



Outside Our Walls

Covenant United Methodist Mission & Outreach Newsletter

May, 2021

Upcoming Events:

- May 15:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- May 24:** Drive Thru Fish Fry
- June 6:** UMCOR Sunday
- Month of July:** Christmas in July
- July 17:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 23:** Project 216



Don't miss....
Covenant's Annual Fish Fry
Drive-thru Fish Fry on Monday, May 24
from 4:00-7:00

Each meal will cost \$10 and will include: Fish or Tenderloin, Coleslaw, Chips, Cookies, Tartar Sauce and cutlery

\$2.00 from each meal will be donated to Habitat for Humanity!

Questions? Contact Gina Loomis at 438-2801!

Habitat for Humanity believes that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live.

The money from this Drive-Thru Fish Fry will help families break the cycle of poverty and build long term financial security.



- Spread the word to friends, co-workers, neighbors, family. The more dinners we sell the more we'll donate to Habitat.
- Pray for the families receiving new homes.
- Learn more about Habitat for Humanity at habitatgfw.com

Looking for a way to serve others?
Donate blood at Covenant's upcoming blood drives on

May 15 & July 17 from 8:00-12:30

When you donate blood you may be helping cancer patients, trauma patients, burn patients, those with chronic diseases and others.



Ready to Help Save a Life?

[Click here](#) or contact Gina

Loomis thru the church office at 489-1888.

Learn more at redcrossblood.org

Thank You! **THANK YOU!** In response to your giving thru the Lenten Offering

Just wanted to take a moment to extend our sincere appreciation to Covenant United Methodist Church for your very generous Lenten donation. All I can say is - Wow, God is good! Covenant UMC has a long history of caring about the hurting & broken in our community and then putting action to their compassion. Thank You for thinking of us and those whom we serve as we partner together to share the love of Christ.

Warmly,

Rev. Roger F. Reece,

Executive Director Associated Churches

I appreciate your ongoing support. Covenant UMC and her people are truly the hands and feet of Christ. Please express my love and appreciation to the entire congregation for the numerous donations of underwear for those we serve at the Rescue Mission. Thanks again.
Rev. Donovan A. Coley, Sr.
CEO/Senior Pastor of The Fort Wayne Rescue Mission



UMCOR SUNDAY is Sunday, June 6

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Your giving to UMCOR SUNDAY is what allows UMCOR to act as the hands and feet of Christ's church, helping the most vulnerable in their darkest days - assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need without regard to race, religion or gender.

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events - to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help & hope for those left most vulnerable. They provide relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. Because you give, when the next crisis occurs, UMCOR will respond!

Will you help meet the needs of the men, women and children in communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster by giving generously on UMCOR SUNDAY?

UMCOR SUNDAY offerings cover administrative costs through the year so 100% of designated donations go to those who need them most.

If writing a check, indicate "UMCOR Sunday" on the memo line.

To learn more about UMCOR visit: umcor.org



Mission & Outreach Team's Four Focuses: Local - Lincoln Elementary School, The Fort Wayne Rescue Mission and Inasmuch Ministry ; International - Life for Children Ministry in Kenya



Founded in 1972, the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

You can make a difference by participating in Bowl for Kids' Sake

a fun and easy way for you, your friends, or family to support the life-changing work of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

It is a FUN & EASY one-time volunteer opportunity to help ignite the potential of children in our community!

Each participant is asked to raise \$100/person or \$500/team. Reach your goal and win cool prizes.

Form a 5-person team - ANYONE can join your team

Every dollar raised will benefit kids right here in our community!

To learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters or to register for "Bowl for Kids' Sake" visit www.bbbsnei.org

Questions? Contact Dametria Refner at dametria.refner@bbbsnei.org or 260-456-1600 x2229.

| Introducing 3 Ways to Play! | | |
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| At the Lanes | Outdoors | Virtual |
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| Thunderbowl #1 June 12 or June 26 CrazyPinz June 8-10 or June 15-16 | Parkview Field - June 19 | June 24 6:00-8:00 pm |

Associated Churches Neighborhood Food Network

Covenant, you donated \$7,700 to the food banks of Associated Churches with your Lenten offering.



The Neighborhood Food Network is an "emergency food bank" which provides a five-day supply of food to prepare balanced and nutritious meals. Families are eligible for food once a month .

Currently, food needs are being met due to the generosity of the Ft Wayne community but if you feel led to donate here are suggested needs:

Grains:

- Rice/Stuffing
- Oats/Oatmeal
- Pasta/noodles
- Hamburger Helper
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac & Cheese
- Crackers (any kind)
- Cereals
- Cake Mix

Other:

- Jello
- Instant Potatoes
- Dry Milk

Hygiene Products:

- Soap/ Body Wash
- Detergent
- Toothpaste / Toothbrush
- Shampoo/ Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Toilet Paper

Proteins:

- Canned tuna / meat
- Canned Beans
- Roasted Nuts
- Peanut Butter
- Granola Bars

Condiments:

- Canola, Sesame or Olive Oil
- Salt & Pepper
- Ketchup / Mustard
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Jelly / Honey
- Salad Dressing

You may leave items at the Mission Collection Center and they will be taken to Gethsemane Lutheran Food Bank, (1505 Bethany Lane) one of the Associated Churches Food Banks

No glass, please!
All items must be non-perishable!

Questions? Contact Carl Baker thru the church office at 489-1888

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES' FATHERS DAY 5K



Celebrate Father's Day weekend by running with or in honor of your father, grandfather, or father-figure.

Bring the entire family for a 5K and a free kid's fun run. The Father's Day 5K will be a WALK, RUN, or RUCK. The course will circle around Lakeside Park's beautiful rose garden and shaded park.

Proceeds will benefit Associated Churches' programs, Military Families and A Baby's Closet.

Where: Associated Churches, 602 E. Wayne St.

When: Saturday, June 19th, 2021

Check-In at 7:30am

Free Kid's Fun Run at 8:15am

5K starts at 8:30am

Individual Pricing:

- * Advanced registration is free for children up to age 9; \$20 for ages 10-15, and \$25 for ages 16 & older.
- * Late Registration: \$35 beginning Monday, June 15 for ALL that register.
- * Register by June 1 to guarantee a t-shirt. Only 5K registrants are eligible for a t-shirt.

To learn more or to register go to:

runsignup.com/FD5K

Want to volunteer but don't know what to do?

Visit the Volunteer Center at volunteerfortwayne.org

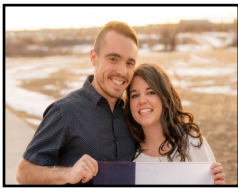


The Volunteer Center connects volunteers with local community organizations that need help. There are a variety of opportunities you can choose from depending on the amount of time you have to offer, your age and physical ability, your interests and more.

During the month of July Covenant will be collecting:



- ⇒ Monetary donations to raise funds for a Project 216 food packing event on October 23
- ⇒ Deodorant and sanitizing wipes for the people served by the Rescue Mission



Caleb and Amy Cox's Adventures in ministry with Cru (4/28/21)



"On Saturday, April 24th, we put on Cru Big Event, a spring conference for our Dallas students. About 25 high school students from Plano and Carrollton came for a full day of group games, speakers, and worship. Of all the things we did, my (Caleb's) favorite part was the evangelism.

First, Amy and I trained the students in using a short survey to start a conversation with people, transition to spiritual things, and gauge their spiritual interest. We also taught them how to use a booklet to simply and clearly explain the gospel. After that, we took them all to a local mall to practice approaching people and sharing the gospel.

Most of them were understandably apprehensive when they found out they were about to have to talk to complete strangers about Jesus. However, as they trusted the Lord and pushed through their fears, they found people to be surprisingly receptive!

When we regrouped to share about our experiences, LaShya told us, "The first girl was with a friend group. We approached her to do the survey. She didn't know about faith, but she said 7 out of 10 for wanting to know God better."



Amy & Caleb training students to share their faith



Students practicing sharing the gospel before going to the mall

Jack (from our February prayer letter) said that he was really uncomfortable talking with strangers like that. But then he asked me for more surveys and booklets. "My grandpa lives in Bonham and there aren't many Christians there. Only six people go to my grandpa's church. I want to do this in Bonham." God is making him hungry for more evangelism even though it is difficult for him!

Through your partnership, these high schoolers are stepping out in faith to share Christ with friends and strangers alike. We are thankful to the Lord for how he is working and are so grateful for each of you in helping make that possible!

PAST

Praise God for Cru Big Event! Pray that the students would continue sharing the gospel wherever they go.

PRESENT

Pray for the boys baseball, boys football, girls track and girls soccer outreaches and for the students leading them.

FUTURE

Pray for us to finish the school year strong as we invest in students.

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Covenant helps to support Caleb & Amy and their ministry by sending them \$415 a month, which comes from the Mission & Outreach Team's budget. Your donations to the church budget make this possible - thank you!

The Rescue Mission's Treasure House: Located at 5327 Coldwater Rd (inside Coldwater Crossing)

The Treasure House thrift store is a great place to get a deal on gently used clothing, furniture, and home accessories. But as a ministry of The Rescue Mission, Treasure House does so much more. Treasure House raises funds, creates training opportunities, and provides clothing and goods to help people overcome homelessness. By donating to Treasure House, you help us change lives - right here in Fort Wayne.



Thrift Store Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Donation center: Tuesday - Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Shop online: at their eBay store (fwrn.org/ebaytreasure)

To schedule larger furniture pickups. Call 456-9200 to inquire.

Needed Items: New or gently used clothing, shoes, furniture, household goods, linens, sporting goods, books, and media.