

November 2024

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

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Sunday Morning Schedule
 11:00am in the Sanctuary
 See P. 4 for livestream

Important Nov. Dates ...

2024 Office hours:

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

11/03: TIME CHANGE!

11/05: ELECTION DAY!!!!

11/06: PEO Mtg., 12 –4, Fellowship Hall

11/08: Out of The Garden Project, 2:00pm

11/09: Unity memorial, 12-6, F. Hall and Sanctuary

11/10: Pennies 4 Hunger Collection

11/11: Veterans Day, Federal Holiday

11/13: Session Mtg., 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

11/15: Derek Webb concert, 8:00pm, Sanctuary

Nov. 18: Personnel Comm. Mtg., 6:00pm, F. Hall

11/21: Outreach Comm. Mtg., 2:00pm; Fellowship Comm. Mtg., 3:00pm

11/23: Work Day, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall, Holiday Decorating!

11/28: Thanksgiving, Office Closed 11/28, 11/29

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

For those who didn't get to hear the update last Sunday from our Revisioning Committee, we have mixed news. The good news is that we are back on track with the sale of the church. The group we've been working with whose developer had dropped out is now talking with the organization that was our backup about working together. They both are excited about the opportunity to make this happen.

The downside is that it is going to take a little more time. It will probably be 6 months before we have a Purchase and Sales Agreement. That's a lot longer time than we had hoped we'd be responsible for the building and the costs of it are going to be a bit of a strain.

So we need you. We need you to do everything you can this Stewardship season. Your gifts to the church will matter more this coming year than they ever have before and will allow us to get to a point where we can breathe new life into PCoC.

It's an exciting time for PCoC. And I'm thankful to be on this journey with you.

PEACE!

Mark



Sunday Service Information, November 2024

November 3: *Time Change! Fall Back!*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling



November 10: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

November 17:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Ushers: Clara Kelly



November 24: *Communion Sunday*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

Session Meeting Minutes, October 9th, 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

Margaret shared a Transformational Ministry guide from the Presbytery. We voted to invite Jodi Lingan, the Transformational Ministry guide representative, to the November Session meeting, since this is an appropriate time for us to receive guidance on what is happening with the church.

OLD BUSINESS

Revisoning Update/offer on buildings: Plan A group met with Plan B group and our representative David Kolosieke about possible joint venture. We need to create a back-up Plan C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Stewardship luncheon/meeting was on Oct. 27th. PCoC's insurance premiums and deductibles will increase as of November. There will no longer be coverage for the roof due to its age. Current roof repairs estimate is \$4.8k. Reserves continue to dwindle. Committee discussed necessity to formulate a "Plan C" for the building sale. The Treasurer's report was presented by Nancy.

Spiritual Formation: Sunday Study group continues to meet on Zoom, still reading Jim Dollar's Old Preacher's Manifesto.

Buildings and Grounds: Roof has significant deterioration and repair costs will be \$4K; will give update on this at next meeting.

Grounds: Mowing for the season has ended; work day was Oct. 26th.

Interior: Working on decisions regarding setting up Christmas decorations.

Communications: The church's website needs considerable updating, not currently in budget.

Fellowship: Committee met Oct. 21st to formulate plans for next year. Upcoming concerts include Derek Webb on Nov. 15 and Flamy Grant late January 2025.

Outreach: Out of The Garden volunteers continue food prep. Pennies for Hunger has raised \$500 in 2024. Vandalia food pantry volunteer workdays continue; we served Habitat for Humanity volunteers lunch on Sept. 28 and breakfast to their Pride Build volunteers on Oct. 5th. The annual CROP Walk on Oct. 6th raised over \$1140, which will be donated to local organizations. We continue to support People to People Liaison, the Farmer's Curb Market, Faith Action Intl. We donated bikes to recycle and toys to Goodwill. Our annual donations drive for UNCG Spartan Open Pantry is in December.

Personnel: Margaret. Mark Sandlin's review took place.

Congregational Care Report: September saw 35 contacts by 6 providers.

November News & Events

On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, the clock goes BACK one hour. Enjoy the extra snooze time!

Nov. 5th: Election Day: Time to vote, if you didn't vote early. Make your voice count!

A BIG **Thank you** to everyone who attended the Stewardship Lunch on Sunday, Oct. 27th. We enjoyed delicious stone soup, cornbread, and cookies. The work of the Sunday cooks, Joyce, Joy, and Charlene, was much appreciated. To help with our budget planning for 2025, the Resource Committee hopes you will fill out an Estimate of Giving card and return it to the church office by Nov. 10th. There are more tote bags available to anyone who wants one.

This year's contribution by PCoC to the CROP Walk totaled \$1,340.00. Thank you for supporting our team: Nancy Schaefer, Beth & Richard Latture, Clara & Pat Kelly, and Margaret Foley.

The Outreach Committee is gearing up for our annual Spartan Open Pantry Food & Toiletries Drive. Church of the Covenant will join forces with the College Hill Neighborhood Association to collect shelf stable food and personal hygiene supplies on three Saturdays in December. We will set up in the Mendenhall St. parking lot on December 7, 14, and 21 from 10 am—12 pm to receive donations. If you would like to help out on one or more of those days, there will be a sign up sheet for volunteers on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Come join us - we'll have the fire pit blazing and marshmallows to roast!

Please see the announcement on Page 4 about the very special concert taking place on Friday, Nov. 15th, at 8:00pm in the Sanctuary. Noted artist Derek Webb will sing many of his well-known songs from his career of over 30 years. Don't miss it!

Saturday, Nov. 23rd, will be our monthly work day, and will feature our annual holiday decorating festivities! Barbara North and her elves will serve cider, coffee, and donuts to all volunteers, and the more, the merrier, and the faster wreath-hanging and tree-trimming will go. Decorations will officially be lit on the following Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent.

Please contact Barbara North to volunteer: woodnotes2004@gmail.com

Unity of Greensboro will be holding their annual Thanksgiving week soup supper in Room 213 on Sunday, Nov. 24th at noon. They've invited PCoC and asked attendees to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink to share with the group. Thanks, Unity!



Derek Webb in Concert at PCoC! Friday, Nov. 15th only!

Join Derek Webb for the It All Matters After All Tour! This is going to be a special one. Derek will be telling stories about and performing a set of his most cherished songs from his Caedmon's Call days, original songs from the past 30 years, and maybe even some of your requests in an intimate house show setting. New songs, and lively discussion. Limited seating. Doors at 7:30PM, show at 8:00 PM.

Buy tickets here:

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/derek-webb/it-all-matters-after-all-greensboro-nc>

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)

Check us out online! www.athinkingchurch.org

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