



NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY

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JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

At the December 15 2013 Community Meeting, the following members were elected to the Steering Committee as the class of 2015 – Joe Boudreaux (2nd term); Suzie Hutton and Tom Sullivan (1st terms); and Betty Rademacher was elected to fulfill an unexpired one-year term as part of the Class of 2014. These 4 new members will join the current Class of 2014 members: Marie Genrich, Bruce Chandler and Karen Rousey. Elected as Officers for 2014: Suzie Hutton, Chair; Tom Sullivan, Vice-Chair; Karen Rousey, Secretary; and Marie Genrich, Treasurer. We also approved a budget for 2014 which is 7% higher than our 2013 budget and includes a 68% increase in mission giving as compared to 2013 (which is now 9% of our overall budget).

Happy 2014!

Join us after the service

on Sunday, January 5 for a reception

to say goodbye to Chrissy Cataldo and Tasha Dunn
before they move to Maine.

Coffee/cake will be served in the coffeehouse.

Thanks to your generosity
we raised a total of
\$1015 for our
Christmas Offering.

One half of the money
will go to
Doctors Without Borders
while the other half will go
to Neville House.

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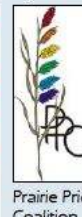
AN EQUALITY ILLINOIS FORUM:

MARRIAGE RIGHTS IN ILLINOIS

Learn and ask questions about the
new freedom to marry law



Presented by:



**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
COMMUNITY**

TUESDAY, JAN. 14, 2014
6 – 7 P.M.

**Bloomington Police Dept.
Osborn Room
305 S. East Street
Bloomington, IL**

*Special guest Kathy Michael,
McLean County Clerk, will explain
procedures for and questions about
applying for a marriage license.*

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED:
<http://tinyurl.com/bloomington-forum>

Admission is free, refreshments
including wedding cake will be served,
and childcare will be available on site!

NCC WOMEN'S RETREAT

The date for the spring NCC Women's Retreat is set for the weekend of **April 11-13**. We will be returning to the Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield, from Friday evening through Sunday noon. More information and registration materials will be sent out in early March, but in the meantime, mark your new 2014 calendars with the date.

PARTNERS IN HEALING

NCC is a delegate congregation to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. As part of that delegation, we participate in a project of intentional prayer for specific medical units associated with BroMenn on a rotating basis with other local congregations.



Each congregation is asked to pray for patients receiving medical care in a specific unit, as well as for the staff who are treating them and/or for their families for a month. NCC will be praying for the patients, families, and staff of the Medical Oncology Specialty Unit (MOSU) at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center.

Located on 5 West, Advocate BroMenn's Medical Oncology Unit serves patients with conditions such as cancer, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, gastrointestinal problems, open wounds and sickle cell anemia.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Rev. Sarai Rice from the Alban Institute will be with us the weekend of **April 26-27, 2014**. More details about the weekend will be shared closer to the date. For now please mark your calendars.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday Worship at 10:30

Sunday School meets during worship

Tuesdays 12:30pm (Denny's Normal) ~ NCC Men's Group

Sunday, January 12 ~ Directory picture make-up date

Friday, January 15 @7pm ~ Social Justice Group

January 20 ~ February newsletter deadline

Saturday, January 25 ~ Steering Committee Retreat

To keep up to date with NCC happenings make sure to check out the NCC calendar online at

www.nccnormal.org/calendar.htm

January Birthdays

- 4 Ruth Reeves
- 7 Arthur Beale
- 8 Mary Beth Taylor
- 10 Chrissy Cataldo
- 15 Peg Kirk
- 16 Linda Wilkins
- 19 Ben Moore
- 21 Grace Traynor
- 30 Dick Sanders / Jim Turner

If we don't have your birthday, please let Susan Ryder know so that we can include you next year!



NEWSLETTER CALL FOR NEWS

Please share reports and announcements, what you are reading and poetry you've written, or let us know of a news story we could mention.

Please email articles to Susan Ryder at normalsue@aol.com by January 20 for the February newsletter.

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