

July 2018

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



COVENANT

Inclusive, Open-Minded and Home for Your Soul.

Inside this issue:

Services, Schedules, 2

PCoC Events & Updates 3

Community Events 4

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 ...

July 1: Communion Sunday, both services. Open to all.

July 2: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer

July 3: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary; 12:30pm, Brown Bag Lunch in Fellowship Hall

July 4: Independence Day, Office Closed. Happy 4th!

July 7: Monthly Work Day, 9:30am—12:00pm, F. Hall

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

July 10: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

July 17: WAFCO Mills HOA Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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

July 24: ARC meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall



The Covenant Compendium

Session Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2018

GUEST

*Susan Reep visited the meeting to request continuation of her terminated room lease. After discussion, it was agreed that the lease termination would stand. Mark Sandlin has written a letter of notification with a non-negotiable deadline of July 15, 2018 to have the space emptied. The letter was hand-delivered to her room on Wednesday, June 13, 2018

OLD BUSINESS

*Mark Sandlin reported that "No Trespassing" signs are up in the Mendenhall parking lot and other property locations and that PCoC's Letter of Intent on file with the Greensboro Police Department has been renewed for another year. Neighbors have reported illicit use of our parking lot to the police, who have responded, and who have agreed to increase late-night patrolling of our property.

*Presbytery Meeting: Mark Sandlin attended; there were several ordinations and contract renewals.

NEW BUSINESS

*Nancy Schaefer feels the church needs to be engaged in long-range planning; we will form a committee to generate a plan. The committee will have 7 members; 2 will be Session members who will report to the Session on its progress. Nancy Schaefer and Tom Taylor will serve from the Session and will build the committee subject to Session approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource

*Nancy Schaefer reports we are still in the black for April due to pledges paid in full at the beginning of the year. May's report will be presented at the next Session meeting in July.

*Resource Committee presented the research for replacing the boiler with an itemized list of costs per item. It is recommended we have two units: a smaller steam boiler for the Sanctuary and spaces served by steam radiators; and in the education building, replacing the Steam to a Hot Water Exchanger with Water Gas Boiler.

*The committee advises that PCoC apply for a loan from the Presbytery Investment and Loan program (the Presbytery owns our building. The committee recommends applying for a \$40,000 loan, with the balance of the cost raised by PCoC). If approved, the ten-year loan would be at 3.5% interest, amounting to \$7,500.00 in interest. This will need to be approved by the congregation. Resource recommends that we go forward with Building and Grounds to begin, as soon as possible, the work outlined in Jeff Farlow's letter to replace the boiler, and for Resource to apply for the loan.

*Resource will develop an offering or capital fundraising campaign and advise Session.

*There is no report on the Payroll company.

*Covenant needs to have a Corporation Meeting to elect officers.

*Nancy Schaefer motioned that PCoC donate \$50 to More Light Ministries, which carried.

Worship

*Elsie Hutchens reports she is organizing and cleaning the unused Music Director's office to prepare it for rental to a tenant now on our waiting list.

Spiritual Formation

*Marcia Rhodes reports that Cheryl Michaelis is moved to the Nursery for the summer; there are no children in the education class. In the fall, we will implement age limits for the Nursery.

Building and Grounds

*Additional guidelines for tenants will be added to future leases to clarify qualifications for tenancy and room use.

Personnel

*An interviewee for the Music Director's position subsequently withdrew her application.

*Nancy Pitkin will remain Director of Music; Dave Fox has agreed to direct the chancel choir under her supervision.

*Congregational Care had 5 providers who visited 7 people. Lora Farlow organized a "food train" for Rebekah Chandler. Jane made 3 visits and 8 contacts.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of The Session

July Sunday Service Information

July 1: *Communion Sunday*
 9:00 Host: Gratia Wright
 9:00 Music: Sam Frazier
 11:15 Asst.: Ann Finch
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

July 15:
 9:00 Host: David Johnson
 9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin, Greyson Leyborne
 11:15 Asst.: Janet Blue
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

July 29:
 9:00 Host: TBA
 9:00 Music: TBA
 11:15 Asst.: TBA
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

July 8
 9:00 Host: Linda Jensen
 9:00 Music: Elsie Hutchens
 11:15 Asst.: TBA
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

July 22:
 9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta
 9:00 Music: Joel Landau
 11:15 Asst.: TBA
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber



Church Office Hours

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

Monthly Workday, July 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 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. Join us on Tuesday, July 3rd, as we share fun, fellowship, and food.

 **IN*SPIRE**
MEDITATION

EVERY TUESDAY @ NOON

Relax, Refresh and Enliven

Every Week ...

Mon.: 4:00pm, Choir Rehearsal
 5:30pm, Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:00pm, Yoga, Parlor **
 6:00m, 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.: 5:00pm, 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 July 4th, 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

PNC Update

The Pastoral Nominating Committee continues to schedule and conduct teleconference interviews with prospective applicants. We are still receiving applications from both church-referred and self-referred applicants for our pastoral position and each is being researched and evaluated. We appreciate your patience, support, and understanding of the requirements of this process.

June Celebrations at PCoC

On June 20th, we shared a delicious dinner, with a baked potato bar, a salad bar, drinks, and not one, but two beautiful cakes. Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee! Dinner was followed by a Musical Extravaganza, led by Music Director Nancy Pitkin and featuring solos by Pastor Mark Sandlin, Elsie Hutchens with her autoharp, and tunes from the PCoC Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Barbershop Quartet, accompanied by Nancy on piano, with guest artist Melvin Holland on saxophone. What a night of great food and great music! Then on Sunday, June 24th, following the Joint Service, we held our annual Ken Conrad memorial hamburger and hot dog lunch, with all the trimmings, drinks, and desserts. Many thanks especially to Joyce Powers and Joy Saleeby, who worked so hard on both events; and to all the volunteers: thanks for cooking, serving, and cleaning up after each event. And 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 will be an ice cream social in August!)



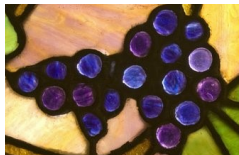
INSPIRE MEDITATION

EVERY TUESDAY  NOON

Relax, Refresh and Enliven

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

501 S. Mendenhall Street
Greensboro NC 27403
Phone: 336-275-6403
E-mail: pcoc2010@gmail.com



Check us out online!
www.athinkingchurch.org



COVENANT
Inclusive, Open-Minded and Home for Your Soul.