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February 2, 2023

From the Pastor's Desk

At our Annual Church Meeting a couple of weeks ago I revealed some important initiatives for Covenant UMC for 2023. One you already know about and the other two are related. Let me explain.

In 2023 we are reading the Bible together, we are calling it **Route 66**. The whole Bible, from front to back, Genesis to Revelation, all 66 books (Get it? Route 66?). It only takes about 15-20 minutes a day to read and by the end of the (Christian) year you will have completed the whole thing! That's an accomplishment and one that has great benefits for you and for the whole church. I love reading the scriptures and I encourage you to get started if you haven't yet. Join us on this amazing Biblical journey. Resources are available [here](#) and in our bulletin each Sunday.

Related to our Bible Reading Plan is the **WHY...Transformation**. It's not enough to come to church, read the Bible, learn about Jesus, and even participate in a small group. These are all important, but they all have the same goal, our transformation. It's what Jesus is working on in each of us. If we were already perfect, we wouldn't need Him, or each other for that matter. No, we all need transformation. The world needs it, too. So this year I am focused on transforming Covenant UMC and each of us into the church and people Jesus wants us to be. And here's the thing, He's working on me, too. So let's work on this transformation together.

One last thing, transformation doesn't come automatically. It takes effort and time. But most of all it requires prayer. This year I am calling on the whole church to pray for this Transformation every day. I'm inviting you to pray with me for the church like we never have before, every day. Fervent, heart-felt, honest, life-changing prayer for Holy Spirit influenced and empowered change in us. God has great things in store for Covenant UMC this year and in the many years ahead of us, but these will all require earnest prayer.

So let's commit to reading the scriptures and praying for the power of God to transform this church into what God truly desires.

Peace ><>

Pastor Chris

Staff Updates

There are changes happening in our Church Office. Rachel Welch-McGuire is now serving as our Office Assistant a few hours per week. Rachel and Bill moved to Fort Wayne from Kendallville a while ago and began attending Covenant. They are long-time United Methodists, transferring to Covenant last year. Rachel is a bright light in the office. Make sure to welcome her when you get a chance.

On February 1, 2023, we began seeking a new Office Manager as we said goodbye to Caroline Kester-Haney. Her last day was January 31st. The position is posted on indeed.com and you will find it below. Please be patient with us in this unexpected transition.

Job Posting: Office Manager

Covenant United Methodist Church is seeking an energetic, creative, Part-time (or Full-time) Office Manager . Candidates must possess a dynamic faith in Jesus Christ, a passion for hospitality, working in a professional office environment, and a deep desire to serve Christ through the Church. The candidate should have appropriate experience and/or education. The position will require approximately 32 hours per week on a flexible schedule (36-40 if full time). Please direct all questions and resumes via email to leadpastor@covenantumc.net

A complete job description is available in the church office and on our website: covenantumc.net/employment



Next Session February 11, 2023 9:00am

This Leadership development program is for anyone looking to grow in their leadership skill.

Our presenter is Rev. Russ Abel, Conference Superintendent for the Northeast and East Districts of the United Methodist Church in Indiana.

Register for EQUIP



THE 2023 ALTAR FLOWER PAGES ARE OUT, SIGN UP FOR YOUR SPECIAL DATES TODAY!



If you want to honor or remember someone,
or celebrate a special day,
look for the Altar Flower book at Guest Services,
or you can contact the Church Office at
office@covenantumc.net / 260-489-1888.

Each arrangement is \$20.

You may take the flowers home with you after
second service, or you may donate them,
and we'll get them to someone in need of cheer.

JOURNEY MAP

Covenant United Methodist Church



Bible Reading Plan

us

We are reading through the Bible together in 2023. Each day there are readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs. Join on this journey through the Bible. Resources are available on our website (see Discipleship Resources).

Daily Guide

Sunday February 5, 2023
Monday February 6, 2023
Tuesday February 7, 2023
Wednesday February 8, 2023
Thursday February 9, 2023
Friday February 10, 2023
Saturday February 11, 2023

Read

Numbers 16:41-18:32; Psalm 55:1-23
Proverbs 11:7; Mark 16:1-20
Numbers 19:1-20:29; Psalm 56:1-13
Proverbs 11:8; Luke 1:1-25
Numbers 21:1-22:20 ; Psalm 57:1-11
Proverbs 11:9-11; Luke 1:26-56
Numbers 22:21-23:30; Psalm 58:1-11
Proverbs 11:12-13; Luke 1:57-80
Numbers 24:1-25:18; Psalm 59:1-17
Proverbs 11:14; Luke 2:1-35
Numbers 26 1-51; Psalm 60:1-12
Proverbs 11:15; Luke 2:36-52
Numbers 26:52-28:15; Psalm 61:1-8
Proverbs 11:16-17 Luke 3:1-22

Sign Up for the email version of the JOURNEY MAP

and discover more resources on our website:

What's Happening

Week of FEBRUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Sunday, February 5

8:45 Traditional Service
10:15 Connection Service
2:00 Grace Assembly
5:00 Scout Leadership / 110

Adult Classes

9:00 am - Faith Cafe / 110
Parents & Others / 208
10:00 am - Agape Class / 105-7
Discovery Class / 203
Faith Discovery / 110

Monday, February 6

10:00 Staff Meeting / 105-7
6:15 YMCA Cooking Class / Kitchen
7:00 Youth Group, FH, Cove

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 Men's Breakfast / Sun Rise Cafe
10:00 Route 66 Reading Group / 105-7
1:00 Koinonia Circle / 105-7
1:00 Morning Glory Circle / 110
6:30 CORE 2.1 / 110

Children's Classes

9:00 am - Connected Kid's Classes / 307-8
9:55 am - Children's Choir / 307-8
10:30 am - Connected KIDS Live / 307-8

Wednesday, February 8

12:30 Preschool Teachers Meeting / FH
5:30 Chimers / Sanctuary
6:15 Covenant Ringers / Sanctuary
7:15 Chancel Choir / Sanctuary

Preschool 9-12, M-F

AA meetings: M - F 9 am / Rm 110,
Fridays 6 pm / Cove

Church Office Hours:
M-Th 8-4, F 8-12

Thursday, February 9

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

Sunday, February 12

8:45 Traditional Service
10:15 Connection Service
2:00 Grace Assembly

Friday, February 10

6:30 Scout Pinewood Derby Set Up / FH

Saturday, February 11

8:00 Scout Pinewood Derby / FH
9:00 Equip / 105-7

Mission & Outreach News

Go to covenantumc.net/pages/mission-newsletter
for the **February Mission Newsletter**.

Read how you can change lives with your Lenten Offering and Project 216, what Covenant has been doing at Lincoln School, how chickens and goats make a difference for Life for Children Ministry families in Kenya, how the Mil-
lers are adjusting to their lives in Kenya, how Amy and Caleb Cox are changing the lives of young people in Dallas, and more.

Covenant Prayer Requests

Week of February 2, 2023

Prayer Requests

Prayers of comfort and healing for **Barb McCoy**, as she recovers from surgery.
Prayers of comfort and healing for the family of **Julia**, the niece of Roy and Barb Kiplinger's neighbor, who died suddenly this week, leaving behind her husband and two young children.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Keith**, a friend of Roy Kiplinger, who has experienced a recurrence of cancer and now must resume treatments for the cancer. Prayers also for Keith's family and for the doctors and nurses treating him.
Prayers for discernment for **Roy Kiplinger and a colleague** who are looking for new office space for their law practices.

Prayers of healing and comfort for **Megan Jinnings** who is recovering from ear surgery, from Lori Jinnings.

Prayers of purpose and success for **Darla Jeffries** as she begins her mission journey.

Prayers of healing and a successful surgery for **Carmen Ruble** who is having surgery.

Prayers of comfort and peace for **Jill, John, and Trace Frey**. They attended Covenant for a number of years prior to their move to Ohio. Jill and John's daughter **Carolyn** passed away on Monday 1/23 from a blood clot that traveled to her heart.

Prayers of strength for **Andrew**, who is struggling with issues preventing him from parenting his children.

Prayers of continued support for the **Conn family** as they cope with the loss of Ray.

Prayers of healing and strength for **Ricky**, Beverly Bailey's nephew, who has chronic health issues.

Prayers of comfort for the **Bushroe family**, their daughter/granddaughter, **Taylor**, died Saturday morning, from Julie Hyndman.

Praises

Praises for the birth of **Aella Bella Erickson** on January 19, 2023 to Andrew and Audra Erickson. Aella's grandparents are Rick and Cheri Erickson, and her great-grandparents are Bob and Nancy Herndon.

Praise from Kevin Baer for his granddaughter **Lexi's** basketball success.

**February 6**

Kali Sims

Camden West

February 7

Jan Lawhorn

Connie Thompson

February 8

Monia Alexander

February 10

Meredith Jinnings

February 11

Jean Bookout

Alex Lewis

February 13

Lilly Eggleston

February 14

Alex Barb

February 15

Bob Alexander

Jim Moran

February 16

Laura Muzzillo

Craig Welti

February 17

Mackenzie Hathaway

Matylina Miller

Eleanor Schwartz

February 18

Judy Welti

For those who join us in person at Covenant:

Please be aware that by your presence in the Sanctuary, you consent to the use of photography, audio and video recording and their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for live streaming, promotional purposes, inclusion on websites, and/or any other purpose by Covenant UMC.

If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, please sit in the four rows directly in front of the sound booth.

Giving Opportunities

- 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.
- Text "Give" to 844-847-5316.
- Electronically, it is a safe & easy way to give [here](#), through the church's website.
- Through our App [here](#).
- By Texting "Give" to 844-847-5316.

Covenant is now accepting your giving and tithes for 2023.

There are FIVE easy ways to give.

CHURCH OFFICE

Open Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm, Friday 8-12

Email: office@covenantumc.net

Phone: 260-489-1888

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Lead Pastor Chris Nunley: 219-771-2875 or leadpastor@covenantumc.net

Community Pastor Christi Murray: 260-348-5279 or communitypastor@covenantumc.net

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