



Outside Our Walls

Covenant United Methodist Mission & Outreach Newsletter

December, 2021

Upcoming Events:

Dec.: Christmas Angel Projects -

- * Gift Collection for CASA children
- * Diaper Collection for Charis House
- * Christmas Offering

Dec. 4: Red Cross Blood Drive 8-12:30

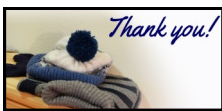
Dec. 6: Mission & Outreach Team Meeting
5:00 Room 110

Early 2023: Mission Trip to Guatemala

November Christmas Angel Projects

- ◇ Gifts were purchased for 25 Byron Wellness Community Residents
- ◇ 578 cans of soup and \$300 were donated to Associated Churches Food Bank

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with others! You have made a difference in their lives.



Thank you!

Thank you, Covenant, for your generosity in donating new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for Lincoln School & the Rescue Mission.

A total of 1,047 items were donated (638 hats, 391 gloves/mittens, and 18 scarves). It was an amazing collection of warm, and sometimes very cute, hats and gloves in all sizes. The hand knitted scarves were also appreciated.

Each item was tagged with a note stating "given in love by Covenant United Methodist Church".

Your donations will help to keep others warm and healthy this winter.

You have been a blessing to people you don't even know!



The FWCS Clothing Bank is in need of clothing in all sizes, new or gently used, though underwear must be new and in original packaging.

Personal care items are also needed.

Leave any donations at the Mission Collection Center.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECTS



DECEMBER (beginning Sunday, Nov. 28)

* GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF THE CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) PROGRAM:

Gift wishes will be on a Christmas tree in the church lobby on **Nov. 28**. Wrapped gifts, with the tag attached, must be returned by **Dec. 20**. If you prefer, make a financial donation and the project leaders, Cheryl Summers and Sandie Liechty will shop for you.



* DIAPER COLLECTION FOR CHARIS HOUSE (the Women's & Children's House of the Rescue Mission)

Starting **Nov. 28** donate diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and pull-ups (2T-5T) for Charis House babies. Preferred brands: Pampers & Huggies. Leave donations by the diaper tree in the lobby by **Dec. 20**. Terry Pargmann, Nikki Miller & Janet Hall are leading this project.



* CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

Make a special offering during the **month of December** as a way to celebrate the birth of Jesus and make a difference in the lives of others. This Offering will be divided between the following:



** **Life for Children Ministry** (LCM) in Kenya. The ministry works to provide for HIV/Aids orphans. Your gift will help provide food, clothing, shelter, educational opportunities, & spiritual nourishment.



** **Inasmuch Ministry**, located in Ft Wayne, helps the poor and the under-employed with assistance for utility bills or rent, bus passes for job searches, clothing & food. Your gift will make a difference to those in need.



** **The Fort Wayne Rescue Mission**, is a faith-based, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) which serves the homeless and poor of Ft. Wayne thru 4 houses:
~ **Restoration House** for men and **Charis House** for women & children experiencing a homeless crisis with short and long term programs
~ **Life House** which provides immediate emergency housing for men and 3 meals a day 365 days a year for all
~ **Treasure House**, a thrift store providing low-cost items, vocational training and resources which go back to the Rescue Mission

Questions? Contact Barb Hering through the church office, 489-1888.

Wondering what to give this Christmas to that special person who has everything?



Consider a gift from the 2021 Rescue Mission Christmas Catalog in their honor. The gift will make Christmas special for someone in need. [Click here](#) to view the catalog or find a catalog and order form at the Mission Center.

The gifts range in price from \$1 and up. Your gift will give someone who is homeless access to essential food and festive treats, a place to stay, and year-round support including training and education.

The reason for this season of celebration is, and always will be, that Jesus came to save His people. Because Jesus gave us the greatest gift with His life, we can joyfully give to others!



UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) bearing witness to God's Love, Joy, Hope and Peace

People just like you are bearing witness to God's mission of peace and reconciliation in families and communities around the world.

You bear witness to God's presence in the world when...

- ⇒ people in need receive water, food, and shelter
- ⇒ the sick are made well and the vulnerable are protected
- ⇒ the displaced are made welcome and people at risk find community and connection
- ⇒ the disadvantaged discover hope and survivors recover their dignity and self-esteem



Your gift to UMCOR will help empower the work of faithful United Methodist missionaries, bolster global health, support disaster response and development efforts, and further evangelism and church revitalization.

Give online at umcmission.org/givelove or write a check to Covenant and indicate UMCOR on the memo line.



Serve others by donating blood at Covenant's Red Cross Blood Drive - Saturday, December 4 from 8:00-12:30

The need for blood is constant! You can help save up to 3 lives!

There is no substitute for blood. There is always a need for every blood type. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages and every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

When a patient receives blood, it was given in advance by a generous donor. That generous donor could be YOU!

Learn more and make an appointment at redcrossblood.org

What has Covenant been doing for Lincoln School?



We have...

- * provided monthly treats for the entire staff of 70
- * helped Kindergarten teachers with prep work
- * provided a "breakfast for dinner" for teachers on their parent teacher conference evening
- * helped the librarian with the Book Fair
- * provided hats and gloves for students in need
- * 13 tutors have met with students to help with school work

Interested in learning how you can participate?

Contact Barb Hering thru the church office at 489-1888.

To financially support the projects at Lincoln School write a check to Covenant and indicate "Lincoln" on the memo line.



Lincoln students collected 1,390 new pairs of socks which were donated to the FWCS Clothing Bank.



Life for Children Ministry (LCM), one of four focuses of the Mission & Outreach Team, provides food, shelter, education & spiritual nourishment to HIV/Aids orphans in Kenya.

The heart of Life For Children Ministry, a 501(c)(3) charity, is to provide family based care for children who have been partially or totally orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in western Kenya. LCM works diligently to find the closest extended family member, who is willing and able to take the child in and be their guardian. Once placed LCM keeps a close relationship with the guardian and child to ensure the best love and care is being provided.

The Street Kids Ministry is another ministry of LCM and is dedicated to feeding boys living in the streets and landfills of Kisumu. Every Sunday a warm meal is provided for these boys with the teachings of Christ.

Heart for 100 is the Micro-Finance Division of LCM. *Heart for 100* provides loans to women's groups and individuals to create and run their own small business.

Other projects which need financial partners include:

- **Building projects:** LCM has built a church, a school, and water wells in areas that did not have access to clean water. House building, especially for widows, is also very important to the ministry.
- **Agricultural initiative:** LCM purchased a tractor used by many to increase the harvest, a portion of which is given back to LCM for the feeding program.
- **Education Funding:** Partners are needed to continue molding the young minds of Kenya. Classrooms have been built and staffed but more are needed. School fees are also a big part of orphan support.

The Mission & Outreach Team supports 15 orphans at \$65/orphan/month, provides monthly funds towards Michael Agwanda's salary, and provides funding for needs as requested from Michael. Recently, the team sent \$1,500 to help with various supply needs and \$1,000 to help purchase food for Christmas dinners for the orphans and their guardian families.

To help support this ministry write a check to Covenant and indicate LCM on the memo line or visit Lifeforchildrenministry.org

The Rescue Mission's Extreme Needs List:

- ⇒ **Coats, hats & gloves** for men, women & children
- ⇒ **Sweatshirts & sweatpants** - sizes Medium-3XL
- ⇒ **Shower Flip-flops** - all sizes
- ⇒ **Twin bed sheet sets**
- ⇒ **Men's underwear** - sizes Medium-3XL



Leave donations at the Mission Collection Center and we'll deliver them for you.