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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**

**Oct. 1: Triad Hindu Temple  
Dinner, Fellowship Hall**

**Oct. 3: InSpire Meditation  
Group Meeting & Lunch,  
12:00pm**

**Oct. 7: After Gateway 22nd  
Anniversary Celebration**

**Oct. 8: Pennies 4  
Hunger Collection**

**Oct. 8: CROP Walk**

**Oct. 10: Session Mtg.,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Oct. 11: Sierra Club, 6-8pm,  
Fellowship Hall**

**Oct. 13: Out of the Garden  
Project**

**Oct. 15: Stewardship  
Luncheon, Fellowship Hall**

**Oct. 28: Work Day, 9:30am,  
Fellowship Hall**

**Oct. 29: Unity Trunk-or-  
Treat, parking lot, 5:00pm**

*Presbyterian Church of the Covenant*



**The Covenant Compendium**

***A Letter from Reverend Sandlin***

Only lovers  
See the fall  
A signal end to endings  
A gruffish gesture alerting  
Those who will not be alarmed  
That we begin to stop  
In order to begin  
Again.

Maya Angelou

As much as I love Spring, I also adore the Fall.

As much as it is about the weather, it is also about the way they bookend Creation's reminder of the cycle of new life, ending, and new beginnings. There is a certain reassurance that I find in the very visible message that Creation places in front of our eyes in an undeniable way as we journey from Spring to Fall, and once again back to Spring.

It is a message that we as a spiritual community are very much echoing with Creation this year.

As we narrow in on an agreement to sell our building, we cannot help but be reminded of all the endings that come along with it. And knowing that we will return to the building in a new way, the excitement of new beginnings, new possibilities echo the theological promise of new life on the other side of endings.

So, in these times that can seem somewhat uncertain, I invite you to look to the promise that God's Creation puts on full display year after year, and know that new life awaits us.

Mark

## Sunday Service Information, October 2023

### October 1:

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

### October 15: *Stewardship Luncheon*

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

### October 29:

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

### October 8: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

### October 22:

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch



## Session Meeting Minutes, October 10, 2023

### OLD BUSINESS

**Revisioning Update:** We have an official LOI (letter of intent) from Flywheel; details are being negotiated. We have gotten a new appraisal in order to receive a "Brokers Purchase Opinion" that will be used as part of the sale negotiations.

**Stewardship luncheon:** Luncheon will be on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00am service. Presentations are being planned.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Prospective member report:** We have a possible new member.

**Presbytery meeting report:** Main news was the closing of one church, and "dismissal" of another, which is leaving PCUSA over differences regarding LBGTQ acceptance.

**Changing Session meeting day:** Tuesday night no longer convenient for Mark, who asked if the Session would be willing to change to Wednesdays. This will be on the October meeting agenda.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Resource Committee:** The committee is working on the 2024 budget, given the upcoming changes to our circumstances; will ask committees to submit their proposals to his committee by 15 October. Finances are doing OK, with much loss of parking lot income and much expense for building repairs leading to deficit spending again.

**Spiritual Formation:** Sunday Study Group (Zoom) still reading Taylor's "Holy Envy".

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mark Cable made emergency repairs to HVAC in the Fellowship Hal.

**Grounds:** Special Friday morning work days are taking place to groom the grounds prior to the September 30<sup>th</sup> "Remembrance Project" regarding the 1887 lynching that took place.

**Interior:** Preservation Committee working to on recommendations regarding what objects in the buildings to keep, store, donate.

**Communications:** New flyers are completed.

**Fellowship:** Planning meal for the Stewardship Luncheon; congregation will be asked to contribute desserts. Planning for a memorial service in October.

**Outreach:** Committee is busy with: Out of the Garden Project, aid to Vandalia Presbyterian, school supplies delivered to Foust School, CROP walk on October 8<sup>th</sup> (4 members in team so far). Margaret Foley has agreed to be our representative on the board of UKIRK. Also working on joining Adopt a School program, and will be part of Habitat for Humanity dedication.

## ***In\*Spire Meditation Meeting & Luncheon on Oct. 3rd***

Our meditation group will meet in person at 12:00pm on Oct. 3rd in the Sanctuary, followed by a brown bag luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy some relaxation and fellowship!

## ***Vicki Wallace Memorial Service To Be Held Oct. 7th***

Please join the Wallace family to celebrate the life of PCoC member Vicki Wallace on Saturday, Oct. 7th at 1:00pm at Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home, 515 N. Elm Street.

## ***After Gateway, Inc. 22nd Anniversary Celebration Oct. 7th***

After Gateway's anniversary fundraiser celebration is on Saturday, Oct. 7th in the PCoC Fellowship Hall from 1:00pm—6:00pm, with live music by the Piedmont Blues Preservation Society, and food and beverages by Up In Smoke Catering and Steel String Brewery. It will be a good time for a very worthy cause; AGI needs funds to expand and move to a new location in 2024. They ask folks to donate \$22 in honor of their 22nd anniversary.

## ***Sign up/Donate for Crop Hunger Walk on Oct. 8th***

The 2023 Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, Oct. 8th at 2:00pm. Please join the Covenant team by donating or by walking. Join the team at: [www.events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/greensboronc](http://www.events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/greensboronc).

## ***Annual Stewardship Luncheon on Oct. 15th at 12:00pm***

Be sure to attend the Annual Stewardship Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 15th at noon, following the 11:00am weekly service. While you munch on delectable soups, breads, and desserts, we'll receive an update on PCoC finances and plans for 2024.

## ***Outreach, Fellowship, & Other News (Help Buy A Goat!)***

Our monthly volunteer day at Out of The Garden Project is Friday, Oct. 8th. Contact Charlie Finch to volunteer: [tarheelcolonel@gmail.com](mailto:tarheelcolonel@gmail.com). Other efforts include plastic grocery bag collection for Vandalia Presbyterian's Food Pantry; there's a box in the rear of the Sanctuary. Pennies 4 Hunger is on Sunday, Oct. 8th and please donate every Sunday in October to our fundraiser to buy needy families two goats through the Presbyterian Giving Program.

## ***Advance Planning for the Holiday Season at PCoC***

Christmas will be here before we know it, and we have a special announcement to make: on Sunday, December 24th, we will have one service at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary, featuring special music, readings, and candle lighting. There will be no morning service that day.

## ***Monthly Work Day on October 28th***

The monthly work day will be Saturday, October 28th. We always need volunteers to assist with gardening or clean-up efforts both inside and outside the church, so join us then from 9:30am—12:00pm to work on the various projects. Coffee will be in the Fellowship Hall, along with a chore list, or contact Clara Kelly to volunteer: [clerkelly@gmail.com](mailto:clerkelly@gmail.com)

# 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](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church)



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