

November 2016

## *Presbyterian Church of the Covenant*



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## The Covenant Compendium

### **SESSION DIGEST**

The Session met on Monday, 10 October 2016.

The following actions were approved:

#### **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 ...**

**Nov. 1:** In\*Spire Meditation  
12:00pm; Group Brown Bag  
Lunch, 12:30pm, Fellowship  
Hall

**Nov. 5:** Church Work Day

**Nov. 6:** DAYLIGHT SAV-  
INGS ENDS! Sleep in!

**Nov. 6:** Communion Sunday,  
Both services; all are welcome.

**Nov. 7:** Higher Ground  
Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 East  
Bessemer St.

**Nov. 8:** ELECTION DAY!

**Nov. 8:** Sierra Club Mtg.,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

**Nov. 11:** Veterans' Day; feder-  
al holiday

**Nov. 14:** Session meeting, 6:00  
pm, Faselso Room

**Nov. 19:** Rumi by Candlelight,  
7:30- 9:00pm, Sanctuary

**Nov. 24:** Happy Thanksgiving!

**Nov. 24 & 25:** Office Closed!

**Nov. 28:** College Hill  
Neighborhood Assn. meeting,  
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

- ♦ Registration drive: A student voter drive, to be held in our Mendenhall Street parking on Saturday, 22 October. The sponsoring organization is NextGen. They will do all the work for the drive, including cleanup afterwards. (Note: this event was subsequently changed to another location and did not take place at PCoC).
- ♦ Renter: The contract of one of our tenants who has not paid rent for a number of months will be terminated.
- ♦ More Light Presbyterians: Although we have already joined More Light Presbyterian, we will pay its \$200 membership fee.
- ♦ New Elders : The committee for nominating a new class of elders will consist of the three departing members—Morgan Glover, Lem Cox, and Nancy Schaefer--plus 4 PCoC members from outside the Session.
- ♦ Weddings: People from outside our church may hold weddings in the church for a fee of \$500 plus \$250 for the church's wedding coordinator and expenses for janitorial service. The church's wedding coordinator will be a new position. Lem Cox volunteered to fill it until someone could be found for the position.
- ♦ Personnel manual: The Session approved the new personnel manual drawn up by the Personnel Committee.
- ♦ Interim pastor: Ralph Cauthen, chair of the Interim Support Committee, reported that Dale Walker, our liaison with Salem Presbytery, will lead the Session in an evaluation of Mark Sandlin's performance as interim pastor and in completing the procedures to renew his contract for a second year. This meeting will be part of the Session's November meeting.
- ♦ Salem Presbytery: The Session elected Barbara North to represent the church at the next Presbytery meeting, to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

Kelley Griffith, Clerk of Session

## November Sunday Service Information

### November 6:

9:15 Host: Gratia Wright  
 9:15 Music: Kris Ferris  
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Ann Finch



### November 13:

9:00 Host: Fred/Vicki Wallace  
 9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin/Elaine Penn  
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Kelley Griffith

### November 20:

9:00 Host: Sue Stinson  
 9:00 Music: Scott Walker  
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch  
 11:15 Asst.: Emily Seawell

### November 27:

Host: Jane Cauthen  
 Music: Walt Lott  
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling  
 11:15 Asst.: Rev. Julie Strobe

## Church Office Hours

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

## 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!

## Work Day & Music Workshop: Nov. 5

We're working outside this month; volunteer to help out on Saturday, Nov. 5th from 9:00am to 12:00pm (all or part of that time); a sign-up sheet/chore list will be with Clara Kelly at the After Gateway entrance, or contact her at: [clerkelly@gmail.com](mailto:clerkelly@gmail.com). Scott Walker and the Walker Family Band will be holding musical workshops inside PCoC that day from 9:00am-5:00pm, with a jam session at 7:00pm at The Worx at 106 Barnhard St. Scott will be the guest musician for our early service on Nov. 20th.

## Fall Back & Communion Sunday: Nov. 6

Sleep an hour longer before greeting the first Sunday in November by celebrating communion with us at PCoC during both of our morning services; everyone is welcome to take part, especially guests/visitors.

## Thanksgiving: Nov. 24

Happy Thanksgiving! The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers at 6:00 pm

Our weekly potluck dinners are always fun; 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. Guests and visitors welcome!

## Upcoming Classes

The Spiritual Formation Committee is exploring topics for future discussion groups or book studies in the Faselo Room. Share ideas with committee chair Morgan Glover by Nov. 15 at (336) 314-5191 or email [mjluvsjc@gmail.com](mailto: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 we enjoy brown bag lunches together in the PCoC Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome!



## Honor Cards Coming Soon

Honor cards will be available Dec. 4th–Dec. 18th in the Fellowship Hall between services from Sue Stinson, or in the church office weekdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Support our favorite non-profits!

***November 13th: Congregational Vote on Elder Nominating Committee***

Please be in the Sanctuary at 11:00am on Sunday, November 13th to take part in a congregational vote to elect members to a new committee to nominate elders. The committee will be responsible for nominating candidates for elders for the 2019 class of the Session. The committee candidates are: Elsie Hutchens, Clara Kelly, Joyce McKenzie, and Dave Sheets. There will also be an opportunity to write in candidates.

***November 20th: Holiday Decorating Volunteers Needed***

The holiday season will be here before we know it, and the Interiors Committee needs lots of help to decorate the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, and other areas of the building, on Sunday, Nov. 20th! The fun will start with a free lunch of pizza, salad, and drinks provided for all volunteers. We'd like around 20 holiday-minded volunteers. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Sanctuary; sign up now! Begin the holiday season by helping to decorate for ours.

***Holiday Poinsettias***

Once again this year we'll have poinsettias available to purchase for just \$10 per plant in honor of or in memory of someone special. Order forms will be available in the Sanctuary on the back table from Nov. 6th to Nov. 28th. Place completed forms with payment in the offering basket or return them to the church office (make checks out to PCoC and write "poinsettias" in the memo line). The poinsettias will beautify our church sanctuary until Christmas Day, when you'll be welcome to take them home for yourself or for a gift.

***Farrell Scholarship Holders Thank PCoC***

"I wanted to thank you all for awarding me the Farrell Scholarship. Very few things feel better than calling your mother and telling her that you will be graduating debt-free. Thank you all so much for allowing me that moment and for assisting and supporting me as I receive my higher education. Freshman year will be so much more manageable with me not having to work as many hours. So much love to you all, Jesse Herndon"

"Thank you for the very generous grant that has been applied to my tuition costs at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. I am delighted and appreciative to have been selected for the Farrell Scholarship award this year. Thank you for lightening the financial burden of attending graduate school, allowing me to focus on my studies as I work toward completing my master's degree in Translation & Localization Management. I will continue to work hard, and I look forward to reporting back on my experiences and accomplishments during my time at Middlebury. Thank you again for your generosity and support. Sincerely, Emily Taylor"

***Thanks to all PCoC's "CROP Walkers"!***

Our PCoC volunteers raised over \$1,200 at this year's CROP Walk; donations will be accepted up until the end of November. Contact Clara Kelly to give: [clerkelly@gmail.com](mailto:clerkelly@gmail.com). Thanks for fighting hunger here and in the world! Our walkers: Emily Seawell, Nancy Schaefer, Michael, Michael, Jr., and Sabrina Dye, Erika Jozsa, Clara and Pat Kelly, Cathy Routley, Ralph Cauthen, and Lem Cox. Thanks for representing PCoC and for walking to end hunger!







Poet and performance artist **Adrian Vyner-Brooks**, **Will Ridenour** (Kora - African harp), pianist and composer **Betsy Bevan**, **Meredith Holladay** (vocals), and **Daniel Chambo** (bansuri-Indian Flute) reunite to present the works of the great literary mystic set against the enchanting backdrop of their original compositions. Their unique performance of this ecstatic poetry has earned them a devoted following throughout the Triad. This evening dedicated to "the eternal message of love that resonates with people of all beliefs" has proven to be a life-changing and heart-awakening event. The group is delighted to welcome special guest Majid Bastani who will recite a selection of Rumi's poems in their original language. \$15 suggested donation.



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