

FIRST COVENANT
CHURCH of Omaha
**CONNECTION
CARD**

Date: November 24, 2019
Name(s), Email, Phone:

- First Time Guest
- Return Guest
- Regular Attender
- Member(s)

**What is Your Next
Step today?**

- I am making a first-time
commitment to trust and
follow Jesus
- I am taking steps back to God
(I've been away)
- I am taking a step to give God
this area of my life:

- I am taking a step to:

- I would like a pastor to contact
me about my next-step decision

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #061

WELCOME & GREETING

The Lion And The Lamb

Wide High Long Deep

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING: *God And God Alone*

CHOIR: *There is a Higher Throne*

**CHILDREN (AGES 3-2ND GRADE)
INVITED TO ROOM 206**

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus #458

SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 1:11-20*
Scripture Reader: Nancy Greufe

SERMON:
Make Christ the Center
Pastor Greg Applequist

Be The Centre

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE : *Recessional*

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**WHAT
DISCIPLES
DO**

*Make Christ
the Center*

OUR VISION:

LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS

LUKE 10:27

We're glad you've chosen to join us this morning! Childcare is available during the service for infants and toddlers in Room 204.

During the offering, children ages 3 - 2nd grade are invited to Children's Worship in room 206. We return during the last song. We'd also love for you to join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Just ask an usher to point you in the right direction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on December 15th at noon to vote on the conceptual plans for the new building.

Benevolence Fund Offering - December 1

Donations benefiting the Benevolence Fund will be collected during service next Sunday, December 1. Since our last special offering \$14,000 has been spent from the fund. This money has been used to assist people with food, clothing and shelter as well as to support the food pantry at Countryside Church.

Wonder of the Greatest Gift

If you signed up to receive the Wonder of the Greatest Gift Advent book, please pick it up after the service today. Jean Thomas and Brooke Applequist will be at the Children's Check In Station/Welcome Desk by the library to distribute the books. If you did not sign up and are interested in receiving one for the kids in your immediate family, we will start a wait list on a first come first serve basis for any books that are left after all who signed up have received one. Questions may be directed to Hilary Applequist (hkapplequist4@gmail.com) or Pastor Mary (pastormary@firstcovenantomaha.org). Happy Advent-He is coming!

Deck the Halls

Join the fun of decorating the church on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. (or anytime after dinner). Everyone is welcome! Please meet in the Sanctuary.

Thanksgiving Eve Service FCC

Please join us Wednesday night, November 27 at 7 PM for the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Following the service we will serve pie in the Fellowship Hall.

Family Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30-8 PM. Hot chocolate, crafts, dancing, photo & a visit from Santa. Bring friends and family! Contact Pastor Mary at pastormary@firstcovenantomaha.org with questions.

Choir Concert & Tea

Celebrate the joyful season of Christmas with our Choir Christmas Concert, Children Singers and Tea on Sunday, December 15, at 5 PM. Please sign-up at the Information Center to provide cookies or tea sandwiches and or help with the Tea following the concert.

Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree is all set up now by the Information Center upstairs. This year we have 30 residents from Maple Crest Health Center. Many of these residents have no family or friends to visit them. Choose an ornament and on the back of it are 3 items that the individual has requested. Please bring your gift with the name on it by Sunday, December 15th. The gifts will be delivered to the home on the 16th. Thank you for bringing joy to these residents at Christmas! *The Mission Team.*

Christmas Open House

The Owls, CCF, and Crescendo groups are invited to Dave and Pam Norlen's home (3516 S. 184th Ave.) for a Christmas Open House, fellowship and food on Saturday, Dec. 14th anytime from 4 PM to 7 PM. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAISE

- God's faithfulness new every morning
- So many reasons to be thankful this season
- Those faithful visitors to our homebound members
- Covenant groups and leaders

PRAY FOR

- Those traveling this Thanksgiving holiday
- Peace in our world of chaos and hatred
- Our nation and it's leaders
- Continued unity and vision for "Building On A Faithful Heritage"
- Ongoing energy for Covenant Groups and leaders
- Churches in transition and change
- Our sister churches Chin Immanuel and Sudanese Covenant

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

BEVIS - Randy & Cheryl
CLAUSON - Erika, Nils, Matias, Lucas & Maya
HOSKINS - Jenny, Chris, Breck & Elsa
WIEBE - Diane, Christopher, Jonah, Eliza & Myla

OUR LOCAL MISSIONS

Open Door Mission Covenant Cedars Camp
Heartland Hope Mission

OUR SISTER CHURCH

Iglesia del Pacto El Mana Amor y Paz in Pedernales, Ecuador

PASTORAL STAFF

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Prayer/Comments/Updates

Please use this space for any of your prayer requests. We pray for these every week at staff meeting. You may also use this space for helpful comments or other information for the office such as address changes. If you are a guest, welcome!

Please let us know how you found First Covenant or who you came with this morning.

- Please keep this confidential
- Add this to bulletin prayer sheet
- Add this to email prayer chain
- I would like a pastor to call

I would like more information:

- Receive "The Loop" (weekly emails)
- Receive Prayer Chain email updates
- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Explore FCC (what are we about?)
- Joining FCC on Mission (Membership)
- Small Groups / Bible Studies
- Children's / Youth Ministry
- FCC Database/Directory
- FCC Facebook Group



Christmas Caroling & Chili

Come and share Christmas joy with our senior church family. We will go out caroling and deliver poinsettias, then return to church for chili, cinnamon rolls, and fellowship.

Please RSVP via the Loop or visit fccomaha.org if interested in caroling or bringing chili, condiments to share. There is also a sign-up sheet available at the Information Center.

Date: 12/08/2019 (Sun.) **Time:** 2:30pm - 6:00pm
Location: Meet at church at 2:30 for assignments