



We begin 2022 with gratefulness. Covenant Church did great things in 2021 to support our local community! This newsletter is full of “Thank you’s” from those YOU helped!

“GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE POOR, NOT GRUDGINGLY, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BLESS YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOME IN THE LAND WHO ARE POOR. THAT IS WHY I AM COMMANDING YOU TO SHARE FREELY WITH THE POOR AND WITH OTHER ISRAELITES IN NEED.” —DEUTERONOMY 15:10-11



Kelly would like to thank everyone for the staff appreciation Christmas gift. It has been a blessing to be back working with you wonderful folks, and I am grateful for the love and support! Happy New Year!



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men (UMM) met Saturday, December 11 at 8:00am at Rolling Meadows Restaurant. Only 4 men there! I know we have more men than that. Just think what YOU could add to the men’s mission. After we paid for 144 pair of kids gloves for the four schools, the men had a little over \$500 left so with the latest tornado devastation, we donated \$250 to UMCOR for tornado relief efforts. We are able to do this because of jam and candy bar sales so THANK YOU! It has been said that money sitting in an account does nothing so we are trying to keep the money moving. We have taken about 10 snow suits and boots over to Chegwin and Pier, and I will check to see if there is a need at the other schools. The UMM will meet again the 2nd Saturday of January at 8:00am at Rolling Meadows Restaurant. We hope you will join us!

—Darrell Jewson, UMM Chair

Trustees

As the Trustees move into the New Year, we will be taking on new projects and welcome input from the congregation. While continuing to address any current building issues we have, we must keep our Christian faith in our hearts. We are studying the need for our church to reach out from within to outside our walls with live streaming our Sunday morning services along with other opportunities. Covenant will continue to be important in our local community as we move into 2022. Optimism looking forward is a strong Christian motivation to do God’s work. Keep this close to our hearts and minds as we move forward.

—Bill Averbeck, Trustee Chair

Family Ministries

Family Ministries hopes everyone had a very blessed Christmas. Our annual Christmas program was great and again, thanks to Shelli for her direction and inspiration, and to Pastor Chris for her collaboration of songs. As the New Year unfolds, we know blessings, along with trials and tribulations, will be present. Remember to keep Christ in your hearts and faith in your soul to guide you through the year.

—Family Ministries Team

SPRC Listening Session

On January 2nd the SPRC will hold a listening session for those who wish to share their thoughts on what characteristics they would like our next pastor to possess. The meeting will look to the future of our church. It will take place in the sanctuary after the service and last 15-20 minutes. All are invited to attend.



**Our friends at Pier,
Riverside, and Parkside
thank you for their new
gloves!!
Look at those smiling faces!!**





**THANK YOU COVENANT
CHURCH!
WE MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR
FAMILIES IN NEED!**



United Methodist Women

As of January, Heritage and Rachel Circles will combine and become one circle. We will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:45am, with our first meeting on January 5 in Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to join us that morning! It is the perfect opportunity to join our fellowship and help us organize. We will continue to support the ARC with offerings each month. This month we will collect hot chocolate, marshmallows, and candy canes.

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who baked, set up, worked the sale, cleaned up, bought items, or helped in any way to make our annual Cookie Walk a success! We couldn't do it without you! We raised over \$1200 to support gifts for families and mission in Senegal!



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

This congregation gave in excess of \$600 for this local mission project. We purchased 24 comforters, sheet sets, plastic mattress covers, 50 pillowcases, and 3 donated comforter sets. There are about 100 volunteers building bunk beds for Chegwin families and others who are in need of beds. Thank you to everyone at Covenant for stepping up to help with this mission.

Loaves and Fishes Update

The Sending Forth Committee would like to thank all of our faithful volunteers for their help during the last year in serving meals for Loaves and Fishes. Next year's dates are: February 2nd, May 4th, August 3rd and November 2nd. Please mark your calendars and, again, thank you.

-Sending Forth

**THANK YOU from
The Arc Fond du Lac**

Thank you for everything!

As requested to support our clients, here is a list of games that will support their engagement with one another. It doesn't need to be these specific games either, it can games that are very similar as well. Our main goal is to provide more group games that don't take a lot to put together and will ensure that a large group is able to participate.

We are so thankful for everything all of you have provided to help us through the year. We appreciate all the mini-activities, extra supplies, cards, and snacks. You have long supported us and we are forever grateful each and every year.

No matter the size of the support, it goes a long way, and every client has benefited in some way.



*Thank you all for your kindness,
it means so much to all of us.
You all care so much about us,
this is clear to see.*



*When we think of special,
We always think of you,
And the lovely gifts you all give,
and the thoughtful things you all do.*



*Your essence in our lives,
are the best gift you all can give,
Our friendship will be shown,
through the spread of cheer
and plethora of activities for all of us to enjoy.*

Thank You.



Birthdays



1/3	Casey Averbeck Richard Gaston
1/6	Shirley Wendt
1/10	Betty Beardsley
1/13	Nicklas Averbeck Joyce Kurtz
1/18	Kevin Sherman
1/19	Cheryl Abitz Patrick Wittlinger
1/20	Karla Kahlhamer Marilynn Roessler
1/21	Jan Andrews
1/22	Jackson Goldapske
1/25	Timothy Klaske
1/29	Liona Brockway

80+ birthdays!

Betty Beardsley
Joyce Kurtz
Marilynn Roessler
Jan Andrews
Liona Brockway

Anniversaries



Joy & Steven Hankwitz: 42 years
Shelli & William Dekker: 32 years
Judie & Doug Duitman: 34 years

Jerry Blackburn says, "Thank you to my thoughtful friends for all the birthday wishes. Each one brought happiness!"

ARK submission deadline is the
15th of each month at noon. Please get your content
to the office by this date for the next month's issue.

THANK YOU!



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