



July 21st - August 25th 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Are you looking forward to the upcoming election season? Do you think we engage politics in a healthy way? Do you long for a better way? We are excited for our next Community Conversations: Politics. We will engage with "The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics". This curriculum helps the church better engage with the politics of our land, seeking to be faithful to following Jesus. We will meet beginning July 21 from 11-12:30 for six weeks.



July 27th 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Nebraska Contemplative Outreach is hosting a Centering Prayer Workshop here at FCC. Centering Prayer is a response to the invitation: *Be still and know that I am God*. Psalm 46:10 RSVP to Colleen at crp3@cox.net Include name, address, email & phone number. Arrive at 8:45 AM, we will start promptly at 9 AM. If you'd like to, bring a small snack to share. Suggested donations \$20+. Questions, contact Cathy Christiansen.



Mary Kate and Cole have welcomed baby Brooks into their family! Please join us in showering them with meals as they adjust to being a family of four (dog Sully is an important member of the family too). They have no allergies or food preferences to keep in mind. Please use the number in the link below to contact Cole to arrange drop off which is preferred before 5 p.m. Thank you for serving our church family in this important way! Contact Hilary Applequist at 216-386-6502 with any questions or concerns.



July 15th Registration begins

Being made like Christ is a refining process; in fact, it is a lifelong journey. Isaiah promises that He can make all things new through the wilderness and wastelands. Join us for a weekend at Covenant Cedars this fall, October 4th - 6th as we become women who are "refined" by our Creator. Online registration begins July 15th. To register or for more information go to cedars.org.



Every so often I want to share with you something I have read. I was recently given a copy of James Weldon Johnson's "God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse", a short collection of poems depicting a variety of Biblical stories compiled in 1927. The introduction states: The old-time Negro preacher loved the sonorous, mouth-filling, ear-filling phrase because it gratified a highly developed sense of sound and rhythm in himself and his hearers." These poems are easy to read and imagine. I would encourage reading these poems, but even more, I recommend listening to [Fred Waring's recording](#) of these poems set to music. This is a tradition different from our own, but one where I have sensed God in a new way.
Pastor Greg



July this summer - 8:30 AM

Lectio Divina has been extended through July. Spend some time on Sunday mornings in scripture with the practice of Lectio Divina. We will meet at 8:30 AM in the library and use the morning's scripture for our practice. Questions contact [Cathy Christiansen](#).



First Covenant Church has had the opportunity to support the Omaha Street School this past year. Along with collecting donations of food, our Retired Men's Group has provided lunch on a couple of occasions. This summer the Omaha Street School is seeking donations to support their programming. Summer is here but kids still need hope, expenses continue as the Omaha Street School prepares for the next school year. If you are interest in donating you can learn more at the [Omaha Street School](#) website.



Do you sing or play an instrument? The worship team would love to have you join them. Reach out to [Chris Wright](#) to get connected.



2 Kings 4:1-7



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