

April 2017

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00-10:00 Early Gathering
 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 ...

Apr. 1: Church Work Day, 9:30am-12:00pm

Apr. 2: Communion Sunday, both gatherings

Apr. 3: Higher Ground breakfast, 10:00am

Apr. 4: In*Spire Meditation 12:00pm; Group Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Apr. 10: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room

Apr. 11: Sierra Club Mtg., 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Apr. 14: Church office closed for Easter

April 16: Easter Sunday; STUDY GROUPS at 9:30; Fellowship at 10:15; JOINT SERVICE at 10:30!

Apr. 24: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

April 30: JOINT SERVICE 10:00am; Biscuit Brunch, 11:00am



The Covenant Compendium

SESSION DIGEST

The following actions were approved at the Monday, March 13th meeting:

- ◆ The procedure for PCOC membership (without a Letter of Transfer) was discussed: according to previous Session action, those wanting to join speak with the minister, who then refers them to the Session to be examined (give a statement of their spiritual journey); following Session approval, the applicant goes before the congregation to answer membership questions to be welcomed by them.
- ◆ Epiphany has joined the congregation of New Creation where Lou East is the Interim for at least a year. They've asked to store their piano and to retain storage upstairs for \$20 a month.
- ◆ The Office has requested an on-hand petty cash fund for the Pastoral Fund.
- ◆ Kate Baird, office administrator, has requested that all committee chairs notify the office when/where they'll meet, to avoid scheduling conflicts with building tenants.
- ◆ Mark Sandlin gave a report from the Quarterly Presbytery Meeting.
- ◆ Previously emailed Mission Questions to the Session were delivered to Mark Sandlin to be compiled for a Mission Study requested by the Committee on Ministries. A March 19th Called Session Meeting approved the Summary. Annie Oakley will request COM to allow us to proceed with the process of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- ◆ **Resource** There were no questions on the February report submitted by Nancy Schaefer.
- ◆ **Worship** Congregation members had requested that the Combined Services Sundays alternate between the 9 am and 11 am service formats, which has been enacted. The Interim Support Committee suggested that a speaker be arranged for one Sunday a month for the 9:00am Gathering; we decided that one of our members could be scheduled beginning in April. Outside speakers were discussed but there is no money budgeted this year.
- ◆ **Spiritual Formation** Marcia Rhodes met with the Personnel Committee about the Nursery; there are no nursery-age children. They discussed the possibility of engaging the older children in some activity during the Early Gathering. Personnel and Spiritual Formation will continue researching this.
- ◆ **Building** George Lockhart reported that a few tenants were behind in their rent and storing belongings in unleased areas. Contact will be made to correct this. A new cleaning service, Allklean, owned by William Timpson, has now been hired; they've been used by Gateway for several years. Work needs to be done in one of the Gateway office to repair/replace glue seepage and loose tiles. The committee will study and report back.
- ◆ **Interior** Barbara North reported that the Sanctuary was cleaned and organized.
- ◆ **Personnel** Fred Wallace reported Pastoral Care is going well. Congregation and Session members are making pastoral calls and visits. The search for Walt Lott's replacement is beginning.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of Session

April Sunday Service Information

April 2:

9:00 Host: David Johnson
 9:00 Music: Anita Shaver
 11:15 Asst.: Ralph Cauthen
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

April 16: JOINT SERVICE!

Lay Asst.: Ann Finch
 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

April 30: JOINT SERVICE!

Host: Elsie Hutchens
 Music: Walt Lott

April 9:

9:00 Host: Jane Walter
 9:00 Music: Jim Sharkey
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Emily Seawell
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

April 23:

9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta
 9:00 Music: Joel Landau
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Kelley Griffith
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox



Every Week ...

Mon.: Yoga, 6:00pm, Parlor **
 Meditation, 6:00m, Marty's Room (106)
Tues.: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, free!
Wed.: Coffee Group, 9:00am, The Green Bean
 WNFS Potluck, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
 Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
Thur.: Pilates, 4:30pm, Parlor **
 Yoga, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall**
Fri.: Coffee Group, 9:00am, Panera (New Garden Rd.)
 ** \$10 per class; \$7 for church members!

Volunteer!

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WHY?

**Because we need YOU To VOLUNTEER:
 to be a Lay Assistant on Sundays; to supply
 snacks for Fellowship Time; to teach a class.
 To help with church work days. Give the gift
 of your time/talent to PCoC! We need you.**

Church Office Hours

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

Please Update Contact Info.

Have you changed cell phone numbers, or gotten a new one? Have you moved? Have you notified the church office? Help us keep in touch with you by keeping us informed!

Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers

Bring your family and friends to share PCoC's weekly potluck suppers every Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The dinners are a great opportunity for fellowship and fun, and afterwards, there may be a program or a chance to work on a service project, or a learning opportunity. Volunteers to lead after-dinner programs are always needed and welcome!

Monthly Work Day, Saturday, April 1st

Spring has sprung! Saturday, April 1st is our next monthly church Work Day; the hours are 9:30am to 12:00pm. Come work together beautify our church. The focus will be the corner of Mendenhall and Morehead, to weed and turn that corner into a lovely neighborhood sight. The hollies also need trimming, so please bring gloves and trimmers. You can come for the entire time or for just part, as you're available. A chore list and hot coffee will be available in the Fellowship Hall, and there's always something that needs attention. Thanks to all you wonderful caretakers!

Higher Ground Breakfast on Monday, April 3rd

Join Sue Stinson and other PCoC volunteers to make and serve breakfast to the clients of Higher Ground at 210 E. Bessemer Ave. Donated funds which exceed breakfast needs will be forwarded to HG to be used for bus passes (which are a lifeline for many clients), or other pressing needs. Drop your gift in the offering basket; if writing a check, mark "Higher Ground" on the memo line.

In*Spire Weekly Meditation & Monthly Luncheon, Tuesday, April 4th

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. It's a refreshing time of shared peaceful energy that renews the spirit. The first Tuesday of each month we enjoy brown bag lunches together in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30, or we try a local eatery. Everyone is welcome!

TWO Joint Services in April; April 16th and April 30th

On Easter, April 16th, Study Groups will meet **BEFORE** the service, from 9:30—10:15; followed by Fellowship Time from 10:15-10:30; then we'll share a joint worship service from 10:30-11:30.

On Sunday, April 30th, we'll share a joint service following the early service format at a special time, 10:00-11:00, followed by a biscuit brunch (details below). Study groups will NOT meet on April 30th.

April 30th Biscuit Brunch!

Calling all biscuit makers! Our fellowship brunch on April 30th will be a Biscuit Bar. We will have biscuits and all different kind of goodies to fill them and smother them with; we'll also enjoy fruit salad and beverages. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the Sanctuary with the items we would like to have. For information, contact Joyce Powers at: jkpowers42@gmail.com or Joy Saleeby at: straycatmom22@yahoo.com.

Expanding PCoC's Network of Caring

In January, with the approval of the Session, Jane Cauthen began serving as a Congregational Care Assistant. We celebrate that, at this time, eleven congregation members are working with her to create a network of caring. They have been making occasional visits to our ill, elderly, or shut in members, some of whom have not attended services for a long time, but who are not forgotten. This network of caring includes Vance Arnold, Ralph Cauthen, Ann Finch, Charlie Finch, Charlene Holler, Jim North, Annie Oakley, Joyce Powers, Marcia Rhodes, Julie Strobe, and Gratia Wright. Ties have been renewed. Members are experiencing a caring outreach. It can be noted as a positive addition to our Covenant experience.

Church Office Closings

Due to the Easter holiday and a few vacation days for Kate, the church office will be closed from Thursday, April 13th, through Monday, April 17th. Please email the church office with any needs.

In Our Community

Mark Your Calendars!

The **2017** Human Race will be **Saturday, April 1st** at the Greensboro Coliseum!



The Human Race is a charity 5k walk/run organized by the Volunteer Center. Walk, run or roll to support your favorite charity! For more information about getting involved, contact Erin Kennedy, Director of Programs, at 336-373-1633 or Erin@volunteergso.org.

April 23, 2017
2:00pm



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Friday, April 21, 2017

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