

March 2020

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

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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 ...

- Mar. 1: Communion Sunday; all are welcome . Both services.
- Mar. 2: Higher Ground Breakfast, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer
- Mar. 3: In\*Spire Meditation, 12:00pm, Sanctuary, and Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 7: Monthly Work Day, 9:00am-12:00pm, meet in the Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 10: Session Mtg., 6:00pm, Faselso Room
- Mar. 10: Sierra Club, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 18: WNFS Program After Dinner, The Remembrance Project
- Mar. 23: College Hill Neighborhood Assn. meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 24: ARC Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 25: Greensboro Massacre film & presentation

Session Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2020

**Old Business:** the move of the Church Office to Marty's Room and of Gateway's move of the Executive Director's Office to our former church office. The moves are complete. A committee has been formed to oversee the details of Covenant's hosting the November, 2020 meeting of Salem Presbytery member church representatives. Covenant's delegate to the February 2020 Presbytery meeting will be Ralph Cauthen.

**New Business:** The Session Clerk's Statistical Report for 2019 was approved by the Session. David Johnson volunteered to serve as Clerk of The Session to replace outgoing Session member Annie Oakley. Committee leadership was discussed. There was considerable discussion of the proposed corporate congregational meeting scheduled for Feb. 23rd. Since Session member and Building Committee Chair Don Jensen is still in the process of assessing the building to determine necessary repairs. Session members wanted to assess the matter before it's brought before the congregation. The congregational meeting will be postponed until after Don's report at the March 2020 meeting. Rev. Sandlin reported that the Guilford County Remembrance Project has contacted Covenant regarding our taking part in the project, since it's believed the last lynching in Guilford County took place in the 1880s on or near church property. They would like to make a presentation on the project to the church; the Session supported church involvement in the project. The Beloved Community Center has asked to make a presentation on the 1979 Greensboro Massacre, with a video and speakers on the topic. After considerable discussion, the group agreed to support the event, but wanted to be sure of adequate planning.

Committee Reports:

**Resource:** the Financial Report was presented and approved.

**Building & Grounds:** Don Jensen is spearheading an effort to enumerate repairs needed and to realign the committee structure to reflect responsibilities.

**Interiors:** Current efforts have focused on assisting with the office relocation and the distribution of assets elsewhere in the building. The committee assisted with the relocation of some of the Marty Sheets memorabilia and the creation of a new display area for other items.

**Communications:** A website update is planned, as well as utilizing online resources to improve communication with the congregation and the public.

**Fellowship:** Joyce Powers and Joy Saleeby will continue to serve as co-chairs of the Committee in 2020. The first Joint Service followed by a potluck breakfast brunch, was held on February 23rd.

David Johnson, Clerk of The Session

## March Services Information

### March 1      *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

### March 15

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

### March 29

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

### March 8      *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

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

### March 22

9:00 Host:      Ralph Cauthen  
 9:00 Music:     Nancy Pitkin  
 11:15 Host:     Julie Strope  
 11:15 Music:  
 11:15 Ushers:



*March 8th!*



*March 17th!*



*March 19th!*

### Church Office Hours

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

### Monthly Work Day, Mar. 7th

It's 9:00 to noon on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Many hands make light work! Come help out! The April 2020 date will be Saturday, April 4th.

### Higher Ground Breakfast, Mar. 2nd

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on the first Monday of each month 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).

### 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 the first Tuesday of every month.

### 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

### March Choir Rehearsals

**Chancel Choir:** 4:00pm on Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, Mar. 30  
**Bell Choir:** 5:30pm on Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, Mar. 30  
**The Travelers:** TBA

## Special Events on Wednesdays in March

**The Remembrance Project Presentation:** A presentation will be given following the WNFS on March 18th by The Guilford Co. Community Remembrance Project, which is working with the national Equal Justice Initiative to bring awareness to the legacy of lynching and racial terror in Guilford County. The only lynching in Guilford Co. occurred in 1887 in Greensboro, on or near our property. Learn what the Project is doing to create a local monument to the event. There will also be a soil collection ceremony here in early May as part of a national memorial.

**Greensboro Massacre Presentation:** Join us at 7:00pm on Wed., March 25th, for a film by the Beloved Community Center of Greensboro entitled, "Greensboro Massacre: 40 Years Later". The gathering will include speakers and background information from those working towards truth and reconciliation with the Greensboro City Council.

**Join Us**

**The  
Greensboro Massacre:  
Pursuing Truth and Restorative Justice**

March 25, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant  
501 S. Mendenhall St., Greensboro, N.C.

On November 3, 1979 at an anti-KKK/Nazi rally, what was meant to be a peaceful protest turned into a massacre when members of the Klan and Nazi groups arrived with weapons. When the chaos cleared, five people, who had been there simply trying to help create a better world, were murdered.




As Christians and as community members who seek morally upright outcomes, it behooves us to become more informed and involved with the efforts to bring the truth behind the massacre to light and to work together toward restorative justice for those impacted by it.

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- View documentary, "Greensboro Massacre: 40 Years Later" (30 minutes).
- Background information from folks who have been working toward truth and reconciliation with the Greensboro City Council.
- Speakers who were at the massacre.
- Question and answer session.

Please R.S.V.P. for this event to: [pccc2010@gmail.com](mailto:pccc2010@gmail.com)

**EVENT SPONSORS:**

## Volunteers Needed for Sundays

Volunteers are needed for several Sunday jobs: 1) To open and close our building on Sundays. We have a few volunteers but need many more. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Sanctuary, or call/email the church office to volunteer. 2) Hosts are needed for both the 9:00am and 11:15am Gatherings. No experience necessary, guidance provided. Call/email the church office. 3) Volunteers needed to run the sound equipment on Sunday for both Gatherings; training provided. Call/email the church office. Please support the church by volunteering in one of these areas.

## Special Thanks to the Sheets Family

Our deepest thanks to the Sheets family, whose generosity and kindness enabled the church office transition to Marty's Room. While some of Marty's memorabilia remains in Room 106, a new display area was created outside the door, with a special display in the hallway bulletin board, created by Marty's sisters, Nancy Grantham and Jamie Gullede.



## Many Thanks to the Bereavement Committee and Volunteers

Mary Ellen Goforth, niece of Dezree Bass, extends her sincere thanks to the many PCoC folks who helped with the memorial service and with the reception that followed, which she called "amazing"! Thank you to Ann Finch, the Bereavement Committee, the Fellowship Committee, and the volunteers who contributed food and set up, served, and cleaned up. Special thanks to Julie Strope for the beautiful floral table decorations.

## Many Thanks to the "Brunch Bunch"

We extend our grateful thanks to the Fellowship Committee and the volunteers who worked so hard to make our Breakfast Brunch on Feb. 23th so enjoyable. Special thanks to all the chefs who made all the delicious dishes, and to those who gave generously of their time and energy to set up, clean up, and to wash dishes.

## Monthly Work Day Volunteers Beautify PCoC Front Entrance



Come have some fun with PCoC volunteers, who meet the first Saturday of each month for three hours to work on the building and the grounds. Some months it's gardening, or cleaning; some months it's a special project, such as recycling old fixtures or furniture. Our next date is April 4th!

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