

April 2016

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



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SESSION DIGEST – March 14, 2016

The Session was moderated by Reverend Mark Sandlin, interim pastor.
Session actions:

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15–10:00 9:15 Gathering
 10:00-10:15 Fellowship time
 10:15 –11:00 Study Time
 11:00-11:15 Fellowship time
 11:15-12:00 11:15 Gathering
 Nursery 9:00-12:00, Rm101

- ♦ To accept a new contract that all renters of space in our building must sign. Acceptance of this contract is subject to approval by a legal expert.
- ♦ To elect Nancy Schaefer as treasurer and Kelley Griffith as clerk.
- ♦ To accept the bid from Superior Mechanical Services to replace and repair some of the water pipes in the crawl space under the old part of the church building.
- ♦ To simplify the structure of our committees by combining some of them with others. The new structure is as follows:

Important Dates ...

April 2: Church Work Day,
9:00am—12:00 pm.

April 3: Communion Sunday,
during 11:15 Gathering; all
are welcome!

April 4: Higher Ground
Breakfast, 10:00am,
210 East Bessemer St.

April 4: “Doing Our Work”
Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm,
Congregational UCC

April 9: Greensboro Earth
Day Celebration

April 11: Session Meeting,
6:00 pm, Faselso Room

April 12: Sierra Club Mtg.,
7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

April 22: Earth Day

April 23: New Local Phone
Dialing Pattern Begins!

April 24: Joint Study Group
Brunch, 10:00am, Fellowship
Hall

April 25: CHNA Meeting,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Building and Grounds (subcommittees: **Interiors** and **Kitchen**)
Communications (will include the duties of **Church History**)
Personnel (subcommittee: **Interim Pastor Support**, which will
 continue as a subcommittee for as long as we have an interim
 pastor; now chaired by Ralph Cauthen)
Resource (will include duties of the **Farrell Scholarship**)
Spiritual Formation
Worship
Outreach (will include duties of **UKirk of Greensboro**)
Fellowship (will include duties of **Congregational Care** and
Concert)

The **Membership Committee** will cease to exist as an official
“committee.” But its duties will be carried out by the pastor, the
administrative assistant, and the Session. These duties include
dealing with requests to join the church, with requests to withdraw
from membership, and with uncertain contact information of
members—in short, with anything relating to church membership.

Dedication of Kitchen to Ken Conrad

During the 10:00am shared services brunch on April 24, the kitchen will
be dedicated to the memory of Ken Conrad. The kitchen will be known
thereafter as the Ken Conrad Kitchen. Dave Sheets will moderate the
dedication.

The complete draft minutes of this meeting are available in the Session notebook,
located in the church office. Kelley Griffith, Clerk of The Session

April Sunday Service Information

April 3:

9:15 Host: Anthony Taylor
 9:15 Music: Will Ridenour
 11:15 Ushers: Clara Kelly, Barry Barber
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Julie Strobe

April 17:

9:15 Host: Morgan Glover
 9:15 Music: Dave Fox
 11:15 Ushers: Celia Starling, Frank Starling
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Ralph Cauthen

April 10:

9:15 Host: Jane Walter
 9:15 Music: Brad Reaves
 11:15 Ushers: Ann Finch, Charlie Finch
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Kelley Griffith

April 24:

9:15 Host: Jane Cauthen
 9:15 Music: Walt Lott
 11:15 Ushers: Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox
 11:15 Lay Asst.: Sarah Sills

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

Bring your spare change to donate to the Presbyterian Hunger Program; there's a basket on the back table in the Sanctuary for donations. Funds are distributed through Salem Presbytery. Many thanks!

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! Upcoming after-dinner speakers and programs will be announced in Sunday bulletins or weekly emails.

Sunday Study Groups 10:15–11:00; Visitors Welcome !

Sunday Theme Discussion Group. A weekly opportunity to delve more deeply into Sunday Reflections topics beyond the gatherings. Mark Sandlin will help start conversations and will respond to thoughts, questions; the group will keep the discussion going. Meets in the Fellowship Hall, Room 103.

Progressive Christianity Group continues a year-long 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. Join the group at any time. Meets in the Parlor, Room 102.

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 Group resumes meeting on April 3 in the Library, Room 212. Facilitator Sarah Sills says, "We look forward to exploring and learning from each other as we tackle local and national issues. In addition, we plan on gently examining the facets of our own beliefs and practices, while discovering and appreciating new concepts from others." Contact Sarah at SarahBSills@gmail.com for more information.

Check upcoming weekly bulletins for news on a new study group beginning in May!

Church Work Day: Saturday, April 2, 9:00–11:00



Come lend a hand! This month's chores, depending on the weather, include finish clearing the third floor storage room (items need to be taken to Goodwill, hazardous waste, and the dumpster) and work outdoors on the privet. Bring your favorite loppers! The coffee will be on, and the sign-in sheet and chore list are in the Fellowship Hall. Come for all or just a portion of the time. We sure had fun last month!



Walt Lott Piano Recital: Sunday, April 3, 3:30pm

Our gifted music director, UNCG doctoral candidate Walt Lott, will present a recital in the Organ Hall of UNCG's Music Building. The program will feature works by Bach, Beethoven, and Schubert, presented on a French double harpsichord and a replica 1868 fortepiano. Enjoy some fine music and support Walt!

Breakfast at Higher Ground, April 4, 10:00am

You've heard about opportunities to participate in what is now a monthly activity with **Higher Ground**, a day center for persons infected or in any way affected by HIV/AIDS. We provide breakfast, and the guests there provide one of the most welcoming atmospheres you'll ever find. Our next monthly breakfast is Monday, April 4, at 10:00am. You can participate by volunteering, contributing food/supplies, or just stopping by (210 E Bessemer Ave) to hang out. Please contact Sarah for more info: SarahBSills@gmail.com or (336)314-1940.



Brunch & Kitchen Dedication, April 24, 10:00am

Mark your calendars and plan to bring your favorite breakfast dish to Covenant's first shared meal under our new schedule on Sunday, April 24th, 10:00–11:00. Drinks will be provided. Lots of volunteer help is needed to provide dishes, set up tables, decorate, assisting during the meal, and to help clean up afterwards. Contact either Joyce Powers at: jkpowers42@gmail.com or Joy Saleeby at: straycatmom22@yahoo.com to volunteer or to let them know what dish you'll bring. During the brunch, we will dedicate the kitchen to longtime member Ken Conrad, in recognition of all his hard work and dedication to serving the congregation of Covenant. Bring your appetite!

Covenant Outreaches!



Thanks again to all those who participated in and/or contributed to our first Sunday Service Project on March 27, writing letters to active duty service people. The 63 letters we wrote will be distributed through www.amillionthanks.org.



We delivered 6 Welcome Kits for World Relief clients, with household goods to stock refugee homes. Many thanks to Sarah Sills and all who contributed time, money, and effort!

Community 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" 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.

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

Hosted by the members of a Community-City Working Group:
Michelle Kennedy, Bayard P. Love, Bishop Chip Marble, Reverend Julie Peebles, 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 CCWG or GARA for more information. PLEASE NOTE: NO RSVP REQUIRED
(disregard earlier message re: Facebook invite)



A STROLL AROUND THE FARM FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES



Saturday
April 2, 2016
10am - 3pm

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