

January 2017

## Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



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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 ...

Jan. 1: JOINT SERVICE at 10:00am; Communion Sunday

Jan. 2: Office closed; federal holiday, New Year's observance

Jan. 3: In\*Spire Meditation 12:00pm; Group Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Jan. 7: Church Work Day; holiday decoration takedown

Jan. 9: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselo Room

Jan. 10: Sierra Club Mtg., 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Jan. 16: Office Closed, MLK Day, Federal Holiday

Jan. 23 College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall



## The Covenant Compendium

### SESSION DIGEST

The Session met on Monday, December 12, 2016.

The following actions were approved:

#### Tenant

The Session offered a plan for one of our tenants whose rent is very much in arrears. The plan is that all the rent owed must be paid in full by the end of February. If this occurs, the tenant may remain in the rented spaces, as long as the terms of the rental contract continue to be met in full each month. If rents are not paid by the deadline, the tenant must vacate the rooms.

#### Narcotics Anonymous

A chapter of Narcotics Anonymous has been meeting for years in the space rented by the Greensboro Mennonite Church (Room 213); however, NA has become so irresponsibly disruptive of the space that the Session has asked the NA group to meet somewhere other than our church.

#### 2017 Budget

The Session accepted the budget proposed by the Resource Committee. The budget was somewhat controversial because it includes a \$46,000 deficit for the year.

#### Proposed Slate of Elders

The Elder Nominating Committee proposed a slate of elders for the class of 2019 (next three years): Nancy Schaefer (serving a second term), Annie Oakley, and Elsie Hutchens. The committee also proposed Marcia Rhodes to complete Kelley Griffith's third year. The congregation will vote on these nominees on Sunday, 8 January at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

#### Human Resources Policy Manual

The Session accepted with praise and appreciation the excellent new Human Resources Policy Manual produced by the Personnel Committee.

#### Pastoral Care

The Session approved Jane Cauthen as the church's Pastoral Care Assistant. She will serve during the interim period and will work in conjunction with the interim pastor, Mark Sandlin.

#### Gift of Books

The Session acknowledged with appreciation a gift of books to the church from Georgia Sprinkle.

Submitted by Kelley Griffith, Clerk of Session

## ***January Sunday Service Information***

### **January 1: JOINT SERVICE, 10:00AM!**

**Music:** Daniel Ayers  
**11:15 Ushers:** Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox  
**11:15 Lay Asst.:** Ann Finch

### **January 15:**

**9:00 Host:** Jane Cauthen  
**9:00 Music:** Betsy Bevan  
**11:15 Ushers:** Ann Finch, Charlie Finch  
**11:15 Lay Asst.:** David Johnson

### **January 29:**

**9:00 Host:** Susan Andreatta  
**9:00 Music:** Walt Lott  
**11:15 Ushers:** Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox  
**11:15 Lay Asst.:** Emily Seawell

### **January 8:**

**9:15 Host:** Sue Stinson  
**9:15 Music:** Brad Reaves  
**11:15 Ushers:** Clara Kelly, Barry Barber  
**11:15 Asst.:** Julie Strobe

### **January 22:**

**9:00 Host:** Jane Walter  
**9:00 Music:** Keith Buckner/Minor Swing Band  
**11:15 Ushers:** Celia Starling, Frank Starling  
**11:15 Lay Asst.:** Ralph Cauthen

## ***Every Week ...***

**Mon.:** Yoga, 6:00pm, Parlor \*\*  
 Meditation, 6:00pm, 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, Fellowship Hall \*\*  
 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  
**Kate Baird:** Mon.—Friday, 9:00am—3:30pm

## ***Church Office Closings***

Happy New Year! The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, in observance of New Year's; it will also be closed on Monday, January 16th, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## ***New Year's Day Joint Service at 10:00am***

Welcome in 2017 at our joint service at 10:00am on New Year's Day, featuring musical guest Daniel Ayers and celebrating Communion. Study groups are optional!

## ***In\*Spire Weekly Meditation and Monthly Brown Bag Lunch on Jan. 3rd***

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!

## ***Special Wednesday Fellowship Supper on Jan. 4th***

Come to the Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper on January 4th, then stay to help take down the holiday decorations. It's easy and fun; assistance and direction are provided. Whatever can't be done in about an hour or so will be finished up on the monthly Work Day, Saturday, January 7th.

## ***Monthly Work Day on Saturday, Jan. 7th***

Saturday, January 7th is the first Monthly Workday of 2017; as always, it's from 9:00am to 12:00pm and volunteers are welcome to come for all or any part of that time. A chore list and hot coffee will be available in the Fellowship Hall, and there's always something that needs attention inside and out (inside if the weather's bad). This month, the focus is on finishing the holiday decoration takedown. Lora Farlow will welcome all comers on Saturday (and on any first Saturday of each month!

## ***Vote for New Elders on Sunday, Jan. 8th at 11:00am***

A congregational vote to select a replacement elder for Kelley Griffith and for three elders for the Class of 2019 will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:00am on Sunday, January 8th. Member participation is requested!

## ***Spring Parking Passes on Sale Monday, Jan. 9th***

Parking passes for UNCG and Greensboro College will go on sale Monday, January 9th, and will be offered through Friday, January 20th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm in Marty's Room. Volunteers are needed to take daily shifts; contact Clara Kelly to sign up at: [clerkelly@gmail.com](mailto:clerkelly@gmail.com). Help us keep

## ***PCoC Has a New Pastoral Care Assistant***

The Session has approved the appointment of Jane Cauthen to the position of Pastoral Care Assistant on an interim basis during this period of transition. She will be providing pastoral visits to those who are homebound or who need visitation for other reasons. Contact the church office to schedule a visit or if you're aware of any needs.

## ***Thanks to the Decorators***

Many thanks to Barbara and Jim North for once again spearheading and overseeing PCoC's holiday decorating of the Sanctuary and the entire building, and many thanks to all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy and efforts to make sure we celebrated in style. (Don't forget to help take it all down on Wed., Jan. 4th and Sat., Jan. 7th!) Thanks to Jim North for care of the poinsettias, and thanks to Lem Cox for getting our foyer and hallway spruced up with plaster repairs and new paint just in time for the holidays.

## ***Thanks for a Successful Holiday Food Drive***

Our donations of canned/package foods gathered over the holidays were gratefully received by Mary's House, who reported that we helped replenish a pantry that was nearly empty. The pet food donations were joyfully received, too! Many thanks to Joyce Powers and Joy Saleeby for organizing this, and to all those who gave and who helped transport the donations.

## ***Reminder: Inclement Weather Procedures***

In case of inclement weather, please check PCoC's Facebook site, or WFMY (Channel 2, CBS) or WXII (Channel 12, NBC) for service cancellations; notifications may also be sent via email. For church office closings, our stated policy is that if county schools are closed, the church office will be closed also, and any functions scheduled for that day/evening at the church are cancelled.

## In Our Community

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IT'S DETURGENT!**

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DETERGENT TO THE  
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BRING TO 407 E.  
WASHINGTON ST.  
8 AM - 5 PM M-F  
8 AM - 2 PM SAT - SUN

**INTERACTIVE**  
RESOURCE CENTER



## Doing Our Work 2:

2016-2017 Series on Race, Racial Inequity,  
and our Future in Greensboro

A series of monthly presentations from Fall 2016-Summer 2017, focusing on the institutions and structures that have created and maintained the racialized society in which we live. Although the series intends to provide opportunities for white people to learn about the historical origins and roots of racial inequality, **ALL ARE WELCOME.** We are thankful for the on-going guidance, support, and collaboration of our colleagues of color. Workshops are free of charge.



### **One Person's Anti-Racism Journey—David Billings**

Tuesday, January 24, 7-8:30pm – Westminster Presbyterian, 3906 W. Friendly Ave, Greensboro 27410

### **How Whites in Greensboro Recall School Integration—Kristen Lavelle**

Tuesday, February 7, 7-8:30pm – St Andrews Episcopal, 2105 W. Market St, Greensboro 27403

### **Race & Education in Guilford Co. and North Carolina—John Batchelor**

Tuesday, March 7, 7-8:30pm – Guilford Park Presbyterian, 2100 Fernwood Dr, Greensboro, 27408

### **Racial Disparities in Greensboro Housing**

Tuesday, April 4, 7-8:30pm – St Andrews Episcopal, 2105 W. Market St, Greensboro 27403

### **A History of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum**

Tuesday, May 2, 7-8:30pm – UU Church of Greensboro, 5603 Hilltop Rd, Jamestown 27282

### **Implicit Bias: Where Does It Come from, and What Do We Do About It?**

Tuesday, June 6, 7-8:30pm – First Baptist, 1000 W. Friendly, Greensboro 27401

A program of: Guilford Anti-Racism Alliance (GARA) 620 S. Elm Street, Ste 381, Greensboro NC 27406,  
co-sponsored by the white caucus of the Community-City Working Group

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