

March 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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livestream sites

### Important Dates ...

#### New 2023 Office hours:

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

Mar. 1: PEO meeting, 12-4

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

Mar. 10: Out of the Garden  
Project

Mar. 12: SPRING AHEAD!  
Daylight Savings Begins

Mar. 12: Pennies 4 Hunger

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

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

Mar. 20: Equinox

Mar. 25: Monthly Work Day,  
9:30am—12:00pm

Mar. 25: Fiddle & Bow Concert,  
Sanctuary, 7:00pm



## A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Hello PCoC Family!

Change hits us all a little differently. Some folks (like me) tend to get energized by good change. Plenty of other folks truly don't care for having to navigate change no matter how good it may be. And others will tolerate change but remain somewhat neutral about it until the change has fully occurred and they can assess the outcome better. Most of us are a mixture of all of these, as well as many other, reactions to change.

Because of the way our brains work, what is true for all of us is that change brings with it anxiety. We all just happen to navigate that anxiety differently based on a myriad of experiences and ways of seeing the world. No matter how well you navigate change, it has an impact on you. Anxiety is stressful.

Here at PCoC, we are in the midst of undergoing one of the biggest changes in our church's history. Whether we see it or not, we are all a bit anxious and stressed because of it. I hope we all continue to navigate that space well, recognizing both that we are personally stressed and that those around us likely are as well.

Let's take extra care of each other during these times. Pause slightly longer to consider if how we act and react to each other comes from a place of love.

March brings with it Spring and Spring brings with it Easter. Both are wonderful reminders of how God, the Universe, works: change is constant, but there is typically new life to be found on the other side of it.

PEACE!

Mark

## Sunday Service Information, March 2023

### March 5:

Music: Stephanie Lindley & Jamila Curry  
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

### March 12: *Pennies 4 Hunger Spring Ahead!*

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox



### March 19:

Music: Stephanie Lindley & Brian Blauch  
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

### March 26:

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

## Outreach & Fellowship & Other News

In conjunction with our Hunger Action program, the Outreach Committee will be asking for a special offering beginning on Sunday, March 5th, and continuing every Sunday in March. Your contributions will help provide a way forward for those whose lives are affected by poverty, hunger, and disasters through the work of the Presbyterian Church USA Disaster Relief Program, Hunger Action Program, and the Program from the Self-Development of People. Write "Hunger Action" in the memo line of your checks.

A reminder about our 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, March 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, March 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, March 1st, and Wednesday, March 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.

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

A March concert date has been added by the Fiddle & Bow group; we'll host a CD release concert for Larry & Joe on Saturday, March 25th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. 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.

FREE Adult Acting Class at PCoC: This new class includes games and exercises that teach useful acting and life skills while injecting downright fun! Learn how to tickle the funny bone of yourself, your fellow players, and audiences. Stretch your mind, guide your emotions, train your body in new (and safe) ways, and deepen your soul while learning how to playact roles, characters, and scenes. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall, Mondays from 6:20pm—7:30pm, March 13th—May 15th. You can attend all sessions or drop in occasionally. Call Zora Medor, (336) 897-2589, or email at zoramed@yahoo.com

## *Session Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2023*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of Renters and Rental Prices:** Kate presented a list of renters and current rental fees; tenants have been informed that their rents are going up on 01 April and none indicated a desire to move out. She said that all available spaces are currently rented, and that she gets frequent inquiries about availability. One of the attractions of our spaces is that they rent for much less than current commercial rents. She said there were two other offices that could be rented if they were repaired, and the group agreed that the feasibility of repairs should be investigated.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Revisoning Update:** The Revisoning Committee will meet with the Flywheel Foundation on February 22 regarding creation of a letter of intent for them to begin their decision process regarding the future of the property.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Resource Committee:** Nancy and the Resource Committee are concerned that our financial reserves are running low and want a plan to be in place in case the work with Flywheel does not result in a sale. The Session moved that if reserves drop below \$35K or there is no agreement with Flywheel by 31 July, that the Session act immediately to formulate another plan for the future of church.

Financial report: January was a tough month for finances; staff salary cuts not enacted so staff was paid at prior rate; there was also a miscommunication with Kate regarding her salary. The Resource Committee moved a change in budget to adjust Kate's rate of pay.

**Worship:** Ralph pointed out that Easter is 8 weeks away.

**Spiritual Formation:** Sunday Study Group still studying "Living the Questions" book.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Grounds: Clara says Michael is getting ready for spring.  
Buildings: Mark still searching for a representative to take charge of Buildings.

**Interior:** Ralph will be liaison to this committee.

**Outreach:** Last meeting of the Committee was a recap of 2022 highlights. Most recently was an Out of the Garden project last Friday, with 10 PCoCers in attendance. Charlie calculates that we gave at least 100 volunteer hours last year for this project. Committee still looking for ways to connect with the Afghan community. Mark said he is looking for ways to connect to the Beloved Community Center.

**Congregational Care:** Fred reports 9 providers made 39 contacts



# 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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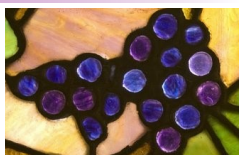


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