CARLIER**  
**Sundays, October 15, 22 and 29**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Did you know Covenant has an outstanding reputation in the community as a site for support groups? We have a long history with AA, NA, ALAnon. What can WE learn from the witness of these groups to better serve our local context? Join us for Dr. Jenn Carlier's supper series course on the *Theology of Addiction*.

This course offers participants an introduction to the problem of addiction, by listening to the experiences of those struggling, looking at the primary models of addiction (e.g., psychological, social, neuro-biological, etc.), and by thinking about addiction from a theological perspective. We'll be asking, in particular, how churches might best talk about and help those struggling with addiction, recognizing that addiction is a common problem among both church members and leaders. Equally important, we'll be asking what churches might learn from people struggling with addiction and engaged in recovery. We'll discover that those in addiction recovery often offer a unique and beautiful perspective on what it means to be a community of faith grounded in the realities of life in the here and now.



Did you know **The LaGonave Haiti Partnership** is our most significant global mission partner?

Not only do we contribute financially, many of our congregants are leaders for the organization. Alison Caughman and Jim Ingvolstad recently returned from the LaGonave Haiti Partnership Annual Conference in Charleston, SC. John Greeley is on the Partnership Board. Covenant serves as the postal service mailing address for the Partnership, and our bookkeeper Magalie is separately employed as the part-time bookkeeper for the Partnership. On the morning of Saturday, September 16th the Partnership Board will have a meeting on Covenant's campus.

Covenant Presbyterian Church also supports the following organizations:

**GIPL**  
**Interfaith Atlanta**  
**Memorial Drive Ministries**  
**Compassion Atlanta**  
**AMIS**  
**NAMI**  
**Nicholas House**  
**Lost and Found**

# SPOTLIGHT

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN'S NEW HVAC SYSTEM

Did you know that Covenant Presbyterian Church has a brand new HVAC system?

July 2023 and we are almost done with the HVAC project that was started in 2018/2019 when the Building & Grounds Committee reported to session that the then 60 year old church HVAC system was failing. Since then there are Covenant folks to thank - JoAnn Hartin, Bill Eidson, Dana Ford, Mike Conger, Karen Turney, and Keene Miller (with Richard Hill) as they began to research cost of replacement of the system.

Thanks to Session members from 2019 on as they received various updates and reports, approved the loan with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) and contracts with electrical and mechanical contractors. Bill Eidson coordinated contractor work and the widening of doorways and opening of walls to get the new equipment in place. He did most of the unpacking of the equipment and cleaned up after a lot of the removal of the old equipment as well. Karen Turney assisted Keene Miller in preparing the required paperues with back-ordered equipment, missing parts, old building surprise problems - all of which disrupted planned work schedules at times but solutions have been found and progress definitely made.

Karen Turney has also acted as general contractor, chief communicator, troubleshooter, warranty tracker, and strategic planner among other things. We wholeheartedly thank Karen for her diligence with the HVAC project at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Thank you all!

