

October 2022



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**Sunday Morning Schedule
11:00am in the Sanctuary**

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Important Dates ...

Office hours:

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

Oct. 1: After Gateway celebration, 12:00pm onward, Fellowship Hall/pkg. lot

Oct. 2: CROP Walk, 2:00pm, Coliseum

Oct. 5: Choir Meeting, 700

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

October 9: Out of The Garden Project

October 11: Pennies 4 Hunger

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

Oct. 18: GSO Pride

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

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

Oct. 23: Fiddle & Bow Concert, Roy Bookbinder

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

Oct. 28: Stewardship Din-

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Dear PCoC family,

I mentioned last Sunday how much I love the Fall. Between the perfect weather, fall colors, and how much better the season makes any warm beverage seem, it makes for a wonderful time of the year.

More than all of the things we tend to focus on as the joys of this time of the year, I truly love how it reminds us of how natural change is. As a matter of fact, Creation is a big ball of perpetual change. [Change is the very essence of life.](#)

Admittedly, when we see the leaves have fallen and the stark lines of branches are silhouetted against the blue/grey sky, it can be difficult to look past the endings that play such an essential role in change. Honestly, I'm not even sure we should want to simply look past it.

We should first look directly at endings; consider the particular kind of beauty that can be found in them. The stillness. The peace. The perspective they lend.

Then we should allow the idea of endings to remind us of all that came before them: the good and the bad; everything that made them what they were. Everything that led to its life and its end.

It's only then that we can truly and fully appreciate all that it will become on the other side of the ending.

We must always keep in mind that endings aren't just that, endings. They are the life that led to it, the lessons the change brings, and the new beginnings they usher in. And, change? Change is the very essence of life.

Truly, I love the Fall.
PEACE!
Mark

Sunday Service Information, October 2022

October 2: *CROP Walk*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

October 9: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley, Virginia Masius, Kate Baird
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

October 16:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

October 23:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

October 30:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

Session Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2022

Report from Visioning Committee: The Session authorized hiring David Kolosiekie as a consultant to the Revisioning Committee to help carry out their charge from the Session. He will be paid from funds loaned by church members and managed by Nancy in a new, separate bank account. (Note: this account was authorized by Session vote at its previous meeting.) A color brochure designed to be shared with interested parties regarding RFP (requests for proposals) was circulated in draft to Session members. Kate set up a separate email address for the Revisioning Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Open/COVID Review. Masks are to be optional for worship services; and Masks will not be mandated for any activities in the buildings but are optional for groups that choose to use them.

NEW BUSINESS

Elder Nominating Committee formation; composition and size of committee. We discussed reducing the number of Session positions (which has happened several times as the congregation numbers have shrunk) Mark and Ralph will report on the possibility of changing the size of the Session (which will entail a congregational vote) at the next Session meeting. David will start the elder nomination process by contacting members of the class of 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Nancy reported that we're in the black for the first time in a while; time to start thinking about a budget for next year.

Spiritual Formation: The Sunday Study group is about to choose the next book.

Building & Grounds: Don submitted a written report on maintenance updates.

Communications: Anyone wishing to put up signs on church property needs to check with and get approval from the Pastor and Office Manager beforehand.

Fellowship: Stewardship dinner was held on October 28th, with the committee providing bread and soup, and desserts from the congregation. Next Fellowship Dinner is Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

Outreach: Successful drive to get materials for Foust school, and also food and other items for Spartan Open Pantry, whose major drive will be in December. CROP walk is October 2, with Nancy and Clara walking. Six people attended the October Out of the Garden Project. Money was collected for the Pennies for Hunger campaign.

Congregational Care: 9 providers had 34 contacts with congregation members.

CROP Hunger Walk

October 2 is the 42nd annual CROP Walk! Nancy Schaefer and Clara Kelly will represent PCoC in the walk on Sunday. Thanks to all who have sponsored our walkers. If you would like to make a donation, make checks out to CWS/CROP; give to Nancy or Clara, or place in the offering basket. Online donations can be made at events.crophungerwalk.org Search for our team - Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. "Together We Can Create Change, Give Hope, End Hunger".

Fellowship News

Many thanks to Joy Saleeby, Joyce Powers, Charlene Holler, Nancy Schaefer, and all those who helped prepare our annual Stewardship Dinner, featuring soups, breads, and many desserts contributed by our congregation. Thanks to Nancy for the financial status update, and to Stephanie Lindley for the music. Next Fellowship Monthly Dinner: Wednesday, Oct. 19th, 6:00pm.

Music on Mendenhall, led by Beth Sheffield, is exploring ways and means to once again have a music and arts series at the church. She seeks folks to help plan and carry out events; contact her at: global.librarian@gmail.com. Upcoming concerts are Bombadil on Nov. 10th and Rumi By Candlelight on Nov. 11th. Mark your calendars and invite friends!

Music News

October is going to begin a very exciting season of music at PCoC! Stephanie will begin rehearsals with everyone who wants to do choral singing beginning Sunday, Oct. 2nd, from 9:00 —10:00 in the Sanctuary. The choir will be singing for Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Stephanie will distribute music on that Sunday.

For those of you interested in playing Handbells (Stephanie needs at least 10 players), rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in Room 206, beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

On Oct. 9th, our guest artist is Virginia Masius, a friend of Stephanie's and a longtime member of Greensboro's professional and community-based music scenes. We will be honoring women and Indigenous Americans through our music on Sunday, Oct. 9th.

Oct. 23rd will be the first of many African American Gratitude and Honor Sundays. Most American music and global music trends, especially Christian music, owes everything to African American culture. We will specifically feature, honor, and give thanks on these Sundays. There will be guest artists and guest speakers in the future. Stephanie is putting together her musical team for Oct. 23rd. You don't want to miss this!

And don't forget to come early on Sunday mornings to enjoy Stephanie's music, beginning at 10:45am in the Sanctuary!

Revisioning Committee Update

On Sunday, August 25th, PCoC followed up our Sunday service with a scheduled congregational update on the progress of the Revisioning process. Work is being done on creating a brochure to be used in soliciting Requests for Proposals and we are drafting a letter to be sent to building tenants to acquaint them with the process and its status. We will continue to share updates every month on the 4th Sunday of the month, during the Announcements after the service. Updates will also be shared in the monthly newsletters. Questions in the meantime? Email the church office!

Outreach Update

Upcoming events: Sunday, Oct. 9th: Pennies for Hunger collection at the service; Friday, Oct. 14th: Out of the Garden Project; coming soon, the annual collections for the Spartan Open Pantry.



AUTUMN SOUND BATH

Join musicians and healers, Nancy Pitkin and Elaine Penn, for an autumn healing sounds event.

October 16, 2022 | 1 PM
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unityingreensboro.org/activities

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>

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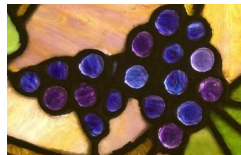
And see us on Meetup.com at: [Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)



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