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*Presbyterian Church of the Covenant*



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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:00-10:00 Early Gathering

10:00-10:20 Fellowship time

10:20-11:00 Study Groups

11:15-12:00 Second Service

**Important Dates ...**

**Oct. 2:** In\*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and brown bag lunch at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall

**Oct. 6:** Monthly Work Day, 9:30am—12:00pm, F. Hall

**Oct. 6:** Common Good Vote Rally, 3:00pm, PCoC parking lot

**Oct. 7:** Communion Sunday, Both services, open to all.

**Oct. 8:** Columbus Day

**Oct. 9:** Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room

**Oct. 9:** Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

**Oct. 14:** CROP Hunger Walk, 2:00pm, Coliseum

**Oct. 28:** 10:00 Joint Service and 11:00 Stewardship Lunch and Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Oct. 29:** College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

**Oct. 30:** ARC meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

**Oct. 31: HALLOWEEN!**



**The Covenant Compendium**

***Session Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2018***

The church has created a Long-Range Planning Committee under the direction of Nancy Schaefer and Tom Taylor, Resource Committee Session members. The community members of the committee are: David Johnson, Charlene Holler, Lora Farlow, Judy Lockhart, Gratia Wright, and Jim North.

The Session reauthorized the subcommittee of the Building Committee, consisting of Elsie Hutchens, Ralph Cauthen and George Lockhart (committee chair) to negotiate with After Gateway for additional space and to also renegotiate the new long-term lease with After Gateway.

The Presbytery has developed some new Child Protection Policies for people who work with your youth. Personnel Committee will manage applying these policies to our church. The Peace and Justice Task Force of the Presbytery has endorsed Black Lives Matter and has committed resources to increase anti-racism awareness and work in Salem Presbytery.

We are pleased to have a new convenient freezer in the kitchen, donated by Vance Arnold. Thank you, Vance!

Finalizing loan papers was taking place at the time of the Session meeting. Since that time the loan has been approved and the work has begun to install the two new boilers for the church. We should have heat by the time the weather turns cold!

We will have our annual Stewardship Luncheon and program on October 28. We will first have a joint worship service at 10:00am and our shared meal at 11:00am before our program, presented by the Resource Committee and our minister, Mark Sandlin.

The Fellowship Committee is interested in coordinating the formation of Supper Groups. It has been a long time since new supper groups have been formed and we have new people as well as longtime members who would like to be a part of these informal get-togethers. More information will become available as the planning progresses.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of the Session

## October Sunday Service Information

**Oct. 7:** *Communion Sunday*  
**9:00 Host:** TBA  
**9:00 Music:** Joel Landau  
**11:15 Asst.:** TBA  
**11:15 Music:** Nancy Pitkin  
**11:15 Ushers:** Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

**Oct. 21:**  
**9:00 Host:** TBA  
**9:00 Music:** Nancy Pitkin  
**11:15 Asst.:** TBA  
**11:15 Music:** Nancy Pitkin  
**11:15 Ushers:** Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

**Oct. 14**  
**9:00 Host:** Linda Jensen  
**9:00 Music:** TBA  
**11:15 Asst.:** TBA  
**11:15 Music:** Dave Fox  
**11:15 Ushers:** Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

**Oct. 28:** *Joint Service/Stewardship Lunch*  
**10:00 Asst.:** Ralph Cauthen  
**10:00 Music:** Dave Fox  
**10:00 Ushers:** Celia Starling, Frank Starling

### Church Office Hours

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

### 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. We share a brown bag lunch following meditation on the first Tuesday of each month; join us on Tuesday, October 4th, to enjoy food and fellowship.

### Weekly Wednesday Night Supper

PCoC's weekly potluck supper group gathers at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy dinner and conversations with the group. It's always fun, always delicious! Sometimes there's a program afterwards, or a class; contact Vance Arnold to suggest a topic: (336) 272-5736.

### Choir Schedules

#### Choir Rehearsals:

Chancel Choir: 4:00pm, Oct. 9, Oct. 22  
 Men's Quartet: 4:00pm, Oct. 15, Oct. 29  
 Bell Choir: 5:30pm, Oct. 15, 29  
 The choirs are always seeking fresh faces and new voices. No experience necessary! Contact Nancy Pitkin for more information: nancypitkin@aol.com

### Monthly Work Day, Oct. 6th

Meet us at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to share coffee and check out the task list. This time we're beating the heat with some indoor chores! 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.

### Every Week ...

**Mon.:** 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 mem-

### Spring Lake PCoC Assistance

The 110-year-old (1909) Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Spring Lake, NC, was devastated after Hurricane Florence. The Lower Little River at the back of their property flooded the sanctuary, the fellowship hall and the office/library with 6 feet of polluted water, and the church must be restored and all contents replaced. The PCoC to PCoC Initiative will help this church rebuild. We are holding a fund-raising drive through October to assist. All contributions will go directly to the church itself. If you'd like to contribute, make checks payable to OUR PCoC; write in the memo line, "Donation to Spring Lake PCoC".

## ***PNC Update***

The Pastoral Nominating Committee continues to receive and review applications. We have reviewed over sixty applications, conducted video conferences, and visited neutral pulpits to hear candidates deliver messages. The requirements for both our gatherings continue to guide us in our search and present some challenges. We are a unique congregation seeking a candidate with Progressive theology, energy, and great people skills and leadership skills. Salem Presbytery has urged us to continue our search.

## ***Joint Service & Annual Stewardship Luncheon, October 28th***

The annual Stewardship Sunday joint service and luncheon will take place this year on Sunday, October 28th. The 10:00am joint service will be followed at 11:00am by a meal and a report by the Resource Committee in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and be sure to attend this very important event!

## ***Fellowship Committee Invites Your Opinion***

The Fellowship Committee is interested in finding ways to enable PCoC to engage in community, and has raised the possibility of forming new lunch or dinner groups to do so. If you're interested in forming or facilitating such groups, please contact Joyce Powers at [jkpowers42@gmail.com](mailto:jkpowers42@gmail.com). Sharing a meal with each other is a fun way to build fellowship and friendship and to grow our community.

## ***Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts***

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance continues to provide an avenue for reaching out to those affected by Hurricane Florence. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to **DR000194**, which supports the church's response to hurricanes and typhoons around the world. Gifts can be made online at: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/#>. Give by phone: (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

## ***November Food Drive for Mary's House***

PCoC will hold a canned food drive during the first three weeks of November to benefit Mary's House, a local faith-based ministry providing transitional and permanent housing, life skills training, and a supportive community for homeless women in recovery from substance abuse. A donation box will be available at the back of the Sanctuary to fill with your contributions of canned or dried goods, which will be donated to the residents in time for Thanksgiving and the holiday season.



Mary's House provides in-house substance abuse counseling, case management and parenting skills training to all residents. They also provide in-house children's groups to help the youngest residents start out their lives without the burden of an addicted family member. The program is one of the few in the United States that allows women to raise their children while in treatment for addiction issues. The local home has eight bedrooms and six baths, which can house up to eight families at a time. The program is fully licensed by the North Carolina Division of Facility Services.



## Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk

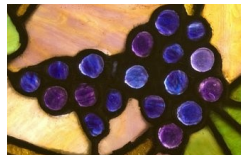
Sunday, October 14, 2018  
Greensboro Coliseum

Walk begins: 2:30pm  
Registration/Entertainment: 1:30pm

Clara Kelly heads PCoC's CROP Hunger Walk 2018 team, and she's looking for walkers! Please find her on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall during fellowship time to sign up for this 5K walking event. This year, free parking at the event will be available only if you are a registered walker. Financial contributions for CROP Walk will also be accepted; please remember to make checks out to "CROP Hunger Walk" and drop in the offering plate on Sundays or give directly to Clara Kelly. CROP Hunger Walk donates up to 25 percent of the funds raised to hunger-fighting programs in the community, among them Greensboro Urban Ministry. Come out and walk and raise funds directly, or sponsor walkers with direct contributions!

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