



# NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY

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NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

## Change your clocks Nov. 2

Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Sat, Nov. 1 so that you are on time for NCC the next morning.

Daylight Savings ends at 2 am on Sunday, Nov. 2.



## It's that Time of Year Again

A couple of weeks ago you received an emailed stewardship letter from the Steering Committee and a 2015 "Estimate of Giving" form, along with a 2015 Draft Budget. If you did not them there are copies available at worship on the back table or online:

<http://nccnormal.org/wp-content/uploads/2014-Stew-Letter.pdf>

<http://nccnormal.org/wp-content/uploads/2015-Budget-Draft.pdf>

The Steering Committee would like to receive your "Estimate of Giving" forms by Sunday, November 30 if possible, in time for our Dec.2 Steering Committee meeting, where we work on finalizing the budget proposal we will present to the entire congregation for approval at the Dec. 14 Community meeting. There will also be an informational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7 after the service to update you on expected income, answer questions, and discuss the proposed budget.

Submitting an "Estimate of Giving" form helps us anticipate money we will receive for the coming year, and thus be able to provide more accurate information about projected income to the congregation as we make final budget decisions. Many of you already give generously to NCC each year without submitting a form, and your gifts are greatly appreciated. Turning in a form helps with planning, so if you have not done so in the past, we encourage you to consider doing so this year. Thank you!

## Steering Committee Highlights

The Steering Committee met October 21. After approving the September minutes (which are online), we received a financial update that indicated we are behind \$6,322.25 in pledged income as of September 30. (If you are not sure where your pledge stands for the year, please contact Marie Genrich for an update.) Being ahead \$3,509.25 in non-pledged income has helped bridge the gap a bit. We approved a draft 2015 budget, discussed plans for an upcoming informational community meeting (Oct. 26), and received updates from the CRC Board, our pastors, and Partners in Mission. Finally, we discussed options for making Steering Committee members more visible to the congregation on Sunday mornings in case folks have questions or concerns. To that end, they will wear name-tags for the remainder of the year on Sunday mornings.

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## CRC FALL CLEAN UP

Join us after the service on Sunday, November 16 for a fall clean-up of leaves and other debris around the building. Please dress appropriately and bring any extra rakes or other yard tools you can use. Lunch will be served!



### November Birthdays

- 1 Heidi Bowman
- 4 Joshua Dahmm
- 5 Diane White / Willemina Esenwein
- 11 Janet Warfield
- 12 Cynthia Ashbrook
- 15 Steve Newman / Eric Bowman
- 16 Nancy Pichla
- 18 Ave Rio

*If we don't have your birthday, please let Susan Ryder know so that we can include you.*



### PARTNERS IN HEALING

NCC is a delegate congregation to the Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. As part of that delegation, we participate in a project of intentional prayer for specific medical units associated with the Medical Center 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 **Inpatient Unit (IU)** at Advocate Eureka Hospital during November. The 25-bed inpatient unit at Advocate Eureka serves all kinds of patients, including surgical, cardiac and general medical patients.

### CALENDAR

**Sunday Worship at 10:30**

Sunday School meets during worship

**November 20** ~ December newsletter deadline

**November 30** ~ Estimate of Giving forms due

**December 2** ~ 6:30 Steering Committee

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

[www.nccnormal.org/calendar.htm](http://www.nccnormal.org/calendar.htm)



Please email articles to Susan Ryder at [normal sue@aol.com](mailto:normal sue@aol.com) by November 20 for the December newsletter.

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