



# The Covenant Compendium

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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

11:00am Live Stream on PCoC's Facebook page (see page 4 )

**Important Dates ...**

**PLEASE NOTE :** The church will remain closed for the month of February, due to the ongoing health crisis. The church office will be closed on Monday, February 15th. In observance of Presidents' Day.

We will notify the congregation via email and via posts on the church's website and Facebook page of the status of operations on an ongoing basis.

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.

Office hours will be: Kate , Mondays and Fridays at 10:00am; Rev. Sandlin will be in on Mondays at 10:00am.

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



## *A Letter From Rev. Sandlin*

### Hello PCoC Family!

For those who may not have heard, Facebook seems to think one of my Sunday messages was hate speech. More than likely, a group of folks who supported the attempted takeover of our Capitol did not like what I had to say on the issue and reported it as hate speech even though I didn't use any language that the FBI and CIA haven't also used in referring to the event.

So, I am "temporarily" in timeout on Facebook when it comes to "Live Video." What that means is that, like a lot of churches, I am now prerecording the videos, editing them together, then uploading it to all of the outlets where we typically broadcast. The downside is that it also means we are not doing our "live" Zoom gathering until we can broadcast live again everywhere else.

In other news, we are looking into doing another Zoom book study. If you are interested in being a part of it, please send me or Kate a message saying you want to be included and suggest a book, or the kind of book, you'd like to see us study together.

I continue to be thankful for your dedication to our spiritual community. I cannot wait until it is finally safe for us to get back together. It will be quite the joyful "reunion"!

PEACE!

Mark

## ***Session Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2021***

### **OLD BUSINESS**

• Building Closure to continue. Church has heaters for outdoor meetings; contact Kate to use. Outdoor meetings must practice mask-wearing and physical distancing. Building Options Decision Workplan: Discussion continues.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Election of Elder as representative to Presbytery Meeting in February; no one volunteered .
- Strategic Plan 2021 Workplan Development: Session work continues. It describes mission areas and which committees oversee them. Each committee ideally has a Session member as liaison leader; several committees lack current leaders, so new Session members were asked to ascertain what committee(s) they would like to join. Nancy Schaefer has agreed to assist the Resource Committee. .
- Ukirk requests use of PCoC parking lot for food truck at Tuesday night outdoor meetings (dates to be determined). The Session was excited about the possibility of this to bring attention to UKirk and PCoC.
- Relationship with Beloved Community Center: PCoC had planned more involvement with BCC before COVID disruption; now BCC meetings are by Zoom. PCoC will resume involvement when restrictions are lifted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Resource:** Several financial reports were presented. The church continues to use up savings. Janet will look into how the church might use the R.M. Williams Fund and the Farrell Scholarship Fund. The 2021 budget has been re-submitted based on probability that church will be closed part of the year 2021.

**Worship:** Lots of positive comments about Christmas Eve service online using local musicians and readers. Still hoping for more donations to support the local musicians.

**Spiritual Formation:** Sunday Study group is reading *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. The Wednesday book study is seeking a new book.

**Building & Grounds:** Mark Cable continues boiler maintenance and boiler room cleaning. Don is working to clear the area around two exit doors in the chancel area and to put up 'emergency exit' signs. Grounds: no work lately; trying to find someone to cut the grass.

**Interior:** Church decluttering continues and will involve the Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> monthly workday. Jim and Barbara took down Christmas decorations. Don has a resource to assist in the decluttering.

**Outreach:** Successful Spartan Open Pantry drive led by Joyce Powers and others. 3,500 food/toiletry items and donations of \$200 were given to the Pantry in December.

**Personnel:** Fred Wallace has retired as committee chair. The Session seeks a chair with personnel experience.

Congregational Care December Report: Made 8 contacts with members/attendees; 3 providers contacted 6 members. Our Calling Tree volunteers continue making contacts.

## ***Reminder: Inclement Weather Procedures***

Service cancellations due to inclement weather will not be likely this winter, due to virtual services via Zoom and Facebook. However, any announcements will be made via email, on our website ,or on the church's Facebook page. If county schools are closed, the church office will likely be closed; email the office or leave a voicemail message.

## ***2021 Outreach Efforts!***

PCOC supports People to People Liaison, Higher Ground, Second Harvest Food Bank and the Presbytery's Pennies for Hunger. We support After Gateway and Thriving At Three; look for their wish lists on Amazon.com

**Financial Summary as of December 31, 2020**

Category	Amount Spent Or Received	Amount Budgeted	Over (Under) Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Contributions	\$ 136,335	\$ 136,400	\$ (65)
Rent	69,774	91,280	(21,506)
Parking Lot	12,900	28,575	(15,675)
Interest & Dividends	8	20	(12)
Other	3,480	725	2,755
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>222,497</u>	<u>257,000</u>	<u>(34,503)</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>COMMITTEES</b>			
Personnel	124,398	132,140	(7,742)
Building Expense	78,770	95,460	(16,690)
Grounds	1,881	2,750	(869)
Music	4,488	18,100	(13,612)
Administrative	12,191	13,570	(1,379)
Benevolences	4,000	4,000	--
Outreach	1,860	3,360	(1,500)
Spiritual Formation	814	2,000	(1,860)
C Care & Communications	483	1,260	(777)
Fellowship & Worship	5,692	1,000	4,692
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<u>234,577</u>	<u>274,640</u>	<u>(39,063)</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>\$ (12,080)</u>	<u>\$ (16,640)</u>	<u>\$ 4,560</u>

The excess of expenses over revenue would have been much greater had the church not received several very generous non-pledged gifts of over \$15,500. While contributions were nearly what was budgeted, rents and parking lot income were significantly less than normal. However, many expenses associated with building operation were also much less. The church took advantage of dues relief offered by the Board of Pensions, which saved the church over \$6,000. The church also saw reduced expenses from the music budget. The fellowship and worship accounts were overbudget due to costs associated with purchases of equipment necessary to live-stream services during the pandemic.

**After Gateway 20th Anniversary “\$20 for 20 Campaign”**

After Gateway is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a fundraising effort to raise \$20,000. Their goal is for 1,000 people to each contribute \$1.00 for every year Gateway’s been in business, or \$20.00. That will help Gateway continue on its mission to make a difference in the lives of its participants and their families with the wonderful care provided by Gateway. Make secure donations on the AGI website at [www.aftergateway.org](http://www.aftergateway.org).



## Join us Online for Services and Fellowship

On Sundays at 11:00am, Rev. Sandlin's Sunday message is broadcast live at these sites:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86895217729> (Zoom webinar)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCar8ZVg434DF1uTtL86JEhg> (YouTube)

<https://www.facebook.com/PCoC.GSO/>

<https://www.facebook.com/revmarksandlin>

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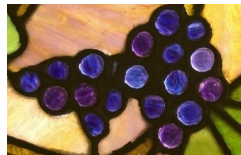


## PCoC is on MeetUp.com

PCoC is now on Meetup.com! Go to: [Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant). This site provides event reminders and gives us another place to connect with each other.

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