

September 2024



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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

Sept. 2: Labor Day, office
closed

Sept. 8: Pennies 4
Hunger Collection

Sept. 11: Session Mtg.,
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 13: Out of The Gar-
den Project, 2:00pm

Sept. 15: Fellowship Lunch
12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 15: Soul Collage,
1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sept. 16: Outreach Comm.
Mtg., 2:00pm; Fellowship
Comm. Mtg., 3:00pm

Sept. 22: Communion Sun-
day

Sept. 28: Work Day,
9:30am, Fellowship Hall

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Rev. Sandlin is taking a well-deserved break this month.

We hope you enjoy the following words from Richard Rohr:

The great mystics tend to recognize that

Whoever God Is,

*He or She does not need our protection or perfect
understanding.*

*All our words, dogmas, and rituals are like children
playing in a sandbox*

Before Infinite Mystery and Wonderment.

If anything is true, then it has always been true;

And people who sincerely search will touch upon

*The same truth in every age and culture,
while using different language, symbols, and rituals*

To point us in the same direction.

*The direction is always toward more love and union—
in ever-widening circles.*

Sunday Service Information, September 2024

September 1: *Guest Speaker: David Johnson*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

September 15:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly

September 29:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Nancy Schaefer

September 8: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

September 22:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

Session Meeting Minutes, August 14th, 2024

NEW BUSINESS: Reflections on Wild Goose Retreat: Mark Sandlin was on a panel titled "Take Back Christianity." He thought that the biggest change this year was a more explicit shift to discussions about politics, especially Christian Nationalist hijacking of Christianity. His panel featured speakers such as Bryan McLaren, Jacki Lewis. Mark is in discussions with Unity to bring Flamy Grant to our campus for a concert this fall. Mark also discussed his recent YouTube production of "Christians for Kamala," which is currently being edited to have each speaker accessible separately.

OLD BUSINESS: Revisioning Update/offer on buildings: PCoC has turned in a signed LOI to GMJ partners and are waiting the return of the PSA. They have 30 days to respond. If they do not do their part, we still have Plan B. Film Project Request: No news yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Resource Committee: Contributions down, resources dwindling; planning a Stewardship Luncheon for October.

Spiritual Formation: Sunday Study Group continuing to read Jim Dollar manifesto located online. Mark plans to talk to Ann regarding creating a hybrid in person/ Zoom meeting for this Study Group.

Buildings and Grounds: We still have snakes! Thompson Roofing has finished repairs; getting estimates on plaster walls repairs. Mark Cable working on drains. Grounds: All the plants growing from the rains, next workday is Aug. 28th with Nancy in charge. Have gotten a second yard waste can from the City.

Interior: Waiting for contract before we work on clearing building. Most nursery toys are gone.

Fellowship: Ice Cream social on Aug. 18th, with Unity guests. We're talks with an African Church that wants to meet on our campus on Sunday Afternoons.

Outreach: Out of The Garden had 8 volunteers, Vandalia 2, school supplies for Foust Elementary were delivered on Aug. 12th. Rev Andrew Mails-Saine gave a talk to the congregation on the UNCG Spartan Open Pantry. We are collecting egg cartons for them. The annual CROP walk is in October; we will provide lunch to Habitat for Humanity volunteers in September. Personnel: committee is working on questions for Mark's upcoming interview.

Congregational Care report: In July we had 64 contacts with 7 providers.

September Events

- 9/01: Session Member David Johnson will present an intriguing message during the Sunday service. Come take the participatory quiz.
- 9/02: Labor Day, church office closed.
- 9/03: In*Spire Meditation Group, monthly meeting in the Sanctuary at 12:00pm, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring something to share.
- 9/06: Coffee & Conversation group meets every Friday morning at 9:00am at the Panera on Highwoods Blvd. for food and fellowship. Open to everyone!
- 9/06: The Natl. Folk Life Festival downtown. Great music, vendors, food.
- 9/08: Our monthly Pennies for Hunger donation takes place during the service.
- 9/10: Sierra Club meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- 9/11: PCoC Session meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- 9/13: Out of the Garden Project; PCoC volunteers to pack food for needy families. Contact Charlie Finch to volunteer: tarheelcolonel@gmail.com
- 9/15: Monthly Fellowship Meal, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Sanctuary. Sign up to bring your favorite dishes to share.
- 9/15: Soul Collage Workshop, 1:30pm—4:00pm, Fellowship Hall. Led by Beth Latture, who will explain the purpose of Soul Collages and provide materials. The cost is \$15, with a percentage to be donated to UNCG's Spartan Open Pantry. There's a flyer and sign-up sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary. You may bring magazines/pictures to use in your collage.
- 9/16: Outreach Meeting, 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall; 3:00pm Resource Meeting
- 9/18: PEO Meeting, 1:00pm –4:00pm, Parlor
- 9/21 Concert by Unity, Eddie Watkins Jr., 5:00pm, the Sanctuary. Motown and up beat spiritual music. Buy tickets (\$20) at: www.unityingreensboro.org/eddie
- 9/22: Communion Sunday at PCoC. All are welcome.
- 9/22: Greensboro Pride Festival, S. Elm St.. 11:00am—6:00pm. Free event.
- 9/28: PCoC Monthly Work Day. Come help us maintain the building & grounds! 9:30am—12:00pm. Contact Clara Kelly to volunteer: clerkelly@gmail.com

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October Events

10/05: Tate St. Festival, arts & music festival on Tate St., 1:00pm—7:00pm

10/06: World Communion Sunday

10/06: Greensboro CROP Walk, 2:00pm, Barber Park. To join our team or make an online donation, log onto: events.crophungerwalk.org and search for the box that says “search for your walk, team, or an individual walker”. Type in Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

10/08: Sierra Club, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

10/09: Session meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

10/11: Out of The Garden Project

10/13: Pennies for Hunger donation during the Sunday service

10/21: Outreach Comm., 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall; Resource Comm., 3:00pm

Date TBA: PCoC Annual Stewardship Luncheon



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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