



NCPC June 2026 Newsletter

June Events

Sunday, June 7

Food Bank Collection Sunday

Tuesday, June 9

12:00 pm, Lydia Circle Annual Salad Luncheon @ Carol Stone's home—details inside

Sunday, June 14—Flag Day

11:45 am, Fellowship Potluck—Dad's Favorites, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 21—Father's Day

Happy Father's Day!

Wednesday, June 24

1:30 pm, Kneedles & Hooks, Promise Room

Saturday, June 27

6:00 pm, Scripture Singles, @ Beth Oliver's Home

Looking Ahead:

The Church Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the 250th celebration of our country's Independence Day.



Potluck



Reminder:

Sunday, June 7, is our Food Collection day for the Reno County Food Bank.
Please remember to put your donations in the basket by the Church Office.
Thank you for your generosity!



A Word from the Pastor

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)

With the month of June comes the celebration of Father's Day. I hope I would be right in saying that most folks are blessed in that regard – in that they have or have had loving fathers in their lives which makes, then, the celebration of Father's Day either a joy to celebrate if your father is still with you, or (like myself) a fond memory if your father has departed for his great reward. Sadly, others may not be able to carry such tender memories. Either their father was cold and uncaring, maybe even abusive, or absent altogether.

That's where God's Word provides, yet, one more blessing in our lives. For, should the situation be where one may find it hard to enjoy Father's Day because of the type of father they had (or didn't have) we have God's Word to provide for us a wonderful example of Fatherhood that we can relish all our lives.

And we find that perfect example of fatherhood in Jesus' parable of the 'Prodigal Son.' The word 'prodigal' means lavish, extravagant. The title of this parable refers to the son and the lavish and extravagant lifestyle he lived after leaving home which, ultimately, led to his downfall and prompted his return. But 'prodigal' can just as easily refer to the father, as well, as we read of the father's lavish and extravagant love for his son as he welcomed him home.

The story is familiar: the son is unhappy with his life at home living under his father's rules and demands from his father his portion of his inheritance so that he could go off into the world and do what he wants to do. That's when the prodigal part of the story comes into play – the son squanders his money on lavish, extravagant and reckless living until he finds himself in the pig pen wrestling with the swine for something to eat.

That's when the son comes to his senses. He realizes that even his father's servants live a better life than he's currently living, so the son decides to come back home and confess to his father: *"Father, I have sinned before heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants. And he arose and came to his father."* (Luke 15:18-19)

This leads us to the verse at the top of the page. And also brings us to experience the prodigal love of the father for his child. While the son was still far off, the father saw him and recognized him. And his heart leapt for joy. Then the father ran to his son, and when he reached him, the father rejoiced in extravagant, lavish and altogether prodigal, love. There are no recriminations. Just abounding grace.

The son, who had rejected his father, was greeted by his father, who hugged him and kissed him and celebrated that this son who was lost has now been found.

Of course, the story of the prodigal son/father is not only a story about a father and son. This is all of our stories. We, every one of us, are the prodigal son – rejecting our loving Father in heaven and running off to do what we want to do, to live as we want to live, to live an extravagant, lavish, prodigal life of sin. But, living like that, we will eventually find ourselves in the same place as this son – lost in the wilderness of sin and regret.

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But, the lesson here is we can always come home. When, like the son, we come to our senses and, in repentance, confess our sin. For God, in the words of 1 John 1:9, "*Will forgive us our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.*"

And, like the prodigal father, God will welcome us home! That's what God does for every sinner who repents – He runs to you and hugs you and He kisses you even in your filth. That's the way God, OUR Father, works.

So, regardless of what kind of father you had, whether he was a loving and caring father or even a cold and/or absent father, every one of us can rejoice in the loving and giving and caring prodigal Father we have in Almighty God. And you can celebrate His overwhelming love for you, not only on Father's Day, but every day of your life. He is the Father that welcomes all of His lost children home. Thanks be to God.

As always, see you in church.

Pastor Craig

A NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

New Covenant Church is embarking on a new learning opportunity that can benefit the entire congregation. Our church has just become part of the **Church Partnership Program** with Ligonier Ministries.

As a Church Partner our church will continue receiving our monthly subscription to *TableTalk* magazine. But that's just the start to the learning opportunities available. This membership gives every church member free access to Ligonier's online resource center called *Ligonier Connect*. This allows you to view all Ligonier resources—from Bible studies, to sermons, to conference messages, and more. In addition, you get a 60% discount on everything in the Ligonier store, which includes Reformation Study Bibles, books and all Bible study resources. You can even take advantage of a 25% discount on the registration fee for all Ligonier conferences.

This is a great value and all of it is available to you for free! This is all made available for the same cost as was our annual *TableTalk* subscription. If you have any questions on accessing any of these resources, just talk to me and I'll help you get started.

Pastor Craig

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to our
High School Graduates:

Ross Buggeln
Matthew Robinson



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Condolences to...

Kim Neighbor and family, on the passing
of her husband Mark (4/26/26).

The family of Darlene Yacona, the
mother of Sean Yacona, Jennifer's
husband.

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

You're Invited To
Linda McCowan's

Eight-Tea Party

Saturday, June 6
From 2:00-4:00 pm
New Covenant
Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

Come & Go Card Reception

*Celebrating Linda's
80th Birthday*



NEW COVENANT WOMEN'S NEWS

Lydia Circle Salad Lunch

**Tuesday, June 9, 12:00 pm
at Carol Stone's home**

*Ladies, we have completed our study
and now it is time to gather for our
annual Salad Lunch.*

*Please plan to meet at Carol Stone's home
on Tuesday, June 9th, at 12:00 pm.*

Please bring a salad to share.

Dessert and drinks will be provided.

I hope to see you all there.

Please let Carol know if you are attending.

Blessings, Julie

♪ *A Note From Janet* ♪

Military Music – Part 1 of 4

It has been said that there are no atheists in foxholes. That points out the significance of faith in our Triune God to those who commit their lives to preserving our nation. Starting this year and continuing for the next eight years, our country will recognize the founding of our democratic republic through the times of the Revolutionary War that began in 1776 until the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1784.

Militaries marched to a cadence and frequently sang songs to help them keep in step and to rally their spirits. Silliness, mockery and also religion were important in their songs. Official songs of the different branches of military service coalesced gradually much later than the Revolution, and many official songs were written during and after World War II. Eventually the different branches adopted songs that reflected their unique heritage, mission, and morality; most have a dedicated song and a dedicated hymn. Their songs are probably familiar to you, but their God-inspired hymns may or may not be as well known.

The Continental Army was a loosely governed group of militias. In July 1775 the U.S. Army was officially organized with responsibility for land battles and military occupation. Singing around the campfires in the evening helped build comradery and loyalty. After independence for the Colonies was won, the army was disbanded due to fears of military take-over, until the War of 1812 when the government realized a need for the country's protection by an organized military. Military songs came into popularity and faded as our country grew. During and after WW1 there was a united effort to ensure that each branch had multiple service songs and a hymn accredited to their mission. Over the next few months, I would like to share with you some information about the official song and the official hymn dedicated to each of the six branches of our military. Feel free to search on YouTube to hear these special hymns.

Deacons Corner

Deacons—our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 5:30 pm, in the Church Library.

Enjoy your summer!

June Deacon Greeters

Jan Lindwall

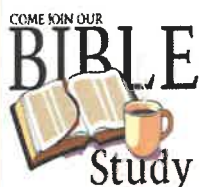
Katelynn Robinson

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalms 100:2a

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!

Kneedles & Hooks

Kneedles and Hooks will meet on June 24, (We meet 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.



Words of Worship

"...and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18, KJV

Each Sunday when we gather to worship, the Holy Spirit is present among us. I saw this most clearly demonstrated on May 3, when we had already postponed Communion for one week because of Pastor Craig's family funeral in New Jersey. Yet, we had a guest pastor coming to help us and would still be able to honor our graduates. Even with a change in plans, all things seemed to be coming together.

By Sunday morning, I had cell phone issues, someone else became ill, and another person experienced personal crisis, so plans seemed to be quickly unraveling. However, faithful members stepped in to help with reception preparations, and although attending to details became a "one minute at a time" reliance upon the Holy Spirit's presence, everything came together again. We heard a wonderful message, experienced the joy of a child helping take offering, honored our graduates, and shared fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters. Even though many may expect that "this is just what we do," we should not fail to express our gratitude to one another for being available and willing to help. So, to everyone who responds to the Spirit and helps pull things together when they seem to be falling apart, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

All praise to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose amazing presence calms all anxiety and works all things together for our good and His glory!

On a practical note, the Worship Team does not plan to meet formally again until September 1. If you have any concerns in the meantime, please let us know.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Canfield, Worship Elder

June Recipe: Yummy!

Ingredients:

- 1/4 c. butter, softened
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 3 c. Rice Krispies ©
- 1 c. coconut

Directions:

- Mix all ingredients and put half of mixture in a 9x13" pan
- Cover with ice cream
- Top with rest of Rice Krispies© mixture
- Freeze until just before serving

Ice Cream Dessert

*Just in time to help you cool off this summer,
comes this recipe from Lynette Peterman.*



June 2026 Mission Prayer Notes



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

PRAY for Murray and Kathy as they each are teaching and in relationships with people as they share the message of GOD's LOVE as they labor in Japan,

Kathy—teaches classes and has a ministry with women; and

Murray—in his meetings with people, preaching and other activities.

Continue to **PRAY** for health and strength for each of their mothers. Praise GOD they were able to be in Nebraska with Murray's Mom in April as she celebrated her 100 birthday, Kathy came to Kansas in May to celebrate Mother's Day with her mom and brothers. We were thankful to have her here for a time to tell about their ministry in Japan. They plan to stay about two more years continuing their work there.

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

PRAISE THE LORD that **Medical Ambassadors** continues to give Shelly time in the U.S.A; being with her parents and overseeing their health needs, visiting churches and individuals here in the U.S. **PRAY** for Shelly's health needs – she was supposed to have cataract surgery in late May, but had to cancel it due to forecasted bad weather – it was to be done in Wichita and she was not sure they could get home safely. She also may be needing some orthopedic surgery, but not sure about how it will affect her going to Albania this summer.

She has written a program for VBS in Albania this summer. It is called "Adventure in Egypt" and is a study of Joseph and the things GOD gives us – Hope and Wisdom, GOD has Special Gifts for each one of us and HE wants us to be forgiving. If she cannot go to Albania, she has a way to send the lessons, a lady from Omaha is going to Albania and will take the lessons, the lady is going to Wichita for Memorial Day and will pick up the lessons and take them with her. Shelly's co-workers there will do the teaching. **Pray—Shelly NEEDS TO GO TO ALBANIA BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER** to keep her permanent residency status there.

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

Pray for the Javier's—as they work with the mission project they set up in Macedonia, and for their children—**JAVI (Shavi)** and **SHARON**. **Pray** for us to have better communication with them.

The New Jerusalem / Children of Hope—School in Haiti



Haiti continues to have many needs. Our communication with the school is missing, we really are not getting information on what is going on there. **PRAY** that there will **soon be an end** to the **gang activity** which is so very dangerous, destructive and disruptive. **PRAY** for all the people there – students, faculty and others, what they are enduring each day is sad and destructive.

PRAY for **VOLVICK**, one of the founders, is also the long distance Principal for both the elementary and secondary schools. **VOLVICK** continues to live and work in Port au Prince, supporting himself, so that money sent goes to support the schools. All the income sent from New Covenant is used for the schools and their needs. The town where the schools are located is some distance from Port au Prince. In better times, **Volvick** was able to get back and forth and in the summer, he went to the area of the school and supplied the students and their families with food. **PRAY** for safety for **VOLVICK**, the **teachers** and **students** and their **families**. **PRAY** that we will be able to safely send money to the school soon.

LOCAL MINISTRIES

THANK YOU for your generous giving to the **Food Bank**, putting food items in the basket in the hallway under the coat racks. This is taken to and distributed through the **Food Bank** to those in need in our community. **THANKS** again to **CARL** and **JEAN SIDEBOTTOM**, who deliver donations to the **FOOD BANK** for us.

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LOCAL MINISTRIES

YOUNG LIFE - **PRAY** for **Grant Luttrell**, the local **YOUNG LIFE** leader and others who work and spend time with the young people, both junior and senior high students who are involved in the **YOUNG LIFE** program. The adults working with them present and share the message of **GOD'S LOVE** and the need for a personal relationship with **JESUS CHRIST**, and show **GOD'S LOVE** as they spend time with the young people. **PRAY** for the activities planned for the young people this summer, there will be some camp experiences in July.

Note from Grant—"We are continuing to look for some more adults to be **PRAYER PARTNERS** for the local program.

PRAY for dedication and good stewardship of people's time and talents as the leadership committee is being rebuilt.

PRAY for those **GOD** calls to help lead in high school and middle school activities, current need is 4 to work with senior high students and 2 more to work with junior high students."

STERLING COLLEGE—**PRAY** for the faculty, leadership and others who work at **STERLING** as they have a summer break and are preparing for the coming school year. **PRAY** for the students as they have a summer break and for the new students who will be going there in September, including one from New Covenant. **PRAY** for ways for New Covenant to help and support **STERLING** and its activities. **PRAY** for **Jose Carrillo**, campus pastor, as he has planned for and led one of the **Summer Mission Teams**. There was a team that went to **Cairo, Egypt – May 11–25**; a team to **Craiova, Romania – May 12–28**, and one to **Chiang Mai, Thailand – May 14–31, 2026**. **Pray** for the students who went on these teams, **PRAY** for them to know **GOD'S PLAN** and leading in each one of their lives.

OTHER MISSION CONCERNS

Zach and Ellie—**PRAY** for wisdom for them as they continue to minister to people that come into their lives in the country where **GOD** has called them to serve. **PRAY** for **ZACH** and **ELLIE** and the **LORD'S LEADING** in all of their activities, for ministry with people **GOD** puts into their lives, and activities they are involved in and as parents. **PRAY** for their young sons, **Roman** and **River** as they grow and develop. **PRAISE GOD** for the person who came to know **JESUS CHRIST**, for spiritual growth and knowing **GOD** in a very personal, meaningful way. **Pray** that he will continue 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 and friends. This person came to know Jesus Christ through the resources that their mission has for producing and using digital resources to proclaim the **WORD**.

Our Special Family—**PRAY** for them as they continue their life here and for their plans and activities for the summer. **Pray** for concerns for their families here and family and friends still living in their native country. **PRAY** for the girls as they grow and develop.

PROJECT VIDEO—**PRAY** for **PROJECT VIDEO** and those who work with it. This is the mission that **Kevin Evanson** is involved with, he will be happy to talk to you, if you have more questions, or if you would like more information on this Mission and its activities. There is a team from **Project Video**, including **Kevin Evanson**, and two other New Covenant, **Bill Peterman** and **Katelyn Robinson**, who went to **Chiang Mai, Thailand** in May. They will be happy to visit with you about their experiences. We are looking forward to their reports.

THANK YOU to all who have prayed for me (Glenda) after the fire at my house last week. Pray that I can be a good witness to my neighbors.



Fridler assisting the firemen.



The firemen had to remove part of my deck to make sure the house was not on fire.



Burned items the firemen removed from my deck.



The siding melted—if it had gone through, the house would have burned.



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Fellowship Footnotes

June Fellowship Potluck

Our next Fellowship Meal will be on Sunday, June 14th, at 11:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The date is near enough to Father's Day that it seems like it might be fun to honor the Dad's in our lives by making their favorite foods. This should make it a wonderful meal to share around the table. See you there!



Coming in July—Our annual gathering for Fire & Ice, (fireworks following ice cream social), on Saturday, July 4th. This one celebrates a big milestone in our nation's history—our 250th anniversary! We hope you'll join us for this fun event that replaces our normal monthly potluck. Wear your **Red**, White, and **Blue**! More details to come, and watch for the sign-up sheet in mid-June.

HCC Finals Outreach—Thank you soooo much to all who had a part in helping with HCC Finals Week treats give-a-way. You are very much appreciated!