

January 2019

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

Session Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2018

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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 ...

- Jan. 1: Happy New Year!
- Jan. 3: Spring Parking Passes go on sale
- Jan. 5: Monthly Work Day, 9:30am—12:00pm, F. Hall
- Jan. 6: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 10:00AM, Sanctuary, to vote on new elders
- Jan. 6: Communion Sunday, Both services, open to all.
- Jan. 7: Higher Ground Breakfast, 201 E. Bessemer, 10:00am
- Jan. 8: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and Brown Bag Lunch at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 8: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room
- Jan. 8: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 21: M.L. King Day, Federal Holiday, Office Closed
- Jan. 24: WAFCO Mills HOA mtg., 5:00pm, F. Hall
- Jan. 28: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Old Business

The Elder Nominating Committee has formulated a slate to present to the Congregation for a vote. The date for the congregational meeting will be January 6, 2019, at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

George Lockhart is still negotiating the lease for After Gateway. Utility costs have significantly increased since the lease began, so this expense will be considered.

Barbara North and Joyce Powers are getting the furniture needed for the Pastor's office, which is being re-located to the second floor.

Resource

The Session has decided to purchase the office copier, rather than renewing the lease for five years at a significantly higher cost.

The autumn Stewardship campaign was successful; units are fewer, but pledges are higher.

The Capital Campaign for the repayment of the loan for the Boiler replacement and repair is planned for February 2019 and the 24th is a possibility since there is already a joint service and meal scheduled for that day.

Resource presented a 2019 Balanced Budget.

Resource presented our contract workers with gift certificates for Christmas.

Worship

Elsie Hutchings distributed an updated list of special services dates for 2019.

Interiors

Decorations will be removed and stored on January 5th, the monthly workday.

The pastor's office will be moved to the second floor in January.

Personnel

Annual staff reviews are in progress.

We have reviewed the new Child Protection Policy from Salem Presbytery and are adding changes to our Human Resource Manual and implementing them.

Ten people were served this month by our Congregational Care volunteers.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of The Session

January Sunday Service Information

Jan. 6: *Communion Sunday*
9:00 Host: Kate Baird
9:00 Music: Will Ridenour
10:00: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/VOTE!
11:15 Asst.: TBA
11:15 Music: Dave Fox
11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

Jan. 20:
9:00 Host: TBA
9:00 Music: Sam Frazier
11:15 Asst.: Julie Strobe
11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin

Jan. 13:
9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta
9:00 Music: Sandy Blocker
11:15 Asst.: Ann Finch
11:15 Music: Dave Fox, PCoC Choir
11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

Jan. 27:
9:00 Host: TBA
9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin
11:15 Asst.: TBA
11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin



Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 6th: There will be a called congregational meeting at 10:00am in the Sanctuary for the purpose of presenting the candidates for our next class of elders, and to elect them. Please remember that you must be a member to vote.



Monthly Work Day, Jan. 5th

HOLIDAY UN-DECORATING ON JANUARY 5th!
 Meet at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to share coffee and we take down the decorate the building for the holiday season. We can't do it without you! Email Lora Farlow to volunteer at: 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 open to the community.

Weekly Wednesday Night Supper

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

Church Office January Schedule

The church office will be closed Jan. 1st and Jan. 21st to observe New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, federal holidays.

Inclement Weather Procedures

Service cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced via email, posted on our Facebook site, and will be listed on WFMY (Channel 2, CBS) or WXII (Channel 12, NBC). If county schools are closed, the church office will be closed, and functions for that day/evening are cancelled.

Church Office Hours

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

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 members!

Higher Ground Breakfast, Jan. 7th

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on Jan. 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. Donations go directly for meal supplies; make checks to PCoC; write "Higher Ground" in the memo line.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Chancel Choir: 4:00pm, Jan. 7, Jan. 28
 Men's Quartet: 4:00pm, Jan. 21
 Bell Choir: no rehearsals
 The choirs are always seeking new voices. Contact Nancy Pitkin: nancypitkin@aol.com

PNC Update

The committee reports significant progress with the Committee On Ministry requirements. After a delay due to weather and the holidays, the process has resumed and is ongoing.

Spring Parking Passes on Sale Tuesday, Jan. 2nd

Parking passes for UNCG and Greensboro College go on sale Thursday, January 3rd, and will be offered through Friday, January 18th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm in Marty's Room. Volunteers are needed to take a few shifts; contact Kate in the office to sign up. Thanks to those who've signed up!

Lunch/Dinner Groups Beginning in January

Sign up to join one of PCoC's newly-forming lunch groups or dinner groups. It's a great way to engage in community. If you're interested, contact Joyce Powers at jkpowers42@gmail.com. Sharing a meal with each other is a fun way to build fellowship and friendship

Report From The Resource Committee

Volunteers Needed!

Financials as of September 30, 2018		
	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Revenues		
Contributions	\$ 102,743	\$ 101,040
Rent Receipts	51,540	48,975
Parking Lot Receipts	32,460	16,500
Investments & other	<u>783</u>	<u>38</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 187,526	\$ 166,553
Expenses		
Committee Expenses	\$ 179,968	\$ 185,843
Other expense	1,711	3,750
Transfers from reserves		
Total Expenses	\$ 181,679	\$ 189,593
Excess Revenues		
(expense)	\$ <u>5,847</u>	\$ <u>(23,040)</u>

We urgently need volunteers to act as hosts for both the 9:00am Early Gathering and the 11:15am Traditional Gathering. Contact Elsie Hutchens for more information or to volunteer: elsiehutchens@gmail.com. PCoC also needs volunteers to sign up to provide refreshments for the weekly Fellowship Time between services. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate or costly! There's a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. PCoC also needs volunteers to assist once a month with the monthly Work Day, held the first Saturday of each month. It might be indoor chores, it might be outdoor tasks, if the weather is nice, but it takes less than 3 hours a month and there's always projects or chores that could use a helping hand. Contact Lora Farlow to volunteer or for more information: lora.farlow@gmail.com



A Thank You Note to PCoC

Did you know that eight recovery groups meet at PCoC? We provide space for groups that have meetings daily, twice a week; or on a weekly basis. The treasurer of one of our groups just sent us this note:

"To the Members of PCoC: The "D&D" AA group who meet here every morning at 8:00am wish all of you a joyful and prosperous New Year. We thank you for allowing us to find a home for our daily meeting, after our former building was sold. Your love for ALL of God's children is apparent in the work you do and in the meetings you invite into your church home. We sincerely thank you."

Mary's House Outreach

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to Mary's House during our donation drive and outreach during the last two months. With your help, we were able to provide the residents and staff with many pounds of canned food items; dried food items; bed linens, including sheets, comforters, blankets, and pillows; towels and wash-cloths; toiletries and personal care items; paper products; cleaning supplies; office supplies; clothing; and stuffed animals for the children. Jewelry was also donated to benefit Mary's House fundraising efforts. We also contributed over eleven hundred dollars to help meet the other needs of Mary's House.

PCoC received this thank-you note from Executive Director Jacqueline Phillips:

"Dear Presbyterian Church of The Covenant Members,

On behalf of our board of directors, staff, and especially our homeless mothers and children, we want to express our sincere appreciation for PCoC's generous donations. Your gifts to Mary's House were very needed and assisted in providing for the care of several of our mothers and children. Your kind and generous financial assistance enabled visits to medical offices and bought prescriptions. It also provided assessments of several children in their first year of school to benefit them with specialized care to meet future needs. Your generosity also helped Mary's House meet a utility bill.

Thank you again for your most kind and generous gifts."



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