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11:00am in the Sanctuary:

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Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Hello PCoC family!

We are certainly in very unusual times. Our nation continues to be pulled backward by a minority of powerful people, we still can't quite figure out what the new COVID "normal" is, and our congregation is beginning a journey toward a reimagined way to gather in a building that is far too large for us to maintain on our own.

Given those things, it might seem like a strange time to talk about being grateful, but I can't help it — I am.

I am grateful for all of you. During the two years of the most difficult times of COVID you continued to support our spiritual community. Not only that, many of you helped us stay connected when we weren't able to be together by making phone calls and having back porch, masked, and socially-distanced visits. You kept our community together and sustained it.

I am also grateful for the leadership we have in the church. The past two years are easily the most unusual years in the life of our church. Our leadership not only helped us through those years, but they also began the work needed to make decisions about the building that houses us.

That is another reason I am grateful for leadership. I cannot adequately find the words to tell you how much thought, emotion, and effort have been put into not only picking the right route forward for us but ensuring that we do it well. The skills, gifts, and hearts of the folks leading us in this effort are truly outstanding.

So, I am grateful for you — all of you. In the midst of the highly unusual times, it is absolutely wonderful to know that I am surrounded by such an amazing community. We will see all of this through together. And for that, I am grateful.

PEACE!

Mark

Important Dates ...

Office hours:

Rev. Sandlin M-Th., 9-3
Kate Baird ,M-F, 9-3

July 3: Lunch after Service,
12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

July 4th: Independence Day,
Office Closed

July 8: Out of The Garden
Project

July 10: Pennies 4 Hunger

July 12: Session Meeting,
6:00pm

July 13: Wed. Night Dinner,
6:00pm, w/ live music!

July 30: Monthly Work Day:
9:30am—12:00pm



Sunday Service Information, July 2022

July 3: *Independence Day Lunch*

Music: David Cray
Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling

July 17:

Music: Ty & Emma Millard
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

July 31:

Music: Dave Fox
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

July 10: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Kristy Jackson
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

July 24:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia & Frank Starling



Session Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2022

SPECIAL GUEST: Frank Dew reported on PCoC linkages to the Presbytery, which is organized in 5 parishes; he is the engagement pastor with Parish "B", all Guilford Co. churches and 2 in Randolph Co. He helps churches connect with the Presbytery via communication and collaboration. He has monthly lunches with pastors and considers himself to be a shepherd of the congregations. The Presbytery has a staff person to help with building issues and staff who help with education and church officer training. **OLD BUSINESS**

Building Open/COVID Review: recommends that masking in the building continue; if food is served, remove masks to eat/drink. The policy will be reviewed after the July 3rd lunch.

Homeless persons policy: the committee will report in July.

Mark's Sabbatical report: His project, a progressive prayer book, is nearly complete.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: We reviewed the 5-Month Financial Summary. The Committee is reviewing the Worship committee's request to fund the Music Director position. Farrell scholarship applications open in July.

Worship: The church will continue to hold one service for the foreseeable future. The Committee recommends that the Music Director position, for which we have a candidate, be reinstated.

Spiritual Formation: The Sunday Study Group is nearing the end of "Life Lessons".

Building & Grounds: Strategic Work Plan is mostly completed; building repairs continue. The Sexton position is still unfilled. Mark Cable does routine maintenance.

Grounds: We are creating a garden memorial to honor Tara Brown.

Building Future: Don asked for permission to put a legal person on retainer to help in negotiations. A June 28th meeting is scheduled to update this. We may have a second group interested in the property. We may also need to hire an architect/engineer to help with negotiations. Mark will seek written confirmation that monies from the sale of the property stay with PCoC.

Fellowship: The Committee is preparing a Fellowship Lunch following the July 3rd service. On July 13th, Vance Arnold will host a Wednesday night Fellowship dinner.

Outreach: 11 members helped The Out of The Garden Project in June. On June 17th we hosted an ID drive by Faith Action.

Congregational Care Report: providers made 37 contacts via personal meetings, phone calls, and mail contacts. The group will meet monthly to review past and future contacts.

Farrell Scholarships Are Available

Applications for the Farrell Scholarship are available now for interested students of all ages. Please contact the church office to have an application emailed to you, or request one via email at pcoc2010@gmail.com or drop by the office.

Five-Month Financial Summary through May 2022

Category	Amount Spent or Received	Amount Budgeted	Over (Under) Budget
REVENUES			
Contributions	\$ 52,012	\$ 52,863	\$ 1,149
Rent	36,040	30,110	5,930
Parking Lot	1,200	8,333	(7,113)
Interest & Dividends	2	8	(6)
Other	<u>1,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,180</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 92,434	\$ 91,314	1,120
EXPENSES, COMMITTEES			
Personnel	55,094	61,302	(6,208)
Building Expense	48,268	42,710	5,558
Grounds	456	1,000	(544)
Music	2,003	1,813	190
Administrative	4,845	5,246	(401)
Benevolences	1,000	1,250	(250)
Outreach	100	1,500	(1,400)
Spiritual Formation	42	-	42
C. Care & Communications	687	550	187
Fellowship & Worship	<u>2,004</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>1,171</u>
Total Committee Expenses	<u>114,499</u>	<u>116,154</u>	<u>(1,655)</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ <u>(22,065)</u>	\$ <u>(24,840)</u>	\$ <u>2,775</u>
SPECIAL & UNUSUAL ITEMS			
Undesignated income			
Capital Campaign Funds	23,990	10,833	13,157
R.M. Williams Fund	<u>11,000</u>	<u>9,167</u>	<u>1,833</u>
Total undesignated income	<u>34,990</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>14,990</u>
Undesignated expenses			
Roof improvements	23,875	11,250	12,625
Total undesignated expenses	<u>23,875</u>	<u>11,250</u>	<u>12,625</u>
Net special & unusual items	<u>11,115</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>2,365</u>
NET EXCESS RECEIPTS/ (EXPENSES)	\$ <u>(10,950)</u>	\$ <u>(16,090)</u>	\$ <u>5,140</u>

The church received a little over \$1,100 more for the first 5 months of the year than was budgeted. Expenses were a little less than budgeted; however, they were still \$2,065 more than the revenue received through May. Special expenses included \$23,875 for roofing repairs. This expense was offset by revenue from the capital campaign. Also received was \$11,000 from the R. Murphy Williams Fund that was used to offset the minister's sabbatical salary expense.

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/>

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

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

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

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

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

And see us on Meetup.com at: [Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)



SCAN ME

Wednesday Night Potluck/Fellowship Dinner on July 13th

Bring a dish and join us for supper on July 13th at 6:00pm; volunteers are welcome to help set up and clean up. Please wear a mask when appropriate. Feel free to bring wine, but no drinking to excess, please. We'll enjoy live music from "Here'n Gone" with Bob Beerman and Teresa Rasco. Mask when appropriate. Monetary donations are sought to offset costs. RSVP to Vance Arnold at (336) 272-5736 by Monday, July 11th; leave a message, and mention what you'll bring. If you forget to RSVP, come anyway!

If this goes well, we'll have future suppers in August! Happy Summer from Jim Ingram & Vance Arnold.

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