

November 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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livestream sites

Important Dates ...

Office hours:

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

Nov 6: TIME CHANGE! Fall
Back!

Nov. 8: Session Mtg.,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Nov. 11: Out of The
Garden Project

Nov. 11: Rumi By Candle-
light, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Nov. 13: Pennies 4 Hunger

Nov. 16: Wed. Night Din-
ner, 6:00pm, Fellowship
Hall

Nov. 20: Lunch with Unity,
12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving!

Nov. 24/25: Office Closed

Nov. 26: Holiday Decorat-
ing, 9:30am—12:00pm

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Hello PCoC Family,

I hope you've all had a chance to welcome Stephanie Lindley, our new Music Director, into the PCoC family. As you know, she has already made an incredibly wonderful impact on our Sunday Gatherings. Her music is more than good; it is purposeful. What an exceptional gift that is for our spiritual community.

Many of you know that because the position wasn't in the budget for this year, we had to make some shifts in the budget to be able to bring Stephanie onboard. One of the areas that had to be shifted was the fund we were using to bring in local artists that we know and love. The thing is, beyond the immense amount of gifts Stephanie has already shared with us, she is also an unbelievable collaborator. It seems to me, that's something we should celebrate and promote.

As we start looking towards Advent and Christmas, and even into the new year, I know many of you have hopes to see some of our local favorites – not to mention, that we make sure we have the musicians we need to make our Christmas Eve Gathering everything it should be. Well, we have the right Music Director to do it, now we just need extra funding to make it happen.

I hope you will consider making a small contribution to the "Music Fund." With just \$100-200 a month, we can continue to support local musicians and Stephanie can bring even more impact to the services.

Thanks for your consideration and for your continued dedication to PCoC.

PEACE!

Mark



Sunday Service Information, November 2022

November 6:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

November 13: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

November 20:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

November 27: *Advent Begins*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

Session Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2022

New Member Introduction: Margaret Foley; motion to accept Margaret as a church member passed unanimously.

Report from Revisioning Committee: Mark shared a draft letter to be sent to building tenants about the impending sale of the buildings and described the RFP (Request for Proposals).

OLD BUSINESS

Building Open/COVID review: We have changed masking requirements so will omit this line item from future Session agendas unless there is a need for it.

Elder Nominating Committee: Will meet 18 October.

Session size recommendation: After consulting a number of other churches, Ralph recommended that Covenant decrease its Session to 8 members in 2023 and to 7 members for following years. We will present this to the Congregation for approval at the October 30th Congregational meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about unauthorized entry into buildings. Clara related finding a person asleep in the sanctuary and her quick-thinking response. This is not the only reported instance of unauthorized persons in the building. Will soon have cameras at the main entrances with links to Kate. If anyone does find an unknown person on premises, they are to let Mark and Kate know, and invite them to see Mark if they need help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Nancy reviewed the financial summary and has set up a special fund for money donated to pay for David Kolosieke's work with our Revisioning effort.

Worship: We plan a Christmas Day joint service with Unity, as well as a lessons and carols service on Christmas Eve.

Spiritual Formation: the Sunday Study Group is starting a new book, *Soul Stories* by Gary Zukav; all are invited to participate via Zoom.

Building & Grounds: Don shared an updated Strategic Work Plan.

Grounds: Michael will do monthly maintenance through October, then take off for the winter.

Communications: Ruth has created a signup sheet for future Session meeting devotionals.

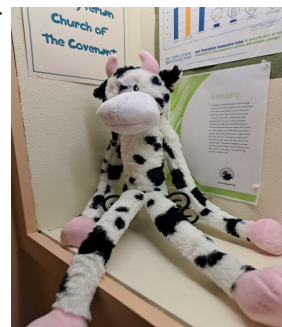
Fellowship: We will be invited to a joint meal with Unity on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Outreach: Clara and Nancy represented the church at the 2022 October CROP Walk. PCoC has raised \$945 so far. The Outreach Committee is still participating in the Out of the Garden project, Pennies for Hunger, and in November will provide a cow for people in Africa.

Personnel: Congregational Care: 9 providers made 39 contacts. Staff evaluations still in progress.

Outreach News

HOLY COW! This cow needs a home and the Outreach Committee is asking for your donations. In conjunction with the Presbyterian Giving Catalog program, the committee would like to purchase a cow to be sent to a needy family in Africa or Latin America. We will be collecting donations each Sunday in November, with the hopes we can raise \$450 to find our "Holy Cow" a home! (Make checks out to PCoC, with "Holy Cow" in the memo line).



Other upcoming events: The Out of the Garden Project, Friday, Nov. 11th; Pennies For Hunger collection on Sunday, Nov. 13th; coming in December, the annual collections for the Spartan Open Pantry. Email Clara Kelly to volunteer: clerkelly@gmail.com

CROP Walk Update: To date, we've raised over \$1,400, due to your generosity! Thanks, everyone!

The Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro Holiday Honor Cards will be available for purchase soon; Joyce Powers' daughter Courtney Curtiss is the talented artist who created the cover! Please support this fundraising effort; purchase online at: <https://habitatgreensboro.org/holiday-card/>

Revisioning Committee Update

On Sunday, Oct. 30th, PCoC followed our Sunday service with a scheduled congregational update on Revisioning Committee work. The Request for Proposals brochure was emailed to the congregation earlier, with hard copies available on request to the church office. We hope to soon begin conducting tours for prospective buyers, which will be led by David Kolosieke. Please remember we are soliciting donations to offset the costs of this effort. Questions? Email the church office!

Fellowship News

PCoC members, our friends at Unity of Greensboro have invited us to be their guests at a Thanksgiving lunch on Sunday, Nov. 20th, at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch will feature soups, chili and the fixings, cornbread, etc., and drinks and desserts. We are invited to contribute whatever sides/desserts we'd like to share with everyone. Plan to respond to this invitation to community!

The November PCoC Fellowship Monthly Dinner will be served on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good food, good fellowship, good fun!

And the Interiors Committee will need volunteers to help decorate the building for the holidays; the exact date will be announced via email and at Sunday services later this month. We need your holiday spirit! Contact Barbara North to volunteer: woodnotes2004@yahoo.com

Music News: Rumi By Candlelight Returns on Nov. 11th

At last! After a long hiatus due to COVID, our friends from Rumi By Candlelight will once again be holding a candlelit concert in the Sanctuary on Friday, Nov. 11th at 7:30pm. Featuring the music of longtime PCoC guest musicians Betsy Bevan, Will Ridenour, Daniel Chambo and Majid Basani.

Tickets are available at the door and online at: RumiByCandlelight.com

Don't miss this magical evening of music and the poetry of Rumi!



NOV. 6th!



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)



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