

Covenant United
Methodist Church

Together

What did
Covenant do in
2023?

We

The Mission
Team's Core
Values

make

2023 Financial Report
monetary & in-kind giving

the

difference

In 2023 Covenant....



- ◇ provided monthly treats for the entire Lincoln staff, food for teachers during Conferences, and Christmas gift cards to United Art & Supply for teachers
- ◇ collected 119 pairs of socks & 124 handwarmers for those the Rescue Mission serves; plus 400 pairs of socks purchased with \$954 donated for that purpose
- ◇ collected \$15,744 with the Lenten offering to purchase supplies to package 35,640 Project 216 meals with the help of 95 volunteers
- ◇ donated \$8,934 to UMCOR to help people affected by disasters
- ◇ Held an in-person Fish Fry with many volunteers and donated an annual total of \$7,811 to Habitat for Humanity
- ◇ helped Lincoln prepare for the start of the school year
- ◇ tutored Lincoln students weekly through FWCS Study Connection
- ◇ provided financial aid to Life for Children Ministry in Kenya
- ◇ donated over 200 cans of canned meat to Associated Churches Food Bank
- ◇ Volunteered at the Rescue Mission, Treasure House & Inasmuch Ministry
- ◇ collected 47 pairs of sweatpants & leggings, 25 pairs of gloves and 20 hats for Lincoln students
- ◇ provided Christmas gifts for 25 residents of Byron Wellness Center
- ◇ collected 547 cans of soup and \$8,826 for Associated Churches Food Banks
- ◇ provided 144 Christmas gifts for children in the CASA program plus \$650 which was used for groceries for their families
- ◇ collected a Christmas offering of \$7,292 which was divided between Inasmuch Ministry, The Rescue Mission, & Life for Children Ministry
- ◇ helped to support our missionaries - Michael Agwanda in Kenya, Mason & Claire Miller in Kenya, and Caleb & Amy Cox in Dallas
- ◇ gave 161 units of blood through the Red Cross Blood Drives which touched the lives of 483 people
- ◇ assisted Lincoln's librarian with the Book Fair
- ◇ helped Lincoln teachers with classroom preparation
- ◇ sent funds monthly to Inasmuch Ministry to support their work with the poorest of the poor in Fort Wayne
- ◇ donated clothes to the Rescue Mission and FWCS Clothing Bank
- ◇ and more ~ how did you serve and help others in 2023?

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ
is to look out on a hurting world.
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless now.

Teresa of Avila

THE CORE VALUES OF THE MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

The Mission & Outreach Team, with the help of scriptures and the books, *When Helping Hurts* and *Toxic Charity*, identified the key values that guide and direct its decisions.

These core values and our primary objective help the team prioritize its activities, guide its budget, and shape the direction of missions at Covenant.

We believe ...

... everyone is called to serve.

As stated in John 13:14-15, Jesus modeled serving others throughout his entire ministry.

We believe all those who follow Jesus are mandated to serve. We believe this helps us grow as disciples of Jesus.

... the best way to make disciples is by living out our faith with a servant attitude.

Based on James 2:18, we will encourage all those in the Covenant community to share the Good News of the gospel through active servanthood, prayer, and faith sharing relationships.

... that in serving we are called to do no harm.

Based on John Wesley's, Three Simple Rules for Christian Living, "Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God", we believe that our service should empower people towards lives of self-sufficiency.

... we are called to serve the poor and the marginalized locally, nationally, and globally.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus calls us to serve "the least of these".

... we are called together to be the church to make a greater impact on the world.

Realizing the impact of the first church in Acts 2:42-47, we will follow their example and prayerfully seek guidance on how best to use the resources entrusted to us. While we will encourage all people to serve individually, the Mission & Outreach Team will concentrate their efforts and encourage the Covenant community to focus on four specific ministries as a Community (Lincoln School, Inasmuch Ministry, The Ft Wayne Rescue Mission and Life for Children Ministry in Kenya).

... we were created to partner with God.

Although use of our time, energy, and money reflects our commitment, we are not limited by the lack of these because God has all the time, energy, and money God needs.

The team's primary objective:

"Empowering servants and transforming the world by focusing on children and those in poverty."

Passionate about missions? Be a part of the Mission Team!

The team meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:00 at the church.

For more information, contact Barb Hering at barbhering@gmail.com

COVENANT UMC MISSION GIVING FOR 2023				
Mission Designated Accounts	Giving to Mission Funds	2023 Mission Budget	In-Kind Gifts (estimated)	Value
Admin Expenses		293	Byron Christmas Gifts for 25 people	1,000
Bashor Home	1,000		70 Bashor Quilts	4,500
Bookstore Donations	1,186		FWCS Clothing Bank donations	300
Christmas Offering	7,292		Socks & handwarmers for RM	740
CASA gifts	658		144 CASA Christmas Gifts	4,882
Covenant Missionaries	145	13,080	Gently used books for LS	200
Food Bank	8,826		547 cans of soup	1,000
Habitat for Humanity	7,811		Knitting ministry: 18 prayer shawls,	
Inasmuch Ministry	4,433	4,200	7 baptism blankets & 5 scarves	525
Lenten Offering	15,744		Food Bank Donations	4,200
LFCM Kenya Projects	20,427		Leggings & Sweatpants for LS	700
LFCM Orphan Support	325	7,380	Gloves & Hats for LS	450
Matthew 25	250		Clothing donations for the RM	500
Mission Special Projects	3,513		Total Estimated In-Kind Gifts	18,997
Rescue Mission	2,740		LS = Lincoln School RM = Rescue Mission	
Rising Stars	1,205	1,020		
Socks & handwarmers	960			
Soup Project	425			
Study Connection	1,010			
UMCOR	8,934			
UMCOR Sunday	2,344			
Total Income	89,228	25,973		

United Women of Faith (UWF)	
Church Women United	86
National UWF	2,434
Conference UWF	1,450
From this Day Forward	500
Total UWF Gifts	4,470
Total Mission Giving	
Giving Beyond Budget	89,228
Budget	25,973
In-Kind Gifts	18,997
UWF Mission Gifts	4,470
TOTAL Mission Outreach	138,668

**TOTAL MISSION GIVING
OF AT LEAST**

\$138,668

PLUS COUNTLESS HOURS OF SERVICE!!

Praise God!