



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

Seek with God's heart **Grow** in God's word **Serve** all God's people

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From Pastor Andy



Highlights from Our Family Meetings

Over the last couple of weeks, several member of Holy Covenant have opened their homes and hosted "Family Meetings." At these meetings, representatives of the Finance and Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations (S.P.P.R.) Committees have painted a detailed and encouraging picture of Holy Covenant's finances as we enter the home stretch for 2010 and prepare for another year of faithful ministry in 2011. Because Holy Covenant is your church family and because the leadership here is committed to remaining open and transparent about our life together, I thought I would share some of the highlights from the family meetings with you.

- Through the first nine months of the year, Holy Covenant has received \$418,118 toward the Operating Budget. This is approximately **\$44,000 ahead** of where we were at the same time last year!
- The Administrative Council established an Operating Budget for 2010 of \$702,000. Based on current trends and expectations, the Finance Committee forecasts that we will end the year with \$692,000 in expenses in 2010 - about **\$10,000 under budget**. Our staff and lay leadership are living within our budget!
- As a United Methodist congregation, we contribute financially to the regional and even global ministry of our denomination. Through these ministries, Holy Covenant is able to change lives and transform the world in ways that we could never accomplish on our own. We call these contributions "apportionments." Holy Covenant has a proud history of **paying our apportionments in full**, and we fully expect to do so again in 2010.
- In the first nine months of the year, Holy Covenant expected to receive \$383,212 in pledges based on your responses to last fall's financial stewardship campaign. The church has received \$361,973 in pledges. That represents **pledge performance of over 94%**, which is amazing. Your love for your church is obvious, and your faithfulness is truly commendable.
- As many of you know, Rev. Wendy Curran will complete her residency here at Holy Covenant in June of 2011. At that point, she will receive a new appointment and most likely be in a position to

Children's Ministry

Get Moving

There is growing concern about childhood obesity in our country. Would you like to participate in a program that could be life-changing for families? Get Moving will provide health and nutrition information necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

This is for kids and parents to participate in together. We hope to begin this program in our community in the spring.

Over the next few months,

we are looking for individuals interested in planning activities, mentoring kids and their parents, promoting this effort within our community, and coordinating short health/nutrition seminars presented by local professionals. If you are interested, please contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org or Kathy Garcia kgavinagarcia@yahoo.com for more information.

Fall Sunday School



Classes for Toddlers through 5th Grade at 9:45 am!

Sunday School will BEE fun with Buzz!

Learn to know Jesus, feel his love, and have a friendship with him!

Confirmation 2011

We want them to join our Confirmation class! Contact Jana Jones if you would like to participate.

Save the Date - Family Advent Festival

Plan to join us on Sunday, December 5 for our annual Family Advent Festival! We will meet from 5:30-8:00 pm for dinner, crafts, carols, and more fun! Watch for more details soon.

Contact Jana Jones if you would like to help.

Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship
Sunday, Nov 7 is Fall

utilize the wonderful experience she has gained here to become a senior pastor at another church in our area. The S.P.P.R. already has been preparing diligently for this change in our staff and has put together a budget request for 2011 that will both keep our core ministries thriving and help us break new ground in ministry areas that are key to our Vision as we move forward. The **S.P.P.R.'s budget request is realistic, creative and within 1% of their actual budget for 2010**. We all owe a debt of gratitude to this hard-working team of people in our church.

· **BOTTOM LINE FOR 2010:** In the final three months of 2010, Holy Covenant needs to average offerings of \$55,000 per month in order to finish the year "in the black." Two key actions by you will put this goal well within our reach: 1) **support the annual auction** this Saturday, November 6th, and 2) **fulfill your 2010 pledges**. The Finance Committee is confident that if we as a congregation are faithful in these two ways, we will be able to meet all of our 2010 financial obligations and begin 2011 on firm footing.

· **BOTTOM LINE FOR 2011:** The 2011 budget-creation and budget-approval processes are underway. It is my hope and plan that our 2011 Operating Budget will reflect our priorities as a congregation and empower us to continue to move forward in achieving our Mission and realizing our Vision. The key to a strong 2011 budget to provide for Holy Covenant's life-changing ministries is **your faithful participation in our *Bearing Fruit* financial stewardship campaign**. Be in prayer about how you will answer the following question: what percentage of my income is God calling me to give? Be present for worship on Consecration Sunday, which is November 14th. Make a commitment to Holy Covenant that reflects your love and devotion to Christ and to God's work through Holy Covenant.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Andy Lewis

Bearing Fruit

Sermon Series

Nov. 7 - *Bearing Fruit*

Nov. 14 - *In the Year of the Drought*



Baptism

Festival

All youth are invited to join us from 6-8 pm for snack supper and fun at an old fashioned carnival! Be sure to bring a friend.

Youth! Mark your calendars with these dates for 2011:

Feb 11-13 - Winter Retreat
 Mar 4-6 - Youth Annual Conference - for youth leaders at Bridgeport
 Jun 14-21 - Choir Tour
 Jul 3-8 - Junior High mission trip
 Jul 24-30 - Senior High mission trip
 Aug 7-13 - Youth week

Adult Ministry

Are You Called to be a Care Giver?

Our new Stephen Ministry is currently accepting applications for those in our congregation who feel God calling them to provide care to folks in our congregation and in our community who need care. Care that consists of confidential listening, encouraging, praying and providing emotional and spiritual support to someone facing a crisis or going through a rough time. Care that only a trained Stephen Minister can provide. Is that Stephen Minister YOU?

If you say, "Yes, this is ME," please fill out the application to be a Stephen Minister off of www.hcumc.org or contact Donna Hatter donnahatter@verizon.net or Susan Kasten kastens@verizon.net for more information.



Jillian Lynn Gauthier baptized August 29, 2010 pictured with her mom, Michelle Gauthier, her godparents and her dad, Brian Gauthier

Annual Dinner and Auction

The Auction is Coming!!

Holy Covenant's annual dinner and auction will be Saturday, November 6. Essential details are:

- Two dinner seatings (5:30 and 6:15). **Please make your reservation immediately through the church office** or through a member of the auction committee.
- Silent auction opens at 5:30
- Live auction starts at 7:00
- Child Care will be provided throughout the evening
- Raffle tickets are available at the auction table for an Apple iPad. Tickets are \$10 each

We need your help!

- Donate items to be auctioned- donation forms are available at the auction table. Please return the form with each donated item- the sooner the better!
- Help sell raffle tickets- pick up a stack after either service and return the proceeds and ticket stubs any time before the night of the auction
- Come to the dinner and auction with family, friends, neighbors- it is a fun filled evening for a good cause! All proceeds go to support the local and global ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Donation Ideas:

- All items to be auctioned are donated by members of our church. To spark your creativity, listed below are several items donated to last year's auction.
- tickets to sporting events
 - hand-made quilt
 - autographed items





Music Ministry

Music News

Piano for Sale

The baby grand piano in the gym is for sale! It has been recently tuned and cleaned up a bit and the asking price is \$750.00. If you are interested, contact Rev. Debbie Chapman at dchapman@hcumc.org.

Join a Choir

Adults rehearse Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room (SE corner of the Sanctuary)
 Youth Sundays at 5:00 pm in the Choir Room
 Children Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room A of Sanctuary building.
 These choirs are always open to new members. Just come!
 Bell Choirs available for children, youth and adults. Contact Debbie with questions.
dchapman@hcumc.org

Green Team

Dishwashing is a daily chore. If you use a dishwasher, you know that it is not necessary to wash the dishes before placing them in the dishwasher. Why do you have a dishwasher if you do this?

 If you are not yet willing to buy "green products" for your household cleaning

- flight certificates
- gift certificates from local restaurants
- child's tea set
- jewelry
- homemade treats (cakes, cookies, pies, breads)
- seasonal decorations
- children's toys
- theme baskets, such as holiday decorations, children's rainy day activities, Barbie, coffee lovers, Texas Longhorns, Toy Story

Please see the auction link on the church website(www.hcumc.org) for more updates. Donated items will be listed there as received.

Youth Choir Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, November 7

Come for a yummy breakfast on Sunday, November 7 in the Covenant Center. This will support our Revelation Ringers and Singers and their choir tour to Boston in June of 2011!



Youth Choir Pie Sale

Article Subheading



LET US BAKE YOUR
Thanksgiving Pies

Youth Music Members (and adult leaders) are baking your Thanksgiving Pies to raise funds for the Summer 2011 Choir Trip to Boston, Massachusetts.

- PUMPKIN**
\$10
- PECAN**
\$10
- APPLE**
\$12

Place your Order by **Sunday November 14th**. Pies will be baked and ready for pickup on Sunday November 21st at the church.

For more information, contact Jill Zambrano or Mary Stahl

Youth Choir THANKS YOU for your Support!

needs, consider this:
 Opting for dishwasher detergents with low or no phosphates is kinder to our environment. Many dishwashing detergents contain phosphates, a chemical that boosts algae growth in freshwater, thus posing a major threat to plants and fish. These particular products (recommended by Consumer Reports) are low in phosphates and are safe for the environment:
 -Finish Quantum tablets
 -Finish Powerball Tabs
 -Cascade Complete All in 1
 -Cascade with Dawn ActionPacs

Please do your part to take care of our planet....

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 and 11:00 am
 Worship Services
9:45 am

Sunday School for all ages

Staff

Rev. Andy Lewis, Senior Pastor

Rev. Debbie Chapman, Associate Pastor, Music Ministries

Rev. Wendy Curran, Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation

Jana Jones, Children's Minister

Georgia Harrison, Youth Minister

Sheryl Toney, ECDP Director

Carol Jones, Bookkeeper
Elise Webb, Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The family of Helen Montfort; the Heathington

Free Adoption Information Meeting in Carrollton

Sunday, November 14, 2:30 - 4 pm

WHO: A local adoptive family is hosting a free Introduction to International Adoption information meeting.

WHAT: Participants will learn more about adopting through **Children's Hope International**, a non-profit adoption and humanitarian aid agency, from a family that has already been through this rewarding process.

WHERE: Bent Tree Bible Fellowship
Room J109
4141 International Parkway
Carrollton, TX 75007

REGISTER: Please call our host Mike Culver at 214-336-3954 or email: mdcaggie90@me.com to register for this meeting.



Life Line Health Screening



Friday, Nov. 19 at Holy Covenant

Have you suffered a broken bone in your hip or spine? Do you feel as if you are getting shorter? If you answer "yes" to either of these

questions, you may want to consider being screened for the risk of osteoporosis. We are pleased to offer a Life Line Screening preventive health event that can be used to detect just such a risk. Life Line Screening uses a quantitative ultrasound bone densitometer, using the heel as a measurement site, to assess one's risk of osteoporosis. This screening compares your bone density to that of the average 20-year-old adult female, according to World Health Organization guidelines. The osteoporosis screening is not only for women. Of the 10 million Americans who have been diagnosed with osteoporosis, 2 million are men. The screening will take place on **Friday, November 19, 2010 at Holy Covenant**. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register or go to www.lifelinescreening.com. Priority Code: HSC6773.

It's Poinsettia Time!

\$12 Each. Sign up in the narthex.



family; the Duddleston family; Nicole Abed; Michael Depew; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley and Dot Molencupp; Roger Mitcham; Jaynie Ayoub; Gregg Stone; Jenny Martin; Sue Moser; Joni Taylor; Dick Ellis; Bev Randall; Josephine Anderson; Bill Blassingame; Jeanna Blassingame; Jim McKee's sister, Cyndi Benedict; Scott Curry's mother, Jeanne; Claudia Buntyn; Brenda & Rick Richardson; Marcus Oakley; Mark & Amy Ruggles; Joni Taylor's brother Mike; Bill Anderson; James Ross; Nancy Rudolf's aunt; Dan Patman's niece, Lizz; Susan Rardin's brother John Burbidge; Azlynn and John Hooper; Elaine Edgington's brother, Joe Riggs; Kevin Stahl's father, Harvey; Larie Engles' mother; David & Coby Mazzucco; Philip Sorrell; Susan and Jay Graham; Lora Miranda's family; Nicki & Don Luce & family; Heather Hinton's uncle Billy Fulton; Amy & Eric Bresie; Sandy Serfin; Carol Jones's parents, Verne & Dorlis Glass; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Doug Jones's brother, Jeff; Ray Rivera; Susan Watkins father, Ron; Chris Eldridge; the family of Kenny Adams; Lou & Geri Venincasa; Joy & Scott Leiding & family; Dawn Superak & family; Dale Bryan & family; Noel Tardy; Carol Blalock; Jeannie Deringer; Arthur Alaniz & family; Bill Hill; Jay & Kathy Cash; Rosie Alexander; Kate Bushmann; Jess Beltran; Jan Rollins; Annabella Chan; Rick Clement; Lisa Tenore; Vic Anderson; Jon Broom; Barbara Boothe; the Frisbie family; David Fettke; the Hickman family;

Looking for Ushers

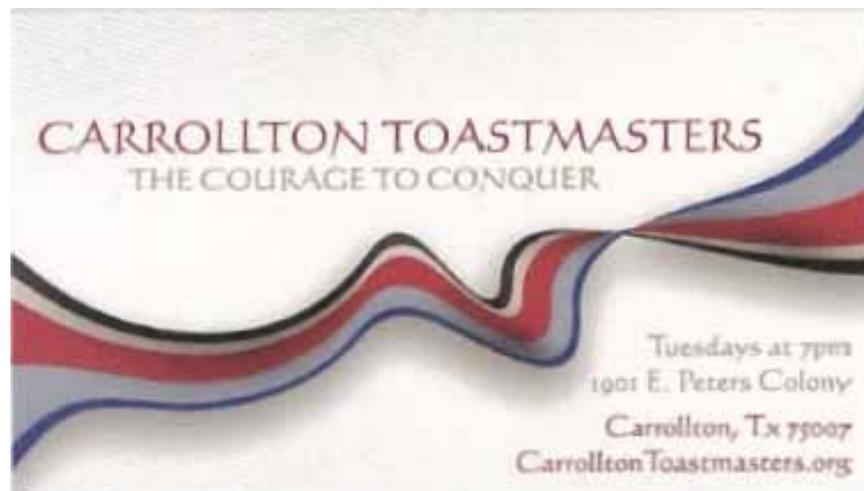
Friendly People Needed on Sunday Morning

Friendly? Like greeting folks on Sunday morning? Our usher team is looking for 2 volunteers to usher approximately once every 4-5 weeks at the 11am service for the remainder of the calendar year. Please consider serving your church in this role. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact Paul Duddleston at 214-542-2212 or paul-duddleston@foranspice.com.



Scene from the Computer Lab

ECDP kids love the computer lab!



the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin & family; Anna Hixon; Ann Michelle King; the Huffman family; the Pifer family; the Bailey family; the Witcher family and Adel Valarie & family.

Our loved ones in the military

Trevor Baucom, Precious Blackman, Jeff Christie, Clem Clemens, Sean Connelly, Tim Connelly, CJ Davidson, Collin Fender, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Marco Mastrogiovanni, Kevin Merritt, Brand Oakley, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Ashley Wert, C.J. Westmoreland, Brad Wethington, & Jeremy Whiteside.



Custom Embroidery

Corporate Apparel, Shirts, Caps, etc.

Screen Printing

T-shirts, Team, etc.

Advertising Promotional Items

Pens, Mugs, Magnets, Koozies, etc.

Mike & Rose Lovell

1630 Valwood Parkway at Luna Rd., Carrollton, TX

e-mail: metrocrest@embroidme.com web: www.embroidme-metrocrest.com

Katie Neff, MS, LPC-Intern with *Pastoral Counseling and Education Center* is currently offering counseling at Holy Covenant Thursday afternoons and evenings. Call (214) 526-4525 to make an appointment.
www.pcec-counseling.org



Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!



Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant. You can contact Jonathan at jkaan@dcccd.edu or at 972-505-1833 for more information. Jonathan graduated with honors from Baylor University with a Masters Degree in Piano Pedagogy and Performance.

Our Vision -
Connecting with our neighbors,
caring for our earth,
finding transformation through the love of Christ.

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