

February 2023



Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

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Sunday Morning Schedule
11:00am in the Sanctuary

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Important Dates ...

New 2023 Office hours:

Rev. Dr. Sandlin:
M appt. only
W, Th., 9-3
Kate Baird: M-F, 9-3

Feb. 1: Wed. Night Dinner,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Feb. 10: Out of the Garden
Project

Feb. 12: Pennies 4 Hunger

Feb. 14: Session Mtg.,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Feb. 15: Wed. Night Dinner,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Feb. 20: Presidents Day,
federal holiday, office
closed



A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Hello PCoC Family!

Exciting news! Our Revisioning Committee has just received a proposal on the building. Whether it meets our criteria and will be a good fit for both our congregation and the surrounding community remains to be seen. We are in the very earliest part of this stage of the process, but it is certainly good news to have an organization interested. The group who has submitted the proposal will be presenting the committee with an in-person, in-depth presentation of their concept very soon. As the committee has promised, we will be updating the congregation about it very shortly afterwards.

There is no guarantee that this is the right offer, but it is very hopeful to have someone recognizing that the committee's concept for repurposing the building in a way that has a positive impact on the community is more than viable. Truly exciting.

On a personal note, switching a portion of my work schedule to more time and work for ProgressiveChristianity.com has been both a bit awkward, in sorting the schedule out, and rewarding, in terms of the potential. I just wanted to take a moment to gently remind folks that Tuesdays for me are now exclusively designated for Progressive Christianity work and projects (barring Session meetings and emergencies, of course). That means the rest of my work week for PCoC is busier than ever; after all, there is no less work to be done. I'm discovering that, because of it, if you'd like to get together with me, one of the best ways is to schedule an appointment. Frankly, I don't like how impersonal that feels, but I can't deny, it is effective. Call or email the church office to do so, and you'll receive written or verbal confirmation.

We are all navigating new ground together. Let us continue to do so with our best foot forward, with wide-eyed anticipation, and with trust in a hopeful future!

PEACE!

Mark

Sunday Service Information, February 2023

February 5:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

February 12: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

February 19:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

February 26:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

Outreach & Fellowship & Other News

PCoC has several ongoing monthly outreaches: the second Friday of every month at 2:00pm, our volunteers help pack boxes of donated foods for those experiencing hunger or food shortages, at the OOTGP warehouse. This month's effort takes place on Friday, February 10th. Contact Charlie Finch for details or to volunteer at : tarheelcolonel@gmail.com.

On the second Sunday of each month, we take up a special offering during our weekly Sunday service for the PCUSA hunger initiative, Pennies For Hunger. Please designate :P4H on the memo line of your checks; cash contributions are also welcome. This month's donation will be collected on Sunday, February 12th.

PCOC's Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper is now being held twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring an entrée, side, salad, dessert, and/or a beverage to share with our PCOC family. This month's dates are Wednesday, February 1st, and Wednesday, February 15th. Please consider volunteering to help set up before the dinner, and/or clean up afterwards, as this effort truly takes a village. Financial donations are also accepted to help defray the cost of the meals, and are also used to hire someone to help with the set up and clean up process. Contact Vance Arnold at (336) 272-5736 to help out, so we can continue to offer this enjoyable gathering.

Would you like to join the Sunday book study? It's open to everyone and is ongoing, so you can read along and participate at your own pace. The group is currently reading and studying "Living The Questions", about progressive Christianity. Please contact Ann Finch for information: ann.mcintosh.finch@gmail.com

Did you know one of our own folks will be singing at the Tanger Center this month? Ralph Cauthen will be singing with the chorus for the Brahms Requiem with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra for the concert on Friday, February 18th at Tanger. I'm sure he'd enjoy having plenty of fans there! If you haven't had the opportunity yet to enjoy a performance of the Greensboro Symphony, including our Ruth Metheny, in their new home at Tanger Center, it's well worth it; we have a wonderful symphony.

Also, PCoC will host two more concerts put on by the Fiddle & Bow group this spring, one in April and one in May. Details will appear in future editions of the monthly newsletter.



Session Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Revisioning Update: No new developments on Revisioning, waiting for responses to the RFP from interested parties. The due date is the end of January, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Sharing Session minutes with past Session members. Scribe has sent past Session members (from classes of 2020, 2021) copies of the monthly Session minutes. We discussed ending that practice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Nancy shared the revised Budget, which includes a proposed tenant rent increase, to increase revenue and decrease financial losses. The new budget, which the Resource Committee recommends, includes a 3% increase in rents for the next several years, effective 01 April. We discussed whether increase was similar to rent increases charged in other parts of the city, and how to raise revenue more generally. Mark challenged all members to bring ideas to the next Session meeting on how to raise additional revenue in future, with budget revision to include these ideas.

Spiritual Formation: Sunday Study Group has just started the book, *Living the Questions*, about Progressive Christianity.

Buildings and Grounds: Mark asked for names of persons who could serve as liaison to work being done on the buildings. **Interior:** Need liaison for this area, too.

Communications: The Committee approved wording of an ad designed to reach other potential building purchasers, which will be released if more proposals are needed.

Fellowship: will bring in a plan at end of February for Fellowship projects.

Outreach: The December newsletter had a great writeup by Nancy on 2022 Committee activities. The January committee meeting will plan for 2023.

Personnel: Committee did Kate's evaluation.

Congregational Care: Fred reported there were 10 providers and 37 contacts for December.

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)

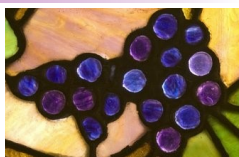


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