

June 2024



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 ...

2024 Office hours:

Rev. Dr. Sandlin:
M appt. only
W, Th., 9-3
Kate Baird: M-F, 9-3

June 4: In*Spire Meditation
meeting, brown bag lunch
to follow

June 9: Pennies 4
Hunger Collection

June 12: Session Mtg.,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

June 14: Out of The Gar-
den Project, 2:00pm

June 16: Fathers' Day

June 17: Outreach Comm.
Mtg., 2:00pm; Fellowship
Comm. Mtg., 3:00pm

June 19: Federal Holiday,
Juneteenth

June 23: Communion Sun-
day

June 29: Work Day,
9:30am, Fellowship Hall

June 30: Annual Hot Dog
Luncheon, 12:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

In my book of progressive prayers, I begin my prayers by saying “Good and queering God.” Several of you have asked me about that language, wondering what the “queering” is all about.

Given that June is Pride month, I thought I might address that language by revisiting a sermon series that I gave the year before the COVID outbreak. It’s a three-part series that will take a look at not only a theological understanding of the concept of “queering,” but will also look at its application in our understanding of God, our lives, and in following the teachings of Jesus.

I will tease it by saying this; while its beginnings are rooted in theology and philosophy surrounding gender and sexuality, it has expanded to address issues that I believe are at the core of all of Jesus’ teachings.

If you know folks who are curious about progressive theology, these services would be great ones to invite them to. I hope to see you on Sundays in June!

PEACE!

Mark



Sunday Service Information, June 2024

June 2:

Music: Stephanie Lindley, Hope Carter
Usher: Clara Kelly

June 9: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

June 16: *Fathers' Day*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer

June 23: *Communion Sunday*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Clara Kelly

June 30: *Fellowship Hot Dog Lunch*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Celia Starling



Session Meeting Minutes, May 8th, 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

Old Toys to New Tots initiative: David has taken on the task of finding new homes for the toys in the Nursery; Session members approved this, no formal vote needed.

Parking Passes: Sales of annual and semester parking passes will change to semester only passes, given that we may move out of the building in the next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Revisioning Update/offer on buildings: We are still working with Flywheel and hope to have a new Letter of Intent within 2 months.

Discussion of Revised Budget: Nancy provided an update to the revised budget presented at last Session meeting, and a motion to adopt passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Four-Month Summary presented by Nancy. The Session is conscious that extended negotiations for the building sale brings us closer to running out of reserves. Mark said that PCUSA has an office that might be able to help us financially; he will contact them

Spiritual Formation: Sunday study group is still reading Walsch *Tomorrow's God*.

Buildings and Grounds: Snake problems have been handled but still lots of snakes on premises. A group sponsored by the College Hill Association will beautify our flower beds. Michael is mowing.

Fellowship: May 19th Luncheon included visitors from the Muslim community. Beth Latture, experienced in conducting "Soul Collage" workshops, will lead one for the church this summer.

Outreach: Raised \$196 for Pennies for Hunger; have helped at Vandalia Presbyterian 3 times recently; provided luncheon for Habitat workers. Out of the Garden volunteering ongoing; late summer will hold collections for Foust School and for the UNCG SOP.

Personnel: Committee working on a contract for music director.

Fred's report: In April, 7 providers made 69 contacts.

Friday Morning Coffee Group

Join us every (or any!) Friday morning, 9:00—noonish (drop by any time) for coffee, snacks, Conversation and fellowship. We meet at the Panera on Highwoods Blvd. off New Garden Road in Greensboro.

In*Spire Meditation June 4th Meeting and Brown Bag Lunch

Join our meditation group at Noon on June 4th in the Sanctuary for a guided 20 minute meditation, followed by a brown bag lunch gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshment for the spirit and the body! It's always fun. You may bring something to share for lunchtime.

June 30th Fellowship Meal : Annual Hot Dog Luncheon

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the June monthly fellowship meal at noon on Sunday, June 30th. This month, we'll enjoy our annual summer Hot Dog Luncheon. Dogs, rolls, fixings, chips and drinks will be provided; we'd love to have you share a side salad or dessert! A sign-up sheet will be on the back table in the Sanctuary.
Contact Ralph Cauthen for information: rbcauthen@aol.com.

Outreach News

We're still collecting donations of plastic grocery bags for Vandalia Presbyterian's food pantry; a donation box is at the back of the Sanctuary. PCoC volunteer day at Out of The Garden Project is June 14th. Contact Charlie Finch: tarheelcolonel@gmail.com. On June 9th, we collect donations for the PCUSA hunger initiative, Pennies for Hunger Designate P4H on your checks; cash also welcome.

Other June Events

Don't forget Fathers' Day on Sunday, June 16th. Our newest federal holiday, Juneteenth, will be celebrated this year on Wednesday, June 19th. We will celebrate our quarterly Sunday Communion service on Sunday, June 23th. As always, everyone is welcome at the table.

Monthly Work Day on Saturday, June 29th

Volunteers needed to donate a morning of your time, 9:30am to 12:00pm! Help us keep the building and grounds in top condition and attractive. Meet in the Fellowship Hall (coffee provided!) to check the monthly chore list; do what you can. Contact Clara Kelly: clerkelly@gmail.com

Coming Soon — SoulCollage Workshop (Date TBA)

SoulCollage is an easy, enjoyable, intuitive collage process for self-discovery and community. This creative process helps people discover their unique talents and challenges, and to access their own wisdom to answer life's questions. Participants will create collaged cards using found images to represent facets of their own unique life experience and/or soul essence. New member Beth Latture will be facilitating this process in the near future—so stay tuned! Beth will supply cards for the collage cards, also scissors, glue sticks. Begin collecting magazines now to bring for photos from which to create the cards. SoulCollage is a global community, with participants in 60 countries. For more information, go to: <https://soulcollage.com/about/>

Recent Events



Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of PCoC, Crystal Culbreth and Beth Latture. We're very happy to have you both in the PCoC family!

On Saturday, May 11th, PCoC volunteers prepared, transported, and served lunches to the volunteers working on building the newest Habitat Greensboro home. We do this several times a year! Volunteers included Clara Kelly, Joyce Powers, Nancy Schaefer, and Ralph Cauthen.



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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