

January 2016

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The Covenant Compendium

SESSION DIGEST December, 2015

The Session was moderated by Reverend Mark Sandlin, interim pastor. There were no absent members.

Session actions:

- Received Kate Baird into membership after she shared her faith journey and desire to join Church of the Covenant.
- Acted on a proposal to change the Sunday schedule to include two services by making arrangements for three “exploring” sessions to be held at 9:30 am and 12:00 pm on three successive Sundays beginning on December 27th.
- Received a report from Elder Ann Finch of the continued interest in use of the organ by the UNCG music department.
- Agreed to send an appropriate flower arrangement for the funeral services for Ken Conrad at Muirs Chapel United Methodist Church on December 16th.
- **Resource** – Approved the recommended budget for 2016 after general discussion.
- **Interim Pastor Search** – Received the committee’s final report on the successful search.
- **Elder Nominating Committee** – Received the committee’s report that two members have committed to being added to the proposed slate for the Class of 2018. The committee is still seeking a third candidate.
- **Worship** – Received suggestions from Mark Sandlin to improve communication from Walt during the service by providing an additional microphone. Mark also expressed the desire for a permanent lay assistant.
- **Personnel** – Approved recommended Christmas gifts for the staff and helpers”.
- **Communications** – Received and approved an offer of help with maintaining and updating the Church’s website.

The complete draft minutes of this meeting are available in the Session notebook, located in the Church Office.

Kelley Griffith, Clerk of Session

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 ...

- Jan. 1:** New Year’s Day
Office Closed
- Jan. 2:** Work Day, 9:00am –12:00 pm. Come Help!
- Jan. 3:** Communion, 11:00am , Sacred Time
Everyone Welcome!
- Jan. 3:** Meetings with Mark; 9:30 am ,12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 10:** Meetings with Mark, 9:30 am, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 11:** Session Meeting, 6:00 pm, Faselo Room
- Jan. 12:** Sierra Club, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 18:** M.L. King Day; federal holiday; Office Closed
- Jan. 25:** CHNA Meeting, 7:00 pm , Fellowship Hall

January Sunday Service Information

January 3:

9:00 am Host: Susan Andreatta
 9:00 am Music: Scott Manring
 11:00 am Lay Assistant: Lem Cox
 11:00 am Ushers: Jim McKenzie, Nancy Schaefer



January 10:

9:00 am Host: Jane Walter
 9:00 am Music: Jud Franklin
 11:00 am Lay Assistant: Emily Seawell
 11:00 am Ushers: Barry Barber, Clara Kelly



January 17:

9:00 am Host: TBA
 9:00 am Music: Neill Clegg
 11:00 am Lay Assistant: TBA
 11:00 am Ushers: Lem Cox, Charlie Finch

January 24:

9:00 am Host: TBA
 9:00 am Music: Tyler Millard
 11:00 am Lay Assistant: TBA
 11:00 am Ushers: Frank Starling, Celia Starling



January 31:

9:00 am Host: TBA
 9:00 am Music: Walt Lott
 11:00 Lay Assistant: TBA
 11:00 Ushers: Jim McKenzie, Nancy Schaefer



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TBA: To Be Announced.

WHY: Because we need YOU To VOLUNTEER to be a Lay Assistant on Sundays; to supply snacks for Fellowship Time; to teach a class. Give the gift of your time/talent to PCoC!

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

New Contact Information?

Got new contact info? Please tell PCoC. Moved? New cell phone/land line phone number? Changed email address? Email us at: pcoc2010@gmail.com to let the church office know. Thank you!

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's usually a program, music, a special event. It's always fun; guests are always welcome! Here's what's happening in January:

- Jan. 6th:** Un-decorating for the holidays. Please come; it's easy and fast and many hands make light work!
 - Jan. 13th:** Sue Stinson will share a synopsis of the Dec. meeting of the "Doing Our Work" series, titled "Race and Wealth" and will lead a discussion of it.
- Further events TBA!

News & Notes

Meetings With Mark: The Session has begun consideration of having two Sunday services: both our traditional 11 o'clock service with progressive theology, and the less-traditional Sojourners group (also with progressive theology). Both groups would be led by Rev. Mark Sandlin. As a first step, the Session has asked Mark to spend time with both groups before the next Session meeting on January 11th in order to gain a better understanding of what they are looking for in their Sunday morning gatherings.

In order to facilitate this, both groups are invited to meet with Mark on January 3, and January 10 for a discussion of the needs, hopes and desires of each group in terms of the Sunday morning gathering.

The Sojourner Group is invited to gather with him in the Sanctuary immediately following the Sounds & Silence service at 9:30am.

The Sacred Time service group is invited to gather with him in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:00am service.

Mark says he is really looking forward to the opportunity to meeting with both groups. Be sure to join him as a sign of our willingness to move forward together in the spirit of love and unity.

WNFS Programs: On Jan. 6th: The holidays are over, so we'll be putting away our decorations until next year. Please come for the potluck, and stay for about an hour to help take things down and store them. Many hands will make light work!

Sunday Study Groups: 9:30am-10:30 am; Visitors Welcome to All Classes!

The Parlor: The **Progressive Christianity** group is studying Brian McLaren's newest book, "We Make the Road by Walking" . . . Books are available for \$12.

Faselo Room (room 205): The Sojourner Group, will not meet until after the meetings with Mark Sandlin. Sojourners who have ideas for classes or presentations in 2016 can contact Morgan Josey Glover at 314-5191 or 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: the group will not meet on Sunday, December 27, or on January 3 or January 10 so that everyone can attend Mark Sandlin's meetings from 9:30 to 10:30 on those dates in the Sanctuary. Contemporary Issues will resume January 17th, facilitated by Sarah Sills, who will continue her series on "Sharing Personal Beliefs".

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

Nursery available 9:00 – 12:00, Room 101

A Big Thank You to the 2015 Work Day Volunteers

Our monthly Workdays not only allow us to get things done around the church, but also give us a chance to get to know one another better in the process. We work inside and outside, weather permitting. Thanks to the following folks who came out in 2015: Mark & Robin Cable, Ralph Cauthen, Sabrina and Michael Dye, Chris & Lou East, Martha Emrey, Lora Farlow, Ann & Charlie Finch, Mitch Fore, Kelley & Saralyn Griffith, Erika Jozsa, Jim & Barbara North, Susan Reep, Cathy Routley, Nancy Schaefer, Sue & Jim Stinson, and Fred Wallace. We blew leaves, cleaned pews, cleared rooms, edged, moved, planted, pruned, put away, raked, set up, straightened, transported, vacuumed, washed, and weeded. There is always more to do,,so we meet every month.

Our first Workday of the new year will be on January 2nd, and is always scheduled for the first Saturday of each month from 9:00am until noon. Come join the fun in 2016! Volunteers are always welcome, and you choose your chore from the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Clara Kelly for more information at clerkelly@hotmail.com

And Speaking of Volunteers...

PCoC needs YOU! Please consider volunteering to provide the snacks at the 10:30am Fellowship time on Sunday. As you know, it doesn't have to be homemade goodies or anything fancy. There are even snacks you may use in the pantry cupboards. We supply the coffee/tea/water. All we need is your willingness to take part. Once every few months would do it! Right now, we have NO volunteers for 2016, which means Fellowship time refreshments will cease to exist without you. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Won't you please help out?

Christmas Eve at PCOC... Thanks to all our singers, musicians, actors, and donors!



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