

April 25, 2024

10001 Coldwater Road
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CHIMERS

Chimers finished their season last Sunday. I just want to say thank you to the chimers; Lilly, Aria, Micah, and Zach. They have been a joy to work with, and have improved so much. Also, a big thanks to the adult helpers; Vicki, Jackie, and Judy.

GUEST ORGANIST

Evan will be taking a little time off later this spring. We welcome the following guests: Vicki Booth (5/19), Irene Ator (5/26), Andra Blume (6/2), and Vicki again (6/9).

MUSIC SUNDAY

Music Sunday will be on May 19. Music Sunday is a time to celebrate all of the servant musicians who have given their time throughout this past year. Both services will feature music from the Chancel Choir, Covenant Ringers, Connection Band, and Children's Choir. This is the last scheduled service for the year for everyone except the Connection Band who play all summer. If you have a chance, thank them for all of their time and dedication.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

We are putting together the summer schedule of solos and groups for the Traditional service this summer. Please contact John Kratzat at (260) 710-1905 to reserve your date, but if you don't, I'll be contacting you!



COME PAINT WITH US



Help us
finish painting
The Cove!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH:
9 AM - 12 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH:
10 AM - 4 PM

RSVP:

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
Ecclesiastes 11:9; 12:1-7	29	Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8
Song of Songs 1:5-10	30	Song of Songs 1:5-2:2
Excerpt	May	Expanded Passage
Song of Songs 4:9-15	1	Song of Songs 4
Song of Songs 8:6-7, 11-12	2	Song of Songs 6-8
Isaiah 6:1-8	3	Isaiah 6
Isaiah 11:6-9	4	Isaiah 11

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 22, 2024

- Zach Ripplinger is thankful to God for new job opportunities for Alicia. Zach prays that Mike's shoulder heals.
- Please pray for Ann Rolle's medical procedure.
- Prayers for the conflict in the Middle East, especially our Christian brothers and sisters who are caught in the middle of the war between Jewish people and Muslims.
- Linda Hughes made two prayer requests. Please pray for her brother-in-law, Virgil Hughes, who had knee replacement surgery today on Monday, April 22. Linda would like prayers for healing her cellulitis. She's had cellulitis for over a month.
- Please pray for Jeff Erickson, who had shoulder surgery this Tuesday, April 23.
- Please pray for Terry Pargmann, whose mother passed away recently.
- Prayers for Mike Hendrickson who had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, April 23.
- Prayers for the missionaries we help to support – Caleb and Amy Cox, Mason and Claire Miller, and Michael Agwanda. Praise for the new housing for the Millers.




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



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



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

May 2

Cynthia Timma
Doug Wallace
Lenora Putt
Brett Duffner

May 3

Richard Sherman
Judy Davis
Terry Pargmann

May 4

Aiden Conn

May 5

Kent Wierks

May 6

Sam Faust
Scott Kessler

May 7

Randal Liechty
Derek Stankiewicz

May 8

Valerian Joystone
Brent Becker
Cassidy Miller
David Myers

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 Sunday, April 28 is available for this month.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Come have coffee and meet the pastors on Sunday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Chris and Pastor Allison.

This is a good chance for people who are new to Covenant UMC. If you want more information pertaining to Covenant and becoming a member, stop on by!



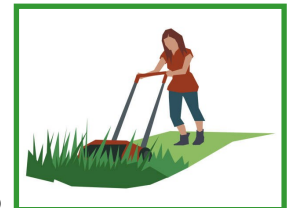
PICTURES OF MOMS FOR MOTHER'S DAY



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.
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PASTOR CONTACTS

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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 28 - MAY 5, 2024

Sunday April 28

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

Monday April 29

9:00 am Preschool Music / Sanctuary

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Spring Court of Honor / FH

Tuesday April 30

9:00 am Preschool Music / Sanctuary

9:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast / Sun Rise Café

Wednesday May 1

9:00 am Preschool Music / Sanctuary

12:00 pm Preschool Lunch Bunch / FH

5:00 pm YMCA Cooking Class / FH / Kitchen

6:15 pm Covenant Ringers / Sanctuary

7:15 pm Chancel Choir / Sanctuary

Thursday May 2

9:00 am Preschool Music Program - Pre K / Sanctuary

10:00 am Pastors' Study / 105 & 107

1:00 pm Adventurers Life Group / FH / 110

6:00 pm Connection Band / Sanctuary

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

Friday May 3

8:30 am Women's Fellowship Breakfast / Lunch Box Café

10:45 am Preschool Music Program - 3s and 4s / Sanctuary

Saturday May 4

NO PUBLICLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday May 5

8:45 am Traditional Service

10:15 am Connection Service

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

5:30 pm Scout Leadership Meeting / 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**

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2024 - FOURTH SESSION

Join us for our next EQUIP Leadership Session on Saturday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in room 110. Reverend Dr. Aleze Fulbright will be the guest speaker in May. If you'd like more information, please check out covenantumc.net/equip. To sign up, please register here at <https://tinyurl.com/EQUIP2024>.



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.

