

July 2025



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

2025 Office hours:

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

Kate Baird: M, W, Th, 9-3

7/04: 4th of July

7/08: Sierra Club, 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

7/09: Session Mtg., 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

7/13 Pennies 4 Hunger
Collection

7/18: Out of The Garden
Project, 3:00pm

7/21: Outreach Comm.
Mtg., 2:00pm; Fellowship
Comm. Mtg., 3:00pm

7/20: Fellowship Potluck
Lunch

7/26: Monthly Work Day



Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

Hi PCoC Family!

Summer's in full swing. The days are longer, the sun's hotter, and let's be honest – some Sundays it's tempting to trade church for a beach chair or the backyard hammock. No judgment. Rest matters.

But here's the thing: church isn't a building you step into. It's a community you belong to. It's the way we show up for each other.

So whether we're gathered in the sanctuary, in the Fellowship Hall, or around somebody's kitchen table, that is church. That's where Love gets lived out.

In these times of transition, it matters more than ever. So, keep showing up for each other. Keep making space for new folks. Keep being church – building or no building.

See ya Sunday!

PEACE!

Mark



Sunday Service Information, July 2025

July 6:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

July 20:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Clara Kelly

July 13: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

July 27:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling



Outreach Committee News

The Outreach committee will be sponsoring two initiatives in the month of July. We will ask for contributions of school supplies for Foust Elementary School. A list will be available on the back table in the sanctuary and the committee will start collecting supplies on July 13th. Supplies will be delivered during the week of August 18th. Also, see the supply list on page 4 of this newsletter.

The committee has also learned of an opportunity to help others this summer. Guilford Park Presbyterian Church is partnering with the Greensboro Urban Ministry to provide temporary housing for 12-15 clients from GUM from June 1st to August 31st. They seek support from other Presbyterian churches to provide meals for the guests as well as assistance with laundry duties. The Outreach committee has signed up to provide two breakfasts in July. If interested in providing meals or helping with laundry, please contact the Outreach committee. There is a very simple sign-up process available on Guilford Park's website.

Farrell Scholarship Applications Being Accepted in July!

The Farrell Scholarship, established in 1994 by the family of William and Nell G. Farrell, is an endowed Scholarship with grants provided from the accrued interest of the endowment. The scholarship is open to members or friends of the congregation of PCoC and to their children in need of a college, technical, or theological education but who lack the financial means to complete this education. Priority is given to members and their children of this congregation in greatest need.

Applications are available on the PCoC website: www.athinkingchurch.org and may be submitted electronically (pcoc2010@gmail.com) or by USPS to the church. Note "Farrell Scholarship" in the subject line or on the envelope. Deadline is July 31, 2025. A committee will review applications and make award recommendations to the Session in August. This one-year Scholarship ordinarily takes the form of a grant without the necessity or expectation of repayment. An applicant may receive it for more than one year if circumstances warrant. Reapplication is necessary each year.

Monthly Building Sale Updates

The last Sunday of each month, we present a congregational update on the sale of our building.

Book Study Group on Sundays on Zoom

The weekly Book Study group meets every Sunday morning via Zoom. The group is open to all and may be joined anytime. The current selection is: *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. If you would like to join, contact Ann Finch at ann.mcintosh.finch@gmail.com

Session Meeting Minutes, June 11th, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

Revisioning Update/offer on buildings: The Committee is working on a way to create legal protection from the possible destruction of the historical parts of the buildings when they are sold; currently getting more help from Preservation NC for this than any other group. Before signing any documents about this will come back to Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Seeking estimates for repairs to chiller; Farrell scholarship call for submissions coming up soon.

Spiritual Formation (includes Worship and Music): Sunday Study Group is reading Richard Rohr's "Falling Upward." Mark is working on his summer sermon series on outdated dogmas.

Buildings and Grounds: Big item is repairs to the chiller, which will cost thousands.

Interior: The committee to begin inventory and disposal of church furnishings will begin to meet in July, date to be announced.

Communications: Working on signage for the proper door to use for Sanctuary. Mark said the website is still a work in progress.

Fellowship: Luncheons will continue; next potluck/covered dish is July 20th.

Outreach: Pennies for Hunger: \$319 has been collected so far this year.
Church World Service special offering: \$858 was collected in April.
Habitat Lunch Ministry: Ann Finch delivered PCOC's lunch for the Habitat work crew to the Habitat warehouse on Gate City Boulevard on Saturday, April 26.
Out of the Garden: members participated in May and June.
Farm Animals through the Presbyterian Giving Mission: On June 1, we began a month-long campaign to raise funds to purchase farm animals for people in developing countries through the Presbyterian Giving Mission.
Coming up: In July, School supplies drive for Foust School (list on p. 4)
Habitat Lunch Ministry on 27 September;
CROP walk is on Sunday, October 5th;
Spartan Open Pantry drive in December

Personnel: Committee will meet on an "as needed" basis.

Congregational Care: In the month of May, 7 providers made 48 contacts.

Foust Elementary School Supply List 2025 –2026

Kindergarten AND First Grade

1 pack of Pencils (#2)
 2 1-subject Notebooks
 1 pack of Glue Sticks
 1 pair kids Scissors
 1 pack of Dry Erase Markers
 1 Eraser (pink rectangle)
 2 Folders (poly/plastic)

Third Grade

1 pack of Pencils (#2)
 2 1-subject Notebooks (2 colors)
 1 pack of Glue Sticks
 1 pair kids Scissors
 1 pack of Dry Erase Markers
 1 box of 24 ct. Crayons
 2 Folders, 2 prong w/ pockets
 2 Folders (plastic w/ pockets)
 1 Eraser (pink rectangle)
 1 Pencil pouch
 1 Highlighter
 Colored Pencils

Fifth Grade

1 3-ring binder (2 inch)
 1 pack of Pencils (#2)
 4 1-subject Notebooks (4 colors)
 1 pack of Glue Sticks
 1 pair kids Scissors
 1 pack of Dry Erase Markers
 1 box of 24 ct. Crayons

4 Folders – 2 prong with pockets

Second Grade

1 pack of Pencils (#2)
 2 1-subject Notebooks (2 colors)
 1 pack of Glue Sticks
 1 pair kids Scissors
 1 pack of Dry Erase Markers
 1 Eraser (pink rectangle)
 1 Pencil Pouch
 1 box of 8 ct. Crayons

Fourth Grade

1 pack of Pencils (#2)
 4 1-subject Notebooks (colors)
 1 pack of Glue Sticks
 1 pair kids Scissors
 1 pack of Dry Erase Markers
 1 box of 24 ct. Crayons
 4 Folders, 2 prong w/ pockets
 4 Folders (plastic w/ pockets)
 1 Eraser (pink rectangle)
 1 Pencil pouch
 1 Highlighter
 Colored Pencils
 1 pack Index cards
 2 pks Looseleaf Notebook paper
 1 box tissue

Fifth Grade, Continued

4 Folders plastic with pockets)
 1 Eraser (pink rectangle)
 1 Pencil pouch
 1 Highlighter
 Colored Pencils
 1 pack Index cards
 2 pks Loose Leaf Notebook paper