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Sunday Morning Schedule
11:00am in the Sanctuary

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Important Dates ...

2024 Office hours:

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

May 3: Fiddle & Bow concert,
The Tannahill Weavers, 7:30pm

May 7: In*Spire Meditation meeting & brown bag lunch to follow

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

May 10: Out of The Garden Project, 2:00pm

May 12: Mothers' Day

May 12: Pennies 4 Hunger Collection

May 17: Concert, Bolling Suites, 7:00pm

May 19: Sunday Fellowship Brunch, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

May 25: Work Day, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

May 27: Memorial Day, office closed

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

For those who weren't able to make the last Sunday service in April, I wanted to share with you the exciting news about our newest members.

Many of you probably already know both Beth and Crystal. They've each been a part of "us" for many months. We just made it all official and couldn't be more excited to have them with us!

After they each indicated their interest in officially joining the church, I was lucky enough to get to spend some time with both of them and hear about their spiritual journeys and how they ended up at PCoC and why they wanted to make it official. They were wonderful conversations and remarkably similar journeys. They both then meet with the Session and the Session unanimously voted to make them members.

It's very exciting to see folks joining and to hear their stories of what attracted them to PCoC. I particularly love hearing them talk about how wonderful all of you are! Beth and Crystal are also wonderful folks, so it's just a perfect match.

So, please be sure to welcome them the next time you see them. These are exciting times at PCoC and I'm pleased to be journeying with you all.

PEACE!

Mark

Sunday Service Information, May 2024

May 5:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Cecelia Starling

May 12: *Pennies 4 Hunger, Mothers' Day*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

May 19: *Fellowship Lunch*

Music: Stephanie Lindley, Joel Landau
Ushers: Clara Kelly

May 26:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

Session Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members: Two prospective new members were present and shared with the Session their spiritual journeys and why they wished to join PCoC. Beth Latour and Chrystal Culbreth were unanimously accepted by the Session as members. They were publicly welcomed by the congregation on April 28th.

OLD BUSINESS

Revisoning Update/offer on buildings: Still working on two options for selling the buildings. Fly-wheel is still leading Option A and will have meetings with interested developers soon. Option B interested party has scheduled building tour in May.

Locking Up Buildings: Nancy has been responsible for locking up the buildings after services for years. Now Session members will take turns carrying out this responsibility using a provided step-by-step guide and schedule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: The Committee presented the Session with a revised budget based on being in the building the whole year. The Session opted to delay a vote on new budget until next Session meeting, after members have had time to study the proposal.

Spiritual Formation: Zoom Group continues Walsch's *Tomorrow's God*.

Buildings and Grounds: Water leak reported on has mysteriously stopped (just as it mysteriously started); this has happened before. Elevator has had issues and was repaired.

Grounds: Michael is mowing every week. He completed Tara's garden at no cost to the church.

Interior: No current needs; when we get a move date, will begin to plan procedures.

Communications: Mark still trying to find someone to lead this committee.

Fellowship: Schedule for Fellowship Luncheons was distributed.

Outreach: Pennies for Hunger raised more than \$156; Presbytery said it has given \$33K to local food banks, including Vandalia Presbyterian; will study Heifer catalog to decide what animals to donate; May will be Habitat luncheon; SOP will send a speaker in the fall to talk to the congregation about that project.

Personnel: No updates from Fred on contacts. Staff meetings ongoing.

Coming Soon – SoulCollage Workshop

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/>

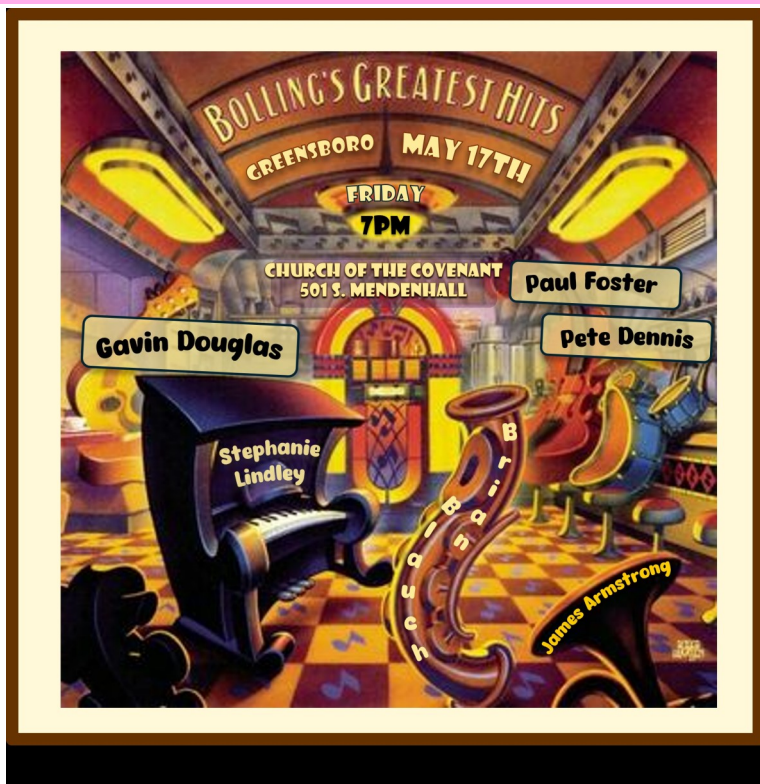
May is Concerts Month! May 3rd: The Tannahill Weavers

Coming to PCoC, one night only! Friday, May 3rd at 7:00pm, The world-famous Tannahill Weavers. Born of a session in Paisley, Scotland, and named for the town's historic weaving industry and local poet laureate Robert Tannahill, the Tannahill Weavers have made an international name for their special brand of Celtic music, blending the beauty of traditional melodies with the power of modern rhythms. As one of the world's premier traditional Celtic bands, their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, original ballads and lullabies, and humorous tales of life in Scotland. In 2021, piper and fiddle player Iain MacGillivray, Scotland's youngest Clan leader, joined the band; he's worked on exciting projects such as Outlander and Men in Kilts. The band's variety and range of their materials is matched by their enthusiasm and lively Celtic spirits.



May 17th: The Claude Bolling Concert: Bolling's Greatest Hits!

Live and in person, on Friday, May 17th, 7:30pm at PCoC, The Greensboro Bolling Ensemble presents 13 pieces by the legendary Claude Bolling. The ensemble is: Stephanie Lindley (piano), Brian Blauch (flute), Gavin Douglas (guitar), James Armstrong (trumpet), Paul Foster (bass), and Pete Dennis (drums). They are among Greensboro's most highly skilled, professional, popular, and accomplished musicians and have been working together for more than a year to offer a concert of Claude Bolling's crazy classical/jazz "crossover" music. This music took the world by storm 50 years ago, topping the classic Billboard Music charts for more than 10 straight years, from the early 1970's into the mid-1980's. Bolling wrote film scores for dozens of Hollywood movies in the 1970s and 1980s, including the film "California Suite". Most recently, his solo piano piece, "Temptation Rag", was featured in the film "The Joker", with Joaquin Phoenix. Don't miss this exciting musical event! Tickets are available at the door.



Friday Morning Coffee Group

Join us Fridays, 9:00—noonish (drop by any time) for coffee, snacks, conversation. Panera on Highwoods Blvd. off New Garden in Greensboro.

In*Spire Meditation May 7th Meeting and Brown Bag Lunch

Join our mediation group at Noon on May 7th 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!

May 12th Unity Ordination Celebration

Join Unity of Greensboro in Suite 213 on Saturday, May 11, 1:00pm, to celebrate the ordination of Rev. Wally White and Rev. Miranda Koberg. A short ceremony will be followed by refreshments.

May 19th Fellowship Meal, Following the Service

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the May monthly fellowship meal at noon on Sunday, May 19th. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Sanctuary; please bring an entrée, side, salad, or dessert to share; drinks provided. Contact Ralph Cauthen for more information: rbcauthen@aol.com. We recently participated in a dinner with members of the Islamic community and extended an invitation to join our monthly meal. We hope some members might be our guests at the May luncheon, and ask that any dish with pork products be marked. Please make these guests welcome.

Monthly Work Day on Saturday, May 25th

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

Outreach News

Donate 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 Mar. 9th. Contact Charlie Finch: tarheelcolonel@gmail.com. On May 12th, we collect donations for the PCUSA hunger initiative, Pennies for Hunger Designate P4H on your checks; cash also welcome.

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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