



**Newsletter - December 2, 2021**

**NEW ORGANIST**

We are pleased to announce **Carolyn Campbell** as our new organist. Carolyn has been a church organist for over 24 years. She has also taught music in Lutheran and FWCS schools, as well as private piano and voice. **Carolyn's first Sunday will be December 26. Please say hello and welcome her to our Church family.**

	<p><b>Sunday, Dec. 28, 2021 the following joined Covenant at the 10:15am service.</b> Please welcome them into our community.</p>		
	<p><b>Anna &amp; Shanon Aycok</b> <b>Caroline Kester-Haney</b></p>	<p><b>Bev &amp; Steve Bailey</b> <b>Honor Kester-Haney</b></p>	<p><b>Ian Kester-Haney</b> <b>Joel &amp; Jessica Schwarz</b></p>

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 2021**

**8:00AM -12:30PM** at Covenant United Methodist Church



With one donation, a generous blood donor may help save more than one life.

You will be automatically entered for **a chance to win a private hometown screening of the Matrix Resurrections**, plus **you will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.**

Please log in to the Red Cross App or call Gina (260-438-2801)

**Join us for the Advent Study**  
**"The Heart that Grew Three Sizes" by Matt Rawle**

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Sunday	9:00am	Room 105 & 107	12/05, 12/12, 12/19
Sunday	12:30pm	Room 105 & 110	12/05, 12/12, 12/19 <b>(Family Study)</b>
Wednesday	2:00pm	Room 105 & 107	12/08, 12/15, 12/22
Wednesday	7:30pm	Zoom Only	12/08, 12/15, 12/22
Thursday	11:00am	Room 105 & 107	12/09, 12/16, 12/23

**Books are \$11 each** and are available on Sunday mornings in the Mustard Seed Bookshop, or at the church office M - F from 8am -4pm

**COVID - 19 Protocols - THIS WEEK IS ORANGE**

RED Masks are **REQUIRED** for all persons inside the building.

ORANGE Masks are **RECOMMENDED** for all persons inside the building.

**All persons, regardless of vaccination status, are welcome at Covenant UMC.** We ask that unvaccinated persons take appropriate precautions for themselves & others by social distancing, wearing a mask.

**DECEMBER CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECTS**



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

Find gift wishes on the CASA Christmas tree by the Mission Collection Center. Purchase the requested gift and return your wrapped gift(s), with the tag attached, by **December 20**. If you prefer, make a financial donation by **December 12** and we will shop for you. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Summers at 260-413-3998.

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

Donate diapers and pull-ups for Charis House babies. Leave donations by the diaper tree by the Mission Collection Center by **December 20**. If you prefer, make a financial donation and we will shop for you.



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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 **1) Life for Children Ministry in Kenya, 2) Inasmuch Ministry in Fort Wayne and 3) The Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.**



**The United Methodist Women** have volunteered to donate **75 dozen cookies to the Fort Wayne Jail ministry.** These must be homemade cookies, no store bought. If you would like to help bake and package these cookies, we are getting together at **9am on Monday, Dec. 6**. If you have an extra dozen that you would like to donate, bring them in, but only on Dec. 6.

**The United Methodist Women** ask for your support to help fund their Mission Projects. They are selling RADA Cutlery online through Dec.16. There are catalogues in the church office. Question? Please contact Barb McCoy at 637-1842.



**The Gingerbread Bash** is a fun, hands-on Christmas event for kids and families. Join us and build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, sing songs, and discover that sometimes the greatest gift comes in the most ordinary box. **RSVP by December 6!**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3pm **GINGERBREAD BASH**  
Hands on Christmas Event for Kids & Families

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 8:45 & 10:15 **CANTATA "Follow the Star, Follow the King"**  
The Chancel choir will be joined by several guest singers as well as a 10 piece orchestra.  
Narrators will add clarity to the music and  
Carita Divoli will create an original painting that comes to life during the Cantata.

Friday, Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** with **CANDLE LIGHTING** at both services  
5pm Family Service featuring the Kids Pageant  
7pm Traditional Service

Sunday, Dec. 26 **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am**

**OFFICE CLOSED  
DEC. 24 AND DEC. 27**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR - December 5 -11

Sun., Dec. 5 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

2:00pm Grace Assembly of God / Sanctuary

2:00pm Board Meeting / Room 105

Mon., Dec. 6

9:00am Koinonia Circle Mission / Kitchen & Fellowship

Hall

10:00am Staff Meeting / Room 105

10:00am Moms in Prayer / Room 203

5:00pm Mission & Outreach / Room 110

Tues., Dec. 7

9:00am Men's Ministry Breakfast at Sunrise Cafe

1:00pm Morning Glory Luncheon / Fellowship Hall

1:00pm Koinonia Circle offsite

5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry offsite

6:30pm Advent Study at Panera Bread with Amy Drake

7:30pm Middle & High School Youth / Cove

Wed., Dec. 8

10:00am Worship Design Meeting/ Room 104

10:30am Advent study offsite with Cheryl

2:00pm Advent study in room 105 with Terry

6:00pm Y Cooking Class / Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

6:15pm Covenant Ringers / Sanctuary

7:00pm Woodland Lake HOA / Room 110

7:15pm Chancel Choir / Sanctuary

7:30pm Advent Study / ZOOM with Chelsea

Thurs., Dec. 9

9:30am PreK Christmas program

11:00am Advent Study / Room 105 with Rebecca Stuckey

1:30pm Sisters of the Heart / Room 105

6:00pm Connection Band / Sanctuary

6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meetings / 110, Fellowship Hall, Cove

Fri., Dec. 10

9:30am Preschool Christmas Program

Sat., Dec. 11

6:00pm Cub Scout Holiday Party / Fellowship Hall

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



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Every Christmas we offer you the opportunity to honor or remember a loved one by placing poinsettias on the altar. The suggested donation of each plant is \$10.



Forms are available on Sunday mornings, or email the office, [office@covenantumc.net](mailto:office@covenantumc.net). Please make check payable to Covenant and note "Poinsettia", or you may also make a donation to help make the Sanctuary even more beautiful with flowers. **The deadline for your reservation is Wed., Dec 15.**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 - Kenney Hendrickson

6 - Nathan Blume, Karla Jeffries

8 - Elaine Emerick, Melissa Walker

9 - Sky Gran, Kim Hartman, Tristan Level

## Financial Report for November 28, 2021

**Income: \$4,693.00**

**Expenses: \$2,451.56**

**Variance: \$2,241.44**

**YTD Income \$629,654.35**

**YTD Expenses: \$609,971.88**

## ATTENDANCE

**Traditional 8:45**

**On-line 189**

**In person 100**

**Connection 10:15**

**On-line 188**

**In person 67**



## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

In-Person or On-line

You can find us on Facebook or our website: [covenantumc.net](http://covenantumc.net)

### DEC. 5 - COMMUNION SUNDAY

#### 8:45am - Traditional Service / Sanctuary

##### Educational Groups

9:00 - Faith Cafe in room 110

9:00 - Connected Kid's Classes in rooms 307 & 308

10:00 - Agape Group in room 105 & 107

10:00 - Faith Discovery Group in room 110

10:00 - Discovery Group in Room 203

10:00am - Connected Kids Live in Room 100

10:15am - Connection Service / Sanctuary

11:15 -11:45 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal / Room 100

12:30pm - Family Advent Study / room 110 & 105

### DECEMBER MISSION & OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

December Mission Newsletter. Read how Covenant responded to the request for cans of soup for Associated Churches Food Banks and Christmas gifts for Byron Residents, learn how you can participate in the December Christmas Angel Projects, how you can bear witness to God's love, joy, hope and peace, about Life for Children Ministry and more."

### GIVING

Covenant is accepting your giving/tithe for 2021. Please mail your donation to the church, 10001 Coldwater Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825 or electronically on the church website [covenantumc.net](http://covenantumc.net) and click on the "GIVE" button.

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

Email: [office@covenantumc.net](mailto:office@covenantumc.net) Phone: 260-489-1888

### PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

**Lead Pastor - Chris Nunley: 219-771-2875**

Email: [leadpastor@covenantumc.net](mailto:leadpastor@covenantumc.net)

**Community Pastor - Christi Murray: 260-348-5279**

Email: [communitypastor@covenantumc.net](mailto:communitypastor@covenantumc.net)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Guidance, kindness and discernment in dealing with challenging relationships

- **Rebecca Stuckey** is losing more of her vision
- **Lori Jinnings** is had a cornea transplant Monday, (11/29)
- **Joann Boardman** for healing as she recovers from surgery (Lori Jinnings and Sara Boardman)
- **Marilyn** is currently struggling with her belief and attendance physically at any church (Irene Woods)
- **New employee** to be open to continual learning, commitment and team work to accomplish the goals and plans of the company (family – Irene Woods)
- **Jane** is starting a new chemo and radiation treatment (sister of Elaine & Dave Shown)
- Prayers for **Mackenzie** to make good decisions and comfort and strength **for the family**
- Prayers for **Carol Heingartner** for a quick recovery on her hand (job share Office Manager for Covenant)
- Understanding for **Tim** as he struggles with his aunts disorder
- **Linda** is having a procedure today, is not well and in her 80's (aunt of Pastor Chris)
- **Pastor Christi's father** is frustrated at the rate of his healing following surgery and it is affecting his neuropathy
- Prayers for **Leah** to make the best decision on a lease (Pastor Christi)

Prayers for **Butch & Julie Bauer** as they process the death of their son, Gregory Ellsworth Bauer

### DEATH

- Prayers for the **family of Pam Freiburger** who passed away this week. Pam is the aunt of Gina Loomis
- **Jim Robbins** died Monday, Nov. 29, 2021. He was a Member of Covenant and is the brother of Margaret Wagner. His wife, Mim, preceded him in death in 2019. Details unavailable at this time.

### THANK YOU

*I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, prayers and visits to the funeral home following my husbands passing. I appreciate you all so much. Continued prayers are welcome.*

*Thank you Pastor Christi for a beautiful service.*

*Christine Kindlesparger*