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Covenant United Methodist Church

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Covenant UMC Ministry & Volunteer Opportunities

We believe everyone has unique gifts to share! Explore the many ways you can serve, connect, and grow through Covenant. Whether you enjoy helping behind the scenes, being part of worship, or serving our community, there's a place for you here.

Worship & Creative Arts

Chancel Choir

Description: The Chancel Choir leads the congregation in worship through song, offering anthems and special music that enhance the spiritual life of our services. All voice parts are welcome, and no audition is required.

Time Commitment: Weekly rehearsals and Sunday morning service

Skills/Gifts: Singing, rhythm, ability to read music

Contact: Sonja Roebuck- sroebuck@covenantumc.net

Covenant Ringers (Handbells)

Description: The Covenant Ringers share the beauty of handbell music during worship services and special events. Members work together to create meaningful music that lifts the spirit and inspires worship.

Time Commitment: Weekly rehearsals and Sunday morning service once per month

Skills/Gifts: Rhythm, ability to read music

Contact: Sonja Roebuck- sroebuck@covenantumc.net

Connection Band

Description: The Connection Band helps lead our Connection service through contemporary music, supporting the congregation in praise and reflection. Vocalists and instrumentalists of various skill levels are welcome.

Time Commitment: 1-2x per month, rehearsals on Thursday evenings (on weeks you're scheduled)

Skills/Gifts: Rhythm, ability to read music

**Auditioned position*

Contact: Greg Krempel- worship@covenantumc.net

Drama / Production Team

Description: Team comprised of actors, readers, set designers/builders, costume designers/creators, and prop finders. Helps bring our themes to life.

Time Commitment: Varies

Skills/Gifts: ability & enjoyment in communicating God's message through a visual/dramatic perspective.

Other Details: This team works closely with the Music Team and Tech Team to provide an annual Christmas Cantata.

Contact: Pat Clouse- gpsclouse@aol.com

Acolyte

Description: begin our first worship service by bringing the light of Christ via candlelight

Time Commitment: once per month

Skills/Gifts: passion for service, steady-handed/graceful

Other Details: must be at least 3rd grade, must be able to reach to light the candles

Contact: Anita Eggleston- children@covenantumc.net

Children's Choir

Description: rehearse and sing with the Children's Choir in front of our Sunday services

Time Commitment: Sunday morning rehearsals from 9:45-10:15am and sing for both worship services about once per month during the school year

Skills/Gifts: Passion & love for music & worship

Other Details: all abilities welcome, grades Pre-K through 5th grade

Contact: Anna Aycock- anna@brightstonemedia.com

Children's Chimer

Description: rehearse and perform with the Children's Chimers (handbells) in front of our Sunday services

Time Commitment: Wednesday evening rehearsals, perform once a month on Sunday during the school year

Skills/Gifts: Passion & love for music & worship, reading music (not necessary)

Other Details: all abilities welcome, 3rd through 6th grade

Contact: Sonja Roebuck- sroebuck@covenantumc.net

Media & Communications

Camera Operator (Livestream Team)

Description: follow direction from the director via headset

Time Commitment: once or twice per month

Skills/Gifts: following directions, knowledge of camera operations (zoom in, pan right, etc.)

Contact: Greg Krempel- worship@covenantumc.net

Sound / Media Tech Team

Description: provide sound/media for weddings, funerals and other special events

Time Commitment: as needed

Skills/Gifts: must be trained on Sanctuary sound and media equipment

Other Details: stipend provided

Contact: Greg Krempel- worship@covenantumc.net

Slide Operator

Description: help present the liturgy, lyrics, and videos pertaining to that week's service, takes direction from the director

Time Commitment: once per month

Skills/Gifts: attention to detail, reliability, focus

Contact: Greg Krempel- worship@covenantumc.net

Online Service Host / Moderator

Description: communicate with our online viewers and help them navigate the online campus

Time Commitment: once or twice per month

Skills/Gifts: patience, communication, typing, and having familiarity with Covenant's online campus

Contact: Greg Krempel- worship@covenantumc.net

Photographer / Videographer

Description: take and document photos of special events; store and transmit photos to staff.

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: hospitality, photography

Other Details: welcome to use your own camera or the church's

Contact: Greg Krempel- worship@covenantumc.net

Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchris@covenantumc.net

Hospitality & Sunday Morning Teams

Greeter

Description: warmly welcome all guests and regular attenders as they enter the building for worship. Answer their questions as needed

Time Commitment: once per month

Skills/Gifts: hospitality, serving, patience

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Usher

Description: pass out bulletins as guests enter the sanctuary, pass offering plates during worship, manage the lobby area, offer a welcoming spirit

Time Commitment: once er month

Skills/Gifts: hospitality, serving

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Welcome Center Host

Description: warmly welcome guests and regular attenders as they enter the building, open the door for people

Time Commitment: once per month

Skills/Gifts: hospitality, serving

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Sunday Morning Coffee Bar

Description: prepare coffee, organize the cookies/desserts, serve, maintain, and clean the coffee bar area

Time Commitment: one Sunday per month

Skills/Gifts: passionate about serving people, hospitality, organization

Other Details: training/shadowing available, can be a shared responsibility

Contact: Pat Fosdick- patfosdick@gmail.com; (260) 403-1512

Baker for Coffee Hour

Description: bake or buy and transport five dozen baked goods

Time Commitment: once every two months

Skills/Gifts: baking, cleanliness, organization

Contact: Tamatha Conn- t__conn@msn.com; 260-445-5255

Prepare Communion

Description: prepare elements and set up for communion

Time Commitment: once every three to four months; 1.5 hours to prepare, 25 minutes to clean up after 2nd service

Skills/Gifts: servant's heart

Other Details: training and shadowing provided; can sign up to help with just clean-up; can prep Saturday and finish Sunday morning or prep everything early Sunday

Contact: Rebecca Vanderpool- rebeccavanderpool@hotmail.com, 260-489-4351, 260-413-9137 (text)

Communion Server

Description: Serve communion on the first Sunday of the month or during a special service

Time Commitment: once every two to three months (if applicable, indicate which months you will not be available)

Skills/Gifts: serving with a faithful, loving attitude

Other Details: training provided

Contact: Church office- office@covenantumc.net; 260-489-1888

Lay Reader

Description: lead the congregation in liturgy during our Traditional, 8:45 am service

Time Commitment: once every two to three months

Skills/Gifts: public speaking from a prepared script, passion for faith and worship

Contact: Glen Clouse- gpscouse@aol.com; (260) 438-4220

Seasonal Decorating Team

Description: help decorate the church/sanctuary for its seasonal events such as Holy Week or Christmas to reflect the spirit of the season

Time Commitment: a few hours for a few times a year as needed

Skills/Gifts: creativity, visual design, teamwork

Contact: Rebecca Vanderpool- rebeccavanderpool@hotmail.com; (260) 489-4351, (260) 413-9137 (text)

Set-Up / Tear-Down Crew

Description: setting up drinks, food area, tables/chairs etc. for intergenerational events like Game Night, Trivia night etc. Tearing down and cleaning up after the events are over

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: commitment, organization, teamwork

Contact: pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Adult Spiritual Growth & Formation

Life Group Host

Description: open your home to host a small group

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: hospitality, service, leadership

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Life Group Leader (During the week)

Details: lead a small group

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: teaching, administration, discipleship, leading

Other details: training, resources, and support provided

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Adult Sunday School Teacher

Description: teach an adult Sunday School class

Time Commitment: varies, typically once every Sunday morning

Skills/Gifts: leadership, passion, administration, discipleship, teaching

Other Details: training, resources, and support provided

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Children & Youth Ministries

Nursery Helper

Description: assist our lead nursery attendant with children 3 and under (playing, reading, rocking, etc.)

Time Commitment: once a month

Skills/Gifts: teaching, hospitality, imaginative, calming

Contact: Anita Eggleston- children@covenantumc.net

Kids Chat Substitute

Description: giving the "kids' chat" during second service Sunday mornings

Time Commitment: one to three Sundays per year

Skills/Gifts: proclaiming the faith, teaching, storytelling, love of kids

Contact: Anita Eggleston- children@covenantumc.net

Children's Sunday School Teachers / Assistant

Description: leading a group of 5-10 children on Sunday morning

Time Commitment: once per month

Skills/Gifts: teaching, shepherding, leadership, creativity, love for children

Other Details: lesson plans and materials provided. Both services have teacher/assisting opportunities

Contact: Anita Eggleston- children@covenantumc.net

Children's Ministries Prep

Description: helping prep and organize for children's ministries (cutting, sorting, bagging, etc.)

Time Commitment: 3-5 hours per year

Skills/Gifts: organization, helpful

Contact: Anita Eggleston- children@covenantumc.net

Children's Ministry Team

Description: assist with planning and executing all things kids, including family events, curriculum, VBS, etc.

Time Commitment: varies, monthly meetings

Skills/Gifts: leadership, serving, administration, creativity, love of kids

Contact: Anita Eggleston- children@covenantumc.net

Youth Sunday School Teacher (Middle & High Schoolers)

Description: teach a youth Sunday School class

Time Commitment: Sundays, 9-10am

Skills/Gifts: teaching, shepherding, leadership, creativity, faithfulness

Other Details: training, resources, and support provided.

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Youth Group Assistant (Middle & High Schoolers)

Description: assist with Sunday night Youth Group

Time Commitment: weekly on Sunday evenings

Skills/Gifts: teaching, administration, discipleship, leading, patience

Other Details: training, resources, and support provided

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Snack Time Hang Out

Description: provide adult presence/supervision during the youth hang-out time

Time Commitment: 30 mins on Sunday evenings, on a rotating basis

Skills/Gifts: serving, building relationships

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Youth Mentor

Description: provide support and encouragement to a youth

Time Commitment: connect at least once a month

Skills/Gifts: serving, building relationships

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Special Event Volunteer (VBS, Trunk or Treat, etc.)

Description: varies from event to event

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: love of kids, shepherding, leadership

Contact: Anita Eggleston- children@covenantumc.net

Snack Provider

Description: provide tasty snacks for youth group

Time Commitment: varies, provide snacks for Sunday evenings on rotating basis

Skills/Gifts: baking, serving, planning/organizing

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Driver for Events

Description: provide transportation for youth to events

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: safe driver, serving, building relationships

Other Details: must be able to pass a background check and driving history

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

College Student Care Package Team

Description: provide support and encouragement to a college student

Time Commitment: connect at least once per month

Skills/Gifts: serving, building relationships

Contact: Pastor Allison Yankey- pastorallison@covenantumc.net

Congregational Care

Visitation Team

Description: providing genuine Christian care for the congregation

Time Commitment: however many one-hour visits you'd like to make per month. Bi-monthly meetings plus regular check-ins with Clergy

Skills/Gifts: prayer, mercy, compassion

Other Details: training and ongoing support provided through the pastoral team

Contact: Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchris@covenantumc.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Description: knit or crochet prayer shawls and/or baptism blankets

Time Commitment: as you are able, meetings are held on the second Tuesday each month from 4-5:30 pm in the lobby/narthex

Skills/Gifts: prayer, loving and serving others, ability to knit or crochet

Contact: Marsha Ratliff- smorequilts@gmail.com, 260-403-2999

Funeral Dinner Support

Description: help with food preparation and table setup, keep buffet table stocked, assist guests as needed, help with clean up

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: friendly, helpful, service, compassion

Other Details: we have two shifts, so nobody has to stay the whole time

Contact: Pat Fosdick- patfosdick@gmail.com; (260) 403-1512

Meal Ministry

Description: (for church meals/dinners of various occasion) assist with set-up, prepare food, serve, clean up afterwards

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: serving others, organization, compassion

Contact: Pat Fosdick- patfosdick@gmail.com; (260) 403-1512

Missions & Community Outreach

Mission & Outreach Team

Description: help to determine the course of missions at Covenant, determine how the team will allocate the monies donated, determine how the budgetary Faith Promise Giving funds will be used, review any requests for mission projects & ideas

Time Commitment: attend a 1 – 1.5 hour meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month at 5 pm plus any additional time assisting with various projects as needed and depending on your availability

Skills/Gifts: a passion for spreading the love of Jesus and helping those in need, ability to consider different views and to keep focused on helping others without hurting them

Contact: Barb Hering: barbhering@gmail.com

Study Connection Tutor

Description: befriend and tutor a Lincoln student at Lincoln Elementary

Time Commitment: 1 hour/week, Wednesdays after school from October- May

Skills/Gifts: teaching, passionate, commitment, mentorship

Other Details: work will be provided by the student's teacher

Contact: Jenny Hines: 260-908-6964; jenniferdhines1964@gmail.com

Sue Weirich: 260-450-6965; skweirich@gmail.com

Rising Stars School Partnership

Description: help throughout a classroom at Lincoln Elementary School or help prepare classroom materials for teachers, participate in "work days" when announced, or when help is needed for special activities at the school

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: devotion, service, passion to support and help others

Other Details: a background check will be run before you can help in the school; contact Barb Hering if interested in being added to an email distribution list to be notified when opportunities arise to help at the school

Contact: Barb Hering: barbhering@gmail.com

Rescue Mission Volunteer

Description: volunteer in various ways; serve a meal or help with special projects as needed

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: compassion and care for the homeless or less fortunate, service

Other Details: to volunteer at the Rescue Mission, fill out a volunteer form fwrn.org or contact Sara Salmon, Manager of Volunteer Engagement at ssalmon@fwrn.org

Contact: Barb Hering: barbhering@gmail.com

Food Bank Team / Pantry Helper

Description: help with food collections and help in April and/or October at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church Food Bank, help deliver food to the food bank

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: desire to help others, service, friendly/welcoming attitude

Contact: Shannon Clever shannon_clever@yahoo.com

Special Project Leader

Description: coordinating any one of our special projects: Christmas Angel gifts for CASA, Christmas Angel gifts for Byron Wellness, Project 216

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: leadership, organization, administration, recruitment, passion for serving

Contact: Barb Hering: barbhering@gmail.com

Koinonia / Morning Glory Circle

Description: help with fundraising initiatives as well as circle programs and responsibilities

Time Commitment: 2 hour meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (no meetings July or August)

Skills/Gifts: passion for missions and outreach, teamwork and collaboration with other women of the church

Contact: Barb McCoy- barb.mccoy@frontier.com; 260-637-1842

Inasmuch Ministry

Description: meet with those in need to determine their level of need for financial assistance, work in the Inasmuch clothing or food bank, help with office or registration tasks, share Jesus with the clients and pray with them

Time Commitment: varies (open Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings and Monday evenings)

Skills/Gifts: desire to help those less fortunate, compassion, willing and wanting to share the love of Jesus through conversation, actions and prayer, being a good listener

Other Details: address is 930 Broadway in Fort Wayne

Contact: barbhering@gmail.com

Forgotten Stones

Description: help serve food and clean up, play games & work on puzzles with clients, help clients complete a short survey, provide food for breakfast which can be prepared ahead of time and will be delivered for you

Time Commitment: Tuesdays and/or Thursdays anytime between 8–11am (unless you are serving food, you'll need to be at the Day Shelter at 7:30)

Skills/Gifts: a desire to help those less fortunate and wanting to share Jesus' love for everyone, desire to serve others, being a good listener, enjoy playing games and engaging with others

Other Details: located at 930 Broadway in Fort Wayne

Contact: Debbie Smith at forgottenstonesfortwayne@gmail.com; (260) 267-0783

Bashor Quilts

Description: creating and designing quilts for the Bashor Children's Home

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: quilting, willingness to learn, love for doing God's work

Contact Vicki Booth: willowisp96@yahoo.com or call (260) 312-0087

Blood Drive Coordinator

Description: schedule blood drives, coordinate use for the facilities with the church, promote the blood drive and secure/schedule donors, host the event (including set-up, registering donors, serve snacks, and clean up)

Time Commitment: approximately 10 hours every 8-10 weeks, including time on the phone recruiting donors

Skills/Gifts: friendliness, ability to communicate and schedule, basic computer skills, desire to help the recipients of the blood

Other Details: Gina could always use help with making phone calls, set up, clean up, and/or baking the cookies served at the blood drive

Contact Gina Loomis: sam-gina@frontier.com

Rummage Sale

Description: help to set up sale and display items for sale, help on sale days

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: passionate, organized, helpful and friendly personality

Contact: Julie Hyndman: tchrj4@aol.com

Craft Show

Description: help to set up the craft sale and help on sale days

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: leader, friendly/welcoming personality, organized

Contact: Julie Hyndman: tchrj4@aol.com

Facility & Grounds

Painting Team

Description: leading a painting project when one arises

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: knowledge of various painting skills, leading, organization, time management

Contact: Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchris@covenantumc.net

Carpentry / Repair Team

Description: leading a carpentry project

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: knowledge of various carpentry skills, leading, organization, time management

Contact: Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchris@covenantumc.net

Snow Removal

Description: clearing walkways and sidewalks of snow/ice and putting down salt before anyone else arrives at the building

Time Commitment: varies throughout late fall to early spring

Skills/Gifts: serving, be in good physical shape

Contact: Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchrisc@covenantumc.net

Garden & Landscaping Care

Description: help pull weeds, remove the deadhead flowers, and water the plants

Time Commitment: varies throughout late spring to early fall

Skills/Gifts: love and understanding of plants, commitment

Other Details: you will need to provide and bring your own garden tools

Contact: Janet Hall- janet.hall60@gmail.com

Office & Administrative Support

Office Assistant

Description: warmly greeting people as they enter the building throughout the day, answering phones, responding to emails, tracking attendance, finding and scheduling volunteers, creating and publishing e-newsletters and bulletins to keep the congregation informed

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: friendly and compassionate towards others, teamwork, communication, general computer knowledge and typing skills

Contact: Lindsey Feddeler- office@covenantumc.net

Receptionist / Office Project Helper

Description: answering the phone promptly and transferring calls to the correct people, helping cut or fold projects for different areas of the church, tracking messages for the staff, welcoming guests, mailing letters (stuffing & sealing) as needed

Time Commitment: Monday mornings, varies as needed

Skills/Gifts: communication, friendly attitude, phone etiquette

Contact: Lindsey Feddeler- office@covenantumc.net

Data Entry

Details: entering items into various computer programs

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: assisting others, keeping things up to date, typing, knowledge of computer programs

Contact: Lindsey Feddeler- office@covenantumc.net

Pew Organizer

Description: keeping rack cards, prayer request slips, note cards, offering envelopes, and pens stocked in the pews, communicate to the office if more supplies are needed

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: serving, organization, self-management

Contact: Lindsey Feddeler- office@covenantumc.net

Money Counter

Description: counting cash and checks, maintaining confidentiality, and preparing the funds for bank deposit while adhering to established policies and procedures

Time Commitment: about 1 hour, beginning at 9am on Monday mornings

Skills/Gifts: math, organization, ability to use adding machine

Other Details: training and resources provided

Contact: Christina Aldred- caldred@covenantumc.net

Leadership Board / Committees

Description: Provides administrative leadership for the church through visioning, oversight, and facility management. Includes the work of Trustees, Finance, and Staff-Parish Relations

Time Commitment: 2 hours/month, additional time for subcommittee work and study

Skills/Gifts: administration, faith, leadership, generosity, vision, non-for-profit board experience, sub-committee experience in finance, accounting, HR, or building maintenance

Other Details: requires church membership, open positions are elected annually, an application and interview process is required

Contact: Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchris@covenantumc.net

Safety & Care Teams

Medical Response Team

Description: provide immediate medical emergency care for congregants until the first responders arrive

Time Commitment: varies, meetings annually for organization and training

Skills/Gifts: medical training (EMT, paramedic, first aid, or CPR/AED etc.), mercy, compassion, prayer, clear/quick thinking under high-stress situation

Contact: Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchris@covenantumc.net

Security / Safety Team

Description: provide security and safety measures for the church and events (awareness of threats and creation of appropriate responses and training)

Time Commitment: varies

Skills/Gifts: hospitality, discernment, administration, security/safety training, police or armed forces experience/training

Contact: Pastor Chris Nunley- pastorchris@covenantumc.net

Unsure?

Our Spiritual Gifts Assessment is available at the Welcome Center or online at covenantumc.net under the Resources tab, click Discipleship Resources. If you're still unsure, you can contact us, and we can help!

Contact Information

For questions or to get involved in any ministry, please contact:

Lindsey Feddeler, Administrative Assistant

 office@covenantumc.net or lfeddeler@covenantumc.net

 260-489-1888

 Stop by the office:

- Monday–Thursday: 9am–3pm
- Friday: 9am–12pm