

April 2019

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 ...

- Apr. 1: Higher Ground Breakfast, 201 E. Bessemer, 10:00am
- Apr. 6 : Monthly Work Day, 9:30am—12:00pm, F. Hall
- Apr. 6: Rumi By Candlelight, 7:30pm, Sanctuary
- Apr. 7: Communion Sunday, Both services, open to all.
- Apr. 9: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and Brown Bag Lunch at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 9: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room
- Apr. 9: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 21: Easter, JOINT SERVICE
- Apr. 22: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 23: ARC meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Session Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2019

The Pastoral Nominating Committee requested that a congregational meeting be held on March 31st at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of a hearing a report from the PNC.

There are many ongoing maintenance jobs and repairs to the building that are unrelated to the Capital Campaign. The Resource Committee reported that the Building and Grounds Committee has compiled a list of projects chosen by the congregation during the kickoff for our Capital Campaign; they will bring a prioritized list of these projects to the next Session meeting.

Our congregation has been very supportive of Mary's House. Mark Sandlin reported that he is participating in an effort to organize a big fundraiser for Mary's House in June; our congregation will be a significant part of the program.

The Human Resources Manual has been updated to reflect a change in our policy on office closures from inclement weather. In the past we have followed the Guilford County Schools schedule to decide whether or not to close the office. Going forward, the pastor will make the decision on office closures. Staff can often work from home on days of inclement weather to check on messages.

The majority of the rental spaces in our building are used by nonprofit organizations, artists, musicians, recovery groups, and health/wellness-related activities. We are now at full capacity. In light of some recent requests for rentals, The Building and Grounds committee, in conjunction with the Resource Committee and our Business Administrator, Kate Baird, were tasked with developing clear policy guidelines regarding the kinds of rentals that are appropriate for our building and in keeping with our mission. These guidelines will help our Business Administrator make decisions regarding potential new tenants.

Committee assignments for new Session members took place. At this time, committee assignments are: Elsie Hutchens, Worship; Barbara North, Interiors; Marcia Rhodes, Spiritual Formation; Lem Cox, liaison to Building and Grounds; Nancy Schaefer, Resource Committee and Treasurer; Tom Taylor, Communications; Ralph Cauthen, liaison to Fellowship.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of Session

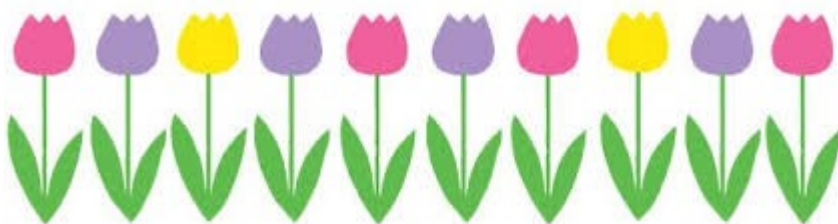
April Sunday Service Information

Apr. 7: *Communion Sunday*
 9:00 Host: Gratia Wright
 9:00 Music: Joel Landau
 11:15 Asst.: TBA
 11:15 Music: Joel Landau
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

Apr. 21: *Happy Easter JOINT SERVICE!*
 10:00 Asst.: Ann Finch
 10:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin
 10:00 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

Apr. 14:
 9:00 Host: David Johnson
 9:00 Music: TBA
 11:15 Asst.: TBA
 11:15 Music: Dave Fox
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

Apr. 28:
 9:00 Host: Linda Jensen
 9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin
 11:15 Asst.: Ralph Cauthen
 11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin
 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

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Chancel Choir: 4:00pm, Apr. 8, 15
 Men's Quartet: TBA
 Bell Choir: 5:30pm, Apr. 1, 15
 The choirs are always seeking new voices. Contact Nancy Pitkin: nancypitkin@aol.com

Monthly Work Day, Sat. Apr. 6th

Meet at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to share coffee and the chore list...might be lawn care, might be indoor work. We can't do it without you! Email Lora Farlow to volunteer at: lora.farlow@gmail.com

Update Your Contact Information

Have you changed your address? Your email? Got a new cell phone number? Please let the church office know! We want to stay in touch with you and keep you informed of news and special events. Contact us at (336) 275-6403 or at pcoc2010@gmail.com.

Every Week ...

Mon.: 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.: 5:00pm, Yoga, Fellowship Hall**
Fri.: 9:00am, Coffee Group, Panera (New Garden Rd.)
 ** \$10 per class; \$7 for church members!

Higher Ground Breakfast, April 1st

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on Apr. 4th at Higher Ground, 210 East Bessemer Ave., to make and serve breakfast to this community group for those with HIV/AIDS. Contact Sue Stinson to volunteer: suestinson1968@yahoo.com.

In*Spire Meditation Each Tuesday

In*Spire Meditation meets every Tuesday at noon in the Sanctuary for 20 minutes of meditation. It's free, open to the community and led by members. Join our monthly brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall following meditation on Tuesday, April 2nd.

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.

Pastoral Nominating Committee Update

At the March 31st called congregational meeting, led by Salem Presbytery moderator Dale Walker, we heard a description of the PNC's tasks and a summary of its activities during the nearly two years since its inception. Annie Oakley, the chair of the PNC, then moved that PCoC call Rev. Mark Sandlin to the post of installed pastor. The motion was seconded and approved by a large majority. PCoC members also voted to have the PNC sign the official call, which will be presented at the May 14, 2019, meeting of Salem Presbytery. Upon approval by the Presbytery, an official installation ceremony will take place at PCoC, date and time to be announced. The PNC will continue to provide support to Rev. Sandlin during the first year of his call. Annie Oakley says, "Welcome, Mark! We are excited to have you lead us in this new chapter in the life of Covenant."

Capital Campaign Update

The Resource Committee is pleased to share news from the capital campaign which was launched on February 24th. To date (3/23), we've received 20 pledges totaling \$33,200 (\$22,200 pledged for 2019 and \$11,000 pledged for 2020). **Note:** these figures have already been exceeded!

The first \$5,000 will go toward paying down principal on the \$30k loan which was taken out to fund the new boiler. The remainder will be split 50/50 between loan principal and other maintenance/improvement projects suggested during the 2/24 luncheon.

Many thanks to those who have responded! Pledge forms are still available from the church office or on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

PCoC Outreach to Spring Lake PCoC

On March 24th, Ann and Charlie Finch delivered the \$1,250.00 contribution from PCoC members to the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Spring Lake, NC. This church, located near the Little River, was flooded in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. Their buildings (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Education/Administrative) were underwater up to the eaves. The sanctuary building was built in 1906 and is currently under repair.



With much help from others, they have managed to restore the Fellowship Hall, where they hold Sunday services. The members are working hard to reclaim their space, currently selling tee shirts and tickets for a meal. They were most gracious to Ann and Charlie, and asked to share their gratitude with us here at PCoC. Thank you, PCOC, for your generosity.

Rumi By Candlelight Returns on Saturday, April 6th!



Where: PCoC

When: Saturday, April 6th, 7:30pm

**Tickets: \$15, available at the door
or online:
www.rumibycandlelight.com**

RUMI BY CANDLELIGHT—13th annual performance

Romancing the divine through music and poetry of ecstasy and lament

Performers:

Majid Bastani – Poetry
Betsy Bevan – Piano
Daniel Chambo – Flutes
Will Ridenour – Kora



Thursday April 4th
&
Friday April 5th

UNITY CENTER OF PEACE
8800 Seawell School Rd.
Chapel Hill, NC

Saturday April 6th

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
501 S. Mendenhall St.
Greensboro, NC

Tickets: \$15 at RumiByCandlelight.com or at the door
Doors open at 6:30pm, Show starts at 7:30pm
Contact: info@RumiByCandlelight.com

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