



# COVENANT

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## December 1, 2022

### Finance Update - October 2023

Here is the latest Finance Report through October 2022. As you can see our expenses are below budget, but our income is less than expected. The good news is October was a good month, reducing our deficit by over \$14,000. It's also the last quarter of the year, when we generally experience greater income. It is actually very common for most churches (of every denomination) for the last 3 months of the year be the most generous. More good news, we have a cash reserve that has allowed us to live in this deficit most of the year. It is our hope that your generosity in November and December will put us in a better position to end the year. We are constantly giving thanks for your generosity and grace, and especially your commitment to Covenant United Methodist Church. Let's work together to end the year well so we can begin 2023 even better!

October 2022					
Income	Budget	Adjusted	YTD	Expense	Difference
<b>Pledged</b>	\$ 540,000	\$ 436,707	\$ 376,113		
<b>Non-Pledged</b>	\$ 175,000	\$ 278,293	\$ 115,685		
<b>Building</b>	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,875		
<b>Op Other</b>	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 9,693		
<b>Total</b>	\$ 745,000	\$ 744,000	\$ 507,364	\$ 595,002	\$ (87,636)
<b>PPP Funds</b>	\$ 31,578	\$ 31,578	\$ 26,315		
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 775,578</b>	<b>\$ 775,578</b>	<b>\$ 533,681</b>	<b>\$ 595,002</b>	<b>\$ (61,321)</b>
			<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>YTD % to Plan</b>			68.19%	76.72%	

Don't forget to complete a Commitment Card for your 2023 Giving. They are available through the church office and on our Website. Your partnership allows the church to complete its mission and fulfill its vision.

### Christmas Angel Projects for December

**Gifts for 28 CHILDREN who are part of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Program!**

Gift wishes are on the CASA Christmas tree in the church lobby NOW.

Wrapped gifts, with tags attached, must be returned by **Sunday, December 18.**

Don't want to shop? Make a financial donation and the project leaders, Pat Fosdick, Cheryl Summers & Sandie Liechty will shop for you.

**HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS A JOYOUS DAY FOR THESE CHILDREN WHO ARE DEALING WITH DIFFICULT FAMILY SITUATIONS.**



#### COVENANT'S CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

Make a special offering during the **month of December** as a way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and God's love for you.

This offering will be equally divided between **Life for Children Ministry** in Kenya, **Inasmuch Ministry** in Fort Wayne and **The Rescue Mission** in Fort Wayne.

**Your generosity will help those in need and make a difference in their lives.**





# *The Longest Night*

A Service of Hope For Those  
Dealing with Disappointment,  
Grief, or Loss During The Holidays  
Prayer • Scripture • Candle lighting

Wednesday, Dec 21, 6:30pm



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10001 COLDWATER RD FORT WAYNE



**Offering Envelopes will be available in the Lobby 12/9**

## NORTHEAST INDIANA UNITED METHODIST MEN GATHER FOR ADVENT BREAKFAST

Music, fellowship, & Pastor Rob Barton on "On the Trail with God"

SATURDAY, DEC 17, 8 - 9:30 A.M.

ST JOSEPH UNITED METHODIST

6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne, IN

DONATION \$5 (or you could give a little more) PER MAN

RSVP by Monday, Dec 12 to

Ms. Erica Gray at St Joe

egray@stjoemin.com or 260-485-9681





**Shake Up Your  
Holiday Tradition**  
*Give Blood*



**Blood Drive**  
**Covenant UMC**  
**Saturday December 3rd**  
**8 - 12:30**



Please contact Gina Loomis at 260-438-2801  
to schedule your blood donation appointment or  
visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and search sponsor code "umccov"

**Thanks to our partners at Amazon:**

**All donors who give blood 12/3/22  
will receive a  
\$10 Amazon.com Gift Card!**

**(by email)**



# Staff Notes

by Anita Eggleston, Children's Ministries Director

Still have Halloween candy hanging around your house?

We'd love to take it off your hands!

We're currently taking candy donations for our Gingerbread Bash,

so bring in all that candy that isn't a favorite at your house and we'll put it to use for decorating!

Drop off your candy in the box outside Miss Anita's office.



Don't forget to swing by the office and pick up your family's Advent bag if you

didn't receive one on Sunday morning!

The activities inside are designed to be used at any point throughout each week.



Blessings,

Anita Eggleston

Director of Children's Ministries

COVENANT CONNECTED KIDS



## Altar Flowers for December 4<sup>th</sup> are given to the Glory of God by:

**Ken & Rebecca Vanderpool**, in celebration of their  
wedding anniversary on December 5<sup>th</sup>,

and

**Michael & Cheryl Summers**,  
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

## Mission & Outreach News

Go to [covenantumc.net/pages/mission-newsletter](http://covenantumc.net/pages/mission-newsletter) to see the December Mission Newsletter. Read what Covenant has done and continues to do through the Christmas Angel Projects, how Covenant has helped to make Christmas special for the orphans and their families cared for by Life for Children Ministry, what Covenant has done at Lincoln this school year, and learn how Mason & Claire Miller are adapting to being back in Kenya and more."



**CHURCH OFFICE: Open M - Th. 8-4, F 8-12 [office@covenantumc.net](mailto:office@covenantumc.net) / 260-489-1888**

# What's Happening

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

December 4<sup>th</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

- 8:45 am - Traditional Service / Sanctuary
- 9:00 am - Connected Kid's Classes / 307 & 308
- 10:15 am - Connection Service / Sanctuary
- 10:30 am - Connected KIDS LIVE / 307 & 308
- 2:00 pm - Grace Assembly / Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm - Scout Leadership / 110

### Adult Classes

- 9:00 am - Faith Cafe / 110
- 9:00 am - Parents & Others / 208
- 9:55 am - Children's Choir / 307
- 10:00 am - Agape Group / 105-7
- 10:00 am - Faith Discovery / 110

### Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting / 105-7
- 6:00 pm - Woodland Lakes HOA / 110
- 6:15 pm - YMCA Youth Cooking / Kitchen

### Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast / Sun Rise Café
- 10:00 am - Route 66 Reading Group / 105-7
- 1:00 pm - Koinonia Circle / offsite
- 1:00 pm - Morning Glory Circle / 110
- 5:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry / Lobby
- 7:30 pm - Youth Group / FH, Kitchen, Cove

### Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

- 12:30 pm - Preschool Teacher's Mtg. / FH
- 5:30 pm - Chimers / Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm - Covenant Ringers / Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir / Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 am - Pastors' Study / 110
- 1:30 pm - Sisters of the Heart / 105-7
- 6:00 pm - Connection Band / Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts / FH, Cove, 110

### Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

No Activity

### Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

No Activity

Preschool: M - F, 9 am - 12 pm  
AA meetings: M - F 9 am / Rm 110,  
Fridays 6 pm / Cove  
Church Office Hours: 8-4 M-Th, 8-12 F

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### PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Lead Pastor Chris Nunley: 219-771-2875 or  
[leadpastor@covenantumc.net](mailto:leadpastor@covenantumc.net)

Community Pastor Christi Murray: 260-348-5279 or  
[communitypastor@covenantumc.net](mailto:communitypastor@covenantumc.net)

## Prayers

Please pray for **Michael Agwanda**, founder and leader of Life for Children Ministry in Kenya, whose wife, **Lolla**, is struggling following surgery. Michael also shared **Kenya** is dealing with extreme drought and that many are dealing with the high cost of food and often the lack of food.

Prayers of strength and comfort for **Tim**, a friend's husband, who is having surgery to remove a suspicious lump.

Prayers of comfort and healing for **Pam Chaplin**, Dave Parnin's cousin, and her adult children, Beth and Dean. Pam is in hospice following a massive heart attack and stroke, put forth by Dave.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Scott Jinnings**, following his knee surgery on 12/7, from Lori Jinnings.

Prayers of healing and recovery for **Dee Murray**, Pastor Christi's father-in-law, who is in the hospital with a bacterial infection in his neck, put forth by Sean Murray.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Laura and her family, she and her husband** both have lymphoma and are hoping chemo helps them both.

Prayers of caring and appreciation for **Ruth Ann Briggs, Irene Woods, and Steve Ratliff**, they are all caretakers, may God bless them and keep them well, from Marsha Ratliff.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Warren Briggs**, who is having surgery on Wednesday.

Prayers of comfort and recovery for **U.D. and Laura Ratliff**, Steve Ratliff's parents, who are both in the hospital, put forth by Steve and Marsha Ratliff.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Rick Dunning**, Nikki Miller's dad, who is in the hospital in Michigan following breaking his neck.

## Passings

Prayers of comfort and support for **David**, Kristin Bell's uncle, he lost his wife Erin after a life of health challenges, put forth by Kristin.

Michael Agwanda also recently lost his **step-mother**, who raised him after his mother died from AIDS.

## Praises

In praise, **Michael Agwanda** thanked Covenant for their gift of \$1,000 to help provide Christmas meals for the orphans and families the ministry supports.

*This is a list of those with on-going concerns in need of prayer. You may request a person to be on our continuing concerns prayer list at any time, and let us know when the crisis has passed.*

*The list is alphabetical by first name.*

<b>Arlene Weddle</b>	ongoing health issues
<b>Bob Alexander</b>	recovery issues
<b>Caroline Kester-Haney</b>	health issues, back and leg related
<b>Charlotte Moss</b>	ongoing and acute health is-
<b>Dee Murray</b>	septic arthritis
<b>Dodie Zonakis</b>	long term health issues
<b>Gary Lone</b>	flesh-eating bacteria
<b>Georgia Allen</b>	cancer
<b>Jeff Moss</b>	ongoing and acute health is-
<b>Joe Schwartz</b> (Joel Schwartz's father)	blood clotting disorder, ongoing therapies & issues
<b>Judy Davis</b>	long-term health issues
<b>Karen Jehl</b>	postpartum issues
<b>Kay Novotny-Yost</b>	recovering from accident
<b>Linda Castator</b>	breast Cancer
<b>Margaret Wagner</b>	health issues
<b>Marlene Zartman</b>	long term health issues
<b>Maxine</b> (Elaine Shown's sister)	cancer
<b>Michael Davenport</b>	finished radiation, awaiting fur-
<b>Michael Nikirk</b>	reoccurring cancerous tumors
<b>Onalee Smith</b>	child w/severe health issues,
<b>Pam Chaplin</b> (Dave Parnin's cousin)	in hospice following a massive heart attack and stroke
<b>Pam Dixon</b>	new chemo to shrink tumors
<b>Peggy Nunley</b>	cancer
<b>Phillip P. Longsworth</b>	health issues
<b>Richard Jeffries</b>	tongue cancer
<b>Sandy</b>	uterine cancer
<b>Sharon Grepke</b>	health issues
<b>Warren Briggs</b>	recovery from surgery
<b>Wayne Dupre</b> (life-partner of JoAnn Lee)	macular degeneration and chronic pancreatitis



### Helpful Print Resources:

- Study Bible (lots to choose from)
- New Interpreter's One Volume Commentary
- Harper Collins Bible Dictionary
- Vine's Expository Dictionary

### Featured Resources:

- [bible.com/](http://bible.com/) (multiple translations; daily verse, prayer, and devotion features)
- Use this QR code to link your Bible App account with Covenant UMC and to access our featured 19-day reading plan: **"How to Read the Bible"**



### Online Resources:

- [blueletterbible.org/](http://blueletterbible.org/) (features word study tools)
- [biblegateway.com/](http://biblegateway.com/) (useful to compare translations)
- [bibleproject.com/](http://bibleproject.com/) (podcast, videos, blogs, studies)
- [biblehub.com/strong.htm](http://biblehub.com/strong.htm) (online concordance)
- [biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/](http://biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/) (online bible dictionary)
- [wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/](http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/)



### December 5

Kenney Hendrickson

### December 6

Nathan Blume

Darla Jeffries



### December 7

Zachary Schwartz

### December 8

Elaine Emerick

Melissa Walker

### December 9

Skye Gran

Kim Hartman

Tristan Level

# GIVING

Covenant is accepting your giving & tithes for 2022.

- In person, either on Sunday, or during the week at the Church Office.
- By mail to: Covenant UMC, 10001 Coldwater Rd. Fort Wayne IN 46825.
- Electronically, it is a safe & easy way to give, on the church's website: [covenantumc.net](http://covenantumc.net).

