

New Covenant Fellowship

August 23, 2026

God Opposes the Proud: Expect a Whale!

by Dr. Dana Gillon



But God gives us even more grace, as the Scripture says,
“God is against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:6 (Proverbs 3:34)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Oh How Good to Be Together

Welcome (Bonnie Zamora)

O Lord Our Lord

Prayer (Jubal Croegaert)

Hear My Cry

Jonah 1:1-4, 7-17

Take Us Home by Another Way

Teaching (Dr. Dana Gillon)

He Makes All Things New

Not Be Shaken

Benediction (Pastor Renée)

You Are Mighty

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/30)

Building Open: **Pastor Renée**

Greeters: **Kathy**

Early Childhood: **Sophie Morgan**

Projector: **Valerie**

Sound: **Carl Tucker**

Worship Leader: **Mark Foley**

Teaching: **Pastor Renée**

Prayer Chairs: **Nancy & another**

Offering: **Walt & another**

Announcements: **TBD**

Building Close: **TBD**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Potluck

Chef Laurence is baking tilapia with tomatoes and capers plus a veggie main dish this Sunday, Aug 23. Invite friends for Dr. Dana's teaching, bring a side or dessert to share, and plan to stay for lunch! Check out [the volunteer form!](#)

Leadership Team

In our August meeting ([summary here](#)), we confirmed that Ellen Dahlke and Patty McNussen are willing to serve on the LT. Congregational voting of whether to affirm their appointment will be Sept 6 & 13.

Dog-walkers needed

Karen Hogenboom will be having surgery, and needs help while she recovers, with walks for her friendly, middle-sized dog. To volunteer, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/belle-walks>.

Interfaith Alliance Picnic

Come and join people from a variety of faiths who bring a variety of scrumptious food :) Bring something to share (even if store bought) on Sunday August 30th from 4-6pm at the Main pavilion at Crystal Lake. Hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers provided. Questions: Lee Ann Kelly.

LarBQ 2026

Paige and Laurence's annual fundraiser for [Spring Initiative](#) will happen on Sunday, September 27 at 405 N Garfield, Champaign. Come any time after 1pm for all-you-can-eat BBQ and desserts. BYO beverage. Suggested donation: \$25/person, \$50/household.

———— Happenings Beyond NCF ————

Habitat House Dedication

Join new homeowners and Interfaith contributors for a house blessing Wed Aug 26 at 5:30 on W. Church St in Urbana (see flyer for private house number).

Upcoming Events:

8/23	Prayer in library, 9:45-10:15a
8/23	Fellowship Meal
8/30	Interfaith picnic @Crystal Lake 4-6p
9/27	LarBQ 1pm onward

CONTACTS

Leadership Team: LT@ncf-cu.com, Valerie Hoffinan, Vern F, Tim C, Nancy M, Elizabeth R, Pastors Renée & Melissa, Carolyn V (secretary)

Board: Walt K, Jason B, Joyce M, Vonne O, Carolyn V (secretary), Lehman W. (treasurer)

Pastors: Renée, Melissa, & Jeff

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

Tithes & Zelle: ncfcutreasurer@gmail.com
Give online at ncf-cu.com/giving. Thank you!

Jan-June Income: \$140,452; Expenditures: \$130,945.

July Tithes \$33,096; Family Fund: \$10; Repairs: \$3200; Special Donation: \$100.