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APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

APRIL WORSHIP

April 6 ~ Friends Forever Middle East Coordinator Raed Habib-Allah will give us an update on the students we met last August.

April 13 ~ Bob will offer a Palm Sunday Reflection.

April 20 ~ Susan will offer an Easter Reflection.

April 27 ~ Bob and Susan will lead the service, which will be attended by Rev. Sarai Rice.



STEERING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

March 18, 2014 meeting

In addition to firming up plans for our weekend with congregational consultant Rev. Sarai Rice (see below), here are some other things that happened at our most recent Steering Committee meeting:

- * The minutes of the February meeting were approved, and are now online (www.nccnormal.org/scminutes)
- * Reports were received as information from the pastors and the Social Justice Group. The Treasurer's Report, which indicates we are doing well so far this year, was approved.
- * At the request of the Partners in Mission group, we approved a \$500 donation to the local chapter of "Friends Forever" to help with expenses for hosting the August 2014 group.
- * We agreed to postpone the "5th Sunday Potluck," which would have happened March 30, to the Sunday with Rev. Rice (April 27).

CONGREGATIONAL CONSULTANT AT NCC - APRIL 26-27, 2014

Our visit from congregational consultant, the Rev. Sarai Rice, is almost here! She will be with us the weekend of April 26-27. Here is the schedule for our time with Rev. Rice. We hope you can be part of this important weekend in the life of our community.

Saturday, April 26

9am to 12pm - All NCC'ers are invited to join us in the Chapel for a group conversation and visioning process led by Rev. Rice.

12pm to 12:45pm - Group lunch in the Coffeehouse — please bring \$\$ to help cover the cost.

1pm to 4pm - Rev. Rice will meet with members of the Steering Committee.

Sunday, April 27

10:30am - Rev. Rice will attend the Sunday service.

11:45am - Potluck in the Coffeehouse area with Rev. Rice before she leaves town.

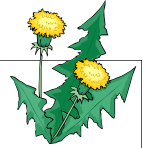
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April Birthdays

- 4 Pam Unkrich
- 5 Donella Hess Grabill
- 10 Sandy Hupp
- 11 Devon Lovell
- 12 Kelly Mirsky
- 18 Dawn Duff
- 21 Tory Dahmm
- 23 Eli Maurer
- 26 Jim Pruyne / Lucas Dahmm

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



POETRY CORNER

Dandelions ~ Phyllis White

Sprinkled lavishly
 over fields and lawns and parkways
 in the early Spring
 shining fragments of the golden sun
 have fallen to earth
 and today their brilliance glows against the green.

Tomorrow
 their heads will turn to white
 like throngs of little old men
 and then
 on another day
 the tiny star-shaped seeds
 will all drift away
 like fairy parachutes
 on the wings of a fragrant breeze.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 1, 2014

On Sunday, June 1, we will have staff from Home Sweet Home Mission here for an informational meeting on the Bridge of Hope mentor program in the coffee house after our service. More details will be in the May newsletter.



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 normal@sue@aol.com by April 20 for the May newsletter

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