

June 2023



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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

June 6: Wed. Night Dinner,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

June 9: Out of the Garden  
Project

June 11: Pennies 4 Hunger

June 13: Session Mtg.,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

June 18: Father's Day

June 19: Juneteenth, federal  
holiday

June 20: Wed. Night Dinner,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

June 24: Monthly Work  
Day, 9:30am—12:00pm

**Presbyterian Church of the Covenant**



**The Covenant Compendium**

**A Letter from Reverend Sandlin**

Hello PCoC family!

Summer can be a difficult time for churches – particularly small churches with well-traveled congregation members. It's particularly true of our church.

We are in the midst of the biggest change that has ever happened in the life of this church. Fortunately, we have great leadership helping us navigate our way forward. Unfortunately, one of the reasons we need this change is because of our finances.

We've already had some unexpected expenses this year and, with the age of our building, we can expect more. Recently, we've also seen a downturn in giving. It all puts us in a very difficult position trying to stretch our resources until the sale of the building.

All of this is to say that, if you believe in PCoC, its mission, and the value of our community, please consider helping a little extra financially in the coming months. It's very exciting to think about the possibilities we will all have after the building sells, but we'll need the resources to get there.

PEACE!

Mark

## ***Sunday Service Information, June 2023***

**June 4:**

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

**June 11: *Pennies 4 Hunger***

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

**June 18: *Happy Father's Day***

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

**June 25:**

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

## ***Session Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2023***

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Revising Update:** Interested party working to see if the financial numbers work, which are expected to, so we are one step closer to positive outcome of process. We discussed forming an ad hoc committee to determine what PCoC furnishings should be kept, donated, or discarded, and other details. Mark said he would talk to the Revising Committee about this.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Resource Committee:** Time to publicize the Farrell Scholarship. Session members reviewed both long and short versions of financial reports and voted in favor of the traditional short version. We were in the red \$7K for April but the cash reserves are up. In all, we are about where our finances were expected to be at this time.

**Spiritual Formation:** Sunday Study group continues to meet on Zoom and is reading Michael Beckwith's *Life Visioning*. No Communion service is currently being planned.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Pipe leaks successfully repaired.

**Grounds:** Michael is currently mowing on Fridays in preparation for Sunday services.

**Fellowship:** July 2 Fellowship lunch will feature a Revising Committee report, so will be restricted to PCoC members.

**Outreach:** Committee members prepared meals for Habitat for Humanity volunteers; Out of the Garden Project volunteering continues; assisted Vandalia Presbyterian Church to move donated food into their pantry.

**Congregational Care:** there were 51 contacts during April from 10 providers.

## ***Farrell Scholarships Now Available***

The Farrell Scholarship, established in 1994 by the William and Nell Farrell family, is an endowed Scholarship with grants provided from the accrued interest of the endowment. The scholarship is open to members or friends of the congregation of Presbyterian Church of the Covenant and to their children who find themselves in need of a college, technical, or theological education to obtain meaningful employment, and who lack the financial means to complete this education. Priority is given to congregation members and their children in greatest need. Applications are available here: <https://athinkingchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Farrell-Scholarship-Application2023.pdf> and may be sent via USPS or email: pcoc2010@gmail.com. Note "Farrell Scholarship" in the subject line or on the envelope. Deadline is July 15 2023. A committee will review applications and make award recommendations to the Session by early August. This Scholarship is a grant without the necessity or expectation of repayment. The scholarship may be renewed yearly by reapplication.

## Financial News

For the first four months of 2023 the church received revenues of \$76,623. Sixty percent (60%) of that amount came from contributions and the remainder was rental income.

During that same time period the church spent \$84,043. Nearly 90% of that amount was spent roughly equally on personnel expenses and maintaining the church buildings. This resulted in deficit spending of \$7,420 through the end of April.

The church's budget for 2023 projected a loss for the first four months of \$7,180, so the net loss is close to what was expected.

## Outreach & Fellowship & Other News

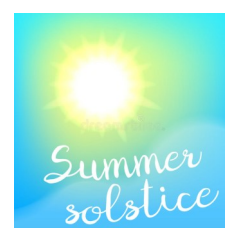
On the second Sunday of each month we take up a special offering during our weekly Sunday service for the PCUSA hunger initiative, Pennies For Hunger. Please designate :P4H on the memo line of your checks; cash contributions are also welcome. This month's donation will be collected on Sunday, June 11th.

PCOC's Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper is on hiatus for the summer months. We hope to resume the dinners in the autumn.

Join the Sunday book study: it's open to everyone and is ongoing, so you can read along and participate at your own pace. Contact Ann Finch for information: [ann.mcintosh.finch@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mcintosh.finch@gmail.com) The current selection is: *Michael Beckwith's Life Visioning: A Transformative Process for Activating your Unique Gifts and Highest Potential*

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, June 9th. Contact Charlie Finch for details or to volunteer at : [tarheelcolonel@gmail.com](mailto:tarheelcolonel@gmail.com).

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th, and next day, Monday, June 19th, is a federal holiday to celebrate Juneteenth. The summer solstice is Wednesday, June 21st; welcome summer! And June is Pride Month! Copies of the June schedule are on the back table in the Sanctuary.



## 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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