

Happy Valentine's Day

February Events

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Food Bank Collection Sunday



Tuesday, February 3

4:00 pm Worship Team Meeting, Library

Friday, February 6

2026 Milan Cortina (Italy) Winter Olympics Begin

Sunday, February 8

11:45 am, Fellowship Potluck—Soup & Sandwiches (FH)
Super Bowl Sunday—Kickoff at 5:30 pm on NBC

Tuesday, February 10

1:30 pm, Lydia Circle, Library

Thursday, February 12

7:00 pm, Session Meeting, Library

Saturday, February 14—Valentine's Day

Tell someone you love them today!

Monday, February 16—Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

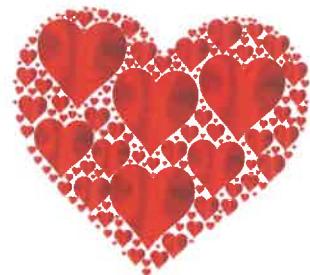
6:30 pm, Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, February 21

5:00 pm, Scripture Singles, @ Beth Oliver's Home

Wednesday, February 25

1:30 pm, Kneedles & Hooks, Promise Room





A Word from the Pastor

"He who was seated on the throne said: 'Behold, I am making everything new!' " (Revelation 21:5)

Beloved,

A reoccurring theme that we see throughout God's word is that of new things. The prophet Isaiah shares with us the word of God telling us in Isaiah 43:18 and 19 – *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it?"* The prophet, Jeremiah tells us of how God's care for His children is new every morning – *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."* (Lamentations 3:22-23). The Apostle Paul talks about anyone who is in Christ as being a new creation, *"the old has gone and the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). He also shares in Romans 6:4 how because of Christ that *"we, too, may live a new life."* And, of course, there are those closing words of God listed above from the book of Revelation of how God makes all things new.

I share these verses as a way of rejoicing in all the many new things occurring in the life of New Covenant Presbyterian Church. There are a lot of exciting things going on right now in the life of our family of faith that I'd like to share with you and encourage you to pray about how you can be involved.

We've just had the election of elders and deacons where we installed five individuals, two new elders and three new deacons, who have never before served our church in those capacities. There is Kevin Evenson and Sam Sayers serving for the first time on Session and new to the Deacons board are Alex Patterson, Katelynn Robinson and Kathy Sayers. It's always exciting to see new people become involved with their new ideas, along with their various gifts, talents and skills to serve the people and glorify God.

We welcome new visitors almost every Sunday for worship. And, we will be starting up, yet, another New Members class (the fifth in three years!) this month.

But, there's other new things that will be starting up in this new year besides these new leaders and new members. One of those new projects is actually something that has been a part of the church since its inception. But, since it has not been needed for quite some time, we've sort of stopped paying attention to it. But, now, praise God, we need it once again. And one of our newest families has stepped up to take the reins.

I'm talking about the Nursery. Alex and DJ Patterson have volunteered to oversee its operation, and they are asking for your help. Alex has already cleaned out and donated many of the old toys and other items that have been in the Nursery for years and is now seeking to replace those old, worn out items with new ones for the newest generation of our New Covenant family. She is currently putting together a registry of these items, much on the order of a wedding or baby registry, that folks can purchase directly or donate money towards their purchase.

In addition, we are asking for your help in volunteering to work occasionally in the Nursery, as the need may arise. Please be on the look-out for sign-up sheets in the near future. In that regard, so that we are able to provide the safest space possible for our little ones, we are asking that our volunteers would agree to a one-time CPR training session that will be offered here at the church. In addition, as some of our children using the Nursery are in the foster care system, it is required by the state that anyone watching them be CPR - certified. More information on this training, as well as other safeguarding measures, will be available soon.

In addition to the Nursery, we are also setting up an area (either as part of the Nursery or elsewhere) for nursing mothers that will offer them privacy and comfort. And, as you will find mentioned elsewhere in this month's newsletter, we are also enhancing our streaming capabilities so those outside of the sanctuary can still view the worship service.

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And, there is still one more new thing that I wish to bring to your attention. In addition to the four Sunday School classes that we are currently offering (for our grade school children, young adults (and others), Harvester class and Ambassador class) we will also be adding, yet, one more class for anyone who would wish to participate. This class will be a less structured, more conversational, gathering where, rather than there being a particular curriculum, will be a place where participants can gather to share what may be going on in their lives, and how they are seeing God at work in their lives. It will consist of Scripture and devotional readings, an extended time of prayer, and the chance to share in conversation with each other. It's a class that is designed for people to drop in and use when they wish, and where they can then come back to one of the other more structured class offerings. The class will be meeting either in the choir room or around one of the tables in Wade Hall and it will be led by Alex Patterson.

As I said, there are a lot of new things going on here at New Covenant - new leaders, new members, new visitors, new classes, new ministries and programs. But, that's good! It means things are moving, things are growing, things are changing. But, then, that been God's plan since the beginning. For He is always at work doing a new thing in each of our lives – every new day. And, our greatest blessing, is how God encourages all of us to behold it and see how He is making everything new. And, then, taking part in it!

As always, beloved, see you in church!

Pastor Craig

And, speaking of new things –

Although, this is, actually, an old thing that's been going on for a while, but if you've never participated it would be a new thing for you – Did you know there is another way to give to New Covenant Church? And you can do this by simply doing something you're doing anyway – grocery shopping at Dillon's.

By simply registering your Dillon's Plus Card and selecting New Covenant Presbyterian Church as your Community Partner, Dillon's will donate a percentage of your purchases back to New Covenant! Well, that's fantastic! How do you do it?

Just follow these steps:

- ◆ Go to www.dillons.com and create an account by clicking "Register" in the upper right corner. Enter the requested sign-in information (a valid email address and password), then click on "Create Account." Add your Dillon's Plus Card # (the 12 digit number on the back of your Plus Card, located under the bar code) or ALT ID (phone number) to your account. If you already have an account then just sign in.
- ◆ Enroll your Dillon's Plus Card in Community Rewards by going to dillons.com/communityrewards and click on "Apply Now" from the menu on the left side of the screen. Put in New Covenant's organization number **GG450** or you can also find the church name by typing in the first few letters of our name and searching through the organizations until you find us. Once you have found New Covenant, click on "Enroll," making New Covenant your community partner. This designation will stay in effect until you decide to cancel the enrollment.
- ◆ **START SHOPPING!!**

If you have any questions or you have trouble setting up your Community Rewards just stop by the Customer Service desk and they will be happy to help.

That's all there is to it! Just be sure to scan your Dillon's Plus Card every time you shop at Dillon's. And, then, start giving!

Deacons Corner

Deacons—our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30 pm, in the Church Library.

February Greeters

Jan Lindwall Alex Patterson

February Ushers

To Be Announced

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"
Psalm 100:2a*

Kneedles & Hooks

Kneedles and Hooks will meet February 25, (on the fourth Wednesday of each month) at 1:30 pm. We hope you will join us in making scarves and other warm items for those in need. Make sure to look at the "Thank You" notes in this newsletter, as two of them are about the items we delivered in December.



Words of Worship

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20, KJV

We gather together to worship our Heavenly Father each week. Yet there are some who cannot attend for various reasons. So we try to provide ways for them to share in the worship service, and this also provides an opportunity to share our presence with others who may be seeking a church to attend.

One of my goals for the coming year is to have written instructions for the technology we use and add individuals to our worship team who are willing to learn how to start the streaming services. Please join us in prayer that God will continue to provide us with our practical needs as we share the gospel and give Him the glory.

Respectfully,
Cheryl Canfield, Worship Elder



NEW COVENANT WOMEN'S NEWS

Lydia Circle

"The Stories of Women"

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

at 1:30 pm

in the Church Library

We will be in Lesson 5,
"Elizabeth and Mary."

The Scriptures are Luke 1:1-66

February's hostess is: Linda McCowan



Wanted: Your Favorite Recipes

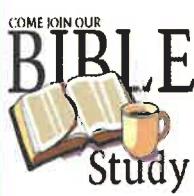
Thank you to everyone who has contributed recipes for the newsletter in the past. My file is beginning to run low again, so if you have more recipes that you'd like to share, please email them to Julia at:



secretary@newcovenantpc.net If you don't have access to email, you may put a copy in Julia's box or on her desk.

Son-Rise Guys

**Every Thursday morning—7:00-8:00 am
In the Church Library**



"Son-Rise Guys" started hope you will join us as we study the Word of God. We all start out simple, but mature to wisdom. A Band of Brothers studying God's Word together—it doesn't get much better than that!

February 2026 Recipes

Cinnamon Popcorn

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup corn syrup
- 1 tsp. salt (if air popped)
- 1 cup red hots
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 6 quarts popped corn

Directions:

- Pop corn and place in large roasting pan
- Melt butter in saucepan, and stir in next 4 ingredients
- Stir constantly until boiling, then boil for 5 minutes without stirring
- Remove from heat; stir in baking soda and vanilla
- Pour over popcorn and stir to mix
- Bake at 250 degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes

~ from Lynette Peterman

Crispy Baked Chicken Wings

Ingredients:

- 2-3 lbs chicken wings (Julia likes the Smart Chicken wings from Dillons)
- 2-4 Tbsp melted butter
- Salt
- Black pepper
- Garlic powder
- Paprika (optional)

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 400 degree
- Line 1 or 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper (or foil, and set a wire rack on it)
- Arrange the wings on the pans in a single layer
- Sprinkle the wings with seasonings
- Drizzle melted butter over the wings
- Bake until cooked through, and their skin is brown and crispy, about 40 minutes

**For extra-crispy skin, turn oven heat down to about 170 degrees, and bake for an additional 30-60 minutes
Serve immediately; accompany with your favorite sauce.

~ from Julia Berdahl

FAMILY NEWS

Condolences to...

The family and friends of Pastor Joseph Rychcik, who passed away on January 8, 2026.

If you know of any information that should be included in the newsletter, please notify Julia in the church office.

Thank You...

*To my New Covenant Family,
Many thanks to my New Covenant congregation for the many prayers you have extended on behalf of my health, welfare, and recovery from surgery. I know God has a plan for all of us.
Thank you, Al Sowers*

*Dear Church Family,
Bill is getting stronger each day. Thank you so much for all the visits, cards, and food, but most importantly the prayers. They are appreciated.
Bill & Lynnette Peterman*

*Dear Kneedles & Hooks members,
Your donation of items for Teen Christmas is so appreciated. We have pre-registered 980 teens county-wide. Your support is a blessing in which words cannot adequately show how many lives are touched because of your kindness. First Call will be the recipient of many tears of joy, smiles, and appreciation. There are silent angels in the community of which you are counted.
Thank you,
Dr. Marilyn C. Graham, Executive Director, First Call for Help of Reno County*

*Dear Knitters,
Thank you for the pretty, clever neck scarves. I let a few be prizes at the rest home on 21st & Severance for Bingo. A few were put on the Christmas table at Basement of Faith for those in need to find a special gift. The rest will be saved for the Foundation of Life Church. Hopefully they will be able to open soon for homeless families. I appreciate your talent and hard work.
Sincerely, Cheryl Wardlaw*



February 2026 Mission Prayer Notes



Pray that as we walk through 2026 we can have better communication with Trims and Javiers, (I was told they were trying to communicate with me last year). Shelly and I have been friends for a long time, so communication is easy for us. Communication with the schools in Haiti is difficult, we can continue to pray for that country and the things going on there. We get information from Zach and Ellie through his grandfather – Tom Robson.

Murray & Kathy Trim— Japan—TEAM, (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) - since 1988

PRAY for Murray and Kathy as they share the message of GOD's LOVE to people in Japan, for Kathy as she teaches her classes and has a ministry with women; and for Murray in his meetings with people, preaching and other activities. Continue to **PRAY for** health and strength for each of their mothers, both in their 90's, Murray's mom in Nebraska with family, Kathy's mom in the nursing home in Pretty Prairie.

Shelly Zadina – Medical Ambassadors – Albania & the U.S.

PRAISE THE LORD that **Medical Ambassadors** continues to allow Shelly to spend most of her time in the U.S.A; she does traveling here for the mission and much on-line work. She is preparing to be in Albania for some time in the summer, doing V.B.S. She will not have a team from Wichita going with her this coming summer. Lessons this summer will be based on the life of Joseph. **PRAY for SHELLY** as she continues care for her parents, her mom and her physical needs, her dad as he continues the recovery process from a stroke he had some time ago. She asked for prayer for the arrival of a correct part for John's wheelchair. A part was sent, wrong part, a new part has been reordered – may take several weeks for it to arrive. The right part has arrived and is to be installed very soon. Her dad was recently tested for Covid, no more report on that.

Fredy and Djana JAVIER – Macedonia – World Outreach (WO)

Pray for the Javier's – as they work with the mission project they have set up in Macedonia and for their children **JAVI (Shavi)** and **SHARON**. Communication with someone from WORLD OUTREACH, who is familiar with the work they are doing, reported that they have a great work in Macedonia. **Pray** that we can connect with them soon.

The New Jerusalem / Children of Hope—School in Haiti

Haiti continues to be a very dangerous place. **PRAY** that there will be an end to the gang activity there. Correction on the damage caused by the gangs last spring – in June. It was the elementary school and the church next to it, in the countryside, near Verrettes, that was destroyed, not the secondary school in town.

 **PRAY for** wisdom and God's guidance and protection for the teachers and others who work at the schools. There is an uncertainty as to what is happening at these schools, with the students, both the elementary out in the country school and for the junior high and secondary at the school in Verrettes, since the gang attacks and destruction last June. **PRAY for VOLVICK**, one of the founders of the school and also the Principal of the elementary and secondary schools. He continues to live in Port au Prince and work, supporting himself, so that the money that we send goes to support the school. All the income sent is used for the schools and their needs. **PRAY for safety for VOLVICK** as he continues to work in Port au Prince, and that he is able to get out to the schools to check on and help them. We have not considered it safe to send money for a few months, **PRAY** that we will be able to safely do this soon. We are still waiting on communication with Volvick to decide if it is safe to send funds there.

LOCAL MINISTRIES

FOOD BANK - THANK YOU for your generous giving to the Food Bank, both putting food items in the basket in the hallway A **BIG THANKS** to **CARL and JEAN SIDEBOTTOM**, who deliver donations to the FOOD BANK for us. **THANK YOU** for your generous giving to all of the organizations which we help support. There is information on the bulletin board in the hallway if you have any questions.

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LOCAL MINISTRIES, Continued

YOUNG LIFE - PRAY for Grant Luttrell and others who work and spend time with the young people, who are involved in **YOUNG LIFE**, that they will clearly present and share the message of **GOD'S LOVE** and their need for a personal Relationship with Jesus Christ. They are mostly working in the Buhler school system, but want to also move into the Hutchinson school system. **Note from Grant** – we are currently rebuilding / reforming our committee and we are looking for a **handful of leaders** to help lead in high school and middle school activities, now - 4 to work with senior high students and 2 more to work with junior high students. **PRAY** for this need and for those **GOD** leads to help and minister to students in these schools.

STERLING COLLEGE - PRAY for the faculty and leadership at Sterling as they work with the students. **PRAY for Jose Carrillo**, campus pastor, as he ministers to the spiritual needs of the students and plans and directs **MISSION TEAM** activities this spring. During spring break there will be a team going to Wilmington, Delaware, – March 16-20. There will be a commissioning service at Sterling College, in March for this team, you will get more information on this activity in the near future. There is a team going to **Cairo, Egypt** – May 11 – 25; a team to **Craiova, Romania** – May 12 – 28, and one to **Chiang Mai, Thailand** – May 14 – 31, 2026. The team to Chiang Mai will be meeting up with a team from **Project Video**, which will include some from New Covenant.

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There is new information on the bulletin board in the hall concerning the mission for EPC, known as **WORLD OUTREACH**. We are not supporting any missionaries from there at this time. The Javiars are under a different mission program, but work closely with the EPC mission. We can also be praying for the missionaries in **WORLD OUTREACH**, these are the missionaries that work with our denomination. Many of them work in areas of the world that are not necessarily welcoming to those sharing the GOSPEL message. Although we do not know them personally, we can pray for them as they carry on the work **GOD** has called them to do and the places where they serve.

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OTHER MISSION CONCERNS

Zach and Ellie - PRAY for them as they continue to minister to people that come into their lives in the country where **GOD** has called them to serve. **PRAISE GOD** for the person who recently came to know **JESUS CHRIST** and is meeting regularly with their team mates for spiritual teaching. They ask for prayer for this person to have the opportunity and boldness to share his new found faith with his family. This person came to know Jesus Christ through the resources that they have for producing and using digital resources to proclaim the WORD. Tom reports that things are going well for Zach and Ellie at this time. **PRAY** for their boys, **Roman and River** as they grow and develop.

Our special family— PRAY for them as they continue their life here in Hutchinson and the adjustments that come with the activities in which they are involved. **PRAY** for the health needs and healing for the father for wisdom, and concerns for their families here and in their native country. **PRAY** for the daughter going to school, for her activities there and here at church, and for the baby who is such a happy, healthy child and such a joy to all who come in contact with her.

PRAY for the mother, for her needs as she goes about her daily caring for her family.

Project Video—PRAY for **Project Video** and those who work with it. There is presently a **Nigerian Declare Global** team going to the **Dendi people in Beni**. They will be there for two weeks to produce worship and evangelistic videos for the Dendi people. There is a very small percentage of these people who are believers in **JESUS CHRIST**. Through **Project Video** we will have the opportunity to learn about new people groups and their needs. This is a mission that Kevin Evenson is involved in, and he will be happy to talk to you if you have more questions or would like more information on this Mission and its activities. There is also an upcoming team from **Project Video** going to Chiang Mai in May, some of them from our church. They are going about the same time as the team from Sterling College and may be able to meet up with that team.



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Fellowship Footnotes

February Fellowship Potluck



The February Fellowship Potluck will center around the Super Bowl, even without the Chiefs. February is usually a bit on the chilly side so a nice warm bowl of soup should hit the spot. And along with soup – you need some tasty sandwiches. Our Super Bowl Soup and Sandwiches Potluck will be on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, at 11:45 am. Check out the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall to see what is needed. See you around the table.

Looking Ahead

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be on Sunday, March 15. We usually have a Potato Bar for St. Patrick's Day, but could that be subject to change this year? Just for fun, don't forget to wear green!

