

New Covenant Fellowship

November 12, 2023

“Generosity, Gratitude, Giving” by Pastor Renée Antrosio

Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may confirm his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as on this day.

—Deuteronomy 8:17-18



ORDER OF SERVICE

Oh How Good to be Together

Welcome (Carolyn Vance)

All those who Sow Weeping

Thanksgiving Offering (Kristin)

If I Hunger, If I Thirst

Deut. 8:6-10 & Prayer (Brian Mustain)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Generosity, Gratitude, Giving (Renée)

Come by Jesus

Deut. 8:11-16 & Prayer (Julian & Arlene)

10,000 Reasons

Deut 8:16-18 & Prayer (Lehman Waisvisz)

Where Your Treasure Is

Benediction (Jason Berg)

His Kingdom Now is Come



BENEDICTION

Giving and forgiving God,
you created the good earth and blessed it.

Give us glad and generous hearts,
that we may rejoice and give thanks for
the abundance of your creation,
the depths of your mercy,
and your care for all.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chili Cook-Off is Today! After service, we hope you'll plan to stay for the chili cook-off. Prepare your favorite recipe—or just come and enjoy the delicious food and friendly company.

Leadership Team—We are grateful for Melissa's service as interim associate pastor, allowing us to experience her gifts and determine whether she is a good fit for our fellowship as half-time associate pastor in 2024. Please send questions and feedback to Walt Kelly, Caroline Helton, or Laurie Kaufmann for us to address at our Nov 19 congregational meeting. Preparing for Renee's Jan 15-April 15 sabbatical, we will also discuss an expanded role for the non-profit board as advisory to the LT in 2024. Processing our Nov 19 meeting will lead to LT recommendations on which we will vote Dec 3. Please pray for wisdom and discernment in this process. non-profit board and whether to hire Melissa as part-time associate pastor for 2024.

Stage carpeting is en route for installation early next week. The awning is being refurbished. Upstairs painting is being completed. We are praying and preparing our building to host the Champaign Urbana Community Meeting on Reparations Nov 16.

Interfaith Thanksgiving—In these troubled times, building relationships across faith communities is especially important. The annual **Interfaith Alliance Grateful Gathering** is Sunday Nov 19 at 3:00pm at the Spurlock Museum. Please join us for a service of thanksgiving followed by a cookie fellowship time.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 12 Chili Lunch @NCF after service
- Nov 16 **Reparations Talk 7 pm @NCF**
- Nov 19 Congregational Mtg 11:45
- Nov 19 Interfaith Thanksgiving 3pm Spurlock
- Dec 2 Gingerbread & cookie decorating
- Dec 3 Vote on non-profit board and part-time assoc pastor

CONTACTS

Leadership Team:

LT@ncf-cu.com
Caroline (maternity leave), Laurie K, Carolyn V (secretary), Jason (consultant)

Finance Team: Joyce, Paco, Tim, Patty, & Walt

Family Fund: Karen H, Barbara P, Judy H, Nancy M, & Lehman W

Reparations:

Jeff, Sharon, Vern, & Gladys

Pastors: Renée (lead), Melissa (assoc), Jeff (adjunct)

Pastors' Day Off: Fridays

Pastors' email: renee@ncf-cu.com;

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October tithes: \$25,678.12; **Spring Initiative:** \$50; **Reimbursements:** \$3,100—Thank you!