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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 ...

Nov. 1: Turn Back Clocks!

Nov. 1: Communion Sunday; 11:00am Sacred Time. Everyone Welcome!

Nov. 1: Stewardship Luncheon, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Nov. 7: Work Day

Nov. 9: Session Mtg., 6:00 pm, Faselso Room

Nov. 10: Sierra Club, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Nov. 11: Veterans' Day, Federal/State Holiday

Nov. 23: CHNA Mtg., 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving!

Nov. 27: Office Closed



SESSION DIGEST, OCTOBER 12, 2015

The Session was moderated by Reverend Dale Walker (Salem Presbytery's liaison to Covenant, and Covenant's appointed moderator in the absence of a pastor) at its October stated meeting. Dale led the group in a responsive reading focused on our human hopes and limitations.

Session actions:

- ♦ Reviewed ordination/installation vows for Ruling Elders. The current form is not in line with the PCUSA requirements in the Book of Order. A motion was made and approved to ask Dale to re-write some of the questions, merging a Progressive Christianity approach with the original required vows, and to ask Salem Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for approval.
- ♦ Re-visited the idea of hiring a short-term or bridge interim pastor. A motion was made to interview a candidate available only until January 1, 2016. Motion failed. (Normally, an interim is contracted for at least one year.)
- ♦ Accepted gladly the offer by the team of Julie Strobe and Joyce Powers to organize and serve the annual Stewardship luncheon on November 1st.
- ♦ Heard pastoral care issues. Confirmed that Chipper Nuckles will be "on-call" for the congregation during the week but unavailable on Sundays as he has been hired as stated supply in High Point.
- ♦ Approved the motion of the Nominating Committee to hold two congregational meetings: October 25th for the purpose of electing three members from the congregation to serve on the nominating committee; and November 15th to vote on a proposed slate of elders for the Class of 2018.
- ♦ Heard monthly committee reports.
- ♦ Approved expenditures for technical support and upgrades to the church's website and for improvements to the pastor's office.
- ♦ Received a revised "Time and Talents Form" to be sent with the annual stewardship letter.

Ended with prayer.

November Sunday Service Information

November 1:

9:00 am Host: Elsie Hutchens
 9:00 am Music: Thomas Linger
 11:00 am Minister: Dale Walker
 11:00 am Liturgist: Kelley Griffith
 11:00 am Ushers: Barry Barber, Nancy Schaefer
 Communion: Nancy Schaefer, Celia Starling



November 8:

9:00 am Host: Jane Cauthen
 9:00 am Music: Nancy Pitkin/Elaine Penn
 11:00 am Minister: Alfredo Miranda
 11:00 am Liturgist: Barry Barber



November 15:

9:00 am Host: Susan Andreatta
 9:00 am Music: Anthony Taylor/Thomas Linger
 11:00 am Minister: Mark Sandlin
 11:00 am Liturgist: Ralph Cauthen



November 22:

9:00 am Host: Ann Finch
 9:00 am Music: Donna Hughes
 11:00 am Minister: TBA
 11:00 am Liturgist: Nancy Schaefer



November 29:

9:00 am Host: Jane Walter
 9:00 am Music: Walt Lott
 11:00 am Minister: Mark Sandlin
 11:00 am Liturgist: TBA



Church Office Hours

Kate Baird
 Mon.– Fri 9:00 am– 3:30 pm

Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers

You're invited to join PCoC every Wednesday at 6:00 pm for our potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share and enjoy all the contributions. Afterward, there may be music, a program, a special event. It's always delicious fun and guests are always welcome!

Every Week ...

Mon.: Yoga, 6:00pm, Parlor
 Tues.: Pilates, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellow. Hall **
 Wed.: WNFS, 6:00pm, Fellow. Hall;
 Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
 Thur.: Yoga, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall**
 Fri.: Coffee Group, 9:00am, Panera,
 Jefferson Village, 1604 Highwoods Blvd.

**\$10/session

November 1 Stewardship Luncheon

Mark your calendars to attend our annual stewardship luncheon, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, following the 11:00 am Sacred Time. Everyone is welcome! . After we eat, we will have a brief meeting in which we will review plans for the future and describe ways all of us can help support the church.

Don't forget to turn the clock back! Nov. 1st!



News & Notes

Interim Selection Committee

The committee searching for a new interim pastor has a rather short report for you this month. No applicants. The Presbytery pool is dry. Our theme song of the month could be "Where Have All the Preachers Gone." This is promising to be a long search and calls for our best efforts and creativity. Any church members having any ideas for the search for a qualified and certified interim pastor (of whatever denomination) please contact one of the committee members: George Lockhart, Joyce Powers, Annie Oakley, Nancy Schaefer, Ralph Cauthen, Chair, for the Committee

Interested in leading a discussion group for adults this fall, or working temporarily with children?

PCoC needs people who can volunteer a few Sundays to teach children until permanent teachers are hired. Volunteers would work on a rotation and simple lessons are available for the two age groups. The Spiritual Formation Committee is also looking for facilitators for the next round of adult education classes in the Faselio classroom, as the Bill Plotkin book study will end Nov. 15. Contact Morgan Josey Glover, chair of the Spiritual Formation Committee, at: (336) 314-5191 or mjluvsjc@gmail.com

A Message from the Grounds Committee

Fall is for planting, transplanting, thinning, raking, trimming, and cleaning up in general. The Grounds Committee could use some help and is looking for additional members! Currently the members are Lora Farlow, Martha Emrey, and Clara Kelly. We have been talking about an "Adopt a Bed" program, where interested parties can claim one of the flower (mostly perennial) beds or other areas, and maintain them through the growing season. If you want to have fun, get a little exercise, and get your hands dirty, contact one of the committee members for details. We would love for you to join us!

Volunteers Needed for PCoC Holiday Decorating

Christmas will be here before we know it, and the Interiors Committee is requesting lots of elves to help decorate the Sanctuary and other areas of the building, on Sunday, Nov. 22! The fun will start with a free lunch provided for all elf helpers. We're hoping for 20 holiday-minded volunteers. A sign up sheet is on the back table of the Sanctuary. Begin your holiday season by helping to decorate PCoC for ours!

Holiday Poinsettias Are Coming

Once again this year, we'll have poinsettias in the sanctuary, and we'd be delighted if you'd purchase one to honor or remember someone special. Each plant will be \$10, and you're welcome to take them home for yourself or as a gift after church on Dec. 20th. Forms for ordering will be available in the Sanctuary on the back table beginning Nov. 8th. Forms should be turned in to the office by Monday, November 23rd, with payment, so that we'll know how many to order.


"Doing Our Work"

This group meets the first Monday night of each month to conduct meetings on racial inequity. Meeting topics, dates/times, and location are included in the flyer, which was sent out via Mail Chimp. Copies of the flyer are available in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. After the WNFS potluck on Wednesday, November 4th, there will be a discussion on the group and its work, led by Sue Stinson with assistance from all those who will attend the November 2nd session of this series.

Have You Moved? Gotten a New Cell Phone? Tell Us!

Keeping abreast of the names/addresses/phone numbers of the PCoC family is always a challenge, but we do try to ensure that we have up to date contact information for everyone. Have you moved? Gotten a new cell phone? Given up your landline, or gotten a new phone number for that? Changed your email address? Please be sure to let the church office know. We want to be able to reach you with important information and the latest news. Thank you for helping us!

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

<p>October 5: Origins of the concept of "race"</p> <p>November 2: Implicit Bias</p> <p>December 7: Race and wealth</p> <p>No session in January</p> <p>February 1: Race and education</p> <p>March 7: Race and law enforcement</p> <p>April 4: Race and the judicial system</p> <p>May 2: Color-blind racism</p>	<p>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.</p>
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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/
 Please contact CCoWG or GARA for more information. PLEASE NOTE: NO RSVP REQUIRED
 (disregard earlier message re: Facebook invite)

A big THANK YOU to our CROP Walkers! PCOC had a great team: Jesse Herndon, Emily Seawell, Sue and Jim Stinson, Erika Jozsa and Michael Dye, Sabrina Dye, Michael Dye, David and Catherine Sevier, Jim North, Martha and David Emrey, and Clara Kelly. Thanks to our sponsors, we were able to raise \$1,892 to help fight hunger in our community. We walked in memory of Marty Sheets, who inspired us for so many years. Dave and Iris Sheets came home early from a fishing trip so that Dave could be there to see us off at the starting line. It was a wonderful day!



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