

Dream big! You may write here
the largest \$ amount
"you believe" that
God will provide for us in 2026!

Store your treasure in
HEAVEN!

Matthew 6:20

For the Kingdom of God & His Righteousness
Giving Away to the Glory of God!: 57,474

Christ for the World We Sing!
Mission Share for Church and Society: 59,076

For the Works of the Lord and His People:
Salaries and Program Expenses: 206,100

For the Holy Ground:
Improvement of Our Faith Environment: 171,850

The goal for 2025 operational/ministerial budget was \$494,500.00. The total pledge amount, which is the primary source of revenue, helps the budget process with anticipated revenue. Committee on Finance predicts about 2.5% increase of the budget of 2025 (approx. \$12,362.50). Use the pledge card for your commitment. Many thanks. Praise the Lord!

Guidelines for Faithful Stewardship

1. Have prayer before you make commitment.
2. Have at least a conversation about the ministry and mission of the church with your spouse, children, or any other family members.
3. Find areas you would like to serve and check all that apply.
4. Mail or bring only the tear-off portion of the pledge card on/by **Sunday, November 2, All Saints Sunday** for pledge.
5. Please join "Stewardship Banquet" on Sunday, November 30 during fellowship hour.
6. Keep the brochure for your own reminder.

Give Thanks in All Circumstances

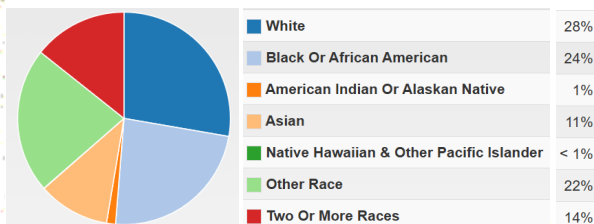
"Give Thanks in All Circumstances" God's will for You in Christ Jesus

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-18)

Our Baptismal Covenant

1. Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**
2. Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**
3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races? **I do.**
4. As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gift, your service, and your witnesses? **I will.**

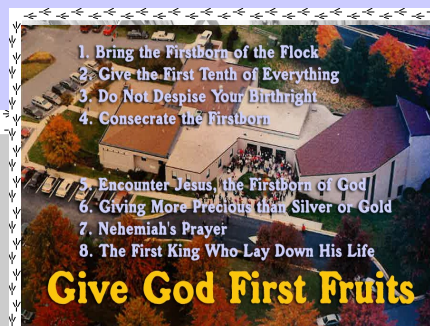
People We Serve: See demographics of people we serve in which we are (US postal zip code 20886). In it, we see many silver sophisticated, single starters, and culturally connected. Our parish is NOT limited in this zip code. We bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1:8). (See details at <https://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/20886/>).



Means of Grace that Shape our Future

2026

Give God First Fruits!



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Pastoral and Congregational Goals in 2026 *Praise God, Experience God, Serve God, Share God*

"For Covenant Renaissance!"

- **Build a Vital Church through Innovative Evangelism**
 - For a House of Prayer for All Nations
 - Give "First Fruits" - 120 giving unites w. tithe
 - Sunday Morning First
 - Toward Perfect Attendance on Sundays
 - Children's Church
- **Leadership Development and Spiritual Growth**
 - Grow Spiritual Leaders thru Bible Study
 - Small Group Ministries:
 - Holy Club for the Single-Starters
 - Mighty Covent for the Silver-Sophisticated
 - New Home for the Culturally Connected
- **Advocacy and Action that Equips**
 - Anti-racial and fully inclusive church
 - The Milky Way Disciples of a Climate Church

SEVEN Ministry Initiatives:

1. **Sunday Morning: Observe Sabbath & Keep it Holy!**
 - Weekly Fellowship Hour
 - Study Hour and Small Group Activities
2. **Assimilation: Call & Equip Others to Be like Christ!**
 - *Lunch with Pastor*, New Member Class
 - Bible Study for Discipleship: Disciple, etc.
3. **Intergenerational: Fellowship Beyond Age Gap**
 - Faithful Connection during Fellowship Hours
 - Jubilee Market Day, Sunday School Rewarding
 - Family Love Feast: Bridging bet. Young & Elderly
4. **A 3rd Place: offering a sacred ground!**
as "A House of Prayer for all nations" (Is 56:8)
 - High Noon Prayer on Wednesdays
 - Covenant Cinema/Friday Mission Café
 - *Coffee with Pastor*, Weekly Gathering for Faith Talks
5. **Technology: Spread Gospel w. Cutting-edge Tech**
 - Media Ministry: AV Worship Experience
 - Use of Website & Social Media
 - Broadcasting & Covenant Digital Publishing House
6. **Glocal (Global & Local): Local & Global Ministry!**
 - Little Free Pantry, Pastor's Discretionary Ministry
 - 100% Mission Share as Connectional Mission
 - *6 Special Sunday Giving for Leadership Development*
 - Other Local & Global Outreaches
7. **Accommodation: Welcome All Just As They Are!**
 - Launch a Fully Inclusive Congregation

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Dear Friends,

Taking a 15 minute break on a Thursday at the church, I look many cars running on the street. I think of you who might be on one of these countless vehicles on the run! I discover myself reminding of this day full of things to do. I need to get back to work in order to make more. Before too late, I need get mine as much as possible.

Perhaps, we will need a bigger barn to keep everything belong to us. More money, more power, more resources that should be mine! The world we live praises those who make more. Many of us seem to be tempted to migrate at work based on how much we make.

Friends, I want you to know that you will be fine with your life on earth. God our Heavenly Father will take care of you. Everything you make is actually from God who owns everything (Deut. 10:14; Heb. 1. Ps. 24:1).

I want you to join me a life of giving away. Giving-away isn't a giving for an investment or an immediate pay-back. It refers to an act of faith. It is a gift of generosity somehow you recognized in your own life as you fully relying on God the source of all. With trust in God providing what you need in life, you can give things away - even abundantly.

In the year of 2026, I pray that we can give freely as we have received freely (Mat. 10:8). May God bless us and our church so that we will be able to give to God what is God's. Yours in Christ,

Rev. DaeHwa Park

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Pastor



Means of Grace that Shape our Future

Like the Exodus people many of you may feel to be thrown in a wilderness where means of life are limited. Life in the wilderness for the children of God, deeply inspired by the Judeo-Christian tradition, refers to our human conditions that should rely more on God than on ourselves. You are invited to God's ordained time in a wilderness life **at COVENANT** for spiritual growth through endurance. Seek the means of grace that shape your future as you receive God's heavenly blessings. We pray for God's blessings upon your life, so that we can live an abundant living with the gifts you receive more, give more, share more, save more, and find joy more. Be faithful and effective this year and the years to come! Praise the Lord!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1st Fruit Offering

"Honor the Lord with your possession, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so that your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine."

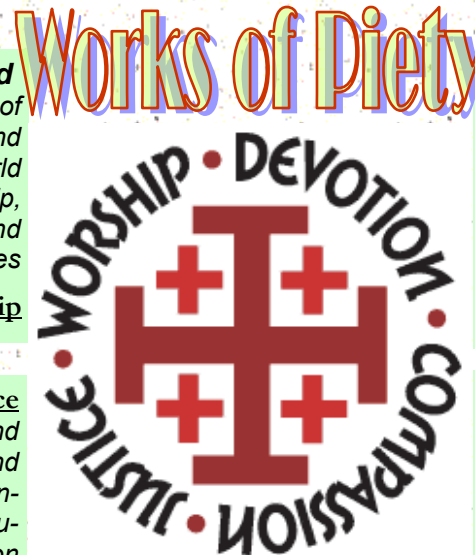
Proverbs 3:9-10

Praising God
through life-transforming act of worship we call, equip and send all God's people to the world Celebration of Sunday Worship, Special music events, Prayer, and Faith Sharing Ministries

Acts of Worship

Acts of Justice
through the act of advocacy and action for the Last, the Least, and the Lost we stay faithfully connected with others in our community. Full Inclusion, Creation Care, Social Justice/Anti-Racism

Sharing God



Experiencing God

through Small group activities that make and empower the Disciples, such as Sunday School, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Studies, Disciple, Holy Club, Becca's Buddies, Men's Fellowship, or Coffee with the Pastor, etc.

Acts of Devotion

Acts of Compassion

through Missions /Outreach Mission Share, Little Free Pantry, Christmas in July, Secret Shop, Christmas in July, HRD, UMCOR & other Seasonal Outreach Projects, Covenant love and care neighbors.

Serving God

Our Journey is Praising God, Experiencing God, Serving God and Sharing God!

Please tear off this portion for pledge! Thanks.

I would like to give my time, talents, and treasures to the glory of God through Covenant United Methodist Church.
Please check all the areas that apply. May God bless you! May God bless Covenant! Thank you.

Name(s): _____ Email/ Phone: _____ Address: _____

Giving of My TIME

- ☐ Worship Participation
- ☐ Missions/Outreach Project
- ☐ Prayer ministry
- ☐ Teaching Sunday School
- ☐ Social Justice/ Advocacy
- ☐ Chaperoning
- ☐ Pastoral Visitation
- ☐ Youth Fellowship Support
- ☐ Office Volunteer Support

Giving My TREASURES

- ☐ I would like to give tithe—Biblical guideline for giving (First Fruit of 10% of earnings)
- ☐ I would like to give regularly.
- ☐ I would like to have a legacy giving in memory of _____ (bequest or memorial giving).
- ☐ My financial commitment for 2026 will be is approximately: \$
- ☐ I would like to set up automatic electronic giving.

Giving My TALENTS

- ☐ Vision Casting & Ministry Master Plan
- ☐ Building Upkeep/Campus improvement
- ☐ Praising,, Experiencing, Serving, Sharing
- ☐ Media and Digital Publishing Ministry
- ☐ Financial Stewardship & Management
- ☐ Member Care
- ☐ Music and Performing Arts
- ☐ Others (please specify): _____