



NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY

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MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

CONSULTATION FOLLOW-UP

We hope you will join us **after the service on Sunday, May 18** as we share some preliminary information from the congregational consultation held the weekend of April 26-27. While no action will be taken or decisions made at this meeting, NCC President Suzie Hutton will give an overview of some of the initial recommendations Sarai Rice discussed with the Steering Committee Saturday afternoon. "I am feeling very excited about what we learned from Sarai last weekend, and look forward to moving forward with some of her helpful suggestions," says Suzie.

STEERING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

April 15 meeting

Approved Minutes of previous meetings
can be found at <http://nccnormal.org/scminutes/>

The main focus of our April 15 meeting was finalizing plans and working out some of the practical logistics for our April 26/27 visit with congregational consultant, Rev. Sarai Rice. Before our meeting, Betty and Susan had a phone conversation with Sarai, where it was agreed we would have a morning session to which all NCC'ers would be invited, followed by an afternoon session with current and 2013 SC members. We also received an update from the Lectureship Committee on their brainstorming of names to invited to our next Lectureship event, which will occur in the Fall of 2015, as well as updates on the work of the Social Justice and Partners in Mission groups.

BRIDGE OF HOPE

We want to remind everyone that there will be an **informational meeting on the "Bridge of Hope" following the service on June 1st**. This is the local program through Home Sweet Home Mission that we are considering as an NCC community mission focus. It would involve committing a substantial portion of our budgeted mission dollars plus a commitment by a group of 8 to 10 community members to serve as mentors for a single mother trying to move out of homelessness to self sufficiency. In addition, the smaller mentor group would need the backup and support of the community throughout the several year project. Please plan to stay after the service on June 1st to learn more about this mission project. We will plan to have a community meeting following a service in early summer to determine if we want to do this local project and if we have the necessary mentors and community support to proceed.

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Worship Moves to 10am Sunday, May 25



IT TAKES ALL KINDS!

Since there isn't room in our weekly bulletins to include the names of all the NCC'ers who serve us on a variety of committees and work groups, we try to list their names in the newsletter on a periodic basis so that you can see and appreciate all of the folks who are serving New Covenant Community in so many important ways.

Steering Committee: Suzie Hutton, Chair; Tom Sullivan, Vice-Chair; Marie Genrich, Treasurer; Karen Rousey, Secretary; At-large members: Joe Boudreaux, Bruce Chandler, Betty Rademacher, Janet Warfield; Pastors: Bob and Susan Ryder

Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: Nikki Brauer, Caroline Fox, Peg Kirk, Mark Lewis, and Jim Turner

Endowment Committee: Mark Austill, Brian Finch, Marie Genrich (Susan Ryder, Ex-Officio)

Campus Religious Center Board of Directors (NCC Representatives): Matthew Dahmm, Brian Finch, Mark Lewis, Bob Ryder, Pam Unkrich (Royal Gray, alternate)

Pruyne Lectureship Committee: Janet Chandler, Brian Finch, Sandy Hupp, Pam Lewis, Pam Lubeck, Mary Beth Taylor (Chair), Dick Watts, Jim Wagner, Joe White (Susan Ryder, Ex-Officio)

Care Team: Willemina Esenwein, Marie Genrich, Mary Beth Taylor

Partners in Mission: Karen Rousey (Chair), Nikki Brauer, Willemina Esenwein, Marla Finch, Pam Lubeck, Margaret Rutter

Adult Education Planning Team: Nikki Brauer, Marla Finch, Donella Hess-Grabill, Susan Ryder, Tom Sullivan

Garden Group: Led by Joe Boudreaux and served by a number of volunteers.

Sunday School: Coordinator: Nikki Brauer; Teachers: Heidi Bowman, Suzie Hutton, Devon Lovell

Social Justice Group: Joe Boudreaux, Pam Lubeck, Ruth Reeves, Margaret Rutter, Julie Sullivan, Janet Warfield, Charline Watts

Chapel Set-up Crew: Janet Chandler, Brian and Marla Finch, Royal Gray, David Hirst, Sandy Hupp, Suzie Hutton, Mark Lewis, Margaret Rutter, Kim Tingley, Jim Turner, Pam Unkrich, Mark Wyman

Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication to NCC—it is MUCH appreciated and we could not be the community we are without you. And if you'd like to assist or be part of any of these groups just let us know, we'd be very happy to have you join us! If we left out your name our sincere apologies — please let us know for next time, and we will add it to our web site list as well.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Notes from the April 2014 Meeting

IPA: IPA held an action against fracking at a pro-fracking meeting at the Parke Hotel. In spite of interruption by the speaker's security staff, IPA was able to get their message out.

On April 12, IPA held a vigil on immigration starting at Withers Park, Bloomington and ending at the McLean County Jail. Several people from NCC attended.

Book Bike: There have been several donations to the Book Bike which are much appreciated. Announcements about donating will continue in our weekly bulletin, space permitting.

New Social Justice Committee Members: The Social Justice Committee continues to seek new members. Anyone interested may contact any of the social justice committee members for more information.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m., at the home of Ruth Reeves. Anyone interested is welcome.

PARTNERS IN HEALING



NCC is a member congregation of Advocate BroMenn Medical Center's "Partner's in Healing" program, which is a project of intentional prayer for specific medical units 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.

NCC will be praying for the patients, families, and staff of the **Cardiovascular Care Unit (CVCU)** at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center for the month of May. The Cardiovascular Care Unit, located on the first floor directly above the Emergency Department, has 18 beds and provides care to patients with heart and lung problems.



May Birthdays

- 2 Nikki Brauer / Anna Dahmm
- 4 Danielle Cook
- 7 Sierra Alomoto
- 13 Charline Watts
- 15 Nan Carlson
- 18 Anne Pryor
- 28 Joe White

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



MAY CALENDAR

Sunday Worship at 10:30am
Sunday School meets during worship

May 4 ~ Poetry Sunday

May 14 ~ Social Justice Group @7pm

May 18 ~ Informational Meeting after the service

May 20 ~ June/July newsletter deadline

May 20 at 6:30pm ~ Steering Committee Meeting

May 25 ~ Worship moves to 10am

To keep up to date with NCC happenings make sure to check out the NCC calendar online at www.nccnormal.org/calendar.htm

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 normalisue@aol.com by **May 20** for the combined June/July newsletter*

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