



***Session Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2020***

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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: New Year's Day, office closed**
- Jan. 4: Monthly Work Day, 9:30am-12:00pm, meet in the Fellowship Hall**
- Jan. 5: Communion Sunday; all are welcome**
- Jan. 6: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer**
- Jan. 7: In\*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall**
- Jan. 14: Session Mtg., 6:00pm, Fasel Room**
- Jan. 14: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Office Closed, federal and state holiday**
- Jan. 22: PEO Meeting, Parlor, 11:00am—4:00pm**
- Jan. 27: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Jan. 28: ARC Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

The Elder Nominating Committee reported we have several potential candidates to serve as new elders. The committee is moving forward to form a slate for a congregational vote in January.

Resource reports that as of the end of November, we are \$13,000 in the red. A request will be made that members bring their pledges up to date before the end of the year. At this point we have received \$31,850 for the capital campaign, which includes some 2020 pledges. Resource presented an unbalanced budget for 2020 for Session to approve. We are having a good pledge year of over \$100,000 which is the most we've had in several years, but an active church needs money to operate and we are still under the 2020 budget by \$16,000.

With Mark Cable stepping down from opening and closing of the church each Sunday, as well as sound engineer, we will use volunteers during January to open and close the church, as well as setting up/tearing down sound equipment, managing the sound board during services, and making voice recordings of the messages from each service.

Outreach reported that Covenant is on its way to becoming a Hunger Action Church in 2020. Outreach will also put flyers on the back table about the Mullen Forum to be held at Mt. Tabor First Presbyterian Church on February 22, 2020.

Outreach also recommended that PCoC make donations: \$500 to People to People Liaison, \$250 to the IRC, \$1,200 to After Gateway, \$400 to Thriving at Three, and \$50 to More Light Presbyterians.

To accommodate After Gateway's request for additional space for a private office for their Executive Director, it has been recommended that the Church Office be relocated to Marty's Room, which will be designated Marty's Room/Church Office.

The quotes are in for the ice and snow removal for this winter and Building and Grounds will make a decision on hiring a contractor.

Interior is still working on sprucing up the courtyard to the office. Two trees have already been added to the entrance.

Annie Oakley, Clerk of The Session

## January Services Information

**January 5**     *Communion Sunday*  
**9:00 Host:** Linda Jensen  
**9:00 Music:** Elaine Penn & Guests  
**11:15 Host:**  
**11:15 Music:** Nancy Pitkin  
**11:15 Ushers:** Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

**January 12**  
**9:00 Host:** Martha Emrey  
**9:00 Music:** Jim Sharkey  
**11:15 Host:** Ann Finch  
**11:15 Music:** Lynne Haeseler  
**11:15 Ushers:** Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

**January 19**  
**9:00 Host.:** Vance Arnold  
**9:00 Music:** Jack Gorham  
**11:15 Host:** Rev. Dr. Julia Ross Strope  
**11:15 Music:** Nancy Pitkin  
**11:15 Ushers:** Celia Starling, Frank Starling

**January 26**  
**9:00 Host:** Susan Anreatta  
**9:00 Music:** Nancy Pitkin  
**11:15 Host:** Ralph Cauthen  
**11:15 Music:** Nancy Pitkin  
**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

### January Office Closures

**January 1st:** Happy New Year!  
**January 20:** Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

### Monthly Work Day, Jan. 4th

It's 9:30 to noon on Saturday, Jan. 7. Help us keep our building and grounds clean and beautiful. Coffee

### Higher Ground Breakfast, Jan. 6th

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on January 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](mailto: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, January 7th.

### 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!

### 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. Stay after dinner on Wed., Jan. 8th to help take down and store our holiday décor. Many hands make light work! Contact Barbara North to volunteer: [woodnotes2004@yahoo.com](mailto:woodnotes2004@yahoo.com)

### 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.



## Help Sell Spring Parking Passes Next Week

Parking passes for UNCG and Greensboro College go on sale Tuesday, January 7th, and will be offered through Friday, January 17th, 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. It's easy and fun!

## Volunteers Needed! PCoC Needs YOU!

We urgently need volunteers to act as hosts for both the 9:00am Early Gathering and the 11:15am Traditional Gathering. 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 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.

## Financial News as of November 30, 2019

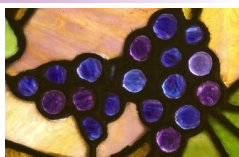
Description	YTD Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Contributions	112,463	125,583	(13,120)
Rents	84,491	83,463	1,028
Parking Lots	31,875	29,136	2,739
Investments & Other	576	3,942	(3,366)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>229,405</u>	<u>242,124</u>	(12,719)
<b>Committee Expenses</b>	240,311	242,124	(1,813)
<b>Special &amp; Unusual Projects</b>			
Transfer from restricted funds	5,000	-	5,000
Expenses for improvements & Installation service	(7,765)	5,615	(2,150)
<b>Net Special &amp; Unusual Projects</b>	<u>(2,765)</u>	<u>(5,615)</u>	<u>2,850</u>
<b>Net Excess Receipts (expenses)</b>	<u>(13,671)</u>	<u>(5,615)</u>	<u>(8,056)</u>
<b>Committee Expenses:</b>			
Personnel	111,755	114,281	(2,526)
Building & Grounds	90,580	85,709	4,871
Music	16,422	17,279	(857)
Administrative	13,614	13,709	(95)
Benevolence & Outreach	3,950	6,600	(2,650)
Spiritual Formation	1,105	3,025	(1,920)
Communications	1,210	1,155	55
Fellowship & Worship	<u>1,675</u>	366	1,309
	<u>\$ 240,311</u>	<u>\$ 242,124</u>	<u>(\$ 1,813)</u>

# Scenes from the 2019 Holiday Outreach for Spartan Open Pantry



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