



Session Meeting Minutes, November 12, 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 ...

- Dec. 1: Joint Service, 10:00am, Communion Sunday
- Dec. 2: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer
- Dec. 3: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 7, 14, 21: Spartan Pantry Food Drive, 10:00-12:00pm
- Dec. 7: Monthly Work Day, 9:30am-12:00pm, meet in the Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 8: Spartan Pantry Food Drive, 9:00-12:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary
- Dec. 9: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 10: Thriving at Three Holiday Party, Fellowship Hall, 9:00am-1:00pm
- Dec. 10: Session Mtg., 6:00pm, Faselso Room
- Dec. 10: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 21: Solstice
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service, 5:00pm. Office Closed.
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

The Session and the Resource Committee are still researching our options for replacing the roof and facilitating the finances needed for the project.

After Gateway has expressed interest in further ground floor expansion; discussion is still underway.

The Building and Grounds Committee is choosing a new company for snow removal.

The Elder Nominating Committee has been selected and has met. Members: Nancy Schaefer, Annie Oakley, Charlie Finch, Clara Kelly, and Dave Sheets. The Resource Committee reports that giving has fallen behind \$10,366 as of the end of October.

Giving to fulfill the Capital Campaign pledges stands at \$26,700 received of the pledged amount of \$28,520. Our 2020 requested budget is minus \$25,570 to be a balanced budget. So far, the pledges received for 2020 giving are averaging downwards (\$3,000) from last year (\$3,500). Many pledge cards are still outstanding; the congregation has been reminded to please turn them in.

The Worship Committee distributed the 2020 Joint Services Schedule. Worship is also planning the Christmas Eve Service, "An Appalachian Christmas", with lots of music from PCoC and guests artists.

The Spiritual Formation Committee, together with the Personnel Committee, has hired a Nursery attendant.

The Interiors Committee continues to work on the courtyard project. Holiday decorating took place on Sunday, Nov. 24th, after the 11:15am service, with volunteers assisting.

The Fellowship committee advises that the meals following 2020 Joint Services will take place on even-numbered months, with the exception of Stewardship Sunday at the end of September, 2020.

The Outreach Committee will begin a holiday drive to restock the UNCG Spartan Open Pantry beginning Saturday, December 7th, with a food drive in the Mendenhall St. parking lot. Other local area churches have been invited to take part, including UKirk. Several nearby neighborhood groups have also indicated willingness to participate. Outdoor drive-by drop-offs will be on Saturdays in December: Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st. Indoor contributions will be collected on Sundays in December: Dec. 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Volunteers are needed on these dates. Outreach also advises we are close to meeting the criteria needed to become a PCUSA Hunger Action Church. Our ongoing food collection to benefit Greensboro Urban Ministry yielded 97 pounds of food collected and delivered in October. Mary's House is still experiencing difficulties but we remain committed to helping their mission as soon as they are on firmer ground. Annie Oakley, Clerk of The Session

December Services Information

December 1: *Communion Sunday/Joint Service*

10:00 Host: Ralph Cauthen
 10:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin, Mark Sandlin, Choir
 10:00 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

December 15

9:00 Host.:
 9:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin, Bell Choir
 11:15 Host:
 11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin, Bell Choir
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

December 24 *Christmas Eve Service*

5:00 Host.:
 5:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin, PCoC Musicians
 5:00 Ushers: Volunteers

December 8:

9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta
 9:00 Music: Tyler Millard
 11:15 Host: Ann Finch
 11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

December 22: *Joint Service*

10:00 Host:
 10:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin, Choir
 10:00 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

December 29:

9:00 Host.:
 9:00 Music: Lynne Haeseler
 11:15 Host:
 11:15 Music: Lynne Haeseler
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

Church Office Hours

Mark Sandlin: Mon.—Thurs., 9:00am-3:00pm
 Kate Baird: Mon.—Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Monthly Work Day, Dec. 7th

It's 9:30 to noon on Saturday, Dec. 7. Help us keep our building and grounds clean and beautiful. Coffee is served in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am! Contact Lora Farlow to volunteer: lora.farlow@gmail.com

Higher Ground Breakfast

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on December 2nd 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, for the community, and led by members. Join our monthly brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall after meditation on Tuesday, December 5th.

Every Week ...

Mon.: 5:30pm, 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!

Weekly Wednesday Night Supper

PCoC's weekly potluck supper group meets at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy fun, food and fellowship with the group. Contributions welcomed but not required. Sometimes there's a program afterwards, or a project you can donate a few minutes

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Choir rehearsals in December:

Choir: 4:00pm, 12/02, 12/09, 12/16
 Bell Choir: 5:30pm, 12/02, 12/09
 Men's Quartet: 5:30pm,



PCoC Holiday Food Drive for UNCG Spartan Open Pantry

HOLIDAY DRIVE

FOR

UNCG SPARTAN OPEN PANTRY

BRING DONATIONS of shelf-stable, student-friendly foods and/or personal hygiene items **TO:**
Presbyterian Church of The Covenant
501 S. Mendenhall St.

SATURDAYS: Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th, Dec. 21st, 10:00am-Noon
Bring donations to the main parking lot on Mendenhall

SUNDAYS: Dec. 8th, Dec. 15th, Dec. 22nd
Place donations under the Sanctuary Christmas Tree

FINANCIAL DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED; MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "SPARTAN OPEN PANTRY"

Drive co-sponsored by PCoC & College Hill Neighborhood Assn.

Help us provide a Happy Holiday for UNCG students!

Poinsettias Available to Order Now!

Order a beautiful holiday Poinsettia to honor friends and family, or in memory of departed loved ones. They're still only \$10.00 each; they'll be displayed in the Sanctuary til Christmas Eve, when you may take them home. Order forms are on the back table in the Sanctuary. Make checks to PCoC; write "Poinsettias" in the memo line. Order forms are also available in the church office.

Unity Giving Tree

Unity of Greensboro will once again place a Giving Tree in the back of the Sanctuary and will accept donations for it through Sunday, December 15th. Just choose a name from the tree & place a gift under it.

An Appalachian Christmas

December 24, 2019

5:00pm

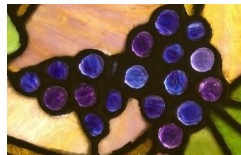
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