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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

May 3: Wed. Night Dinner,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 9: Session Mtg.,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 12: Out of the Garden  
Project

May 12: Fiddle & Bow con-  
cert, Bruce Molskey,  
7:30pm, Sanctuary

May 14: Mother's Day  
and Pennies 4 Hunger

May 17: Wed. Night Dinner,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 27: Monthly Work Day,  
9:30am—12:00pm

May 29: Memorial Day, of-  
fice closed

*Presbyterian Church of the Covenant*



The Covenant Compendium

***A Letter from Reverend Sandlin***

As we shared with the congregation on the last Sunday of April, things continue to move forward on the sale of the building. As a matter of fact, we have an organization that is very interested in it!

The Flywheel Foundation, which is helping us navigate these waters, recently brought together a lot of Greensboro entities that might have an interest in their concept for the new use of the building, and they all responded very favorably.

That is incredible news and should help Flywheel in funding the next step of the process.

Assuming we continue on this course and have a successful sale of the building, there will be a time within the next year or so when we will have to temporarily vacate our space in the building while the renovations happen. I'd like your input on two things for during that time.

- 1) Do you know of spaces (preferably near by) that might work for our Sunday gatherings?
- 2) What kinds of things would you like to see us do as a church community to help us stay connected doing our time outside of the building?

These are exciting times full of so much potential. I am so pleased to be on this journey with folks like you.

PEACE!

Mark

## ***Sunday Service Information, May 2023***

### **May 7:**

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

### **May 14: *Happy Mother's Day! Pennies 4 Hunger***

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

### **May 21:**

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Celia Starling, Frank Starling

### **May 28:**

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

## ***Outreach & Fellowship & Other News***

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, May 12th. 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, May 14th, which also happens to be Mother's Day.

PCOC's Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper is 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, May 3rd, and Wednesday, May 17th. Please 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. Contact Ann Finch for information: 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*

In May, the Fiddle & Bow group will hold a concert on Friday, May 12th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary, presenting musician Bruce Molskey



## ***Session Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2023***

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Revisoning Update:** WE have an interested buyer, and hope to have a decision in 4 - 6 weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Resource Committee:** Stewardship Sunday and Luncheon will be Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Nancy presented a three-month financial spreadsheet and summary.

**Worship:** Worship committee met and results are becoming manifest: first Communion since before COVID was held on Easter using a 'no-touch' process. Mark is seeking to improve serving furniture. Kate has begun a monthly print events calendar, available at the back table in the Sanctuary. Committee recommended against including congregation comments after Mark concludes the online part of the service. Follow up discussion about this recommendation noted the uniqueness of this church allowing congregants to offer their perspectives after the service. Nevertheless the opinion of the Worship Committee and Mark is that no one who comments wants their remarks "out there" forever and therefore we should not broadcast comments. Mark suggested that the Communications Committee consider how we can encourage people viewing online to have a way to present their perspectives after viewing the services. Some short of "chat box" was suggested. Mark asked Ruth To present that idea to the communications committee to see if we can come up with a creative way to include that for on-line viewers.

**Spiritual Formation:** The Sunday Study Group has started to read Michael Beckwith's *Life Visioning: A Transformative Process for Activating your Unique Gifts and Highest Potential*.

**Buildings and Grounds:** A basement leak repair cost about \$2K; other leaks need repairs as well. Two more office spaces are ready to rent, with tenants sought.

**Grounds:** Michael has begun weekly mowing and other grounds and lawn care.

**Communications:** Committee will work on ideas relating to broadcasting congregational comments after our weekly service; will present them at next meeting.

**Outreach:** Committee has been busy; Out of The Garden project met May 14th, Pennies for Hunger raised \$209 in May; Four Hours of sharing raised \$700+. In May will ask congregation to raise money for a goat for a third world family. In July, will begin plan to assist Foust Elementary School. We plan to start helping Vandalia Presbyterian's Food Pantry, and are in touch with Frank Dew regarding his push for a letter writing campaign in support of anti-hunger legislation.

Fred reported on **Congregational Care:** 10 providers and 67 contacts.

Nancy Schaefer volunteered to represent PCoC at the May Presbytery Meeting.

## 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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