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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

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

**Important Dates ...**

**PLEASE NOTE :** The church has resumed use of the PCoC Sanctuary and building , but is restricting use to those wearing masks, observing social distancing, and to groups meeting for less than one hour with 15 members or fewer.

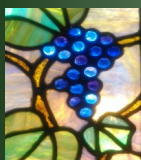
We will notify the congregation via email and posts on the church's website and Facebook page of the status of operations, if conditions change.

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

**Office hours:**  
Kate , Mondays, Wednesdays  
Fridays at 10:00am; Rev. Sandlin Mondays at 10:00am.

**Office Closed:** Monday, July 5th for 4th of July holiday

**Monthly Work Day:**  
Saturday, July 31st 9:30am—12:00pm



**Presbyterian Church of the Covenant**



**The Covenant Compendium**

**A Letter From Rev. Sandlin**

Dear PCoC Family,

After our first gathering indoors since March of last year, I am pleased to see and say that the spirit of PCoC is alive and well. It was wonderful to see everyone and just to feel the energy of gathering together in our Sanctuary. Like you, I am excited about things to come at PCoC and look forward to gathering together to experience them.

As we journey together back inside our church building, I would like to encourage us all to remember just how robust our church was even when we were not in the building. We've learned of over 50 different organizations who benefited from the participation of our members during that time. With your help, our Outreach Committee continued to expand its work and positively impacted the lives of many even though the building was closed.

I hope the spirit of PCoC continues to bloom outside the walls of our building even as we celebrate gathering inside those walls. We have made great strides over the last few years in reconnecting with our community in a positive way and I cannot wait to see the new ways we continue to do that moving forward. The essential ingredient in all of it is YOU. So, thank YOU!

Thank you for your energy, your commitment, your participation, and most importantly your love! It matters.

PEACE!

Mark



## ***Session Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2021***

### **Resource Committee report**

- Financial report by Nancy Schaefer. Broke even for the month; anticipating parking lot income in August; corrected overpayment to Duke Power; most maintenance being deferred. Suggestion that Pastor Mark request donations at beginning and end of Sunday remarks to remind people to donate to the church.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Review of re-opening plans by Ann. First indoor service on June 27<sup>th</sup>; congregation was notified by email, which included the safety protocols that will be in place.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- David Johnson is updating the list Session Committees and membership

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Worship: David;** hope to reactivate this Committee when we reopen the building.

**Spiritual Formation:** The Sunday Study Group is reading a new book, "Crossings".

### **Building & Grounds: Don**

**Building:** Currently working to repair plaster walls in women's first floor restroom.

**Grounds:** significant pruning of the hedge done at May workday. Lawn cutting done every other week.

### **Interior: Barbara**

Decluttering the church report by Barbara. A tremendous amount has been accomplished on this (about 90% of what needs to be done). Barbara wanted to especially commend Elsie Hutchens for her exceptional work!

## ***From The Outreach Committee***

For over forty years, the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant has worked to alleviate hunger in our community. Our members have served breakfast at the Greensboro Urban Ministry's kitchen, made sandwiches for the Interactive Resource Center, and collected non-perishable food and supplies for the Spartan Open Pantry. We have walked in the CWS/Crop Walk nearly every year since its inception in 1978 and have brought canned goods in support of Chuck Oakley's initiative, "When We Eat, They Eat".

In conjunction with these activities and our application to become a Hunger Action Congregation, the outreach committee wants to do more to understand the root causes of hunger and poverty in our community through study and discussion. If there is a topic you would like to know more about, please let a member of the Outreach committee or Rev. Sandlin know. The committee hopes to have a program and discussion during our Wednesday night potluck supper, when they start up again later this year.

## ***Also From The Outreach Committee!***

The Outreach Committee wants to hear from you; what organizations, charities, outreaches did you support with your time or resources during the last year or so? Maybe you donated online to a charity you support, maybe you rounded up your total at the grocery store cash register, or you volunteered to help with organizations that needed assistance. However you shared your love and concern for others, please let us know; specific details aren't needed, just what you did and for whom. We'll create a master list to be shared later, as we celebrate what our community was able to do. Email Joyce Powers at: [jkpowers42@gmail.com](mailto:jkpowers42@gmail.com)

## ***Marty Sheets Memorial Bench to Unveil at Aquatic Center***



Longtime PCoC member Marty Sheets, winner of Special Olympics medals, and an honoree of the North Carolina and Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame, is being posthumously recognized with a bench in his honor at the Greensboro Aquatic Center on Thursday, July 8th at 4:00pm. The Sheets family would love to see Marty's friends and church family there to share in this tribute to him. The event is free, and open to the public. If you plan to attend, use the Patterson Street entrance to the Greensboro Coliseum Complex and park outside the Greensboro Aquatic Center. It's a thrill to see Marty receive this recognition!

## ***Sunday Service in The Sanctuary***

PCoC is now holding our 11:00am Sunday Service in the Sanctuary. We are still asking all comers to wear masks and observe social distancing; certain pews are closed to enable this. Hand sanitizer is available as you enter and leave the Sanctuary. At this time, we're keeping with our shorter format in one service, in order to further facilitate keeping one another healthy. Come enjoy joining together with us again!

We continue to livestream services via Facebook and YouTube (see the back page for more information)

Our services feature great live music from many local musical artists, such as Joel Landau, last Sunday's guest musician.



## ***Monthly Work Day***

Thanks to the our dedicated and hardworking volunteers, the PCoC grounds got a makeover on Saturday, June 26th. Many flowers and trees are blooming and the grounds are providing lots of pretty spots. The grass and weeds just keep on coming, so join us next month on the next work day, Saturday, July 31st, from 9:30am to 12:00pm. We'll be gardening, weather permitting!

## 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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<https://www.facebook.com/TheChristianLeft>

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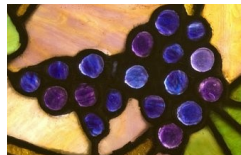
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## PCoC is on MeetUp.com

PCoC is now on Meetup.com! Go to: [Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](http://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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