



Outside Our Walls

Covenant United Methodist Mission & Outreach Newsletter

July, 2021

Upcoming Events:

Month of July: Christmas in July (information coming soon)

July 17: Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant
8:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Oct. 23: Project 216 Food Packing Event

Our Covenant kids are going to church camp at Camp Lakewood and YOU can help!!!



At camp, our youth discover who they are as Christians, their spiritual identity, uncover God's peace and love, make new friends, discover and build self confidence, and learn new skills while hiking, cooking outdoors, swimming, playing games, worshipping, and many other activities.

You can help make these life changing experiences by ... donating blood??!! YES!



The Red Cross has a new program that will help pay the church's youth camper fees! **For each person who donates blood, the American Red Cross will help cover Covenant's portion of this year's camp fees!!** This is a perfect time for our camper's parents, grandparents, and all of our church family to help make our camper's dreams come true!!

This blood drive is at Covenant on Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 08:00am - 02:00pm.

Please call Gina at 438-2801 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment today!!

UMCOR Sunday Update:

Thank you for your UMCOR Sunday donations totaling \$1,200 to help cover administrative costs when a donation is made to a specific UMCOR project.

To learn more about UMCOR visit: umcor.org



Christmas in July 2021 at Covenant

During the month of July Covenant's Mission & Outreach Team offers you 2 ways to make a difference in the lives of others:

- ⇒ **Make a DONATION TO "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"** and the money will be used to purchase supplies to package meals during the Project 216 Packing Event on Saturday, October 23. When making your donation be sure to indicate "Christmas in July"
- ⇒ **Purchase DEODORANT and CLEANSING/DISINFECTING WIPES** to be donated to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission for those in our community who they serve. Leave donations at the Mission Center or in the church office or at the Mission Collection Center

By participating in Christmas in July you will help provide food to starving children and you will provide necessary hygiene products during the hot summer months.

Questions? Contact Barb Hering 489-1888 or barbhering@gmail.com

PROJECT 216 - FIGHT HUNGER, GIVE HOPE



Project 216 is a non-profit humanitarian food aid organization with the mission to show God's love by providing highly nutritious food to people suffering from hunger around the world. The meals are packaged by volunteers and delivered to those in need with the help of world-wide partners. Project 216 is a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization.

The 3 meanings of the name Project 216:

- Every Project 216 box that gets shipped contains **216 meals**.
- Every 2 hours at a packing event each volunteer (from age 5 to 95) will average **216 meals** designed to help the hungry thrive.
- **James 2:16:** "If one of you says to those in need, 'Go in peace, keep warm and well fed' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

Each packaged bag becomes 6 meals when boiled with 6 cups of water and contains rice; soy (52% protein); a blend of 6 dehydrated vegetables; and vitamins to nourish and reverse the effects of malnutrition. Each meal will provide all the vitamins and minerals a child needs for a day. It's not just a meal but a way to better health for starving children.

Covenant will be holding a packing event on Saturday, October 23. Mark your calendar now to participate!

It only takes \$.27 to pay for the ingredients of one meal. Just think \$25 = 92 meals, or \$50 = 184 meals, or \$100 = 368 meals!

The amount of money we raise will determine how many meals we package!

Questions? Contact Janet Hall at janet.hall60@gmail.com

For more information about Project 216 visit www.project-216.org

There are two (2) ways for you to help children: be a mentor and build a relationship with a child who needs YOU!

Make a difference in a child's life - be a Study Connection Tutor



Study Connection is an after-school tutoring program of Fort Wayne Community Schools. Individuals are matched one-to-one with students who have been identified by their teachers as needing extra academic assistance.

Tutors meet with the same student for one hour once a week during the school year. Students will be bussed from Lincoln Elementary School to Covenant on Wednesdays, arriving about 3:45.

Individuals do not need any special skills to be a Study Connection tutor. Traits of a good tutor are patience, understanding, dependability, flexibility, and discretion. As a tutor you may help with basic math, reading, spelling, writing, and organization skills. Time is spent doing school assignments provided by the student's teacher and every session includes time for reading. All materials are provided.

If you can't commit to one hour every week find a friend to share a student and the time commitment. If that's still more than you can give right now, you can be a substitute tutor if the need arises.

It's amazing the relationship that a tutor will develop with a student. The difference you can make in a child's life has been shown in better grades, better behavior and improved attitudes. Just showing you care about the success of a child is life changing!

All volunteers must successfully complete the volunteer application process prior to being matched with a student.

Interested in volunteering as a Study Connection tutor at Covenant? Contact Covenant member, Rita Spears, for more information at ritaspearspt@gmail.com or 260-704-2755.



**One hour of your time
each week to
help a child
with
school work
makes you a hero.
It's as simple as that!**

Make a difference in a child's life: be a mentor, be the difference, be a LUNCH BUDDY!



For elementary-aged kids, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Lunch Buddy Program connects the Little (Student) with a Big (Volunteer) who has lunch with them at school once a week during the academic year.

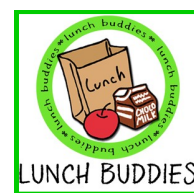
The best place to help a child realize his/her potential is at school. Kids enjoy having their Bigs meet with them there. No matter what you do together your relationship promotes a positive school experience for the child by encouraging good attendance & academic achievement, while also experiencing a positive adult relationship.

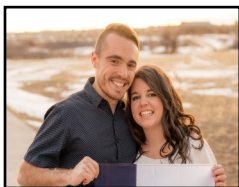
Whether it's reading a book, eating lunch, laughing, or just talking, Lunch Buddies is really about starting a friendship, providing guidance, and inspiring children to reach their full potential.

You can choose to be a buddy with a student at a school near to your home or place of employment. You can also choose the day of the week to meet with your little that works best with your schedule.

Being a Lunch Buddy is a fun way to spend time with a child - you and your little choose what you like to do together: play games, do crafts, talk, share, eat, and more. Some supplies may be available at the school or you may bring activities to share. You can even try a school lunch with your little or bring lunch with you. The 45 minute lunch time will pass quickly. One of the best parts of the relationship you'll develop with your little will be watching the changes in your little. Though you will be helping your little, you will be blessed many times over by the experience.

Interested in learning more and signing up to be a Lunch Buddy? Contact Covenant member, Terry Pargmann, at 467-3070 or at tpargmann@murrayequipment.com





Caleb and Amy Cox's Adventures in ministry with Cru (June 29)



"The best person to share the gospel with a high school student is a fellow high school student. The student receiving the gospel gets to hear it from a trusted peer. The student giving the gospel gets to take a step of faith and see God work through them, which builds their faith and relationship with God. I (Caleb) have loved seeing several guys lead spiritual meetings with their sports teams this year.

Throughout the baseball season, Jason and Aiden led their team in prayer on the bus ride to their away games. Each week they picked a Scripture to encourage the team and focus their prayer time. The coach isn't a Christian and wouldn't let us do a normal outreach with the team this season, but we are praying for open doors to share the gospel with the baseball team next year.

During the track season, Isaiah, Zach, Myles, and Michael held a weekly optional chapel service after practice. A teammate and I helped them prepare a short story from the Bible to share and a few questions to ask. We provided them with Gatorade to encourage their teammates to stay. Many weeks, over a dozen students would stay for the entirely student-led meeting!

This spring, Chris, Zach, Myles, and Bryson led chapels with their football team after practice. Each week, one of them shared a story of how has God worked in their life, while another shared a story from the Bible. A couple dozen students stayed each week to hear their teammates talk about the Lord.



Michael, Jason, Isaiah, Zach, & Aiden (L to R) led out spiritually on their sports teams this year

Because of your partnership, student leaders are being trained and sent out to lead spiritually on their teams. Entire sports teams are getting the opportunity to hear about God from a peer whom they know and trust. God is working, and Amy and I are grateful for how you're helping us be a part of what he is doing.

PAST

Praise God for Jason, Aiden, Isaiah, Zach, Myles and so many others who stepped up to share Christ with their teams. Pray for continued fruit from the seeds they planted.

PRESENT

Praise God that 18 students are coming with us to Ocean City on the evangelism centric summer mission that we are helping to lead from July 7-22. Pray for fruit in the participants and the people we talk to.

FUTURE

Pray for favor with teachers, coaches, and faculty and many open doors for ministry in the next school year.

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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!

Have you ever wanted to go on an out-of-country mission trip?



Covenant is considering sending a team to Guatemala thru Mission Guatemala in 2022 or 2023 if an interest is shown by members of the congregation. Mission Guatemala's mission is to help meet the basic needs and improve the quality of life of under-served Guatemalan people through health, education, and nutrition initiatives and meaningful missionary service.

To learn more visit missionguatemala.com or contact Pastor Chris at 489-1888 or leadpastor@covenantumc.net. Pastor Chris is passionate about Mission Guatemala and has served on mission teams with them many times.

THERE IS NO VACATION FROM HOMELESSNESS

On a really hot day do you ever stop and consider what it must be like for the homeless? Where do they find a place to cool down? Where can they find water to stay hydrated? Where do they find a meal, especially the children who are out of school? These questions can all be answered by the Rescue Mission because of your financial gifts.

Your summer gifts will provide:
Safe shelter, Water, Meals and Opportunity
for REAL change in the lives of the homeless.
To learn more or to donate now visit: fwrn.org.

Or donate through Covenant
(indicate Rescue Mission on your donation).

