

May 2015



COVENANT

Inclusive, Open-Minded and Home for Your Soul.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 Gathering of Sojourners, Sanctuary
10:00 Fellowship time, in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 Study/Group Time, various locations
Way of the Child - readers, rooms 206-207; non-readers, room 202.
11:15 Progressive Worship, Sanctuary
Nursery 9:00 - 12:00, room 101

Important Dates ...

May 2: Workday, 9 -12 pm
May 3: Communion Sunday
May 10: Mother's Day
May. 11: Session Mtg., 6pm, FASELO Room
May 12: Sierra Club, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
May 12 - 28: Vacation, Chris & Lou (Happy travels!)
May 13: Writer's Group Mtg 4:30 pm, FASELO Room
May 13: Men's Coffee Group, PCOC, after Potluck
May 23: Men's Coffee Group, PCOC, 9:30 am
May 25: Memorial Day, office closed
May 26: IRC Bag Lunches, 9:00 am, Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
May 26: CHNA Mtg., 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
May 31: Joint Service, followed by Luncheon, Commemorating WWII Veterans

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



The Covenant Compendium

"June is breaking out all over", and at Covenant we're breaking out a new Sunday morning schedule!

The Session is grateful for the input of the Covenant community in recent months re: a scheduling for our Sundays together. At a called meeting of the Session on Sunday, April 26th, the Session unanimously approved a comprehensive program that we believe will enable Covenant to move forward as a progressive Presbyterian gathering, reaching out effectively and enthusiastically to the broad diversity in our larger community and congregation. We continue to value and appreciate every member and attendee as integral to the life of Covenant.

Starting on Sunday, June 7th, our doors will open at 9:00 am with a time for music, meditation, sharing, and reflection. Within this non-liturgical, non-ideological framework, each participant will find the space to open heart and soul to Sacred Mystery, as all are invited to begin the morning together.

At 9:30, we will move into a variety of group opportunities, which will include Table Talk and elective classes. One of those gatherings would bear the unique identity of the Sojourners in our midst. In this new setting, Sojourners will explore their spiritual paths, as they plan their own programs and topics and schedule their own speakers with the support and coordination of the Spiritual Formation Committee. Covenant is blessed to have such amazing diversity and we're excited about the possibilities for strengthening our life together.

The half hour from 10:30 to 11:00 will be set aside for conversation, coffee, and light refreshments, in the Fellowship Hall.

At 11:00, everyone will be invited and encouraged to gather in the Sanctuary to celebrate our life together as a progressively-minded community. This service will include congregational singing, Scripture, other inspirational texts, messages, dialogue, music by the choir or special guests, monthly communions, and passing the peace, with leadership by clergy, laypeople, and/or guest speakers.

Once a month, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall from 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm for a light lunch, either a potluck or a catered meal with a small fee.

Each member of the Session listed below is available to any member or attendee of Covenant who has questions or concerns, hopes or dreams, for the new opportunities before us. We are excited about the possibilities for Covenant and invite your participation. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of one another and in this world we share.

With blessings and hope,

Elders: Mark Cable, Ralph Cauthen, Lem Cox, Ann Finch, Morgan Glover, Kelley Griffith, Jim McKenzie, Annie Oakley, Nancy Schaefer
Pastors: Chris and Lou East

9:00 Musicians

May 3: Jud Franklin
 May 10: Thomas Linger
 May 17: Fred Lail/Mary Mondan
 May 24: Keith Miller
 May 31: Walt Lott

9:00 Facilitator for May:
 May 3: Sue Stinson

Other Dates TBA



11:15 Music

May 2015: Walt & Choir

11:15 Ushers

May 3: Lem Cox, Nancy Schaefer
 May 10: Frank & Celia Starling
 May 17: Barry Barber, Nancy Schaefer
 May 24: Lem Cox, Frank Starling
 May 31: Saralyn Griffith, Celia Starling

Communion: May 3: Saralyn Griffith, Celia Starling

Church Office Hours:

Chris East		Lou East	
Mondays	10-3	Tuesdays	12-5
Wednesdays	10-6	Wednesdays	1-6
Fridays	1-5	Thursdays	12-5
Sundays	1-5	Sundays	1-5

Kate Baird Monday – Friday, 9 – 1

Every Week ...

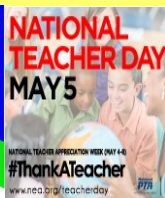
Monday: Yoga, 6:00 pm, Nursery
Tuesday: Pilates, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall **
Wednesday: WNFS, 6pm, Fellowship Hall; Choir practice, 7pm, Sanctuary
Thursday: Yoga, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall** \$10/session
Friday: Coffee Group, 8:45am, Panera, Jefferson Village

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS... 6:00 PM WNFS POTLUCKS

It always starts with supper. And friends. A shared meal. At 6:00, and after that, we talk, visit, catch up with one another, and sometimes there's a program.... If you are interested in exploring ideas and suggestions for occasional or frequent programs or activities after Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner, please plan to be there to share your thoughts.



May Events; see Page 3 also!



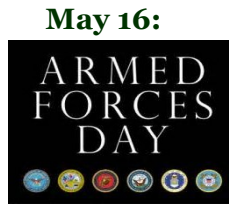
May 10: Happy Mother's Day!

We appreciate you and celebrate you, moms! Thank the moms in your life for all they do! ("Pet Moms" count, right?)



May 13: Men's Coffee Group
 7:00 pm, PCOC Fellowship Hall

May 30: Men's Coffee Group
 9:30am, PCoC Fellowship Hall



May 16:



Monday, May 25

Enjoy the holiday! Honor those who served America. Office closed.



May 26: IRC Lunches, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Kitchen & Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are still greatly needed to help support this effort!. We make sandwiches and assemble bag lunches for the IRC, then deliver them there. Our outreach provides greatly-needed meals for those experiencing homelessness. Hunger knows no season.



May 31: Special Joint Sunday Service, 11:00 am, A Commemoration of PCoC's World War II Participation, Followed by the Annual Cookout, 12:30 pm!
 Please see details on Page 4!



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On Sunday, May 10, the program for the Gathering of Sojourners will be a *Conversation with the Session*, regarding the new plan for Sunday mornings. This will be a chance for Sojourners to share all questions and concerns, and hear responses directly from the Elders and Pastors. Please submit your questions about this decision, why it was made, and what it means, to Sue Stinson (suestinson1968@yahoo.com or face to face). Sue and a co-moderator will collate and ask the questions during the Gathering. On a future date, there are plans for a service to celebrate and remember the Gathering of Sojourners as it has been in the past, and open the way to new possibilities for continuing and deepening the light it has brought forth.

Sunday Study Groups in May

Progressive Christianity Class

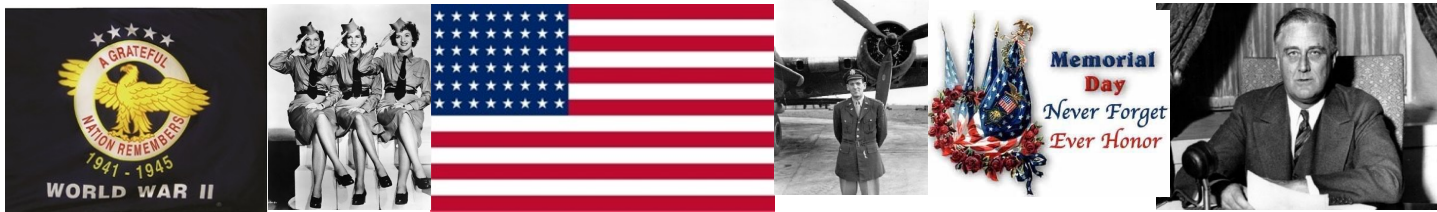
- May 10th Strive for peace and justice among all people;
- May 17th Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth;
- May 24th Commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion, and selfless love.
- May 31st The Phoenix Affirmation; the spiritual journey as the path of love

Table Talk

This sharing group continues to meet on Sunday mornings in Marty's Room. Coordinated by Jane Cauthen, it's a supportive community time of open sharing that invites acceptance, encouragement, humor, and motivation for the inward journey.



Join Us for a Special Joint Memorial Day Service & Luncheon on Sunday, May 31st!



The church will hold a Memorial Day service at 11 am, Sunday, May 31st, to honor those who have served or are serving in the United States armed services. The focus of this service will be a collection of historical materials that document the church's involvement in World War II. The service will feature readings from this material, songs associated with the period, and displays of memorabilia. After the service, we will adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for a lunch prepared by Lee and Ken Conrad. Please bring a special dessert to share! All other meal items will be provided. If members have information or memories to share, please contact Kelley Griffith at 274-4184 (home phone) or sunfinewood@gmail.com.



A Note From Lou....

Thanks so much to the Covenant family for your expressions of care and concern for Chris and me during my recent eye injury. Though we still do not know what caused it, I realize how very fortunate I am that there seems to be no permanent damage. I am trying to do a better job of respecting my limitations and hold that intention for each one of you as well. Warmly, Lou



Spring Open House , Sunday, April 19th



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