

August 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

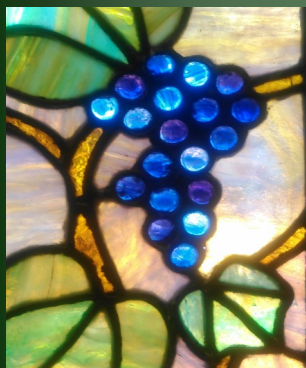
Aug. 8: Session Mtg.,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Aug. 14: Out of the Garden
Project

Aug. 13: Pennies 4 Hunger

Aug. 26: Monthly Work
Day, 9:30am—12:00pm

Aug. 27: Hot Dogs Lunch
& Ice Cream Social,
12:00pm, Fellowship Hall



Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Hello PCoC Family!

For those who weren't able to be in church on Sunday, August 30th, I wanted to share some good news with you. Our years of efforts to find a buyer for the church that would have a positive impact on the community, as well as allow us to remain in the building on Sundays (and have offices the whole week), seem to be paying off.

We now have a group of organizations that have come up with a plan to partner together to buy the church, remodel it while keeping its historic value, and start an incubator center for entrepreneurship for creative artists.

By the time you read this, we should have a new Letter of Intent from them saying they plan to give us an offer after they have engineers and hazardous material inspectors have a look at the building and they sort out the cost of doing what needs to be done before reopening the building. While that is good news, it will take some time to get it all done. Our guess is that it could take a few months before we know what their offer is. After that there will still be lots of details to work out about the final agreement. The important part is that we have taken another major step toward insuring the viability of our spiritual community for years to come.

As we have throughout this journey together, we will continue to update you each month about important developments in the process. And, in the meantime, please feel free to direct any questions to anyone on the Revisioning Committee. These are both exciting times of new possibilities as well as times of the loss of how things have traditionally been. Be gentle with each other, as you are already inclined to be.

It's one of the things that makes this such a wonderful community!

PEACE! Mark

Sunday Service Information, August 2023

August 6:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

August 20:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

August 13: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

August 27:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

Session Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Revisioning Update: Have two interested groups; one group is pushing to get a proposal by end of July (since Mark has been emphasizing that is our date to decide on our future). Mark now has volunteers for a small committee to begin deciding what to do with PCoC's furnishings and equipment, etc., in the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Use of R Murphy Williams Fund: Lem Cox proposed that Rev. Mark give a special talk to engage citizens from all over the political and social spectrum, which would involve considerable money and time to organize. Session members thought the idea is good but should be implemented at a later date.

Selection of a new registered agent for PCoC at the NC Secretary of State's office: The previous PCoC agent on file has been deceased for some years. The Session agreed to ask Kate if she would fill this role, since she is involved with all that is going on with the church; she agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Mitch will report at August Session meeting. A six-month financial summary was received by the Session without further discussion.

Spiritual Formation: The Sunday Study Group is now reading **Holy Envy** by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Buildings and Grounds: Leaking pipe fixed by Mark C at a substantial cost savings over hiring a professional plumber, and rest rooms are now working. Michael continues to do the mowing and routine groundskeeping.

Communications: Ruth presented the committee's latest revisions to the Church brochure. Motion passed to allow the Committee to make information changes to keep it up to date, with a provision that it only needs to be brought to the Session for decisions if there are changes to the substantive sections. Mark will now put the following information online so it will show up onscreen during Sunday service streaming sites: *ATTENTION ON-LINE VIEWERS! After our broadcast, our congregation has the opportunity during the last moments of the service to verbally respond to Mark's message: affirming, elaborating, or expanding perceptions. We welcome you to share your comments by writing them here. We would love to have your input!*

Fellowship: The Committee will combine the Hot Dog Lunch and Ice Cream Social events, scheduled for Sunday, August 27th at 12:00pm, and will invite Unity to join.

Outreach: Ongoing projects continue, including the Out of Garden Project, Vandalia Church aid. Foust School supplies drive coming soon, and will work with Habitat lunch ministry in October. In honor of Joy Saleeby's mother, the Committee voted to make a donation to Joy's favorite charity.

Personnel: Committee will schedule a meeting with Stephanie Lindley.

Hot Dog Lunch & Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 27th

Join us for our Sunday service at 11:00am on Sunday, August 27th, then stay afterwards for a joint hot dog lunch and an ice cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve hot dogs With all the fixings, chips, and drinks.

We'll follow that up with an ice cream bar featuring several flavors of ice cream and toppings. Build your own sundae!

A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary to volunteer to contribute fixings/toppings and for assistance with set-up and clean-up.

Contributions will gladly be accepted to help cover costs.



Ice Cream Social

Outreach & Fellowship & Other News

The Outreach Committee is now collecting donated school supplies for Foust Elementary through the month of August. See the back table in the Sanctuary to get a list of what's needed for each child in each grade. There's also a box nearby to deposit donated items.

We continue to collect plastic grocery bags (brown, gray and blue) for Vandalia Presbyterian's Food Pantry. They're being collected in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our monthly collection for the Pennies For Hunger fund will take place on Sunday, August 13th, before and after the 11:00am service.

Our monthly volunteer day for the Out of The Garden Project is Friday, August 11th. Please contact Charlie Finch for details or to volunteer: tarheelcolonel@gmail.com

Monthly Work Day on Saturday, August 26th—Volunteer!

Join us from 9:30am—12:00pm to work on various projects inside the building and outside that require volunteer help! Coffee will be in the Fellowship Hall, along with a chore list, or contact Clara Kelly to volunteer: clerkelly@gmail.com

2023 Crop Hunger Walk on October 8th

The 2023 date for the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, Oct. 8th at 2:00pm. There's a PCoC team, so if you're interested in being a member contact Clara Kelly at: clerkelly@gmail.com.

We'll have further details in the September newsletter.

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

2023
CROP HUNGER WALK

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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>

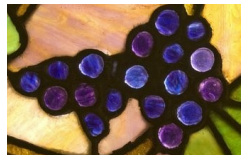
And see us on Meetup.com at:
[Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)



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