



**April 25** - Spring has arrived, which means it's time for a little spring cleaning at church! Please join us tomorrow, Saturday, April 25th at

9:00 AM as we work together to freshen up our building and grounds. Here are some of the projects we'll be tackling:

Clean lower-level windows; Rake up pinecones and sticks; Prep and move gravel to the bed north of the kitchen door; Spread mulch; Clean the oven and stove; Clean pew cushions; Split hostas and replant

If able, please bring supplies that you may need to complete a project (for example: gloves, rakes or garden tools). Rain date is May 9th.

Thank you for helping care for our church home—we look forward to serving together!



**May 2** - Join us as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of a new little one! A church baby shower will be held in honor of Mary (Greufe) &

Connor Zumbrennen on May 2nd at 10:00 AM in the Library. Come enjoy a time of fellowship as we bless and encourage their growing family. The Zumbrennens are registered at [Amazon](#) for those who would like gift ideas. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please give your donation to Karen Caverzagie or Linda Stanek by Sunday, April 26th. All are welcome as we celebrate this joyful occasion together as a church family!



**May 3** - Join us for Confirmation Sunday on May 3rd as we celebrate our students taking an important step in their faith journey. During the 9:30 AM worship service, they will share about their journey and commitment to follow Christ. Come and support these students as they share in this meaningful milestone and celebrate together as a church family.



Someday "today" will be "back then." In the coming months, the Archive Team will be soliciting photos that represent the present-day

life of our church. Each month, we will ask for photos of a different theme but would welcome any photos past or present or other church-related items at any time. If you are downsizing or helping a loved one with ties to First Covenant downsize, please think of the archive before disposing of any church-related photos, documents or other items. Only have a hard copy that you want to keep? Arrangements can be made to safely scan your photos. Contact Bob Ecklund ([reeck@cox.net](mailto:reeck@cox.net)) or Kay Horwath ([babs244@outlook.com](mailto:babs244@outlook.com)) for more information.



**April 29** - Join us for a fun night on the ice! Student Ministries is heading to [Moylan Iceplex](#) on Wednesday, April 29th from 7:15–9:15 PM. Meet at the rink, 12550 W Maple Road. Come enjoy a great evening of skating, laughter and time together with friends. Don't miss this chance to connect and have some fun—we hope to see you there!



**April 30 - The Registration Deadline** for the *Discipleship Adventure Trip* is Thursday, April 30th. To register, please complete & submit

this brief [Registration Form](#) along with your deposit of \$100. The remaining balance of \$200 will be due June 30th. Deposits can be paid electronically via Realm (Choose 'Noah's Ark' from the drop down menu on the giving page) or to the church office (cash/check payable to First Covenant Church). After submitting the registration form and your deposit, you will receive a follow-up email with necessary forms/waivers to be completed. We are excited that we have the opportunity this summer to return to 'Noah's Ark' in Buena Vista, CO for our Discipleship Adventure Trip. The trip is open to all current **8th-12th grade students**, and is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th - Sunday, August 2nd. During our time together, we will set-up Basecamp along the Arkansas River for the week and encounter a new adventure each day. These include an all-day hike in the Rocky Mountains, an all-day whitewater rafting trip, a half-day on the Browns Canyon High Ropes Adventure Course and an afternoon relaxing in the hot springs at Mount Princeton. As we experience these adventures together, we will also explore our relationship with God, others and self through study of scripture, meaningful conversations and times of solitude and reflection. If you have any questions, you can reach out to [Pastor Coby](#).

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Thank you for allowing Terri and me to be part of the celebration of the Midwest Covenant 140th Conference in Littleton, Colorado.

We attended three seminars focused on leadership, sharing the gospel and multiplying the church. I will share these insights further at a future date. From the seminars and our journey, Ecclesiastes 4:12 and Matthew 28:18-20 stood out as reminders and guidance. We participated in the business meeting and are pleased to share that the Midwest Covenant conference and its churches are thriving, responding wholeheartedly with, "Yes, I will, Lord." We watched a video highlighting the 88 churches within the Midwest conference and their unique histories and beginnings. This reminded us of the origins of Omaha First Covenant Church, begun years ago by Christ followers saying, "Yes, Lord, we will." We are called to this every day as followers of Christ. I hope you can listen to his calling to you. We saw the passion and hope of the pastors, lay leaders and staff of the Midwest Conference. We were both encouraged and fed spiritually and physically by all the great presenters. I will close with a question I heard a couple of times in the presentations. Lord, what are you calling us to do today? This can be a question for the Church as a whole, for us individually, and, I believe, for each of our committees. Thank you, Jim and Terri Small

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From a recent Covenant Cedars Bible Camp update:  
"We have a growing need, you can meet it! Over the past two

summers, we've hit max capacity, especially at Sr. High Camp, turning away students who wanted to be here. That's a great problem, but it's still a problem. Meadowlark will add 48 more beds, creating space for more stories, more moments and more life changes. We've made incredible progress, but there's still work to be done. Check out the full update below to see how you can be part of it." Pick up a CCBC newsletter at church to read more about this project.

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**Luke 12:22-31**

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