

April 2020

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

11:00am Live Stream on  
PCoC's Facebook page  
(see page 2 )

**Important Dates ...**

**PLEASE NOTE :** The church office will be closed for the month of April , per the NC governor's mandate, due to the ongoing health crisis. We will notify the congregation via email and via posts on the church's website and Facebook page of the status of operations at the end of the month.

Rev. Sandlin and the church office manager, Kate Baird, will both work from home during this time and are available for emails and phone calls.

We hope to see you all again very soon; in the meantime, stay home, wash your hands, and love one another!



# The Covenant Compendium

## A Congregational Letter from Rev. Sandlin

Dear PCoC family,

I wanted to take a moment and thank you all for being such an amazing community. We put out the call for folks who'd be willing to make deliveries for those in our community who are the most at risk from COVID-19 and we've asked you to help with a calling tree of sorts in order to check in with folks during this time of social distancing and "stay at home" orders. And, YOU responded with an outpouring of love. Further proof of just how special our community truly is! Thank you.

It's not easy to stay connected when we are all mostly confined to our homes, but it is important that we make "social distancing" more about *physical* distancing and less about *social* distancing. This week, we will be upping our efforts in that regard.

We will continue to live broadcast our Gathering message at 11am on Sunday. Last week we expanded from my personal Facebook page to include the church's Facebook page, and The Christian Left's Facebook page. (We had almost 5,000 people join us this week). Next week we will hopefully add live streaming to YouTube which will enable folks to watch on their smart T.V.'s.

I'll also be publishing a weekly blog about spirituality and our current crises. We'll email out a link to it each time. These will probably be available every Tuesday or Wednesday. Additionally, every Thursday at 3pm on my Facebook page and the church's Facebook page I'll do a brief live broadcast including a devotional reading, some Q&A's and will conclude with a prayer. So, send in your questions either to me or Kate and I'll select a few to answer every week. The questions can be about theology, COVID-19, or even personal – just remember, I can't answer every question.

As I've said, these are certainly unusual times, but I happen to believe that healthy communities are built to survive unusual times. We will make it through these times and we will do it together.

PEACE!  
Mark Sandlin

## *April Services Information*

**Please watch our weekly Sunday service at 11:00am on the church's Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant-Greensboro-NC-126775507367137/>

**Per the order of the governor of the state of North Carolina, All meetings are canceled for the month of April.**

### *Church Office Hours*

Mark Sandlin and Kate Baird will work from home in April.

### *Every Week ...*

All meetings or groups are canceled for April.

### *Monthly Work Day*

The April work day is canceled. We hope to hold the next work day on Saturday, May 2nd.

### *Weekly Wednesday Night Supper*

This event is canceled for the month of April.

### *Higher Ground Breakfast*

This event is canceled for the month of April.

### *April Choir Rehearsals*

Rehearsals are canceled for the month of April.

### *In\*Spire Meditation Each Tuesday*

In\*Spire Meditation is canceled for the month of April.

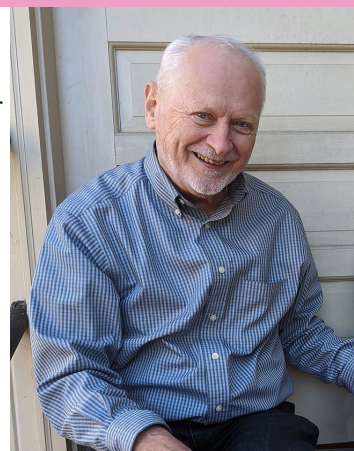


## *Deaths in the PCoC Family*



In March, PCoC lost two dear long-time members. Dezree Bass passed away on March 3rd and we shared a Celebration of Life service for her on Saturday, March 7th. Mitch Mitcham passed away on March 17th following heart surgery in Hilton Head, South Carolina, where he and wife Judy had been visiting family. Judy, who stayed in South Carolina afterwards, posted the news on Facebook.

We send our love and support to both families.



## Financial News—2019

### Financial News As of December 31, 2019

Description	YTD Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Contributions	\$ 124,138	\$ 137,000	\$ (12,862)
Rent	91,191	91,050	141
Parking lot	31,875	32,335	(460)
Investments & other	<u>577</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>(3,173)</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>247,781</u>	<u>264,135</u>	<u>(16,354)</u>
<b>Committee expenses</b>	<u>267,498</u>	<u>264,135</u>	<u>3,363</u>
<b>Special &amp; unusual projects</b>			
Transfer from restricted funds	5,000	-	5,000
Expenses for improvements & installation service	<u>(7,765)</u>	<u>6,125</u>	<u>(1,640)</u>
<b>Net special &amp; unusual projects</b>	<u>(2,765)</u>	<u>(6,125)</u>	<u>3,360</u>
<b>Net excess receipts (expenses)</b>	<u>\$ (22,482)</u>	<u>\$ (6,125)</u>	<u>\$ (16,357)</u>
<b>Committee expenses:</b>			
Personnel	125,867	124,670	1,197
Building & grounds	96,550	93,500	3,050
Music	18,785	18,850	(65)
Administrative	14,604	14,955	(351)
Benevolence & outreach	7,250	7,200	50
Spiritual formation	1,305	3,300	(1,995)
Communications	1,317	1,260	57
Fellowship & worship	<u>1,820</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>1,420</u>
	<u>\$ 267,498</u>	<u>\$ 264,135</u>	<u>\$ 3,363</u>

## ***Session Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2020***

Since much of the old and new business under discussion at this meeting has been rendered irrelevant or has been delayed due to the unprecedented health crisis we are currently experiencing, they will not be reported on. A full report of the meeting minutes is available in the church office.

Discussion took place concerning the November 2020 Presbytery Meeting scheduled to take place at PCoC; the planning committee in place is arranging details.

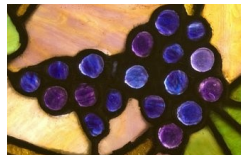
The head of the Building & Grounds Committee, Don Jensen, presented two reports; the first was concerning organizational structure, as this committee also encompasses the Interiors committee and the Grounds committee, as well as an Engineering committee. Don Jensen also presented a lengthy report on the condition of the building and grounds, which addressed needed repairs to the exterior of the building the roofs of all three sections of the building, repairs to the Tiffany stained glass windows, needed parking lot repairs, grounds work needed, and repairs needed to the interior of the building, which include many areas damaged by water leaks from roof failures, window frame failures, or pipe leakages. Other needed repairs discussed included steam pipes in the 1937 wing and repair or replacement of the HVAC units in the 1965 wing; potential mold remediation needed and repairs to walls from cracks and deterioration. The report did not contain potential repair cost estimates, although these will be forthcoming at a later date. It was agreed that Rev. Sandlin would meet further with Don Jensen to discuss possible resolutions to the problems, as well as with other committees who will be involved in future decisions as to how to go forward.

Please note, the May Presbytery meeting has been canceled .

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