



COVENANT NEWS

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Newsletter - September 22, 2021

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:45am - Traditional Service

9:00am - Connection Educational Groups

10:00am - Traditional Educational Groups

10:15am - Connection Service

Nursery: 8:30 - 11:15am in room 312 (education wing)

Coffee Time: 9 - 11am in Fellowship Hall (includes refreshments)

Connected Kid's Classes

9 - 10am in the Education Wing

Kid's that attend the 8:45 service will be dismissed after the Kid's Chat to attend classes

Connected Kids Live

10:30 - 11:15am in the COVE (education wing basement)

Kids attending the 10:15 service will be dismissed at 10:30 to attend "Kids Live"

For more information, click the link: covenantumc.net



YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Lock In is Saturday, September 25 at 1pm
through Sunday, September 26 at 11:15am**

**On Saturday October 2 the youth will be attending the Dekalb County Fall
Fair from 4:30 to 9:00pm.**

**We will need drivers to help transport kids to and from the church to the
fairgrounds this evening.**

Please contact Tim at youth@covenantumc.net or through the office at 489-1888

PROJECT 216 FOOD PACKING EVENT – OCTOBER 23 starting at 8am

Covenant, you donated funds and now it's time to pack Project 216 meals! This year the event will be different ...

- The food packing event is the **only event taking place on October 23**
- There will be social distancing at the packing tables
- Properly worn masks will be required – regardless of vaccination status!
- **YOU MUST SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 TO PARTICIPATE!!**

Sign up at covenantumc.net or at the Signup Desk in the church lobby or call into the office.

People of all ages may participate if following the social distancing parameters and wearing masks.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Hering barbhering@gmail.com

Sunday -September 26
8:45am Traditional & 10:15am Connection
In-Person and On-line

You can find us on Facebook or our website: covenantumc.net

8:45am ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Prelude: Vivace from Double Concerto by J.S. Bach / String Trio
- Welcome
- Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

People: We have been blessed by God!

Leader: We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

People: We will continue to be blessed by God!

Leader: God has given us so much! God is alive, at work and speaking among us. We are called to respond.

People: We are called to be good stewards; of our time, of our resources and of our money.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment to the Kingdom work to which God calls us.

People: Let us give thanks to God! Let us proclaim our faith in God! Let us worship God!

- Hymn of Praise: "Forth in My Name, O Lord" / # 438 (verses 1 - 2)
- Prayer
- Lesson: Genesis 39:1 - 6a
- Call to Prayer: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" / # 454 verse 3
- The Lord's Prayer / # 894
- Kid's Moment / Anita Eggleston (kids dismissed)
- Generosity Moment
- Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" / # 95
- Anthem: Largo from Double Concerto by J.S. Bach / String Trio
- Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25: 14 - 29
- Message: REallocate
- Closing Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" / # 451
- Benediction
- Postlude

String Trio: David Ling, Violetta Todorova & Deborah Nitka-Hicks

Lay Reader: Sheryl Friedley

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- Mike Summers in celebration of Cheryl's birthday
- Rich & Cheri Erickson in celebration of Bob & Nancy Herndon (parents) 62nd anniversary
- Sarah Dearduff in memory of husband Bill Dearduff

**The Comfort Nook inside the Chapel is open to
moms, dads, and their babies if you need a little privacy.**



Sunday mornings from 9am to 11:15am. Peggy Nicola is the lead nursery attendant, but needs help with the little ones. Here's your chance to hug and play with newborns through age 3.

Call Anita (our Children's Director) at 260-367-1911 or email children@covenantumc.net to help, and then go home with a smile.

Halloween is right around the corner and COVENANT is hosting a TRUNK OR TREAT!

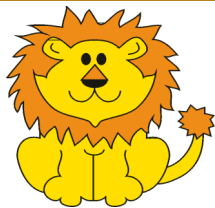
Sign-up below to decorate the trunk of your vehicle and spend the afternoon laughing, passing out candy, and having fun with families from our congregation and our community.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4AA4AF28ABF85-trunkortreat>

We are also in need of individually wrapped **candy donations**.

Donations can be dropped off through the week in the office or on Sunday mornings at the Missions Collection Center

Contact Anita with any questions: children@covenantumc.net



The Lincoln Lions are back in the classroom!

Kindergarten teachers are requesting help in their classrooms.

They are looking for an extra pair of hands during the morning hours
you pick the day and time that will work best for you.

All students and staff at Lincoln are wearing masks. When you decide to help, you may ask to do prep work in an area not in close contact with the students.

Even if you're planning on going South later this year your help NOW will be much appreciated!

There are 2 requirements to being in the classroom:

1. You must have a current background check - contact Barb Hering to learn more
2. You will need to properly wear a mask while in the school building.

If you're interested, contact Barb Hering at barbhering@gmail.com

September Birthdays

September 24 - James Brunell

September 25 - Tommy O'Connor
Vicki Roth

September 26 - Chris Nunley
Cheryl Summers

September 28 - Matt Conn
Jeff Salay
Judy Hill

September 30 - Connor Scholz
Tadjena Douglas

September 24 - Financial Report

Income: \$ 7,904.00
Expenses: \$ 24,852.48
Variance: \$ -16,948.48
Year-To-Date Income: \$ 528,632.06
Year-To-Date Expense: \$ 504,635.31

Courageous Conversation Series

Writing a Racial Autobiography:

a Vital Tool For The Journey Towards Becoming Anti-Racist



A 1-hour Courageous Conversation with

Rev. Sandy Harlan

Retired Ordained Deacon, member of St. Lukes UMC Indy



Learn About:

Sandy's Testimony of her Journey towards Becoming Anti-Racist in Indiana

The Purpose, Challenges & Reward of Writing a Racial Autobiography

Receive a PDF for Writing Your Own Racial Autobiography

and more!

Monday, Sept 27th @ 7:00 pm (ET)

REGISTER TODAY to receive zoom link

Moderated By:

For More info:
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**Mustard Seed Bookstore is
OPEN on Sunday mornings
from 10 to 11am.
Room 202 off of Fellowship
Hall.**

**Stop in and see what's new and
what you have been missing.**



ADVENTURERS OCTOBER 7

**Mark your calendars and RSVP for the
Adventurers October 7 Meeting**

Plans are to carpool to downtown Fort Wayne for
**lunch at NAWA at the Landing
and to tour Promenade Park.**

Contact Bill Burk to get details or to RSVP!

Text or call (989-859-7249)

or email: orangetruck1968@gmail.com

1. COVID-19 Protocol Update:

We continue to monitor the affect of COVID-19 infections in our area and since the rates continue to climb, we will continue with our mask mandate until further notice.

2. Mission Guatemala 2022

Anyone interested in learning more about the Mission Guatemala Trip scheduled for February 5-13, 2022 is invited to join an informational meeting on Sunday, October 3rd at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Chris will be answering questions, sharing more details, and maybe a few stories about his experiences.

Help the Rescue Mission and SHOP EARLY at the Lucky Duck Fall Sale!

The **Lucky Duck Children's Consignment** sale is just around the corner, **Thursday, 9/30/21 through 10/3/21.**

Any items that do not sell are donated after the sale and will go to The Rescue Mission.

The Rescue Mission needs Volunteers to work a shift, you can receive an early access pass to the sale!

Learn more about open positions [here!](https://www.rescuemission.org/volunteer)

Interested volunteers should send an email to dbates@fwrn.org

Covenant Family Fun Event

Family Fellowship Play date on Sunday, September 26

2 - 4pm at Parkview Family Park



WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 26 - **8:45 Traditional Service**

Educational Groups

9:00 - Connected Kids' Class in Education wing

9:00 - Faith Cafe in Room 110

9:30 - Discovery Group in Room 203

10:00 - Agape Class in room 105

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10:15 Connection Service

10:30 Connected KIDS LIVE / The Cove

2:00 - Grace Assembly of God / Sanctuary

2:00 - Family event at Parkview Family Park

5:00 - Middle School Youth Group / Cove

September 27 - 9:00 - Covenant Quilters / Room 204

10:00 - Staff Meeting / Room 105 & 107

1:00 - Life Group with Terry Diskey in Room 105 and ZOOM

6:30 - Life Group with Jill Evans at Five Lakes Coffee on Lima Rd

September 28 - 9:30 - Little Turtles Smockers / Room 105

5:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry / Lobby

6:30 - Life Group at Panera's on Dupont with Amy Drake / Class begins at 7pm

7:30 - High School Life Group / Cove

8:00 - Life Group with Matt Barb by ZOOM

September 29 - 9:00 - NEDOT / Room 105

10:30 - Life Group with Cheryl Summers at her home

3:45 - Study Connection Training / Fellowship Hall

6:00 - YMCA Cooking Class / Kitchen

6:15 - Ringers / Sanctuary

7:15 - Chancel Choir Practice / Sanctuary

7:30 - Life Group with Erik Fenstermacher by ZOOM

September 30 - 11:00 - Grief Life Group with Rebecca Stucky / Room 105

5:30 - Dinner & Scripture for Single Ladies / Offsite

6:00 - Connection Band / Sanctuary

6:30 - Cub Scout Pack Meetings / Fellowship Hall & Cove

6:30 - Life Group with Linnaea Arford / Room 105

October 1 8:30 - Women's Fellowship Breakfast / Lunch Box Cafe

October 2 4:30 - 9:00 Youth Group to DeKalb Fair Grounds

- **The Preschool meets weekdays from 9am-12pm in the Education Wing**
- **The AA group meets on weekdays at 9am in room 110 and on Friday evenings at 6:00pm in the Cove**

THANK YOU

Dear Friends in Mission,

The dear people you just helped with your gift to **UMCOR** many never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - **Thank You!!** Through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the US and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" 1 Chronicles 16:34

- **To all the donors** on Saturday who gave blood for others. May their gift help in many ways.
- Rev. Chris Nunley & Peggy share that their **daughter, Alison**, is expecting their first child.

CONCERN

"The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness." Psalm 41:3

Please pray for....

- **Sheryl Ferguson** who has unknown medical issues and undergoing tests (Sam & Gina Loomis)
- **Barbara Krick** is in the hospital and requests NO phone calls or visitors at this time.
- **Tom Wisdom** was tested for COPD. Peace and comfort (brother-in-law of Rich & Melanie Smith)
- **Jeanne Gaff** is battling breast cancer (Judy Rice)
- **Kevin Ottinger and his wife Nan, both have Covid.** Kevin is in the hospital on a ventilator and is the son of Ken Ottinger of our congregation. (Judy Rice)
- **Prayers for my friend, Pam.** Her son, Paul, was the pilot of a Naval plane that crashed with no survivors in late August (Cheryl Templeton)
- **For all the men and women who are addicted.** That they will be in a place where they can be treated well and offer Rehab and get some solutions for problems and peace of mind.
- **A friend** having tests to confirm cancer somewhere in her body that is causing health issues (Kathy Baer)
- **Ada "Maudie" Nelson** has pneumonia and congested heart failure (104 year-old mother of Barb Clark)
- Elaine Shown asks for prayers for three members of her family.
Prayers of strength for her **sister, Jane**, as she starts new and more aggressive chemo treatment
Prayer of healing for **Dave's daughter, Tina**, who had emergency intestinal surgery
Prayers for patience as her **grandson, Lucas**, is still waiting for knee surgery
- **Melissa Christeson** for strength and coping as she deals with many different situations (Patricia Tolliver)
- **Patricia Tolliver** asks for travel mercies for her son
- **Youth director Tim**, that he gets a moment to breathe
- **John Kratzat** as they deal with the frustrations of health care for Andrew

DEATH

"In all things God works for the good of those who love him." Romans 8:28

- The **families of Emma and Steve Conner.** Emma passed away tragically last Tuesday, Sept. 14.
- **The family of Gary Walker** who died a week ago (brother of Bruce & Melissa Walker)
- **Anita Zuber** died from cancer (friend of Melissa Christeson)
- **Mike**, a friend's daughter's fiance died this past Sunday (Cindy Hobbel)

MISSION & OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

"For the September Mission Newsletter, to learn about upcoming events, how collecting "Box Tops for Education" has changed, how you can make a difference through UMCOR and by donating blood. Hear from Michael Agwanda and how the ministry is doing during the Pandemic and read about exciting news from Caleb & Amy Cox with Cru Ministries in Dallas, Texas and more. [click here](#)

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm

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