

June 2025



COVENANT

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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

6/07: Monthly Work Day

6/08 Pennies 4 Hunger
Collection

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

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

6/13: Out of The Garden
Project, 3:00pm

6/15: Fathers Day

6/16: Juneteenth, Federal
Holiday

6/16: Outreach Comm.
Mtg., 2:00pm; Fellowship
Comm. Mtg., 3:00pm

6/20: Summer Solstice

6/22: Communion Sunday

6/29: Annual Hot Dog
Lunch

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

As we turn the page into June, the warmth of summer invites us to slow down, soak up the sunlight, and savor the beauty of life together. It's the season of cookouts and long evenings, beach walks and blooming gardens – and in the life of our church, it's also a season of deep celebration.

June is Pride Month, a time to honor the LGBTQ+ members of our community; to remember the history of the movement, and to recommit ourselves to creating a world where every person is embraced with dignity, love, and belonging. Pride isn't just about parades and flags. It's about the sacred work of affirming each other's worth, naming Love as holy in all its forms, and living as the kind of community where no one is asked to hide who they are.

As we step into summer, may we be a church that not only enjoys the sunshine but also reflects it – radiating warmth, joy, and justice. I'm so grateful for each of you. You make this community something worth celebrating.

PEACE!

Mark



Sunday Service Information, June 2025

June 1:

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling

June 15: *Fathers Day*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Clara Kelly

June 29: *Hot Dog Lunch*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

June 8: *Pennies 4 Hunger*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

June 22: *Communion Sunday*

Music: Stephanie Lindley
Usher: Celia Starling



June 29th Fellowship Meal : Annual Hot Dog Luncheon

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the June monthly fellowship meal at noon on Sunday, June 30th. This month, we'll enjoy our annual summer Hot Dog Luncheon. Dogs, rolls, fixings, chips and drinks will be provided; we'd love to have you share a side salad or dessert!. Contact Ralph Cauthen for information: rbcauthen@aol.com.

Other June Events

Don't forget Fathers' Day on Sunday, June 15th. Our newest federal holiday, Juneteenth, will be celebrated this year on Thursday, June 19th. We will celebrate our quarterly Sunday Communion service on Sunday, June 22nd. As always, everyone is welcome at the table.

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

Monthly Work Day on Saturday, June 7th

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, May 14th, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

Revisioning Update/offer on buildings: The Session voted to vest the Revisioning Committee with the final decision on the Exclusive Agreement and charge the committee with determining whether Salem Presbytery will approve.

PASTOR'S UPDATE

Mark has been attending Parish B pastors' luncheons; working on a set of sermons for the summer on church dogma, and is working on a book deal which will be an expansion of the main points of the sermons. The book will be entitled "The Sacred Undoing: Faith Beyond the BS." He is continuing to learn about social media posting, as on TikTok, and the church's Facebook page. He is continuing to mentor a young pastor, CJ Brinson, and continuing to do counseling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: We are wrestling with the issue that we have a damaged cooling coil with may cost up to \$51K to replace, and working on finding a way to pay for the repairs.

Spiritual Formation (includes Worship and Music): David. The Sunday Study group is about to start reading Richard Rohr's "Falling Upward: A spirituality for the two halves of life."

Buildings and Grounds: Working on coil repairs!

Interior: Barbara. Will get committee together in June and start making decisions about church furnishings; will have advisors from the community and the church to help make sure they respect the history of the church but get rid of what we don't need.

Communications: Continuing to work on signage, flags

Fellowship: Luncheons have been going well; Joy in charge of 18 May luncheon.

Outreach: The May visit to aid the Out of the Garden Project had 7 PCoC volunteers. We supplied a lunch for Habitat for Humanity volunteers in April and will do so again in September. We raised \$800 for CWS. Next is the school supplies drive coming up.

Personnel: No meetings; all staff have been interviewed recently.

Congregational Care: There were 62 contacts in April by 7 providers.

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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>

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