

May 2018

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



# The Covenant Compendium

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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 ...

May 1: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room

May 1: In\*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary; 12:30pm, Brown Bag Lunch in Fellowship Hall

May 5: Monthly Work Day, 9:30am—12:00pm, F. Hall

May 6: Communion Sunday, both services. Open to all.

May 7: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer

May 8: Election Day

May 8: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 13: Mother's Day

May 21: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 22: ARC meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 27: JOINT SERVICE, no classes, 10:00am, Sanctuary

May 28: Memorial Day, federal holiday, office closed

## Report of The Pastoral Nominating Committee

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is now in a very time-consuming phase in the process of calling a pastor. We have reviewed dozens of pastor information forms (PIF) and selected a few for phone interviews. If the phone interviews do not produce a suitable candidate, we will resume review of PIFs.

We want to assure the congregation that we are working hard to find the best possible candidate for Covenant. Please recognize that most of these pastoral searches take at least a year because the PIFs are submitted on a continuing basis throughout the year and one of those could be the ONE.

We are also calling a pastor, not hiring a pastor. It is a three-way partnership with the Presbytery having the primary responsibility for oversight of the process; the pastoral candidate accepting the call or not; and the Congregation voting to call the pastoral candidate or not.

*Because Covenant has two gatherings with different needs and worship styles, this process is more complicated and possibly will take several months.*

We are getting information forms from all over the U.S. and giving them our attention. Our goal is to find a good speaker with progressive theology, skills to work well with the congregation, be able to help our church grow and become even more viable and active in the community.

As you know, we are a small church with an older congregation and an aging building. We wish to call a minister who will see this challenge as an opportunity. The interviews are a two-way conversation and we will do our best to impress the candidate as well.

At this time, we would like to ask that the congregation trust the committee to use due diligence in searching for our pastor. The committee is considering each candidate on their merits in relation to the parameters set in the Congregational Sunday Meetings that were led by our interim pastor. This material was listed in a summary of those meetings and the committee used that information to write the Mission Statement and prepare our Ministry Information Form. Both documents are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly updates to the congregation are not helpful due to the amount of re-search being done. A monthly update is printed in each month's newsletter. We cannot and will not provide candidate names due to personnel issues, but we will be glad to answer your questions about our progress.

Pastoral Nominating Committee:

Annie Oakley, Chair  
Jane Cauthen  
Lem Cox

Clara Kelly  
Joy Saleeby  
Vicki Wallace

## May Sunday Service Information

**May 6:** *Communion Sunday*  
 9:00 Host: Gratia Wright  
 9:00 Music: Jim Sharkey  
 11:15 Asst.: Ralph Cauthen 11:15 Music: Dave Fox  
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

**May 20:**  
 9:00 Host: TBA  
 9:00 Music: Brad Reaves  
 11:15 Asst.: Julie Strope  
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

**May 13:** *Mother's Day*  
 9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta  
 9:00 Music: Martha Emrey/Marilyn Clayton  
 11:15 Asst.: Julie Strope  
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

**May 27:** *Joint Service 11:15 Format*  
 11:15 Asst.: TBA  
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

**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, May 5th

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 Each Tuesday

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 the first Tuesday of each month, join us for a brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall following meditation.

**INSPIRE**  
**MEDITATION**

EVERY TUESDAY @ NOON

*Relax, Refresh and Enliven*

### 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.:** 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 May 7th, 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



### Weekly Wednesday Night

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. The Sunday bulletins will have updates.

## 2017 Year-End Financial Report

### Financials as of December 31, 2017

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
Contributions	\$ 121,279	\$ 108,050
Rent Receipts	61,384	70,950
Parking Lot Receipts	22,535	21,000
Investments & Other	2,356	1,150
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 207,454</b>	<b>\$ 201,150</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Committee Expenses	\$ 248,612	\$ 247,150
Other Expenses	6,655	10,000
Transfer from Reserves	(6,655)	(10,000)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 248,612</b>	<b>\$ 247,150</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (41,158)</b>	<b>\$ (46,000)</b>

## Nancy Pitkin Announces Departure in June

Nancy Pitkin has accepted a position with a new Memory Care community, which will allow her to develop and provide her own sound therapy program to clients. In order to pursue this opportunity, she has resigned her position of Music Director at Covenant, effective in mid-June.

I know this is a core of her musical talents and congratulate her for this opportunity. We appreciate the time and talents that she has provided to PCOC while she has been our Musical Director and wish her well in the future. She and Elaine will be available for upcoming appearances at our services.

The Personnel Committee is working to fill the position of Music Director.

Fred Wallace, for the Personnel Committee





Adaptive Inclusive Movement

## Inclusive Tap Dance

Starting Wednesday April 25th, join us at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant for Inclusive Tap Dance!

Enjoy great music from a bygone era, put on your happy feet (no shoes required) have a seat and have some fun!

In this class we will get a workout and learn tap dance steps in the process! We will practice basics of tap dance, steps and terms, and fun choreography all from the comfort of a chair or your wheel chair.

Class consists of a warm up, tap steps and terms, a combination (routine) and then a cool down.

No special shoes or clothing required! Open to the public (Church membership NOT required).

**Date:**  
Every Wednesday

**Time:**  
5-5:45pm

**Location:**  
Presbyterian Church  
of the Covenant  
501 S Mendenhall St,  
Greensboro, NC  
27403



Questions?  
Contact Mindy:  
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*Some dance on their feet, we dance in our seat!*

*Dancing is for Everybody!*



## 9th Annual LUNAFEST SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

**Sat. May 12th**  
7-9:30 pm  
@ Revolution Mill

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Inclusive, Open-Minded and Home for Your Soul.