

April 2026



Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

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We gather at 11:00am on Sunday Mornings at Holderness House, 409 S. Mendenhall St. See p. 4 for livestream sites

2026 Office hours:

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

4/05: Happy Easter!

4/10: Out of The Garden Project, 3:00pm

4/12: Pennies 4 Hunger, 11:00 Service offering

4/20: Open House Comm., 1:00pm, H. House

4/20: Outreach Comm., 2:00pm, H. House

4/22: Earth Day

4/29: Fellowship Comm., 2:00pm, H. House

4/ 27: Interior Comm., 10:00am, H. House

4/27: Resource Comm., 2:00pm, H. House

4/24: FRIDAY Work Day



A Letter from Reverend Sandlin

For me there's something about April that feels like taking a deep breath. The light sticks around a little longer. The air seems softer. Things we thought were gone quietly start coming back to life again.

And, I believe, if we're paying attention...it happens inside of us too. Our spiritual lives can move in and out of those same rhythms. There are seasons where everything clicks and feels alive, and seasons where we wonder if anything is moving at all.

April is saying neither of those extremes gets the last word. What matters is that we show up: for each other; for love. To keep doing the quiet work of becoming something new. Because usually, it doesn't actually look like soaring. Transformation often looks mundane. Small. Everyday kindness. Giving ourselves and one another just a little bit more patience. Choosing love and community when we'd rather bail.

Maybe this month the invitation is simply this: Pay attention. So, see where newness is trying to grow around you...and let's commit to being the kind of community that creates space for that newness to come. Because new life never has to be forced. It just needs room to grow... and together, we can be that room.

PEACE!
Mark



Sunday Service Information, April 2026

April 5:

Music: Hope Davis
Usher: Clara Kelly

April 12: *Pennies 4 Hunger & Time Change!*

Music: Doug Baker
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

April 19:

Music: Joel Landau
Usher: Clara Kelly

April 26:

Music: David Cray
Usher: Nancy Schaefer



A Report from The Preservation Committee

The church sold several items to an antique dealer from Asheboro. These items included all the china and glassware that belonged to the Presbyterian Women; the card catalog and the attorney's bookcase from the library; and multiple tables and artwork. They also took the Christmas boxes and intend to use them as a display in their storefront window at Christmas.

Representatives from the Greensboro History Museum met with the committee several times and selected several items to use for their display. They included the large framed crocheted depiction of the "Last Supper" done by Mrs. Thiel in 1963.

The portraits of Reverend R Murphy Williams and his wife Lillie were given to his family. The portraits of Reverend Dr Joe Garrison and his wife Evelyn were taken by his granddaughter.

All the scrapbooks and histories were boxed up and are now in storage to be gone through and digitized at a future date.

Many items were donated to the Barnabas Network including:

4 sofas, 18 upholstered chairs, 3 lamps, 5 tables, and 1 bookcase

Items left behind for use by the Citadel of Praise church included:

2 rosewood cabinets, 1906 communion table, 7 dozen folding chairs, 2 dozen tables, all the

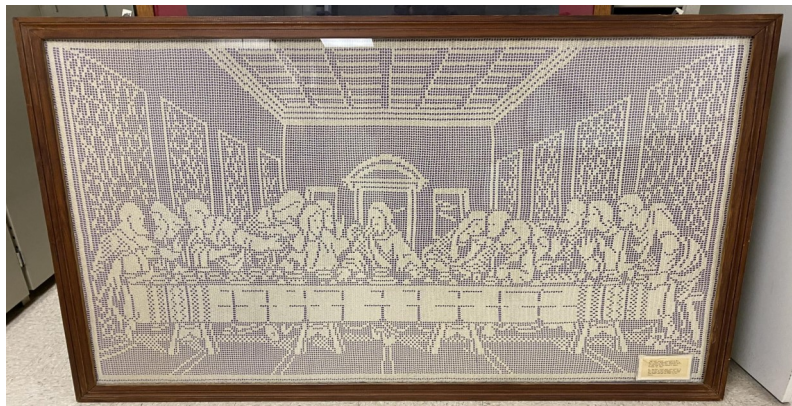
library books, dozens of bibles and hymnals, 2 dozen maple chairs, A 7' Christmas tree, 2 office desks, Part of the pulpit from the 1906 church and 4 metal filing cabinets

Thanks to all the folks who helped with this monumental task!

More Preservation News!

The large framed crocheted "Last Supper" that the church donated to the Greensboro History Museum is now on display. The following is a link to view the piece:

<https://catalog.greensborohistory.org/MExhibit.aspx?rID=03-2026%20Second%20Floor%20Landing%20Case&dir=GREENM>



March 2026 Session Meeting Minutes

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition for Nancy Schaefer: Nancy is moving out of state and leaving PCoC at the end of April after many years of volunteer service to the church as treasurer (and so much more!) The church would like to recognize Nancy after the Sunday service on April 19th or 26th. Knowing that Nancy would prefer something “low key”, Clara will be asked to get feedback from Nancy on a possible reception. The Fellowship Committee will be asked to be responsible for a reception if Nancy agrees. Details will follow.

Leave of Absence for Stephanie: The Session members granted a request from Stephanie Lindley for a three-month unpaid leave of absence for personal reasons. Stephanie and PCoC will use the three-month period to explore other avenues of music, including the need for music staff. Kate has agreed to be responsible for getting guest musicians on Sundays during this period. Stephanie also asked to keep possession of the electronic keyboard during the leave, while making it available for church use. Session will rent the keyboard to Stephanie for \$1 a month with a possible purchase to be discussed at the end of the three months.

Elder Replacement for Margaret Foley: Margaret has resigned from the Session effective immediately. An Elder Nominating Committee will be formed with at least one Elder and two other church members. The goal is to have a new Elder within two months.

OLD BUSINESS: The 2026 Budget for 2026 was approved after a delay concerned with staff salary raises.

PASTOR’S UPDATE: Mark has been preoccupied with personal issues lately; the flood in his basement and the recent death of one of his best friends. He continues to work on getting estimates for video capabilities in the Holderness House.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Committee: Contributions are down during the first few months of 2026, especially with all the Sunday cancellations due to the weather. If March does not show much improvement, a letter may need to be sent out to the congregation in April. Nancy has agreed to continue handling payroll and bookkeeping long distance after her move in April. Local duties of handling the money will be shared among the Resource Committee members.

Spiritual Formation (includes Worship and Music): The Sunday book study is reading *Separation of Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang.

Congregational Care (Includes Fellowship and Communications): The Fellowship Committee plans to restart congregational fellowship as early as April 19th, which would coincide nicely with a recognition for Nancy. There were 44 contacts this past month from 4 participants for congregational care. The Communication Committee met with Mark on March 25th.

Interior: We were asked to delay hanging pictures until after the renters left, which they did as of March 31st. Katie has asked that we send her pictures of items we want to hang and their location for approval. The Interior Committee met on March 26th to discuss future plans for enhancing the interior space, especially before a scheduled July Open House. A carpenter has been hired to install lockable handles on the office closet doors to secure financial records.

Building and Grounds: A cleaning person, Iva Hicks, has been hired for Holderness House; she comes on Mondays to clean downstairs and Mark’s office. Michael will be responsible for mowing the yard. Katie will have the exterior porch power washed before April 19th.

Outreach: The committee met and agreed to continue with their current outreach activities. The Out of the Garden Project meets the second Friday of the month.

Personnel: Mark is continuing to search for a committee chair.

The Session Meeting scheduled for April 10th is cancelled due to the probable absence of two members. Any communications between now and May will be conducted by email.

PCoC Open House Coming on July 18th

Did you know that PCoC is planning an Open House for the College Hill neighborhood on Saturday, July 18th? It will take place from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We'll serve refreshments and beverages and will have live music. Volunteers are welcome to help greet and direct the foot traffic; if interested, contact Joyce Powers at: jkpowers42@gmail.com



Welcome to PCoC's New Home: 409 S. Mendenhall St.

Our new location: 09 S. Mendenhall St., Greensboro, NC 27043.

Our new office phone number: (336) 370-6428.

Our email address: pcoc2010@gmail.com

Our Sunday 11:00am Service is livestreamed at the sites below

Office hours : 9:00am to 3:00pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday.

Please note, building access is limited to weekdays during office hours.

If you wish to schedule a meeting, please email the church office.

As always, please contact us with any questions or needs.

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/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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