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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 if conditions change.

Office hours:

Rev. Sandlin M-Th., 9-3

Kate Baird ,M-F, 9-3

May 2: Higher Ground, 10:00am , 210 E. Bessemer

May 3: In*Spire Mediation Mtg. & Brown Bag Lunch, 12pm

May 4: PEO Brunch, 12:00pm, F. Hall and Parlor

May 8: Happy Mother's Day!

May 8th: Pennies 4 Hunger

May 12: Session Meeting, 6:00pm, via Zoom

May 13: Out of The Garden

May 18: Music On Mendenhall concert by Bombadill, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

May 30: Memorial Day, office closed

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

The Covenant Compendium

A Letter From Rev. Sandlin

Dear PCoC Family,

Many of you know what an outstanding job Jane Cauthen has done with our Congregational Care program. In the course of her tenure, she has taken it from non-existence to a thriving network of caregivers that help keep us all connected and aware of many of the needs of our congregation members. We are truly fortunate to have had such dedicated, capable leadership from her.

That said, Jane is ready to pass along the torch to someone else. Honestly, it's really good timing. She's been so successful that the position really calls for someone who will act as more of a coordinator, than a director.

We are also fortunate to have the perfect (and willing) candidate for that position: Fred Wallace. With his time in the church, work history, and charming personality, I can hardly think of a better person to serve as our new Congregational Care Coordinator. He will continue Jane's wonderful work with our Congregational Care network and help caregivers to make sure the lines of communication are open and we are responding to the needs of our members.

So be sure, the next time you see either Jane or Fred, to give them your thanks and appreciation!

PEACE! Mark

Sunday Service Information, May 2022

<u>May 1:</u>

Music: Joel Landau Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling

<u>May 15:</u>

Music: Dave Fox Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

<u>May 29:</u>

Music: Joel Landau Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling

Session Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2022

OLD BUSINESS Building Open/COVID Review

Recommendations by The COVID Task Force were accepted by the Session:

-require masks use by groups meeting here, except in the Fellowship Hall when food is served -continue social distancing

-lift the time restrictions for all meetings

NEW BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Income is down due to lack of parking lot rent. Building expenses are down because repairs to A/C units haven't begun, and because we haven't hired a Sexton. The gas bill has doubled since last month!

Spiritual Formation: Ann. The Sunday Study Group had a guest speaker from Hospice and has started a new book, "Life Lessons" by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler.

Building & Grounds: Strategic Work Plan: 5 committees submitted materials for the Workplan. Most repairs to buildings have revolved around problems with tenant spaces. HVAC fan coil repairs have begun; we'll assess whether to repair or replace them. Thompson Roofing told to complete needed repairs, estimated total come about \$27K. **Grounds**: Mowing, clean-up, and tree trimming takes place every other week. Clara and Nancy re-striped the parking lot on the April Monthly Work Day.

Communications: Congregation Survey and cover letter were created and approved by the Session; the survey was emailed and hard copies were mailed and made available in the Sanctuary. Mark will research a church YouTube subscription. The church website needs revision.

Fellowship: Fellowship time was held but poorly attended on April 10th. Also want to restart Wednesday night potlucks when COVID is less of an issue. A motion that the Session authorize the creation of an ad hoc Concert committee to explore renewal of Music on Mendenhall was passed.

Outreach: Committee working on Afghan resettlement support transported donations to New Garden Friends Meeting, which has ended its warehousing project. Faith Action House will hold an alternate ID project on here on June 17th; the committee will coordinate with Mark on this.

Personnel: Committee still seeking a candidate for the Sexton position.

Congregational Care report: 12 contacts were made by Jane Cauthen and other caregivers

<u>May 22:</u>

Music: Bruce Piephoff Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling

Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

May 8: Mother's Day

Music: Doug Baker

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May Music



Join us Online for Services and Fellowship

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

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

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

+https://www.facebook.com/PCoC.GSO/

https://www.facebook.com/revmarksandlin

- https://www.facebook.com/marksandlin
- https://www.facebook.com/TheChristianLeft
- https://www.facebook.com/christiansmisrepresented
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