

February 2022



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Sunday Morning Schedule

11:00am in the Sanctuary, Live Stream, and 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 meetings of one hour or less.

We will notify the congregation via email, website messages, and on our Facebook page if conditions change.

Office hours:

Kate Baird M-F, 9-3

Every Sunday: Weekly Service in the Sanctuary at 11:00am (livestreamed over Facebook at the same time)

Feb. 7: Higher Ground, 10:00am, 210 E. Bessemer

Feb. 8: Session Meeting, 6:00pm, via Zoom

Feb. 11: Out of The Garden

Feb. 13: Pennies 4 Hunger

Feb. 21: Presidents' Day Holiday (Office Closed)

Feb. 26: Monthly Work Day: 9:30am—12:00pm



Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

Welcome to February!

We start off the month with hopes we've experienced the last snow/ice storm for the winter (three in three weeks? Thanks, Mother Nature!). On February 1st, it's Chinese New Year, the Year of the Water Tiger; February 2nd is Imbolc, marking the halfway point between the winter Solstice and the Vernal Equinox (spring is coming!) and the date that here in America, the famous groundhog Punxatawny Phil predicts how much longer winter weather will prevail (hint: think that this year it'll be raining, so no shadow). Then we have Valentine's Day on February 14th, followed by Presidents' Day on February 21st. It'll be a busy month here at PCoC, too, with the Session meeting on Feb. 8th, and several outreaches meeting or working to provide services to local charities (see the calendar at left). In January, we welcomed three new Session members: Ralph Cauthen, Clara Kelly, and Nancy Schaefer, and we bid thanks and farewell to the three members stepping down: Lem Cox, Ann Finch, and Barbara North, with many thanks from all of us at PCoC for your service.

It's also a good time to extend thanks to everyone who's contributed so greatly in serving our community, from the volunteers who froze their toes collecting items for our annual Spartan Open Pantry food drive Saturday mornings in the parking lot, to all the Work Day volunteers who've weeded the grounds and disposed of tree branches and trimmed bushes, and cleaned the building. Thanks to those who've helped with the A/V for the Sunday services, or who volunteered to help sell parking passes. Thanks also to the holiday elves who set up and dismantled and stored our holiday decorations; once again, the church looked festive and cheery, and we all appreciated it very much! And many thanks to all the committees who work very hard to fulfill their responsibilities and serve us.

Sunday Service Information, February 2022

February 6:

Host: Ralph Cauthen
Music: Josh Watson
Guest Speaker: Lynice Pinkard
Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling

February 13:

Host: Ralph Cauthen
Music: Doug Baker
Guest Speaker: Lynice Pinkard
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

February 20:

Host: Ralph Cauthen
Music: Nancy Pitkin
Guest Speaker: Reggie Weaver
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

February 27:

Host: Ralph Cauthen
Music: Dave Fox
Guest Speaker: Reggie Weaver
Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling

Sunday Study Group

The group is studying Karen Armstrong's book, "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life" each week at 9:15am via Zoom. Join anytime! Dial: 1 (301) 715-8592. Meeting ID: 81475781407; Passcode : 895894

February Office Closure

February 21: Presidents' Day

Monthly Work Day, Feb. 26th

It's 9:30 to noon on Saturday, Feb. 26th; meet in the Fellowship Hall. This month's efforts will focus on cleaning and sprucing up the interior and grounds. Many hands will make light work. am.

Higher Ground Breakfast, Feb. 7th

Join our volunteers at 10:00am on February 3rd 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.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved, gotten a new home or cell phone number, or changed your email address, won't you please notify the church office? We need to stay in touch with you for important messages.

In*Spire Meditation Each Tuesday

In*Spire Meditation meets every Tuesday at noon via Zoom for 20 minutes of meditation. It's free, for the community, and led by members.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79010991300?pwd=YTJpWm9WZWZHVENKdoFHbHh5U3Zxdz09>

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.

Out of the Garden Project

Join our volunteers this month on February 11th to help prepare food boxes for this community outreach to needy families in our area. Contact Charlie Finch to volunteer at : tarheelcolonel@gmail.com. Donations welcome!

Session Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

Building Open/COVID Review: PCoC will continue current meeting rules: masking, social distancing, and meetings one hour or less.

Strategic Work Plan: The Strategic Plan, adopted in August 2021, is to be reviewed and updated annually by each Committee. Don asked for a 4-hour in-person Session meeting to do a comprehensive updating and coordination. He will send a scheduling email after the February 8th Session meeting.

Building Decision Update: January 17th was the deadline to receive Dr. Palmer's proposal on ways she can help the church move forward with building decisions.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Faith Action: No response; their address is now listed as Meadowview Road.

Committee assignments: David sent a chart of present/proposed Committee chairs and liaisons.

Update on Hiring a Sexton: The Personnel Committee will establish the position and advertise for it.

Election of officers to The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant Corporation, a 501(c)(3) organization: New officers were nominated: Ralph Cauthen as President, Don Jensen as Vice President, and Nancy Schaefer as Treasurer. Motion passed.

Homeless residing on PCoC grounds: The homeless man residing on the grounds had been repeatedly asked to leave; he was bothering church staff, tenants, and members. Clara contacted the Greensboro Police neighborhood liaison about enforcing the "No Trespassing" signs and making sure that he finds shelter.

Discussion based on Mark's article: Mark Sandlin had sent two articles discussing typical reasons why churches don't grow. It was decided to discuss them will be during the Work Plan meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: 2021 Contributions were up, but Parking Lot sticker sales were down due to virtual attendance by UNCG students. **The church continues to operate at a loss - \$23,600 in 2021 - and will soon run out of reserves to make up the deficit.**

Worship: Ralph is serving as coordinator and overseer for services during Mark Sandlin's sabbatical.

Spiritual Formation: The Sunday morning Study Group, led by Ann Finch, continues reading Karen Armstrong's "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life."

Building & Grounds: 57 HVAC units have been checked and 9 selected for rebuilding; we need to replace more hot water piping in the basement; and the roofing company will soon work on the 4 major collector heads on the roof that need the most repair. We need major roof repair soon, and we need the Sexton position to be filled ASAP.

Interior: Barbara North led the after-holiday workday to take down the Christmas decorations; the next monthly work day will be February 26th.

Communications: Ruth discussed the need for rapid COVID tests for people who work in the building. Motion that rapid test kits be purchased by the church and provided for the pastor, Kate, Sexton, and others as needed, up to a ceiling of \$200, was made and passed. We are postponing hiring a part-time webmaster and purchasing outdoor flags.

Fellowship: Joyce Powers has resigned from the committee. Fellowship hour was not well attended in November and December so has not been extended.

Outreach: Ann sent an email detailing committee spending in 2021. This is in addition to funds disbursed to Thriving at Three and several other organizations. Other donations: Anchor Hope Home (for children entering foster care) \$150; Mustard Seed Clinic \$600; Out of the Garden \$500; People to People Liaison \$100; Greens for Green (increases SNAP buying power at Corner Market) \$300; Faith Action \$800

Personnel: Congregational Care in December, 2021, included 29 contacts with members, attendees (visits, phone calls). We grieve the passing of Chuck Oakley and Bobbie Cox and request that our support continue for their families.

Join us Online for Services and Fellowship

On Sundays at 11:00am, our service is broadcast live at these sites:

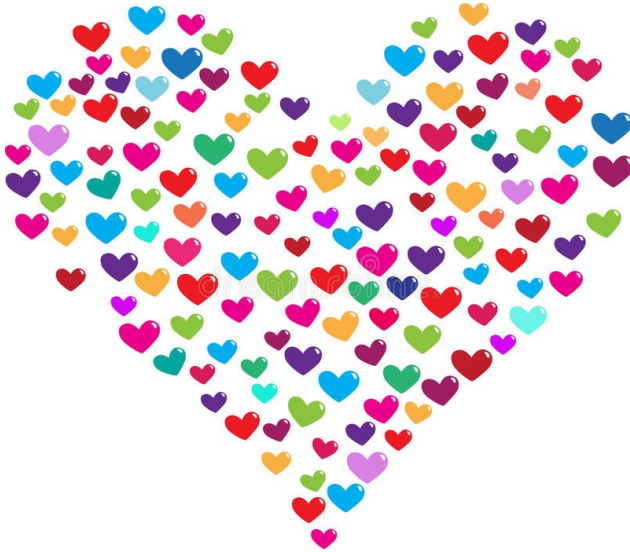
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCar8ZVg434DF1uTtL86JEhg> (YouTube)

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

PCoC is now on Meetup.com; go to [Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)

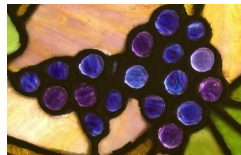


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