

September 2016

*Presbyterian Church of the Covenant*



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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

**Sunday, 9/04/16 ONLY:**

9:15–10:00 9:15 Gathering  
10:00–10:15 Fellowship time  
10:15–11:00 Study Group Time  
11:00–11:15 Fellowship time  
11:15–12:00 11:15 Gathering  
Nursery 9:00–12:00, Rm. 101

**Sunday, 9/11/16 and onward:**

9:00–10:00 First Service  
10:00–10:20 Fellowship time  
10:20–11:10 Study Group Time  
11:15–12:00 Second Service  
Nursery 9:00–12:00, Rm. 101

**Important Dates ...**

Sept. 3: Church Work Day

Sept. 4: Communion Sunday,  
Both Gatherings; all are  
welcome!

Sept. 5: Labor Day; church office  
closed. Enjoy!

Sept. 11: NEW SERVICE  
SCHEDULE BEGINS!

Sept. 12: Higher Ground  
Breakfast, 10:00am,  
210 East Bessemer St.

September 12: Session meeting,  
6:00 pm, Faselo Room

September 13: Sierra Club Mtg.,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 17: Gateway Annual Fund-  
raiser, Jake's Billiards

Sept. 18: Combined 9:30am  
Service, Brunch, & Congre-  
gational Meeting

Sept. 25: Service Projects,  
10:20am, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 26: College Hill Neighbor-  
hood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm,  
Fellowship Hall



***SESSION DIGEST August 8, 2016***

The Session was moderated by Reverend Mark Sandlin, Interim Pastor, at its August stated meeting. Ann Finch was acknowledged as a visitor.

**Session Actions:**

- ♦ **Worship Committee Survey:** Received the report from the Worship Committee along with the tallied results of the congregational survey. The Session approved the motion of the committee to change the schedule for Sunday services and study groups as follows:  
First service – 9:00 to 10:00 am  
Fellowship time – 10:00 to 10:20 am  
Study time – 10:20 to 11:10 am  
Second service – 11:15 – 12:00 noon.  
The new schedule will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ **Marketing intern** – The Session agreed by consensus to not hire a marketing intern until later in the year.
- ♦ **Committee reports:**
- ♦ **Resource:** Received the July financial results. Approved a request from the Farrell Scholarship committee to award scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 to each of the three applicants. Continued the discussion of the parking lot income and determined that since the service is run by volunteers, the income should not be considered unrelated business taxable income.
- ♦ **Interim Support:** The committee will report to the congregation at the August brunch later this month.
- ♦ **Worship:** The committee has two members leaving and is asking for volunteers to replace them.
- ♦ **Spiritual Formation:** Received the committee report that supplies for the children's program will be purchased or donated as needed.
- ♦ **Personnel:** The Personnel Committee is working on a Policies and Procedures Manual.
- ♦ **Building:** Received the committee report that Hirsch Wellness will be moving in November/December. The Session voted to approve the purchase of a children's picnic table for the playground. The committee is working on getting a quote for painting the hallway by the Mendenhall street entrance.
- ♦ **Communications:** Received an updated brochure listing many of the church's activities.
- ♦ **Fellowship:** The volunteers who prepare the snacks for fellowship time on Sunday were encouraged to provide simple snacks.

Mark adjourned the meeting with a thanksgiving for the work of the Session.

The complete draft minutes of this meeting are available in the Session notebook, located in the church office.

Kelley Griffith, Clerk of Session

## ***September Sunday Service Information***

### **September 4:**

9:15 Host: Elsie Hutchens  
 9:15 Music: Tyler Millard  
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Rev. Julie Strobe

### **September 18:**

9:00 Host: Jane Cauthen  
 9:00 Music: Kris Ferris  
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Ann Finch

### **September 11:**

9:00 Host: Jane Walter  
 9:00 Music: Emma Lee  
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: David Johnson

### **September 25:**

9:00 Host: Morgan Glover  
 9:00 Music: Walt Lott  
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch  
 11:15 Asst.: Sarah Sills

## ***New Sunday Service Schedule Begins September 12th***

In response to the recent congregational survey, based on the recommendations of the Worship Committee, the Session has voted to permanently change our Sunday service schedule beginning Sunday, September 11th, as follows:

9:00am—10:00am First Service  
 10:00am—10:20am Fellowship Time  
 10:20am—11:10am Study Groups  
 11:15am—12:00pm Second Service

### ***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!

### ***Church Office Hours***

**Mark Sandlin: Mon.—Thurs., 9:00am—3:00pm**  
 (summer hours, effective 6/01/16)

**Kate Baird: Mon.—Fri., 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 contributions. After-dinner events are announced in weekly emails or bulletins.

### ***Volunteer for the Worship Committee***

A volunteer is needed immediately to serve on the Worship Committee to replace a retiring member. Contact the church office to volunteer at: [pcoc2010@gmail.com](mailto:pcoc2010@gmail.com) or (336) 275-6403

### ***PCoC Work Day: Sept. 3***

We skipped August, so now there's plenty to catch up on! There are things to do inside and out. If you're in town for the holiday, come join us from 9:00am to 12:00pm; a sign-up sheet and chore list will be in the Fellowship Hall, along with plenty of hot coffee! Contact Clara Kelly for details or to volunteer: [clerkelly@gmail.com](mailto:clerkelly@gmail.com)

## ***Breakfast at Higher Ground—September 12, 10:00am***

Participate in the next monthly breakfast by volunteering, contributing food/supplies, or by assisting at 210 E. Bessemer Ave. Contributions are always welcome: drop your gift in the offering basket clearly marked for Higher Ground; if writing a check, mark "Higher Ground" on the memo line. Contact Sarah Sills/Sue Stinson for information: [SarahBSills@gmail.com](mailto:SarahBSills@gmail.com) or [suestinson1968@yahoo.com](mailto:suestinson1968@yahoo.com)



## ***Special Joint Service, Brunch, & Congregational Meeting On September 18th at 9:30am***

Covenant will hold a special joint service for the entire congregation on Sunday, September 18th, at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. This will be followed at 10:30am by a catered brunch in the Fellowship Hall. After the brunch there will be a congregational meeting, as part of the interim process, entitled "Coming To Terms With Our History". It will be a community workshop to review and consider Covenant's church history, including strengths, weaknesses, and watershed moments. What has worked well for us in the past? What has not? This will be a meeting to constructively discuss these topics. Plan to attend, to enjoy fellowship and a great brunch, and to take part in this important consideration of our past, present, and future paths.

We will meet again in October for a second shared service, followed by brunch and a congregational meeting to consider and discuss our future identity as a church. Both these monthly meetings are an essential part of the interim process. We urge everyone in the congregation to take part.

## ***In\*Spire Meditation Begins Monthly Brown Bag Lunches***



PCoC's new In\*Spire Meditation group meets every Tuesday at noon in the Sanctuary. This fast-growing group is led by volunteers from the group and is open to the community. The meditation period lasts about 20 minutes. It's usually followed by a few minutes of conversation and discussion, which led organizer Lora Farlow to a wonderful idea: why not follow it up with brown bag lunches here once a month? Attendees embraced the idea, so, beginning in September, the first Tuesday of each month will feature a bag lunch together here at PCoC after the meditation period. Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 5th for the meditation and to share fellowship afterwards. Relax, refresh, and enliven your spirit and your day!

## ***September Service Projects***

We will have a dual Outreach activity this month: the ladies will be asked to participate in writing letters to local women for the 2016 NC Women Matter Woman-to-Woman letter-writing campaign to encourage voter registration. Stationery and supplies will be provided. Voting has never mattered more!

Gentlemen, children, and any other volunteers will be cutting up plastic grocery bags and joining them together to create plarn (plastic yarn) for others to crochet into bedrolls as part of a citywide effort to provide inexpensive waterproof bedrolls for folks experiencing homelessness in Greensboro. The city would like to have at least 100 ready by the beginning of October and is accepting balls of plarn to donate to those still involved in crocheting the bedrolls. It's easy and quick! Instructions provided; if you can bring your own scissors to use, that would be helpful. If you need further information, call/email the church office:







Please Support After Gateway

At Jake's Billiards  
23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Party



1712 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro

Saturday, September 17, 2016

20% of all sales donated to After Gateway

Specials all day from 11:00am-2:00am

Raffle tickets on sale for some  
amazing prizes



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18th 2016**



The 76th  
National  
**FOLK  
FESTIVAL**  
greensboro, north carolina  
**SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2016**



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE  
21 SEPTEMBER 2016

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