



New Covenant Community

Our purpose is to continue in our time what Jesus began in his - working for the healing of our world as an inclusive, compassionate, joyful community.

AUGUST 2010

JIM AND GWEN PRUYNE LECTURESHIP IN PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers ~ Inaugural Lecturer

“JESUS: Galilean Sage or Supernatural Savior?”

Public Lecture ~ Friday, October 29, 2010 at 7:00pm

Astroth Community Education Center, Heartland Community College

“THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH: Raising the Body By Corrupting the Empire”

Workshops ~ Saturday, October 30, 2010 ~ 8:30am to 12:30pm

Heartland Community College, Rooms 2101 & 2102

AUGUST WORSHIP

August 1 — Susan will share some thoughts from her reading of *A Case for God* by Karen Armstrong.

August 8 — Susan will reflect on her General Assembly experience last month.

August 15 — Bob will share Part 3 of his “Joseph” series from the *Genesis Reflections*.

August 22 — Susan will return to her occasional series on the Alphabet of Spiritual Literacy.

August 29 — Bob will offer the last installment of his *Genesis* series, “The End of the Beginning.”



Robin Meyers is a United Church of Christ pastor in Oklahoma City, a professor at Oklahoma City University, a member of the Jesus Seminar, and an author of *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus.*”

Go to www.nccnormal.org/meyers.htm for more information and registration form.

NCC ADULT EDUCATION ACADEMY

The 2010-2011 Adult Education Program will be starting up again in September!

Because Dr. Meyers will be lecturing here in October, we are offering several Fall 2010 sessions dedicated to the study/discussion of his book, *Saving Jesus from the Church* in preparation for his visit. The other Fall 2010 option is Part 2 from the “Living the Questions” DVD series. These are NEW videos which you have not seen yet, and if you participated in Part 1 you’ll definitely want to take part in Part 2 (you may still sign up even if you didn’t participate in Part 1).

As we begin our 2010-2-11 program, we encourage you to participate one of the Fall groups, which will be offered at different times for your convenience. More information about the rest of our 2010-2011 books and groups will be published in September.

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FALL TABLES OF SIX DINNERS

Due to low-sign ups over the summer we have postponed our “tables of six” dinners until the Fall, when we will again offering an opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship with NCC folks you may not know very well.

If you would like to host or attend a dinner sometime in September or October please sign up on the sheet at NCC on Sundays during August, or contact Susan Ryder. Please also indicate if you are willing to host.

The dinners are potluck, and once the sign-ups are closed, you are assigned to a specific host to arrange a date that works best for everyone in your group, and what to bring. If you have not participated before now is a great time to start a new school year making new friends at NCC.

KATHLEEN KIRK ...

... will be reading her poems at the Unitarian Church on Sunday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m., as part of their special summer programming. If you, too, missed out on communing with Unitarians, and/or if you like poetry in church, feel free to come to the Unitarian Church on Sunday, August 15! Kathleen will be reading new poems and some poems from *Living on the Earth*, her newest poetry chapbook.

August Birthdays

- 1 Dale Gravelle
- 8 Gavin Sheridan
- 10 Caroline Fox & Julie Sullivan
- 11 Susan Ryder
- 13 Nathaniel Glidden
- 15 Rhys Lovell
- 22 Mark Austill
- 25 Kathy Vitek
- 26 Elizabeth Anvick & William Lovell
- 29 Sandy Bush
- 30 Ellen Miller-MacCannell
- 31 Carys Lovell

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



Condolences to Marla Finch and her family on the recent death of her father. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you.

12TH ANNUAL WEST-SIDE BLOCK PARTY

NCC will again participate in the Block Party that will take place in the parking lot of First Christian Church, downtown Bloomington, on Saturday, August 7. We are one of ten churches that combine to make this a day geared toward families getting children ready to return to school. The focus is free school kits for K-8th grades.

There will also be health screenings, games, food, entertainment, and social service agency representatives available. Contact Pam Lubeck for more information.

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 by August 20 for the September newsletter.

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