

April 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 is limiting use for services or meetings to 90 minutes or less, with masks mandatory, observing social distancing .

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 on Facebook)

Apr. 2: Chuck Oakley Service, 1:00pm, Sanctuary

Apr. 3: Welcome back, Rev. Sandlin!

Apr. 4: Higher Ground, 10:00am , 210 E. Bessemer

Apr. 8: Out of The Garden

Apr. 10: Pennies 4 Hunger

Apr. 12: Session Meeting, 6:00pm, via Zoom

Apr.17: Easter

Apr. 21: Benefit Concert for GSO Youth Symphony Orch.

Apr. 30: Bobbie Cox Service, 2:00pm, Sanctuary

Apr. 30: Monthly Work Day:

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Dear PCoC family,

I'm excited to be getting back to church life with you! Let me begin with a "thank you" to the Pastoral Nominating Committee and the

Session for including a sabbatical in my terms of call. It was not only a valuable time for me but also very needed. I didn't anticipate self-care and curative reflection being at the core of my time away, but it was – and I am grateful. I also want to thank you all for being so understanding and supportive of my time away. It is always an unusual time for churches when the minister is absent for an extended period of time and I appreciate the resilience you all showed during this time.

Of course, none of this was possible without the ministers who agreed to take over some of my responsibilities while I was away. I'll never have enough thanksgiving for them as well as for Ralph Cauthen who certainly stepped up and went well beyond any typical call of duty on Sunday mornings. And, speaking of the Cauthens, many thanks to Jane and her team for the congregational care they provided to our members over the last several months. Finally, I want to give a massive THANK YOU to Kate. Many folks may not realize how much teamwork goes on with us. She lost half her team when it comes to the day to day goings on at the church and to nobody's surprise pulled it off brilliantly!

I can hardly tell you how excited I am about this Sunday. I am already eagerly anticipating seeing each of your faces and getting to spend time together. I mean, who doesn't love a joyful reunion?

PEACE! Mark

Sunday Service Information, April 2022

April 3:

Music: Hope & Honor An Carter Davis
Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling

April 10:

Music: Dave Fox
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

April 17: *Easter Sunday*

Music: Nancy Pitkin
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

April 24:

Music: Neill Clegg
Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling



Session Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Task Force report: committee recommendations were modified follows:

PCoC Covid guidelines as of 8 Mar 2022:

- encourage service participation via Zoom
- maintain contact tracing; ask ushers to maintain list of attendees
- continue requiring masks, preferably N95s; hand out N95s at entrances
- encourage social distancing without re-taping the pews
- resume singing (masked) after Mark's return on April 3, especially Easter Sunday April 17
- allow food in the Fellowship Hall, either self-service or served, no prepackaged requirement.

Upcoming Strategic Work Plan Workshop: A special in-person Session meeting will be held in April to discuss and update the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Guidelines for Homeless people on church property: An Ad Hoc committee of Nancy, Clara, Janet, and Kate met to form guidelines; Rev. Sandlin will review them before Session presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: The Two Month Summary was reviewed.

Worship: Ralph was commended for his continued work leading the Sunday services.

Spiritual Formation: The Sunday Study Group will soon choose a new study book.

Building & Grounds: HVAC unit fan coil replacements are underway.

Interior: Barbara North emailed about recent work to clear out unused items.

Fellowship: Decision about indoor food events under COVID report.

Outreach: In March, donations of colanders and cutting boards were requested.

Personnel: The Committee will schedule an evaluation of Pastor Mark after his sabbatical.

Congregational Care report: 22 contacts were made via visits and phone calls. Barbara Lamb, a longtime member, passed; a memorial service will be scheduled by her family in the summer.

The Session thanked Rev. Bryan McFarland's hosting of Session meetings during Rev. Sandlin's sabbatical.

Oakley, Cox, Celebration of Life Services, April 2 and April 30

Join us to celebrate the lives of two longtime members of PCoC: The service for Chuck Oakley is on Saturday, April 2nd, at 1:00pm in the PCoC Sanctuary. It will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. The service for Bobbie Cox will be on Saturday, April 30th, at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. It will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Financial Summary as of February 28, 2022

Category	Amount Spent or Received	Amount Budgeted	Over (Under) Budget
REVENUES			
Contributions	\$ 21,638	\$ 21,145	\$ 493
Rent	17,225	12,044	5,183
Parking Lot	1,100	3,333	(2,233)
Interest & Dividends	1	2	(2)
Other	<u>825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>825</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 40,789	\$ 36,525	4,264
EXPENSES, COMMITTEES			
Personnel	21,622	24,521	(2,899)
Building Expense	17,713	17,084	629
Grounds	—	400	(400)
Music	658	725	(67)
Administrative	2,260	2,098	162
Benevolences	-	500	(500)
Outreach	100	600	(500)
Spiritual Formation	-	-	-
C. Care & Communications	662	200	462
Fellowship & Worship	<u>1,597</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>1,264</u>
Total Committee Expenses	<u>44,612</u>	<u>46,461</u>	<u>(1,849)</u>
OPERATING INCOME(LOSS)	<u><u>\$ (3,823)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (9,936)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,113</u></u>
SPECIAL & UNUSUAL ITEMS			
INCOME			
Capital campaign funds \$	20,100	4,333	15,767
Pastor Sabbatical funds	<u>-</u>	<u>3,667</u>	<u>(3,667)</u>
SPECIAL & UNUSUAL INCOME	<u>20,100</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>12,100</u>
SPECIAL & UNUSUAL ITEMS EXPENSES			
Roof Improvements \$	19,993	4,500	15,493
SPECIAL & UNUSUAL EXPENSES	<u>19,993</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>15,493</u>
NET EXCESS RECEIPTS/ (EXPENSES)	<u><u>\$ (3,716)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,436</u></u>	<u><u>\$(2,720)</u></u>

The first two months of 2022 saw large expenditures for building maintenance and repairs. Most of the roofs were repairs and drainage was improved. Those costs are shown as "Special & Unusual Expenses". Funds received from the Capital Campaign of 2019 were used to pay for the expense. New equipment was installed in the Sanctuary to improve the quality of the internet-streamed services. Also, a hot water heater in the After Gateway space was replaced. Rent income was more than budgeted as tenants are using rental spaces as COVID cases decline.

Outreach Committee News

During April, The Outreach Committee will raise funds for the Happy Meals Fund; proceeds will help feed children entering foster care, who may need meals when leaving their homes, prompting social workers to feed the children with their own money. A donation box will be on the back table in the Sanctuary for \$10 fast food gift certificates or cash. Certificates will be turned into the Dept. of Social Services for social workers to use. Contact Ann Finch for information: (336) 317-1855.

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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Donations for The Afghan Resettlement Project in April

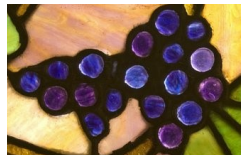
The Outreach Committee would like to thank those who contributed colanders and cutting boards in March for the Afghan Resettlement Program. We delivered 30 cutting boards and 23 colanders to the donation center. In April, we will collect trash cans and waste baskets of all sizes (kitchen size on down). Bring them to the rear table in the Sanctuary. We also want to share a list of assorted items that are needed, but not often donated: twin mattress pads (new); microwaves; blenders/juicers; pressure cookers (old school style); plungers; vacuum cleaners; TV (later models, with cords and remotes). Any item can be brought to PCoC and put on the rear table in the Sanctuary. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, write a check to PCoC with "Afghan Resettlement" in the memo line; this will help us shop for items.

Concert to Benefit Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra!

On April 21st at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, enjoy live traditional Argentinian music by singer Lorena Guillen and bass player Alejandro Ruty. Stay to enjoy wine and empanadas in the Fellowship Hall! Donations are welcome to support educational opportunities for the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra; make checks to "Friends of GSYO". It promises to be a fun evening!

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