

February 2016

# Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



## COVENANT

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## The Covenant Compendium

### SESSION DIGEST – JANUARY 11, 2016

The Session was moderated by Reverend Mark Sandlin, Interim Pastor at its January stated meeting.

#### Session Actions:

#### Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:00** Sound & Silence, Sanctuary
- 9:30** Study/Group Time, various locations
- 10:30** Fellowship time, in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:00** Progressive Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery 9:00-12:00, Rm101**

#### Important Dates ...

- Feb. 6: Work Day, 9:00am –12:00 pm.**
- Feb. 7: Communion, 11:00am , Sacred Time Service. All are Welcome!**
- Feb. 7: Super Bowl 50! Go, Panthers!**
- Feb. 8: Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselos Room**
- Feb. 9: Sierra Club, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Feb. 11: City of GSO Planning Dept. & CHNA, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Feb. 14: All-church Brunch! 9:45 –10:45am, Fellowship Hall**
- Feb. 15: Presidents' Day; Federal Holiday. Office Closed.**
- Feb. 22: CHNA Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

- ♦ **Use of church organ:** Received and discussed a report from the church’s music director about a possible course of action for the church organ ,which is in disrepair. The Session approved the director’s plan to do clean-up in the organ pipe room with supervision from the director of the UNCG organ department chair. In return, UNCG organ students will be permitted to use the church’s organ for practice, subject to the music director’s approval.
- ♦ **Tabled motion to change Sunday morning schedule:** The Session voted to approve a change in the Sunday schedule to include two services. Both services will be overseen by the interim pastor and the Worship Committee; the Worship Committee will bring a recommendation for a revised schedule to the Session at a called meeting in the near future.
- ♦ **Received report of interim pastor:** Mark Sandlin presented his overview of the feedback sessions with the congregation that were held three consecutive Sundays in December after each service.
- ♦ **Resignation of Elder:** Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Elder Jim McKenzie, Class of 2017. The Elder Nominating Committee is working to find a replacement to complete the final two years of his term.
- ♦ **Congregational Brunch:** Voted to accept Joy Saleeby’s offer to coordinate a brunch for the congregation to be held at the regular class time of 9:45 on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ **Tenant relations:** Session approved a request from a tenant for more time to come into compliance with her rent obligations. The tenant also promised to remove personal items from the church premises by the end of January.
- ♦ **Interim Pastor Search:** Received and approved the Committee’s report outlining the work to be done to support the church’s interim pastor and assist in the completion of the “five tasks” required by Salem Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry.
- ♦ **Website update:** Received a report from the Communications Committee regarding the work currently being done to improve and update the church’s website.
- ♦ **Memorial Plaque:** Approved a recommendation to remember Ken Conrad with a portrait and a plaque in the kitchen.
- ♦ **Outreach:** Agreed to invite a member of the board of the Shepherd’s Center to speak to the congregation at the February brunch.

Ended with prayer.

The complete draft minutes of this meeting are available for anyone to read in the church office.

Kelley Griffith, Clerk of Session

## February Sunday Service Information

### February 7:

9:00 am Music: Tyler Millard  
11:00 am Ushers Clara Kelly  
Barry Barber



### February 14:

9:00 am Music: Dave Fox  
11:00 am Ushers: Ann Finch,  
Charlie Finch



### February 21:

9:00 am Music: Scott Walker  
11:00 am Ushers: Celia Starling,  
Frank Starling



### February 28:

9:00 am Music: Walt Lott  
1100 am Ushers: Nancy Schaefer  
Lem Cox



## Every Week ...

**Mon.:** Yoga, 6:00pm, Parlor \*\*      \*\* \$10 per session  
Meditation, 6:00m, Marty's Room (106)  
**Tues.:** Pilates, 5:30 Fellowship Hall \*\*  
**Wed.:** Coffee Group, 9:00am, The Green Bean  
WNFS Potluck, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary  
**Thur.:** Yoga, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall\*\*  
**Fri.:** Coffee Group, 9:00am, Panera (New Garden Rd.)

## Church Office Hours

**Mark Sandlin: Mon.—Thurs., 9:00am—5:00pm**  
**Kate Baird: Mon.—Fri. 9:00 am— 3:30 pm**

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers

Join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm for our potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share; enjoy all the contributions. Afterward, there's usually a program, music, a special event. It's always fun; guests are always welcome! February features discussions on ways PCoC could get involved with helping the county's immigrant population, and other local and national social issues.

## Special Brunch Event on Sunday, Feb. 14th!!

**Valentine's Day Brunch! 9:45am—10:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Sweet treats to eat! Bring your favorite quiche, casserole, bread, breakfast dish. Drinks provided. Contact Joy Saleeby to sign up or to volunteer to serve/clean up: [straycatmom22@gmail.com](mailto:straycatmom22@gmail.com)**

## Sunday Study Groups 9:30- 10:30; Visitors Welcome !

**The Parlor:** The **Progressive Christianity** group continues the study of Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road by Walking". Books are available in class for \$12. Class members share in facilitating the lively discussions. Weekly updates are posted in the church bulletin and on Facebook. People are welcome to join the group at any time.

**Faselo Room (room 205):The Sojourner Group.** For information, contact Morgan Glover at 314-5191 or [mjluvsjc@gmail.com](mailto:mjluvsjc@gmail.com).

**Table Talk** sharing group, **Marty's Room (Room 106):** Jane Cauthen leads the sharing and open discussion group. The talk is always lively! Come share!

**Contemporary Issues, Fellowship Hall:** On Feb. 7th, the group continues its previously scheduled Reviews of Books and/or Movies they enjoyed and recommend to others. These are not studies, only brief reviews. Please plan to join us and participate. New guests are always welcome.

**Children & Youth:** Room 206 **URGENT! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO TEACH THE READERS GROUP!** Contact Morgan Glover at 314-5191 or [mjluvsjc@gmail.com](mailto:mjluvsjc@gmail.com).

# 2015 Budget Summary

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, INC  
TWELVE MONTH BUDGET SUMMARY  
DECEMBER 2015**

Category	Amount Spent or Received	Amount Budgeted	Over (Under) Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Contributions	\$ 113,367	\$ \$ 133,300	\$ (19,933)
Rent	69,138	76,700	(7,562)
Parking lot	21,030	23,860	(2,830)
Interest & dividends	454	900	(446)
Memorials & other	<u>4,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,947</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>208,936</u>	<u>234,760</u>	<u>(25,824)</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>COMMITTEES</b>			
Personnel	99,891	111,215	(11,324)
Building expense	73,846	82,700	(8,854)
Grounds	1,675	2,500	(825)
Music	18,283	17,500	783
Administrative	16,091	13,945	2,146
Benevolences	6,000	6,000	-
Outreach	3,190	4,200	(1,010)
Spiritual formation	4,080	3,850	230
C Care & communications	1,038	1,750	712)
Fellowship & worship	<u>160</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>(40)</u>
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<u>224,254</u>	<u>243,860</u>	<u>(19,606)</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>(15,318)</u>	<u>(9,100)</u>	<u>(6,218)</u>
<b>UNUSUAL ITEMS &amp; SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>			
Designated contributions	1,815	-	1,815
Love gift - Chris & Lou	(4,000)	-	(4,000)
2nd floor & bathroom remodeling	(4,676)	-	(4,676)
Pastor search	<u>(275)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(275)</u>
<b>TOTAL UNUSUAL ITEMS</b>	<u>(7,136)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,136)</u>
<b>NET EXCESS RECEIPTS/ (EXPENSE)</b>	<u>\$ (22,454)</u>	<u>\$ (9,100)</u>	<u>\$ (13,354)</u>



# Local Events!

## Doing Our Work:

2015-2016 Series on Race, Racial Inequity,  
and our Future in Greensboro



First Monday of Every Month  
7pm—8:30pm at Congregational UCC  
400 W Radiance Drive, Greensboro

October 5: Origins of the concept of "race"  
November 2: Implicit Bias  
December 7: Race and wealth  
No session in January  
February 1: Race and education  
March 7: Race and law enforcement  
April 4: Race and the judicial system  
May 2: Color-blind racism

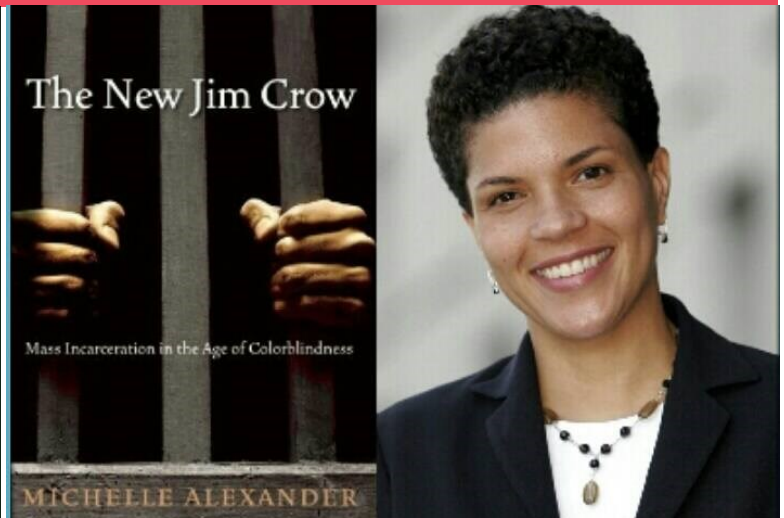
The monthly series will bring local experts to present and lead dialogue on concepts to help us develop a firmer understanding of roots and nature of racial inequity, and what we can do about it together. While we will focus our outreach on our white colleagues and friends, all are welcome, and we very much appreciate the on-going support and collaboration of our colleagues of color.

Hosted by the members of a Community-City Working Group:

Michelle Kennedy, Bayard P. Love, Bishop Chip Marble, Reverend Julie Peoples, Lewis Pitts, Reverend Alan Sherouse, Register of Deeds Jeff L. Thigpen, Mayor Nancy Vaughan in partnership with the Guilford Anti-Racism Alliance, that designed the series:

[www.meetup.com/Guilford-Anti-Racism-Alliance/](http://www.meetup.com/Guilford-Anti-Racism-Alliance/)

Please contact CCWG or GARA for more information. PLEASE NOTE: NO RSVP REQUIRED (disregard earlier message re: Facebook invite)



**See Michelle Alexander at the Carolina Theater** FREE event, Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Carolina Theatre, 310 S. Greene St. A highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate, legal scholar and author of "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness." which challenges the civil rights community-and all of us-to place mass incarceration at the forefront of a new movement for racial justice in America.

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