



NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY

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SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

NCC COMMUNITY MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE ON SEPT. 22

Please plan to attend our Fall Community Meeting after the service (about 11:30am) on Sunday, Sept. 22. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members to serve on the Nominating Committee, who will present the slate of Steering Committee and officer nominees to the Community in December, and to vote on a Steering Committee recommendation to hire an Alban Institute consultant to work with us on our ongoing visioning process. More information will be sent via email before the meeting.

**Sunday Service
returns to 10:30am
on Sunday, Sept. 8**



THE NCC ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS "SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING"

Wednesday, September 11, 2013
6pm—Potluck Supper in the Coffeehouse Area
7pm—Program with staff from Domini Social Investing in the Chapel

We hope you will join us for this informational presentation by representatives from Domini Social Investing, where 60% of our NCC Endowment Fund monies are currently invested in their Domini Social Equity Fund. Not only will you learn about how our Endowment funds are helping invest in a healthier, greener, peaceful, and more sustainable future, you will also receive information about considering socially responsible funds for your own personal investments.

"Socially and environmentally concerned investors have social, as well as financial, objectives. The Domini Social Equity Fund seeks to meet these objectives by offering a diversified stock portfolio for long-term capital appreciation that is consistent with social and environmental priorities." (from the web site)

We'll begin with an informal potluck in the Coffeehouse Area at 6pm, followed by a program in the Chapel at 7pm. **Sign-ups for the potluck will be on the back table at NCC on Sunday mornings.** Mark your calendars now for this informative evening!

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5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 29

We will have a community potluck after the service on Sunday, Sept 29. Sign up to bring something to share, and join us for a time of fellowship and food as we break bread and get to know each other better. There will be a sign-up sheet about what to bring on the back table on Sunday mornings this month, or you can contact Susan and let her know what you will be bringing. Hope to see many of you there!

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP UPDATE

August 14, 2013 Meeting

Partners in Mission: The Partners in Mission group, coordinated by Karen Rousey, was appointed by and reports directly to the Steering Committee. The group met once so far and members are researching ideas for local mission giving in 2013. They will meet again in September to recommend how NCC should use local mission funds for this year and to discuss future mission activities. Members are Heidi Bowman, Marla Finch, Pam Lubeck and Margaret Rutter.

IPA: IPA is organizing to end a payday product at Regions Bank called Ready Advance. This is a three state effort. There was excellent coverage in the Pantagraph.

Fracking – Most likely Southern Illinois will be the first area the industry will target. IPA is requesting a meeting with the Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources who will regulate the industry.

Book Bike: The book bike bag will continue to be available on the back table for donations. There have been no new donations

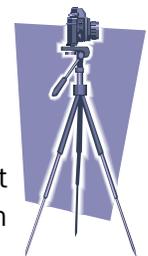
School Supply Project: We are collecting school supplies for BJHS students on Susie Hutton's team. Most need is pencils. Also needed are colored pencils, highlighters and pocket folders. Monetary donations are welcome also.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 18 at Margaret Rutter's home.

The NCC Social Justice Group Wants to Increase Membership

The NCC Social Justice Group is looking for new members. The group meets the second Wednesday of the month (Except September 18) to discuss social justice issues and actions. Fresh ideas are always welcome. If you are interested, contact a member of the group (Charline Watts, Margaret Rutter, Janet Warfield, Mark Wyman, Julie Sullivan, Joe Boudreaux, or Pam Lubeck). Why not attend a meeting to check us out?

GET READY, GET SET, SMILE! YOU'RE ON NCC CAMERA!



It is coming soon to NCC and we want to see you in it!!! Is it hot water? No! Is it a bubble? Not exactly! It is the 2014 NCC directory. We are working to create a workable database that we can all use to get to know each other better and put names to the faces we see each week at NCC.

For three weeks, Dave Rademacher will be using his photographic talent to capture all who want to be included in the directory in a picture. You will have a chance to fill out an information sheet that will be entered in a directory for the church. We hope to have both print and e-copies available shortly after the beginning of the New Year. So come to NCC on Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 to fill in your information sheet and get your picture taken! We want to see you in print soon!

Joe Boudreaux and David Hirst for the Steering Committee.



Fall Adult Education — Extra Opportunity

THE POWER OF YOUR PRESENCE Part I ***“Empowering The Person You Want to Be”***

Week of September 22 – Week of November 10, 2013

(Specific Day of Weeks and Times TBD by Potential Participants)

Regardless of our feelings, inside every one of us lies the ability to create the person we truly desire to be at our core. This means that although the context and specific events will differ from the scenarios we envision, we can achieve much of the inner experience we want. In the meantime, however, we all too often get stuck in boring ruts or in unfamiliar territory, having lost our vision, feeling overwhelmed with trivial tasks, drained of energy, and out of focus without the tools to discern who we are and what we really want.

In this class, Donella Hess-Grabill, Professional Life Coach, offers tools that can help us restore focus, empower ourselves, and offer a hand to others. Those who choose to follow a path on which to stroll, walk, or run at individual paces can learn to face with equanimity the challenges inherent in living. At the conclusion of the class, opportunity will be given to members to form an ongoing coaching group that uses the skills learned in the eight classes listed below.

Part I Empowering The Person you Want to Be

Maximum Eight (8) Participants

Attendance Commitment Required

- I. **TOPIC: STANDING IN MY OWN TRUTH**
- II. Practice Session
- III. **TOPIC: HEARING BEYOND MY HEAD & THEIR WORDS**
- IV. Practice Session
- V. **TOPIC: BEING CURIOUS & ASKING POWERFULLY**
- VI. Practice Session
- VII. **TOPIC: LIVING AS CONTRIBUTION TO SELF & OTHERS**
- VIII. Practice Session & Wrap-Up

Note:

Potential Future Sets of Session Series for 2014 Include:

The Power of Your Presence: Part II Communicating with Honesty & Heart

The Power of Your Presence: Part III Honoring Self & Other Amidst Difficulties



ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS AND MEMORY WALK

This year will be the beginning of what I hope will become an NCC tradition - a team in the annual Bloomington-Normal Memory Walk, supporting our local Alzheimer's Association as well as the many friends and neighbors affected by this devastating disease.

The event will take place at CornBelters Corn Crib, 1000 West Raab Road in Normal on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Check in and festivities start 8:00AM. The Walk itself will begin 10:00AM.

There are several ways you can participate. Consider...

- Walking with the NCC Team! You can register to join NCC's team online at http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/IL-GreaterIllinois?team_id=178900&pg=team&fr_id=3337. You can also email Bob at rwryder@aol.com to indicate that you want to take part, and he will be in touch.
- Sponsoring a walker with a contribution supporting the event.
- Attending the Memory Walk (even if you prefer just attend the festivities and not to walk yourself).
- Making a contribution to our team. Contributions can be made online (see above link) or you can give me a check made out to B-N Alzheimer's Association and I will pass it on.
- Learning more about the illness and how it effects both patients and their families, neighbors and communities. Each week in September we will have a brief moment during the service offering education and commemorating those who struggle.
- Attending an adult education event: On **Sunday October 4th following worship**, we will have a 1 hour presentation by Heather Moulder, a community educator for the B-N Alzheimer's Association, informing us about key aspects of the disease and how we can develop our abilities to support family, friends and neighbors who are affected.



September Birthdays

- 1 Judy Boudreaux
- 3 Gabe Maurer / Sue O'Neal
- 8 Mark Wyman / Sally Turner
- 11 Art White
- 20 Chris Kaufman
- 26 Michelle Wait

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](mailto:normal sue@aol.com) by September 20 for the October newsletter.

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