

April 2018

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

SESSION DIGEST — March 13, 2018 Meeting

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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00-10:00	Early Gathering
10:00-10:20	Fellowship time
10:20-11:00	Study Groups
11:15-12:00	Second Service

Important Dates ...

- Apr. 1: Easter and Communion Sunday, JOINT SERVICE at 10:00am.
- Apr. 2: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer
- Apr. 2-6, GCS Spring Break
- Apr. 3: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary; 12:30pm, Brown Bag Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 7: Monthly Work Day, 9:30am—12:00pm, F. Hall
- Apr. 10: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room
- Apr. 10: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 17: Tax Day!
- Apr. 23: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 24: ARC meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- April 27: Rumi By Candlelight, 7:30pm, Sanctuary
- April 29: JOINT SERVICE and BRUNCH, 10:00am

OLD BUSINESS

*Barbara North attended the March Presbytery Meeting at Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston Salem and reported that a motion was made from Trinity Presbyterian Church asking Salem Presbytery to concur with OVT-006, which directs the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation to divest from fossil fuel and actively invest in securities that focus on renewable energy. The overture requesting this course of action will be brought to the 223rd General Assembly in June 2018. Salem Presbytery supported this effort by concurring with the overture.

*Mark Sandlin reported the Safety Committee had met. The bushes and hedges next to the church have been trimmed back. Signs saying "No Trespassing From 12:00am—7:00am" will be placed around the building at locations recommended by the Police Department. We will also place boxes near the front steps containing literature on where to find housing, food, and assistance from the city, local churches and relief agencies. New video cameras are planned for the building exterior and the committee will meet with Gateway to coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource

*Donations this month exceeded the budget.

Worship

*Ralph Cauthen requested that Sunday study groups be allowed to decide whether to meet when there is a joint gathering; currently, groups do not meet if there is a joint service. Groups wishing to meet must notify the church office at least one week prior to the event, so notification can be provided in the weekly Bulletin announcements.

Spiritual Formation

*Draven Ward has been hired as the Childcare Provider for the Nursery, beginning March 18th.

Building and Grounds

*Kate Baird has advised that three third-floor rooms have been rented.

Interiors

*There will be palms for Palm Sunday and Hydrangeas for Easter in the Sanctuary.
*Barbara North also reported that the second and third floor bathrooms need some paint and deep cleaning. The budget will be checked to see if there are funds available for paint.

Communications

*Ralph Cauthen is in the process of updating the ongoing "Covenant In Action" form, available on the rear table in the Sanctuary. Ralph Cauthen also gave a program after dinner on Wednesday, March 21st describing the activities/meetings held in our building every day/night.

Outreach

*Mark Sandlin advises he's in discussions to form a committee.

Personnel

*The Visitation report included five church members who made seven contacts. Jane Cauthen made an additional five contacts.

*The committee recommended we hire Draven Moore as Childcare Provider for the Nursery. The motion was seconded and carried.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of The Session

April Sunday Service Information

April 1: *Easter – Communion Sunday*
10:00: JOINT SERVICE!
10:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin & Choirs
10:00 Asst.: Elsie Hutchens
10:00 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Barry Barber

April 15:
9:00 Host: TBA
9:00 Music: Logie Meachum
11:15 Asst.: TBA
11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

April 29: *Joint Service - Brunch*
10:00: JOINT SERVICE, 9:00am service format
10:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin, Elaine Penn
10:00 Asst.: Ralph Cauthen
10:00 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

April 8:
9:00 Host: Gratia Wright
9:00 Music: Joel Landau
11:15 Asst.: TBA
11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

April 22:
9:00 Host: TBA
9:00 Music: Greyson Leybourne
11:15 Asst.: Ann Finch
11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

Early Gathering Hosts and 11:15 Gathering Service Assistants urgently needed!

Contact the Church Office for information or to volunteer: (336) 275-6403

Church Office Hours

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

Monthly Workday, Apr. 7th

We'll meet at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to share coffee and check out the task list. Just a few hours a month helps keep the church clean, neat, welcoming, and we can't do it without you! Volunteers are always needed and welcome; to volunteer, contact Lora Farlow: lora.farlow@gmail.com.

In*Spire Meditation

In*Spire Meditation meets every Tuesday at noon in the Sanctuary for 20 minutes of free, group-led meditation. It's different every week, but always wonderful. It's open to the church and the community, so come enjoy some nourishment for your spirit with us. On **Tuesday, April 3rd**, join us for a brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall following meditation.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper

PCoC's weekly potluck supper group gathers at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a delicious dinner and lively conversations with the group. Sometimes there's a program afterwards.

Every Week ...

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

Higher Ground Breakfast

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on Apr. 2nd, at Higher Ground, 210 East Bessemer Ave., as we make and serve breakfast to this community group for those with HIV/AIDS. Contact Sue Stinson to volunteer or for more information: suestinson1968@yahoo.com

Welcome to New Member & Staff

We are pleased to welcome new member Janet McCauley Blue, who has transferred her membership to PCoC from First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro. Also, welcome to our new Childcare Assistant, Draven Ward, a UNCG student studying early childhood education.

City Council to Honor Marty Sheets



At the Greensboro City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd at 5:30pm, Marty Sheets will be honored with a resolution honoring his life of service to promote education and awareness of people with disabilities, as well as fundraising for Special Olympics and other nonprofits. Marty was selected to participate in the first Special Olympics in 1968 and was awarded a gold medal at the games by the organization's founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. The public is welcome to attend this meeting, and the Sheets family would appreciate it. The City Council meets in the Council Chamber at the Melvin Municipal Office, 300 W. Washington St. A lifelong resident of Greensboro, Marty will be further honored by the installation of honorary sign toppers saying "Marty Sheets Way" at the intersection of Pamlico and DeSoto Place, with an unveiling ceremony on Saturday, April 28th (the time has not yet been announced).

News From The Pastoral Nominating Committee

An email to the congregation will be sent out in the near future detailing the current status and activities of the PNC, which is continuing to receive and review applications. Hard copies will be provided to those without email.

Covenant in Mission

Covenant is in ministry to the community through the use of the building. Built for a large Sunday School and Youth program in the heyday of the church, space is now being shared and used in a variety of ways. Seven recovery groups, focusing primarily on AA or NA issues, reach several scores of individuals each week. These have a variety of early morning, day and evening schedules. Kate Baird does a good job in juggling their arrangements to accommodate changing group sizes and needs. Twelve or more artists and musicians maintain studios or workspaces on the second and third floors. These include Covenant members Lora Farlow, Beth Sheffield, and Susan Reep, and musicians Scott Manring and Neill Clegg. Our two largest and most prominent tenants are the weekday After Gateway program for physically-challenged adults, and the Sunday meeting of the Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship. Thriving at Three, an outreach program of UNCG's Center for New North Carolinians, meets every Thursday morning for half a day; four Covenant members volunteer with the group. Covenant also welcomes various community groups, including the College Hill Neighborhood Association, the Piedmont Plateau Group Sierra Club, The ARC of Greensboro, three yoga classes, a Pilates group, and three meditation groups, including Covenant's In*Spire Group meeting Tuesdays at noon in the Sanctuary. Covenant is engaged in the community in more ways than some members realize! Our financial support to the church makes these things happen, and their rent payments help keep the church going.





After Gateway is walking in the Human Race on April 14, 2018. Please show your support by making a donation now:

<https://thehumanrace5k.org/support/#AfterGateway>.

This year the money raised through the Human Race will help Gateway to obtain a Sit-to-Stand Lift, renew membership to the Greensboro Science Center, and to fund Community Outings/Field Trips, Music Therapy, Special Events, and Sensory Items/Activities. They are hoping to raise \$3,000.00 through this effort.

RUMI BY CANDLELIGHT

2018 POETRY AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Hear the poetry of Rumi in English and Farsi,
accompanied by live, original music

MAJID BASTANI - POETRY
DANIEL CHAMBO - FLUTES

BETSY BEVAN - PIANO
WILL RIDENOUR - KORA



APRIL 27

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
501 S Mendenhall St
Greensboro NC

APRIL 28

UNITY CENTER OF PEACE
8800 Seawell School Rd
Chapel Hill NC

Both Shows:

Doors at 7pm - Show at 7:30pm

Suggested Donation - \$15 at the door. Info - betsy@betsybevan.com

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