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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00-10:00 First Service
10:00-10:20 Fellowship time
10:20-11:10 Study Groups
11:15-12:00 Second Service
Nursery 9:00-12:00 Rm. 101

Important Dates ...

- Oct. 1: Church Work Day**
- Oct. 2: Communion Sunday, Both services; all are welcome!**
- Oct. 3: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 East Bessemer St.**
- Oct. 4: In*Spire Meditation Group Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Oct. 6: Thriving at Three begins fall term**
- October 10: Session meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room**
- October 11: Sierra Club Mtg., 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Oct. 16: Annual CROP Walk, 2:30pm, Newbridge Bk. Pk.**
- Oct. 23: Combined 9:30am Service, Brunch, & Congregational Meeting**
- Oct. 23: Antonio Truyols concert, 7:00-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Oct. 30: Stewardship Luncheon, 10:00am, Fellowship Hall**
- Oct. 30: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Oct. 31: Halloween!**



Thoughts on the Interim Process; or, Dragging Your Feet?

Why does the interim process go on so long? It's a question being asked by some of you at PCoC who thought Pastor Mark Sandlin's one-year contract meant the process would end within twelve months. While interim contracts may be made for no longer than twelve months at a time, they are renewable as often as necessary.

Before a long-term pastor can be called to a church, many things have to fall into place in order to provide a welcoming place where the pastor and congregation both can thrive. Salem Presbytery's policy is for each "vacant" church to have an interim work with its Session and congregation to ensure that the right conditions are present before the search for the next installed pastor begins. The Commission on Ministry will not grant permission for a search committee to be formed until most of the interim tasks have been completed satisfactorily.

PCOC has made great progress in healing divisions, opening leadership positions, and in your current gatherings you are, as we say, "coming to terms with your history." Soon, you will be able to take that information and discern how it can be helpful in developing a mission study—a step preliminary to electing a search committee and writing a church "resume", or Ministry Information Form. You may find things in your history that were once valuable practices but are no longer needed, or brilliant ideas that had been unsuccessfully tried previously; this might be the opportune moment to try them again; or events and people no longer here that you haven't sufficiently grieved. It is a most important part of the interim process.

I hope you will not seek to rush any of the parts. You are in good hands with strong pastoral leadership, a vibrant Session, and an active congregation. Live into the moment, appreciating where you are on this journey.

Article by Dale Walker at the request of the Interim Support Committee

October Sunday Service Information

October 2:

9:15 Host: Jane Walter
 9:15 Music: Joel Landau
 11:15 Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Kelley Griffith

October 16:

9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta
 9:00 Music: Daniel Ayres
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber
 11:15 Asst.: Rev. Julie Strobe

October 30:

9:00 Host: Jane Cauthen
 9:00 Music: Walt Lott
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Ralph Cauthen

Every Week ...

Mon.: Yoga, 6:00pm, Parlor **
 Meditation, 6:00m, Marty's Room (106)
Tues.: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, free!
 Pilates, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall **
Wed.: Coffee Group, 9:00am, The Green Bean
 WNFS Potluck, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
 Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
Thur.: Yoga, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall**
Fri.: Coffee Group, 9:00am, Panera (New Garden Rd.)
 ** \$10 per class; \$7 for church members!

PCoC Work Day: Oct. 1

There are chores to do inside and out; (anyone got a saws-all, or are your up for defrosting the freezer?) Help us from 9:00am to 12:00pm (or even part of that time); a sign-up sheet and chore list will be in the Fellowship Hall, along with plenty of hot coffee! Contact Clara Kelly to volunteer: clerkelly@gmail.com

CROP Walk: Oct. 16

Walk; give; change the world! The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is Oct. 16th at 2:30pm at Newbridge Bank Park. To join the PCoC team, contact Clara Kelly: clerkelly@gmail.com, or see her on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall .

Oct. 23rd: Joint Service, Brunch, & Congregational Meeting

Our next joint service will be on October 23rd at 9:30am in the Sanctuary, followed at 10:30am by brunch in the Fellowship Hall. After the brunch there will be a second congregational meeting as part of the interim process. Plan to attend, enjoy fellowship and a great brunch, and take part in the consideration of our future.

October 9:

9:00 Host: Elsie Hutchens
 9:00 Music: Bill Smith
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Emily Seawell

October 23: JOINT SERVICE

Host: N/A
 Music: Walt Lott
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Fred & Vicki Wallace

Church Office Hours

Mark Sandlin: Mon.—Thurs., 9:00am—3:00pm
 Kate Baird: Mon.—Friday, 9:00am—3:30pm

Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers at 6:00 pm

Join our weekly potluck dinners! Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fall goodies others contribute. It's always fun and it's great to greet, meet, and eat with your PCoC family and neighbors. The conversation is lively, and sometimes afterwards there's a special program or we might tackle service projects to benefit the community. We'd love to see you there!

Upcoming Classes

The Spiritual Formation Committee is exploring topics for future discussion groups or book studies in the Fasel Room. Share ideas with committee chair Morgan Glover by Nov. 15 at (336) 314-5191 or email mjluvsjc@gmail.com

In*Spire Meditation and Monthly Brown Bag Lunch

PCoC's In*Spire Meditation group meets every Tuesday at noon in the Sanctuary; the 20-minute Meditations are led by group volunteers and it's open to the community. The first Tuesday of each month features a bag lunch together in the PCoC Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. Visitors welcome!

October 30th: “Stone Soup” Stewardship Luncheon, 10:00am

Our annual Stewardship Luncheon will be on October 30th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be serving delicious fresh homemade “Stone Soup”, breads, cookies, and beverages. We're asking the congregation to bring in fresh, canned, or frozen soup ingredients, and we'll make the soup! Bring in your donations by Friday, October 28th and place them in the kitchen refrigerator or put cans on the counter to the right of the microwave oven. **Please mark all contributions clearly as “Stone Soup”.** We also need volunteers to assist with making or providing fresh breads and homemade cookies. As always, volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up, also. Please contact either Joyce Powers or Joy Saleeby to volunteer or to contribute food items. Joyce Powers: jkpowers42@gmail.com Joy Saleeby: straycatmom22@yahoo.com

What's Stone Soup? An old story:

Travelers come to a village, carrying only an empty cooking pot. The villagers are unwilling to share any of their food with the hungry travelers, who go to a stream and fill the pot with water, drop a large stone in it, and place it over a fire. One villager becomes curious and asks what they are doing. The travelers answer that they are making "stone soup", which tastes wonderful, although it needs a little bit of garnish to improve the flavor. The villager doesn't mind parting with a few carrots to help them out, so that gets added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the travelers again mention their stone soup which still hasn't reached its full potential. That villager hands them a bit of seasoning to help them out. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient. Finally, the stone (being inedible) is removed from the pot, and a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by all. Although the travelers have thus tricked the villagers into sharing their food with them, they have successfully transformed it into a tasty and nutritious meal which they share with the donors.

Eight-Month Budget Summary, as of August 2016

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNTS RECEIVED & SPENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT BUDGETED</u>	<u>OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</u>
REVENUES	\$ 143,040	\$ 152,933	\$ (9,893)
EXPENSES			
COMMITTEES			
Building & Grounds	61,114	57,434	3,680
Spiritual Formation	3,440	2,333	1,107
Fellowship & Worship	354	133	221
Communications	800	1,133	(333)
Outreach	844	2,333	(1,489)
MUSIC PROGRAM	11,330	12,100	(770)
PERSONNEL	68,785	72,067	(3,282)
BENEVOLENCES	3,000	4,000	-----
ADMINISTRATION	<u>11,330</u>	<u>8,917</u>	<u>2,413</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>160,997</u>	<u>160,450</u>	<u>1,547</u>
AMOUNT OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ (17,957)	\$ (7,517)	\$ 11,440

Put on Your Walking Shoes!



The artists of Greensboro's Westerwood neighborhood open their homes/studios to show their paintings, fiber art, photography, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, drawings, and more. For more information visit our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/westerwoodartandsole

Saturday, October 1st 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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Tour Schedule:

- 10/20 Jazz and Cultural Society
Washington DC
- 10/21 the Kentlands Mansion
Gaithersburg, MD
- 10/23 Music Academy of North
Carolina. Greensboro, NC
- 10/23 Presbyterian Church of the
Covenant. Greensboro, NC
- 10/28 Cafe Vivaldi
New York, NY

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