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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 ...

Feb. 1: Monthly Work Day, 9:30am-12:00pm, meet in the Fellowship Hall

Feb. 2: Communion Sunday; all are welcome . Both services.

Feb. 3: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer

Feb. 4: In*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Feb. 11: Session Mtg., 6:00pm, Faselo Room

Feb. 11: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Feb. 17: Presidents' Day, Office Closed, federal and state holiday

Feb. 23: JOINT SERVICE & Brunch, 10:00am—12:00pm

Feb. 24: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Feb. 25: ARC Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday

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Session Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2020

The Elder Nominating Committee will soon have a third candidate for Elder Nominations.

Preparation for the church office move has taken place. The church office is now located in Room 106, Marty's Room. With the help of Barbara and Jim North, who facilitated the move, discussions have been held on placement of the Marty Sheets memorabilia. The former church office in now the office of Jane Maydian, Gateway's Executive Director. Gateway provided volunteers to move our furniture.

Ralph Cauthen was elected Representative from PCoC to attend the February Presbytery Meeting in Clemmons.

The Session approved the creation of an Ad Hoc planning committee for the November Presbytery Meeting, which will be held at Covenant on November 10, 2020. Nancy Schaefer and Barbara North have volunteered to be on the committee. A request will be made to the congregation for volunteers to serve on the committee. U-Kirk volunteers will also assist on the meeting day.

The Resource Committee would like to go forward on several projects, such as painting and sprucing up the stairwell to the Sanctuary; however, the Sanctuary section of the roof must be repaired first to rectify water leak damage.

Giving is in deficit numbers. The second appeal to the congregation to ask for pledge fulfillment did not bring a response.

We are asked to continue stopping by to greet the nursery worker on Sunday mornings and inviting her to fellowship.

Building and Grounds has chosen Sandhills Gardening to do the snow and ice removal for the church.

Communications will focus efforts this spring on renovation of the existing website.

PCoC's next Joint Service is on Sunday, February 23rd, and will be followed by a brunch, with contributions requested via a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary. Joy Saleeby and Joyce Powers have agreed to continue on in their positions on the Fellowship Committee in 2020.

Outreach reports we collected over 700 pounds of food for the UNCG Spartan Open Pantry in our December drive, along with \$90 in donations.

The Congregational Care volunteers, led by Jane Cauthen, served a total of eleven members by visits and phone calls.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of The Session

February Services Information

February 2 Communion Sunday

9:00 Host Gratia Wright 9:00 Music: Josh Watson 11:15 Host: David Johnson 11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin

11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

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9:00 Host: Susan Andreatta 9:00 Music: Tyler Millard 11:15 Host: Julie Strope 11:15 Music: Lynne Haeseler

11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

Church Office Hours

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

February Office Closure

February 17: Presidents' Day

Monthly Work Day, Feb. 1st

It's 9:00 to noon on Saturday, Feb. 1. This month's efforts will focus on cleaning and sprucing up the Parlor; light furniture moving will go on, so many hands will make light work! Come help out!

Higher Ground Breakfast, Feb. 3rd

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on February 3rd 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, February 4th. February 9

9:00 Host: Linda Jensen 9:00 Music: Doug Baker 11:15 Host: Ann Finch 11:15 Music: Nancy Pitkin

11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

February 23 Joint Service/Meal

10:00 Host: Ralph Cauthen 10:00 Music: Nancy Pitkin



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. If you have any suggestions for an after-dinner event or activity, contact Vance Arnold at (336) 272-5736

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved, gotten a new home or cell phone number, or changed your email address, won't you please notify the church office? We need to stay in touch with you for important messages.

PCoC Inclement Weather Policy

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) and WXII (Channel 12, NBC). If county schools are closed, the church office will likely be closed; email the office or leave a voicemail message.

Joint Service & Brunch on Sunday, February 23rd

PCoC's first Joint Service of the year occurs the last Sunday of February, and it's followed by one of our favorite events, brunch! The service is from 10:00am to 11:00am, and there will be no study group meetings that morning. Instead, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall to share a delectable feast that we each help prepare. Please sign up to bring your favorite casserole or fruit or breakfast meats, or sausage gravy and biscuits, or muffins—you get the idea! The sign-up sheet will be on the back table of the Sanctuary. Donations made also be made to cover the cost of the items furnished by PCoC. As always, we need volunteers to help set up, prepare food, serve, and clean up.

Choir Resumes

The Chancel Choir, The Bell Choir, and the Travelers begin their spring schedule of rehearsals and performances this month. New members are always welcome; no experience needed. Contact PCoC Music Director Nancy Pitkin for information or to volunteer; nancypitkin@aol.com.

Chancel Choir: 4:00pm on Feb. 3rd, Feb. 10th, Feb. 17th.

Bell Choir: 5:30pm on Feb. 10th, Feb. 17th, Feb. 24.

The Travelers: 4:00 pm, Feb. 24th.

Volunteers Needed! PCoC Needs YOU!

We still need volunteers to act as hosts for both the 9:00am Early Gathering and the 11:15am Traditional Gathering; it's easy and fun. Training provided! Contact the church office to volunteer.

PCoC also needs volunteers on Sunday mornings to run the sound board, to set up/tear down microphones and musical equipment, and assist guest musicians with setting up, and to records the weekly messages. Training provided!

PCoC 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 the projects or chores can always use more helping hands.

Don't forget to volunteer non-perishable food items in the baskets on the back tables in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. We collect year-round for several different relief efforts, and there is always a need.

And as always, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time, talents, and energy to help make what we do possible. We wouldn't be able to do it all without you!

IR C Book Drive Continues

Ever notice the blue tub under the back table in the Fellowship Hall? It's a collection point for books to donate to the IRC, whose clients really appreciate them. Especially in demand are Bibles, works of fiction, self-help books, and children's books. Volunteers are also needed to transport the books to the IRC.





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