

# July 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 ...

**July 2: Communion Sunday, both gatherings**

**July 3: Higher Ground breakfast, 10:00am**

**July 4: 4th of July Holiday, Office Closed**

**July 6: College Hill for Everyone meeting, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

**July 10: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room**

**July 11: In\*Spire Meditation 12:00pm; Group Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

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

**July 26: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall**



# The Covenant Compendium

## SESSION DIGEST

The following took place at the Monday, June 12th meeting:

- ♦ Ralph Cauthen requested that we discuss directing the PNC to be specific and give updates often to the congregation of the process as it progresses. PNC cannot be more transparent than the Presbytery allows. Dale Walker, our Liaison from COM, will specifically address the procedure with the committee. They cannot report on who is being interviewed because it could be considered hurtful to the community and to the persons applying. Dale Walker will be asked to write an article explaining the steps and the process for our Newsletter. We will expect regular monthly reports from the committee to the congregation and the Session as to the stages of the process and transparency issues. It will also be noted that the PNC will be using the feedback from our congregational work sessions to build PCOC's profile and mission statement.
- ♦ The messages given by the monthly Lay Speakers be posted on the PCoC website. Mark Sandlin will write a short descriptive list of what needs to be considered in talks, which will be shared with each scheduled speaker.
- ♦ Resource: Annual giving is still ahead of budget. Rental income is low due to empty spaces. Building is over budget due to repairs. Administrative is under-budgeted. Kitchen is over budget, possibly due to the brunches. June and July are typically low giving months but August revenues will increase due to sales of parking passes.
- ♦ Interim Support: Scheduled a meeting for June. Reported that George Lockhart and Annie Oakley had resigned from the committee to avoid a conflict of interest in serving on the PNC.
- ♦ Worship: Some former volunteers for host/lay assistant for services have taken on additional responsibilities in the church and so are not able to volunteer as frequently. This lay participation is an important part of making our services personal and relevant to our congregation. Volunteers are needed and welcome.
- ♦ Building: Addressed issues of vagrants sleeping on our steps. Decided they are not causing a disturbance or problem at this time. We will ask the one who is entering the church and asking for money to only approach the minister. \*George Lockhart is in touch with a painter to get an estimate for painting the outside of the church. \*Floors in the Fellowship Hall have been cleaned. The hallways and bathrooms are still to be done. \*Session asked for cleaning of the vents in the sanctuary. George Lockhart will take care of that. \*PCoC received a request from another church to hold services in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays mornings and to rent the Room 216 suite for office and meeting space. The Session feels that would limit our ability to schedule events on Sunday mornings. We suggested usage after 12:00 pm.
- ♦ Fellowship: \*For the baked potato lunch, there will be a bowl for donations to offset the cost. \*Congregational Care: Jane visited 9 people and 7 other care providers visited or called 13. \*We have hired Nancy Pitkin as our music director. Nancy Schaefer asked about the signing of the contract without Session review. Personnel thought they had been given an okay to do so and also the deadline kept changing to an earlier date. It would have been difficult to have a Session meeting prior to the contract being signed. Contract will be reviewed by the Session at the July meeting at which time a motion will be made to accept the contract.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of The Session

## *July Sunday Service Information*

**July 2:**

9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta  
 9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Emily Seawell  
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

**July 16:**

9:00 Host: TBA  
 9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: TBA  
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

**July 30:**

9:00 Host: TBA  
 9:00 Music: Joel Landau  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: TBA  
 11:15 Music: Jim Schnefel  
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

**July 9:**

9:00 Host: TBA  
 9:00 Music: Sam Frazier  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: TBA  
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

**July 23:**

9:00 Host: TBA  
 9:00 Music: Will Ridenour  
 11:15 Lay Asst.: TBA  
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber



### *Every Week ...*

### *Volunteers Needed!*

**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, Parlor \*\*  
 Yoga, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall\*\*  
**Fri.:** Coffee Group, 9:00am, Panera (New Garden Rd.)  
 \*\* \$10 per class; \$7 for church members!

### **VOLUNTEER   VOLUNTEER   VOLUNTEER**

Do you see all those "TBA" listings in the Service Information above? That's why we need YOU to **volunteer**: to be a Host or 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*

### *Please Update Contact Info.*

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

Have you moved? Gotten a new cell phone number? Dropped your land line? Call or email the church office with your new information!

## *In\*Spire Meditation in July*

In\*Spire Meditation meets every Tuesday at noon in the Sanctuary for 20 minutes of group-led meditation, with a discussion period following. We won't meet on Tuesday, July 4, but will celebrate our monthly "First Tuesday Lunch" the following week, on July 11. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy fellowship and fun by sharing lunch after the meditation in the Fellowship Hall. Open to everyone!

## *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 might 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!

## ***Thanks to the Fellowship Committee!***

Thanks to the Fellowship Committee and all those who volunteered their time and hard work to make a big success of our Baked Potato Lunch on Sunday, June 25th after the Joint Service. Many thanks especially to Joyce Powers and Joy Saleeby, who worked so hard to provide and serve the delicious lunch of baked potatoes, with all kinds of toppings, a huge salad with many ingredients and toppings, drinks, and lots of fresh watermelon for dessert. It was greatly enjoyed by all the attendees. Volunteers, thanks for cooking, serving, and cleaning up after that nice repast. And many thanks again to all those who generously contributed to the Fellowship Committee fund; you've made it possible to continue our joint meals this year! (Hint: the next one's in August and it sounds delectable!)

## ***PNC Committee Gets Underway***

At the congregational election on Sunday, June 4th, seven PCoC members were elected to serve on our new Pastoral Nominating Committee. They are: Jane Cauthen, Lem Cox, Clara Kelly, George Lockhart, Annie Oakley, Joy Saleeby, and Vicki Wallace. Dale Walker, of Salem Presbytery, will lead the group and will provide information for a future newsletter on how the process works and what steps the Presbytery has ordained be followed in the process. We look forward to hearing more about what task the committee will perform and the time frame involved.

## ***"College Hill for Everyone" City Meeting on July 6th at PCoC***

Join the College Hill Neighborhood Association, the City of Greensboro, and Team Better Block in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, July 6th at 5:30pm to discuss ways to bring positive change and growth to the area, including traffic, signage, art, branding and community events. Be part of this exciting community effort!

## ***Farrell Scholarship Applications Now Available***

It's time to apply or reapply for the Farrell Scholarship, which was established by William and Nell Farrell in 1994. This need-based scholarship is open to members or friends of the PCOC congregation, and to their children/grandchildren, for the upcoming academic year. Awards are granted based on the available funds earned during the year. Applications are in the church office and must be returned by August 1, 2017.

## ***Wee Kirk Conference Scholarships — October 16, 17, 18, 2017***

Salem Presbytery's Church Growth and Transformation Committee is offering four \$300 scholarships for Pastors, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and church members who wish to attend the October Wee Kirk Conference for small membership congregations. (First come, first served). The program is heavily underwritten for first time attendees from congregations under 100 members. A three hundred dollar scholarship will pay 3/4 of the registration, room and board for two persons - What a great bargain! And it's peak "Leaf Season" in October in the Fall!!!! The link for the conference is at this address: <http://www.montreat.org/wee-kirk/>

If we "sell-out" the scholarships, you may be able to apply for a scholarship from Wee Kirk Conference, or we may find some additional funding to sponsor more attendees. All that Church Growth and Transformation asks is that you share your experience and knowledge with the Committee and Salem Presbytery, so that we can spread the Good Word about small membership congregations.



# COLLEGE HILL FOR EVERYONE!

## Community Conversation



5:30pm, Thurs, July 6  
Fellowship Hall  
Church of the Covenant  
501 S. Mendenhall St.

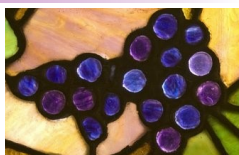
Be a part of reclaiming  
College Hill's streets and sidewalks  
as safe, inviting places for people!



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