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

Important Feb. Dates ...

2025 Office hours:

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

5/11: Happy Mother's Day

5/11 Pennies 4 Hunger
Collection

5/13: Sierra Club, 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

5/14: Session Mtg., 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

5/09: Out of The Garden
Project, 3:00pm

5/18: Guest Officiant

5/18: Fellowship Luncheon,
Bunny Hop Salad Bar/
Fixings

5/19: Outreach Comm.
Mtg., 2:00pm; Fellowship
Comm. Mtg., 3:00pm

5/25: Guest Officiant

5/26: Memorial Day Holi-
day, office closed

5/31: Monthly Work Day

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The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

PCoC family,

Every now and then, I'm reminded how lucky we are to be part of a church that actually lives out radical Love. The kind that flips tables, affirms queer folks, trusts women, and speaks truth to power.

That kind of church isn't common. But here? It's who we are. It's in our welcome, our justice work, our prayers, and the way we show up for each other. And that's something worth celebrating.

We're not here because we have all the answers, we're here because we try to ask better questions. Because we choose curiosity over certainty, community over conformity, and Love over dogma. What we're building together matters. It's sacred. And I'm grateful every day to be on this journey with you all.

Thank you!

Mark

Sunday Service Information, May 2025

May 4:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Clara Kelly

May 11: *Mother's Day Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

May 18: *Fellowship Lunch Bunny Hop Salad Bar/Fixings*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

May 25: *May 25: Memorial Day Weekend*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Clara Kelly

May News & Events

New Church Office Hours Began on April 1st

A reminder that church office hours changed on April 1st, 2025. The new church office hours will be: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week, from 9:00am—3:00pm. Kate will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays via the church email address: pcoc2010@gmail.com, or text her directly

Outreach Committee News

Are you ready for some delightful spring salads? Join us on Sunday, May 18th for the monthly Fellowship Luncheon immediately following the 11:00am Sunday Service in the Fellowship Hall for some delicious salads of several kinds, including green and veggie salads, pasta salad, and more, completely with rolls/breads and drinks. Please bring a dessert dish to share with the group and enjoy the Bunny Hop Luncheon! Coming up in June, we'll begin a month-long donation drive for the Presbyterian Giving Mission to provide animals to families in need around the world. The funds provided will enable families to feed themselves and others in impoverished places.

Monthly Building Sale Updates

Don't forget, on the last Sunday of each month at the end of our Sunday Service, we present a congregational update on the sale of our building.

In*Spire Meditation Group

The In*Spire mediation group will meet this month on Tuesday, May 6th, at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary for an uplifting, enjoyable half hour of guided meditation led by Lora Farlow. All are welcome .

Monthly Work Day on Saturday, May 31th

Donate a morning of your time, 9:30am to 12:00pm, to help us keep the building and grounds in top condition and attractive to our congregation, tenants, and visitors. Meet in the Fellowship Hall (coffee provided!) to check the monthly chore list; could be indoors, outdoors (weather permitting), and you go at your own pace according to your abilities. Volunteers always welcome! Contact Clara Kelly for more information or to volunteer: clerkelly@gmail.com

Session Meeting Minutes, April 9th, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

Revisoning Update/offer on buildings: We've decided to go with a commercial real estate agent, Ira Sheldon Development, who is will bring several prospective clients to the building for views/tours. We are also in talks with UKirk about renting office space in their building, which is mostly unused.

PASTOR'S UPDATE: Mark has been to luncheons with ministers from Parish B, (the one we are in); created a Lenten sermon series; doing counseling; working on outreach for the church on social media; is mentoring a local minister, doing a wedding in September; starting work on a summer sermon series on dead dogma; working with Beth on updating the church's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Revenue is up, expenses are down. The copier has died, so will need to be replaced. Discussions about what we will do with the money from the sale of the building need to start now, since part of getting the Attorney General to sign off on the sale is to meet their requirements regarding use of the sale money.

Spiritual Formation (includes Worship and Music): The Sunday Book Study group has finished its selection. A new book will be selected during the next group meeting.

Interior: The group will continue discussions on disposition of the contents of the building and plans an inventory of the church possessions.

Communications: Helping Mark with the website, signage for the buildings on how to access the sanctuary.

Fellowship: All present congratulated Fred on how well he is handling the Congregational Care process.

Outreach: In April, the committee is fundraising for Church World Services, to help with their refugee resettlement program, and is also scheduled to help with a Habitat Lunch on the 26th.

Personnel: Kate has decided to go to a part-time status of 20 hours/week, in office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and accessible via email/phone on Tu/Thurs.

Congregational Care: For the month of March, we had 63 contacts by 5 providers.



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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