

September 2023

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

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A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

**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

**Sept. 4: Labor Day, office
closed**

**Sept. 8: Out of the Garden
Project**

**Sept. 10: Pennies 4
Hunger**

**Sept. 12: Session Mtg.,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Sept. 14: Unity, World Day
of Prayer**

Sept. 23: Autumn Equinox

**Sept. 30: 10:00am—
12:00pm, Truth & Reconcil-
iation Event, Fellowship
Hall**



Hello PCoC Family!

For those unable to be with us at the hot dog luncheon on Sunday, August 27th, I want to share with you an update presented following lunch from the Revisioning Committee.

We have received a Letter of Intent (LOI) to purchase the building and property from the investor group we've been working with this year. Keep in mind, this is the very earliest stage of moving towards an offer to purchase, but it does demonstrate a desire and intent from the investor group to make the purchase. The LOI included a potential purchase price and the figure is an acceptable place from which to negotiate. The LOI terms also includes an escrow deposit that would be made as an act of good faith.

We are meeting with our legal counsel to review the LOI and suggest changes we wish to see before the LOI will be signed and returned to the investor group. We've also informed the Presbytery of this next step in our process.

Additionally, we've assembled a Preservation Committee to begin looking at the church's furnishings and possessions in the building to make decisions about what we can or need to keep, and then what to do with all that remains. If you know of the important history of any item in the building, please let us know as we begin the process. Call or email the church office.

While we know the path we are on is the best decision for us, it is a difficult path, but it will lead us to a place where our PCoC family can thrive.

Thank you all for your continued support, thoughtful questions, and wise counsel throughout this process. You are greatly valued in all of this.

PEACE! Mark

Sunday Service Information, September 2023

September 3:

Music: Joel Landau
Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling

September 17:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

September 10: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

September 24:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

Session Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Revisoning Update: We anticipate receiving a formal letter of intent from the group of companies coordinated by the Flywheel Foundation. PCoC has been sent a questionnaire to fill out re: physical aspects and history of our property. The group is paying for evaluations and appraisals of the buildings, showing a financial commitment also. In future, the Session and then the congregation will need to approve the plans for the project, when they are received. We are in talks with First Presbyterian about the possibility of relocating our offices and worship to their buildings, including a possible location for After Gateway.

Church Stuff committee: The Preservation Committee has been formed to make decisions on future disposition of unneeded furniture, accessories, etc. Committee member are Betty Allen, Ann Finch, Annie Oakley, Vickie Wallace, Barbara North, Charlene Holler, Elsie Hutchens, and Kate Baird.

Registered Agent Update: Kate has agreed to be the Registered Agent for the church and the necessary paperwork has been filed.

NEW BUSINESS

Stewardship luncheon: The proposed September date has been changed, and the luncheon will be held in October, date TBA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Two Ferrell scholarships @\$1300 each have been awarded.

Finances: We are still running a deficit, with parking lot income down.

Worship: The committee will meet in October, date TBA.

Spiritual Formation: The Sunday Study Group continues reading "Holy Envy."

Buildings and Grounds: Thanks to Mark Cable for his masterful job of locating and fixing the big water leak for only \$4K. At his request, the Session has approved two \$50 gift cards for the two people who helped him.

Exterior: Weekly grounds work continues. August work day activities will depend on the temperature.

Communications: Church flyer is updated and available.

Fellowship: The Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social is on Sunday, August 27th, followed by an update from the Revisoning Committee.

Outreach: Ongoing outreaches include: funds collection for Pennies for Hunger; monthly work day on the Out of the Garden project; help with Vandalia Presbyterian's food drive, including plastic bag collection; collection of school supplies for Foust Elementary School. October will be "Get the Goat" month, raising funds to purchase livestock for a family selected by the Presbyterian Hunger Project. PCoC will provide lunch for Habitat for Humanity volunteers on October 26th. This year's CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 8th. Go to: www.event.crophungerwalk.org and search for our walk to join, or to make donations. In December, we'll have a food collection for UNCG Spartan Open Pantry.

Congregational Care report: In July, seven providers made sixty-seven contacts.

Monthly Work Day canceled for September

Due to scheduled activities in and around the church in September, we are postponing the monthly work day until Saturday, October 28th. We always need volunteers to assist with gardening or clean-up efforts both inside and outside the church, so do 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

Outreach, Fellowship, & Other News

Our monthly volunteer day for the Out of The Garden Project is Friday, September 8th. Contact Charlie Finch for details or to volunteer: tarheelcolonel@gmail.com. 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. In conjunction with our Hunger Action work, a special collection will be held throughout October to raise money for the Presbyterian Giving Program. We hope to collect

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
For information, contact Clara Kelly at: clerkelly@gmail.com.

Guilford County Remembrance Project: Sept. 30th at PCoC

On Saturday, Sept. 30th at 10:00am, join PCoC and local and national leaders for a soil collection ceremony to remember the 1887 lynching of Eugene Hairston, which took place on or near the property our church now stands on. The free event is being held by the Guilford County Community Remembrance Project with support from the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. The soil collected will be exhibited there, with donations also going to the Greensboro History Museum and The International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro.

After Gateway, Inc. 22nd Birthday Celebration Oct. 7th

After Gateway will hold an anniversary fundraiser and celebration 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 for sale 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 are asking for folks to donate \$22 in honor of their 22nd anniversary! Have a good time and help AGI.

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>

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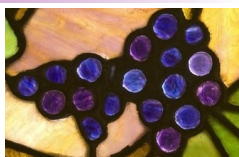
And see us on Meetup.com at:
[Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)



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