

April 18, 2024

10001 Coldwater Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Our baby nook has moved and expanded! The new family nook is located in room 202, right off Fellowship Hall (in the former bookstore). This space has a television streaming the worship service, rocking chair, a privacy curtain for nursing mothers, and a few toys and baby items. A big thanks to everyone who donated time, energy, and materials for this project! Stop in and check it out!




Covenant UMC Presents:
TRIVIA NIGHT
Let the Battle Begin!
Friday, April 19th

SLIDERS PROVIDED
BRING A SIDE TO SHARE

Doors open at: 6:00pm
Trivia starts at: 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2024 - THIRD SESSION

Leadership is critical to getting things done. It is a natural talent, but it's also a learned skill that takes a lifetime to master. That's why EQUIP was created. Join us for our next



EQUIP Leadership Session on Saturday, April 20 at 9 a.m. in room 110. Associated Churches Executive Director Rev. Roger Reese will be the lead speaker for the third session. For more information, please check out covenantumc.net/equip. To sign up, please register here at <https://tinyurl.com/EQUIP2024>.

CHURCH CAMP

**K-2: CAMP LAKEWOOD
JULY 28-31**

**3-6: CAMP LAKEWOOD
JUNE 9-14**

**6-12: EPWORTH FOREST
JULY 14-19**

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: APRIL 20

CHILDREN@COVENANTUMC.NET
PASTORALLISON@COVENANTUMC.NET

FAMILY GLOW DANCE

**SATURDAY MAY 11
3-5PM**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED FAMILY DANCE.
CASUAL DRESS, BUT WEAR SOMETHING THAT WILL GLOW!

QUESTIONS: CHILDREN@COVENANTUMC.NET



solo reading plan

Excerpt	April	Expanded Passage
Proverbs 30:1-9	22	Proverbs 30:1-9
Ecclesiastes 2:4-10	23	Ecclesiastes 2
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	24	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Ecclesiastes 6:1-9	25	Ecclesiastes 6
Ecclesiastes 7:2-3	26	Ecclesiastes 7
Ecclesiastes 9:7-10	27	Ecclesiastes 9:4-12

For a list of accompanying questions, pick up a reading plan at the Welcome Center.

PACKAGED DINNERWARE

What to do with pre-packaged cutlery?

- Do you get pre-packaged cutlery when you use carry-out?
- Do you wonder what to do with it if you don't use it and you don't want to put it in the trash?



You can donate it, still in the package, to The Rescue Mission.

- Leave the cutlery packages at the Mission Collection Center to be donated to The Rescue Mission

Prayer List Week of April 15, 2024

- Prayers for Kathy Pargmann's sister Kim, who had surgery on Tuesday, April 16 for melanoma. Prayers that the cancer hasn't spread.
- Praise for Ray Hoverman's successful heart surgery. Ray is awaiting hip surgery.
- Prayers for Nate and Nicole, who have discovered their baby they were expecting has no heartbeat.
- Please pray for Vicki Dilly, who is having part of her liver removed on Thursday, April 18.
- Micah Schwartz wants to pray for his library teacher, Mrs. Hall. He wrote she is very sick and in the hospital. The doctors can't identify her sickness, and Micah said he's very scared for her.
- Prayers for Ryan Nelson, who's recovering from liver surgery and battling cancer.
- Prayers for Tim Lute, who had surgery Monday, April 15.
- Please pray for Blondie, who has muscle spasms.
- Prayers for Ray and Ginni Hoverman. Ray needs prayers for his health concerns. Ginni needs prayers for hope, understanding, and peace.
- Prayers for Inasmuch Ministry and all they serve. Continue to lead the Covenant family as we discover opportunities to share by God's example for those in need.

DONATE BANANAS TO BE SERVED AT THE RESCUE MISSION



Make a **monetary** donation so Covenant can donate bananas to be served with meals at The Rescue Mission.

How to donate:

- * write a check (indicating bananas), use an envelope found on the table by the Mission Collection Center, place in the offering plate, or mail to the church
- * donate on Covenant's website or app

Why bananas?

- * Fresh fruit is **seldom available** to serve
- * Bananas are **nutritious**
- * Bananas are **easy to eat** if the dining guests have dental issues
- * Bananas are **economical** -
 - ** 1 case contains about 125 bananas and costs approximately \$20
 - ** according to The Rescue Mission kitchen manager about 1-1/2 cases will serve everyone at a meal



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Have a high school, college, or advanced degree graduate?
We'd love to celebrate their graduation with them!



JUNE 2, 2024
8:45 & 10:15 AM
RSVP: May 13th



April 18

Landon Kessler

April 19

Jamison Wilkins
Sirena McCleskey
Kyle Richmond
Daniel Weirich
Abby Mains

April 20

Cheryl Schoeph
Lisa Rabaduex

April 22

Kelly Gorsuch
Nicole Mukensturm

April 23

Noah Meighen
Matt Meighen

April 24

Micah Schwartz
Judy Myers

April 25

Hailey Height
Nick Sciole

April 26

Rebecca Miller

April 29

Dave Jennings
Melanie Smith

April 30

Jenna Fields
Jane Eichenauer
Vicki Booth
Kim Borland

May 1

Tamatha Conn
David Rabaduex
Victoria Parrish
Kayden Entenman

Mission and Outreach News

[Click here](#) for the April Mission Newsletter. Read about "Going Bananas for the Rescue Mission," Covenant's All You Can Eat Fish Fry for Habitat, God stories from Inasmuch Ministry, the ministries of our missionaries, and more.

THE ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE

To honor, remember someone, or celebrate a special day, purchase a flower arrangement for Sunday services. Sign up in the Altar Flower Book at the Guest Services Desk, or contact the Church Office at office@covenantumc.net, or call (260) 489-1888. Currently Sundays, April 21 and 28 are available for this month.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - SPRING SPIRITUAL EVENT

The NE District United Women in Faith are holding their Spring Spiritual Enrichment Event at Covenant on Saturday, April 20. The speaker for the day is Tomi Cardin from the Redemption House. The Covenant United Women in Faith are collecting coffee (either ground or K-cups), powdered creamer and sugar (not the little packets) for the residents as they are all women who have served time in prison. All the members of the congregation are invited to help with gathering these items, and there is a box in the Mission collection area for you to leave your items. All women of the church are invited to attend the meeting that starts at 9:45 a.m.



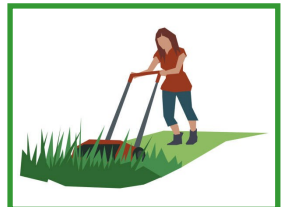
PICTURES OF MOMS FOR MOTHER'S DAY



Join us on Sunday, May 12 for a celebration of our moms and mom figures! We're inviting you to bring a picture of your mom, grandma, aunt, or a special woman in your life that you would like to honor, and we'll display those for all to celebrate them. (We'll return them the following week.) Then, join us after worship for a special treat! Questions? Contact Pastor Allison at pastorallison@covenantumc.net.

OCCUPATION & SERVICES DIRECTORY

Occupation and Services Directories are here! Looking for someone to babysit, or work on odd jobs around your house? Maybe you need your lawn mowed, or firewood for your fire pit. Perhaps you're looking for help understanding your medications, your special education options, or your finances. Look no further. We have a fantastically skilled congregation, we've compiled a listing of those willing to share their gifts and skills with you, and there are so many great options! Pick up a copy of Covenant UMC's Occupation and Services Directory at the Welcome Center, and discover the giftedness within. Questions? Contact Pastor Allison Yankey at pastorallison@covenantumc.net.



CHURCH OFFICE

Open: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Email: office@covenantumc.net
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PASTOR CONTACTS

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Pastor of Connections Allison Yankey,
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Covenant Leadership Board Information

If you are ever interested in serving on the board, you can speak with any current board members or Pastor Chris. You can contact the board at any time via email at leadershipboard@covenantumc.net. For a list of current Leadership Board Members, see covenantumc.net/pages/leadership-board.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR APRIL 21 - APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday April 21

8:45 am Traditional Service

10:15 am Connection Service

2:00 pm Grace Assembly of God / Sanctuary / 110 / FH

5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group / FH / the Cove

6:30 pm High School Youth Group / FH / the Cove

8:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting / ZOOM

Monday April 22

9:00 am Covenant Quilters / FH / 204 / 206

Tuesday April 23

9:30 am Little Smockers Group / 208

7:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting / 105 & 107

Wednesday April 24

9:00 am Preschool Music - 3s / Sanctuary

5:00 pm YMCA Cooking Class / FH / Kitchen

5:30 pm Covenant Chimers / Sanctuary

6:15 pm Covenant Ringers / Sanctuary

7:00 pm Moms Group / 110

7:15 pm Chancel Choir / Sanctuary

Thursday April 25

9:00 am Preschool Music - Pre K / Sanctuary

10:00 am Pastors' Study / 105 & 107

1:30 pm Sisters of the Heart / 105 & 107

6:00 pm Connection Band / Sanctuary

6:30 pm Cub Scouts Meeting / FH / 110 / the Cove

Friday April 26

9:00 am Preschool Music - 3s & 4s / Sanctuary

Saturday April 27

NO PUBLICLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday April 28

8:45 am Traditional Service

10:15 am Connection Service

2:00 pm Grace Assembly of God / Sanctuary / 110

5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group / FH / the Cove

6:30 pm High School Youth Group / FH / the Cove

Adult Classes:

9:00 a.m.

Faith Café / 110

Faith Builders / 208

10:00 a.m.

Agape Class / 105-107

Discovery Class / 203

Faith Discovery Class / 110

Children's Classes:

9:00 a.m.

Connected Kids / 307-308

10:30 a.m.

Connected Kids Live / 307-308

- **The Preschool is in the Education Wing, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- **The AA group meets Monday - Friday at 9 a.m. in Room 110, Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Cove**

FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS EMAILED 4/17

Financial statements were emailed this Wednesday, April 17. If you need a paper statement, please contact our Business Manager Christina Aldred at business@covenantumc.net.



HELP FOR LIFE FOR CHILDREN MINISTRY

The following is a message from Michael Agwanda, founder and leader of Life for Children Ministry. I'm sure you can sense his concern and the need for prayer for his country and the LCM family.

"HEALTH CRISIS IN KENYA DUE TO 31 DAYS DOCTOR'S STRIKE AND FLOODS

Kenyan doctors and physician assistants have been on strike for the last 31 days and counting. There seems to be no hope of doctors going back to work anytime soon. The doctors want better pay and many other demands that the government is unable to meet. This has rendered all government hospitals technically un-operational. Many who are unable to get to private hospitals are dying at home. There's great fear that HIV/AIDS patients who go for their drugs every month from the government hospital will not get help. Cancer patients and other chronic illness patients can't get help and the situation is definitely getting out of hand. Kenya is also getting much more rainfall than usual; five deaths already, over 13,000 impacted, over 4,000 people displaced from their homes and rescued to higher ground, over 100,000 homes affected by the flood. This situation is also getting out of hand because there's a likelihood of disease outbreak especially waterborne diseases like cholera and malaria. We are already having some of our orphans whose homes are flooded, and we are being called upon to help with emergency food and household items.

Please pray for us and be blessed,

Michael Agwanda"

To make a donation to help Life for Children Ministry during these difficult times write a check to Covenant, indicating LCM on the memo line, or donate online or on Covenant's app.

