

September 2022

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

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Sunday Morning Schedule
11:00am in the Sanctuary

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A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Hello PCoC Family,

For those who haven't heard yet, a few weeks ago we welcomed a new member to the PCoC staff. Stephanie Lindley is now serving as our Music Director. If you've been to a service in the last several weeks, you are already aware of her immense talents. If you haven't been to a service recently, you are in for a real treat at the next service you attend.

I worked with Stephanie at the last church I served. Here's a few things I can tell you about her: She is full of ideas and energy; she thinks big. She's already told me about some projects she's putting together and I look forward to seeing the ways our PCoC family can be a part of them. She is incredibly skilled at bringing in all types of music and musicians that not only support but build on the theme of the day's service. Working with her on Sunday mornings is wonderful and we make a great team.

This is a wonderful new stage moving forward at PCoC. I hope that each of you will not only make the effort to meet her, but get to know her – you'll be glad that you did. So, let Stephanie know you're excited to have her sharing her gifts with us at PCoC and show her every bit of support that you can.

Meet Stephanie Lindley



Stephanie Lindley has been performing, directing, and teaching music and theatre in NJ, FL, VA, and NC for decades. She received a Bachelor of Music and Master of Theatre degrees from UNC-G and has worked frequently as a Musical Director/Keyboardist for hundreds of musicals. Stephanie has taught for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, and at NCA&T, Greensboro College, Bennet College, and Elon University. She also proudly served as Music Director at Vandalia Presbyterian Church for 8 years, and Faith Presbyterian for 3 years. In New Jersey, Stephanie taught voice and piano at Passaic County Community College, served as Music Coordinator at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Succasunna, as well as being Music Director at Boonton United Methodist where she created an Anti-Racism Film Series in 2021. Also in NJ, Stephanie served as Musical Director/Keyboardist at Centenary Stage and the Bickford Theatre, working on 8 different musicals within 6 months. Stephanie is happy to be home. She is currently focused on renovating her house and renewing an historic, productive and passionate partnership with Pastor Mark Sandlin in service alongside the remarkably warm and inspiring community at PCoC. As she says to Mark, here and now, the possibilities are endless. She is so excited to get to know every single one of you. Together – “we will do amazing things!” P.S. Ask her about her son – watch her glow.

Important Dates ...

Office hours:

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

Sept. 5: Labor Day, office closed

Sept. 7: Choir Meeting,

Sept. 7/8: Unity, World Day of Prayer

September 9: Out of The Garden Project

September 11: Pennies 4 Hunger

Sept. 15: Town Hall Mtg. w/ Beloved Comm. Ctr.

Sept. 18: GSO Pride

Sept. 20: Session Mtg., 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 21: Wed. Night Dinner, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 23: Fiddle & Bow Concert, Roy Bookbinder

Sept. 24: Monthly Work Day: 9:30am—12:00pm

Sept. 28: Stewardship Dinner, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday Service Information, September 2022

September 4:

Music: Stephanie Lindley/Joel Landau
Ushers: Clara Kelly & Barry Barber

September 18:

Music: Stephanie Lindley/Doug Baker
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

September 11: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

September 25:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

Session Meeting Minutes, August 9, 2022

Special Report by David Kolosiekie; asked Session members to give their responses to 3 points: The objective of the Revisioning committee; the authority under which it operates; and what will constitute success. Responses will be summarized for future distribution, saying it's extremely important that all Session members give consistent answers to these points when asked by others, and that the process by which we arrive at our decisions be regarded as fair by all parties.

OLD BUSINESS: Building Open/COVID Review: Current guidelines remain in effect.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion that Congregational Meetings be held regularly to update the congregation on how the Session plans to move forward; meetings will be held when there is a significant update to the revisioning process, so that there will be congregational buy-in to the process.

Vote on Director of Music: Worship, Resource, and Personnel committees have approved hiring Stephanie Lindley as Music Director, beginning August 2022. Session approved.

Signs on Campus discussion: re signage on our campus. Mark said there's no formal sign policy, but signs must be approved by the office. The Communications Committee will follow up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Contributions are up; parking sales are up; natural gas charges are up, and HVAC repairs are still needed. Two Farrell Scholarships were awarded.

Banking resolution: In order for the church to accept short term loans to cover professional fees for the revisioning process, members signed a prepared Session resolution necessary to take on this debt and set up the necessary account.

Spiritual Formation: The Study Group is reading Amy-Jill Levine's "Sermon on the Mount."

Building & Grounds: Don presented a building update. Michael Thompson is mowing. Tara's memorial garden will be dedicated in the near future.

Interior: Work day activities noted. A plaque was put on the grand piano. Superior Janitorial service has been doing an outstanding job.

Communications: The Meetup site hasn't produced new members. Ruth circulated a sign-up sheet for Session members to give devotionals at the beginning of meetings.

Fellowship: An Ice Cream Social was held Aug. 28th; the Stewardship Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Outreach: Rev. Frank Dew of the Presbytery met with Session and encouraged members and the church to work on tackling the causes of hunger in addition to doing hands-on activities, such as the Out of the Garden Project. The Committee is collecting school supplies for Foust School and food/personal items for the UNCG Spartan Open Pantry.

Personnel: The committee discussed the Music Director position. Staff evaluations are underway.

Stewardship Dinner Announcement! Wednesday, Sept. 28th!

Our annual stewardship dinner will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Soup, bread, and beverages will be provided and the congregation is asked to bring desserts.

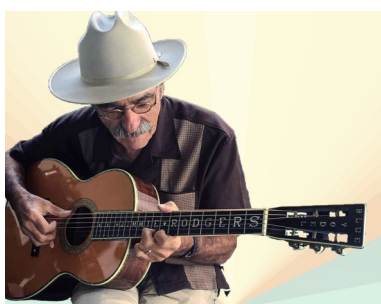
Outreach Committee Update: School Supply Drive A Big Success

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations in support of the Back to School drive for Foust Elementary School and Spartan Open Pantry. Twelve boxes of school supplies were packed up and delivered to the school, and two boxes of toiletries were delivered to the pantry. (Over 1,000 pencils!)

PCoC will share a table with Ukirk at the annual Greensboro Pride Festival on Sunday, September 18th, and needs volunteers to man the table for 2-hour shifts from noon to 6:00pm. Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.

Coming soon: CROP Walk! Let Clara Kelly know (clerkelly@gmail.com) if you'd like to walk with our team on October 2nd. Make a donation via check to CWS and drop it in the offering basket.

Sept. 23, 7:30pm: Fiddle & Bow Presents an Evening w/ Roy Bookbinder



Roy has the goods: the original, the bare-knuckle, the low-down blues. Who can say they were friends with the Rev. Gary Davis, Pink Anderson and Robert Lockwood? And toured with Arthur Big Boy Crudup, Hot Tuna, JJ Cale & Bonnie Raitt? Roy can. He has the stories, the licks, and the mystery of timeless music in his fingers. He's been featured on a PBS special and interviewed by Terry Gross on "Fresh Air." He's also a regular at Fur Peace Ranch, where he teaches along with Jorma Kaukonen. When he brings his "Tour Bus" to town, a one-man blues-fest ensues. He plays and he entertains, feeding us music and stories, and the evening is a celebration for us all. We're privileged to have Roy here to preserve and extend the tradition of great American blues music. Tickets are available online: <https://fiddleandbow.org/events/roy-book-binder/>

Revisioning Committee Update

On August 21st, PCoC held a congregational meeting after the Sunday service to update members with the Revisioning process, and the work that's been done so far, as well as future plans for sale of the building. We will continue to share updates every month on the 4th Sunday of the month after the Sunday service, during the Announcements. Updates will also be shared in the monthly newsletters. Questions in the meantime? Email the church office!



PCoC Community Events



September is a busy month! Unity's World Day of Prayer annual events begin with a service on Sept. 7th in Room 216 at 6:45pm and a 24-hour prayer vigil, and a Sept. 8th Potluck at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We're all invited to take part.

Allegro Music Therapy is beginning a new Group Music Therapy group for people with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers. The group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00am on the second Monday of each month.



After Gateway is celebrating 21 years of service to the disabled adult community of Greensboro by asking donors to contribute \$21. Donate online at: www.aftergateway.org. They'll have a community celebration in the main parking lot on Sat., Oct. 1st, with live music, food trucks, and local vendors.

Visit Tara's Garden



Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Sandlin



Congratulations to our pastor, who has completed his doctoral studies and is now styled as Rev. Dr. Mark Sandlin! This also marks the publication of his book "Progressive Prayers for Progressive People", which he completed earlier this year during his sabbatical. The book's available at Amazon.com, which calls it a wonderful addition to daily spiritual practices!

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>

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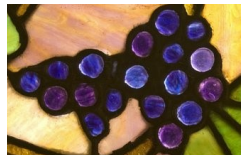
And see us on Meetup.com at: [Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)



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