

May 2019

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

Session Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2019

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

May 5: Communion Sunday, Both services, open to all.

May 6: Higher Ground Breakfast, 201 E. Bessemer, 10:00am

May 7: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and Brown Bag Lunch at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall

May 12: Mother's Day

May 14: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselso Room

May 14: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 19: Benefit Concert, GSO Experiential School

May 26: JOINT SERVICE, 10:00am!

May 27: Memorial Day, office closed

May 28: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Parlor

May 28: ARC meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

The Session plans a retreat in July to set goals for 2020. One discussion topic will be ways to let the greater community know who Covenant is, in hopes of increasing our attendance.

The Installation of Mark Sandlin as PCoC's called pastor will be on June 23, 2019, at 2:00 pm. Diana Butler Bass has accepted an invitation to speak at Mark's installation. She is well known for her progressive writing and work.

The PCoC PNC and Session will attend the May14th Presbytery meeting to present Mark Sandlin to the Presbytery as our Installed Pastor.

The Resource Committee presented the March financial report (see page 3) and distributed copies of the prioritized list for the Capital Repairs, which identified six areas of focus: repairs to roof leaks; interior painting in stairwells; replacement of carpet on stairs/entryway to the Sanctuary; outside banner project; courtyard improvement by the office entrance; security cameras.

Ann Finch requested we buy a defibrillator; the \$1,500 purchase price is not in the 2019 budget, but we will continue to pursue this purchase.

The Worship Committee reports that the Bell and Chancel choirs will recess for the summer.

We have no teacher for the children's class and no nursery attendant. We will seek new personnel for the fall. Guidelines will be established regarding the eligibility ages for the nursery. Due to misuse, the Session has decided the Nursery will be locked when there is no supervisor present.

Our thanks to Nancy Schaefer for adding the chair rail in the parlor. Our thanks to Barbara North for cleaning of and refurbishing of the second and third floor bathrooms.

Anne Finch and Mark Sandlin met concerning outreaches. PCoC wants to make a difference in the world and plans are underway to make this happen. One new effort is titled, "When We Eat, They Eat": an ongoing food drive every time there's a meal served at PCoC, such as the Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers, meals after Joint Services, and also on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month).

The Communications Committee has met and is in the initial stages of making plans to let the outside community know who we are. The Session also emphasized to committees the need for stronger communication with each other and the Session and the church office, to facilitate event planning and meetings schedules.

Congregational Care: Five providers serviced six individuals; Jane Cauthen served six people by making visits and calls.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of Session

May Sunday Service Information

May 5: *Communion Sunday*
 9:00 Host: Elsie Hutchens
 9:00 Music: Keith Buckner
 11:15 Asst.: Elsie Hutchens
 11:15 Music: Dave Fox
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

May 19:
 9:00 Host.: Linda Jensen
 9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin
 11:15 Asst.: Julie Strope
 11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

May 12: *Mother's Day*
 9:00 Host: TBA
 9:00 Music: Sandy Blocker
 11:15 Asst.: Julie Strope
 11:15 Music: Dave Fox
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

May 26: *JOINT SERVICE! 9:00am format*
 10:00 Host: Ralph Cauthen
 10:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin



Church Office Hours

Mark Sandlin: Mon.—Thurs., 9:00am-3:00pm
 Kate Baird: Mon.—Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm
Office Closed on Monday, May 27th!

Monthly Work Day, Sat. May 4th

Meet at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to share coffee and the chore list...might be lawn care, might be indoor work. It only goes on til noon! Email Lora Farlow to volunteer at: lora.farlow@gmail.com. Many hands make light work.

Higher Ground Breakfast, May 6th

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on May 6th 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. Donations welcome!

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, May 7th.

Weekly Wednesday Night Supper

PCoC's weekly potluck supper group meets at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy dinner and conversations with the group. Everyone is welcome; contributions

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

The choirs are on hiatus and will resume in the fall.

Every Week ...

Mon.: 5:30pm, 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!

Spotlight on: The Fellowship Committee

Many thanks to our Fellowship Committee for all the wonderful ways in which they serve us. Co-chaired by Joy Saleeby and Joyce Powers, with the help of many volunteers, the committee plans all our meals and special events, as well as oversees the weekly refreshments for the Sunday Fellowship Time, the Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers, and other events. Robin Cable oversees the Fellowship Time treats. Joy Saleeby heads the Wednesday Night Suppers, with set up and clean up from Tara Brown, with delicious dishes provided by the participants. Julie Strope creates beautiful centerpieces for meals and special events. Ann Finch is in charge of funeral receptions. Mitch Fore helps with sound equipment as needed. Mark Cable helps in many ways, including clean ups. Others who often volunteer to set up, cook, serve, and clean up: Charlene Holler, Marcia Rhodes, Nancy Schaefer, Clara Kelly, and Lem Cox. A big and heartfelt thank you is due to all of you from all of us!

Capital Campaign Update

Through the end of March, 2019, amounts pledged to our Capital Campaign total \$45,150 for both 2019 and 2020. As intended, \$5,000 of this will be paid in the coming weeks to reduce the principal balance on the loan the church took on to pay for the new heating system. The remaining pledged balance of \$40,150 will be split 50/50 to pay for capital improvements and debt reduction, when the funds are received. The loan balance as of March 31, 2019, is \$28,687.92, so the church will be well on its way to being debt-free within twelve months.

When the pledged amounts are received, there will be funds available for improvement projects of approximately \$20,000. The Resource and Building Committees are in the process of putting together a list of possible projects and determining their estimated costs, and will report to the Session as soon as possible.

Financial Update

Financials as of March 31, 2019

	YTD Actual	Budget
Revenues:	\$	\$
Contributions	30,672	34,250
Rent Receipts	24,546	22,763
Parking Lot Receipts	5,835	7,946
Investments & Other	519	1,075
Total Revenues:	61,572	66,034
Expenses:	\$	\$
Committee expenses	65,456	66,034
Other expense	61	1,531
Transfers from reserves	-----	-----
Total Expenses:	65,517	67,565
Excess revenues		
(expense)	\$	\$
	(3,945)	(1,531)

Schedule of Committee Expenses

	\$
Personnel	28,087
Building	26,329
Grounds	248
Music	3,764
Administrative	4,152
Benevolences	1,000
Outreach	250
Spiritual Formation	701
Communications	312
Fellowship & Worship	613
Total Expenses:	\$ 65,456

“When We Eat, They Eat” Food Drive

Donate canned or dry food items to benefit the food pantry of Greensboro Urban Ministry, which feeds over a thousand people a month. We are accepting donations for the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary, and in the Fellowship Hall. Whenever we have Communion (Sunday, May 5th), or a meal, such as our weekly Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper, or at our meals following Joint Services (next meal will be Sunday, June 30th!), please bring food items to donate. Volunteers will transport it to GUM. This will be an ongoing effort; make it part of your weekly visit to PCoC!

Sound Healing Meditation Class with Nancy Pitkin

Nancy will hold a Sound Healing Meditation on Saturday, May 11th, at 4:00pm in the Parlor. De-stress and renew your energy with her original piano music, based on nature and beauty, with healing instruments like the Native American flute and Pan flute, Tingsha, Tibetan Bells, and wind chimes. These sounds will take you to a serene place that will balance and soothe your body, mind, and spirit. Feel free to bring a yoga mat, or relax in the chairs and enjoy the class in the peaceful ambiance of our parlor. Contact Nancy to RSVP: nancypitkin@aol.com. Suggested donation: \$10.00

Join Us for "Songs of Peace and Community" on May 19th

**DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL CONCERT
SUNDAY, MAY 19TH AT 8:00PM at PCoC**

A BENEFIT

for

The Experiential School of Greensboro

Featuring:

**RHIANNON GIDDENS, LAURELYN DOSSETT,
MOLLY MCGINN, LALENJA HARRINGTON,
CHARLIE HUNTER, and SINCLAIR PALMER**

Tickets are \$35 at Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.com/e/songs-of-peace-and-community-tickets-59146530866

Songs of Peace and Community
A benefit concert for
The Experiential School of Greensboro

Sunday
May 19,
2019
8:00 pm

FEATURING

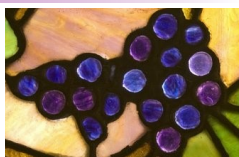
Lalenja Harrington
Rhiannon Giddens
Molly McGinn
Laurelyn Dossett
Charlie Hunter
Sinclair Palmer

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Tickets available through eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/songs-of-peace-and-community-tickets-59146530866>

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