

New Covenant Fellowship

September 7, 2025

Who is God Running After?

by Ron Simkins



The Spirit told Philip, “Approach this carriage and stay with it.” Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah.

Acts: 29-30

ORDER OF SERVICE

O Happy Day

Welcome & Psalms 139:1-6 CEB (Madeline Shunk)

My Sun and Shield

Your Love Never Fails

Prayer (Ellen Dahlke)

As the Deer (Jim Linder)

Acts 8:26-36, 38-40 CEB (Francois Grobler)

Bless the Lord O My Soul

Teaching (Ron Simkins)

Power of Your Love

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction (Vern Fein)

You Are Mighty



BENEDICTION

God, our Guide,

Like the Ethiopian eunuch, we long

to understand your Word,

May our understanding propel us to faith—

demonstrating actions.

Like Philip, guide us by your Spirit

in sharing your Word,

May we find joy as we align with your heart

to cultivate a welcoming, inclusive

faith community for all.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your Calendar—Our next fellowship meal will be Sunday, September 21, immediately following the service. Chef Laurence is on deck, while we provide the potluck! **Sneak Peek: LarBQ, 10/5/25!**

Thanks from the Feins—Vern Fein is thankful “for the wonderful food brought... after Ilyse’s surgery. She is recovering slowly; we appreciate your prayers.”

Upcoming Events:

- 9/7 Interfaith Alliance Picnic, 4-6 pm, Crystal Lake picnic pavilion
- 9/14 Pre-service Prayer in the Library, 9:45-10:15am
- 9/13-21 Celebrate Immigrants Week (see next column)
- 9/21 Fellowship Potluck 11:45 NCF
- 9/21 University Avenue Tree Walk, 1:30-3pm
- 10/5 LarBQ at Paige & Laurence’s, starting at 2pm on!

Happenings Beyond NCF

University Avenue Tree Walk—Sunday, Sept. 21,

1:30 to 3 pm, join Walt Kelly and Bill Vander Weit on a tree walk along University Ave. All are invited. Meet at Eisner Park parking lot. RSVP to Walt.

Interfaith Alliance Picnic—Sunday Sept 7th, from 4-6pm at Crystal Lake large picnic pavilion.

Celebrate Immigrants Week—SCHEDULE:

- Sat, 9/13, 4–5:30 pm:** Survival and Resilience—Immigrant Stories from C-U and Beyond, [Urbana Free Library](#).
- Sun, 9/14, 6 pm:** [El Grito](#) (Mexican Independence Day), downtown Champaign.
- Wed, 9/17, 4–5:30 pm:** DACA teach-in (2 short films) @ University YMCA. [Film 1](#) & possibly [film 2](#).
- Fri, 9/19, 5–6:30 pm:** Three Minute Hug, a film @ The Champaign Public Library. Doors open at 4:30.
- Sat, 9/20, 2-3:30 pm:** [Annual Immigrant Welcome Awards](#) honors local immigrants and their friends/allies, Urbana Library.
- Sun, 9/21, 12-3 pm:** Welcoming Week Family Festival @ Champaign Downtown Plaza– (fun, food, entertainment for the whole family).

Leo & Renee Lobo—their **greatest and latest news!**

CONTACTS

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Give online at [ncf-cu.com/giving](#). Thank you!

Income & Expenditures—August tithes: \$15,112.81; **Reparations:** \$440; **Family fund:** \$400.

Jan-June Income: \$120,287; **Expenditures:** \$149,914