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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



"First to the Lord" Campaign

Reducing the Debt - Growing in Ministry

"They gave themselves **first to the Lord** and, by the will of God, to [this ministry.]" 2 Corinthians 8:5

Generous and faith-deepening giving always begins with the heart. Before we ever make a pledge to give - that is, a pledge that is both sacrificial and joyful - we give ourselves to the Lord.

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Children's Ministry

Kids' 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!

The Lord has given Holy Covenant a Mission: seek the lost with God's heart, so that more people will come to experience the saving grace of God; grow in God's Word, so that more people will be equipped to follow Jesus day by day, through thick and thin; serve all God's people, so that more people in our community will find hope through the works of our hands.

In order to fulfill this Mission more effectively, today and for years to come, Holy Covenant engaged in a capital campaign in the spring of 2008 called Renewing our Covenant. This campaign raised funds above and beyond church members' regular giving in order to refresh and upgrade our church facilities. Thanks to the Renewing our Covenant campaign, our worship experience has been enhanced with discreet projection screens and beautiful stained glass, our hospitality has improved with directional signage and ample parking spaces for guests, and our safety has

Summer Sunday School begins May 29.
If you would like to teach our kids for 12 weeks, contact Jana Jones.

This gives our school-year teachers a much deserved time of rest!



Vacation Bible School 2011 - PANDAMANIA!!

PandaMania is coming to Holy Covenant July 11-15! If you would like to serve on the Leadership Team, please contact Jana Jones

jjones@hcumc.org
 or Tatum Curry
tatumtoney@hotmail.com.

Registration will begin
 May 9!

**Parents' Night Out
 Friday, May 20 - 6:30-9:30 pm**

For kids ages Infant thru 5th Grade. **Reservations are required by Wednesday, May 18 - no exceptions, please!**

Contact Jana Jones
jjones@hcumc.org to reserve a space for your child - please include name(s) and age(s). Cost is \$5 per child. A snack will be provided.

Youth Ministry

Senior Sunday - May 22

Our high school seniors will lead worship on Sunday, May 22. Please make sure to come for one (or both!) of these services to show

been addressed with overhead lighting in the parking lot and unseen improvement to the church building's infrastructure.

The pledge period for the Renewing our Covenant campaign draws to a close in June. At that point, we estimate that our church will hold approximately \$350,000 in debt (roughly \$120,000 from building the Covenant Center and \$230,000 from the recent renovations). While this amount of debt is by no means crippling, and in fact would be the envy of many of our sister churches in the area, reducing this debt would reduce the amount of our monthly mortgage obligation and therefore would give us more freedom in funding current and new ministries. Reducing the debt will help us grow in ministry. Reducing the debt will make us more effective in fulfilling our Mission.

Therefore, your Finance Committee recommended and your Administrative Council approved embarking on a new campaign - *First to the Lord* - in order to reduce our debt. The pledge period for this campaign will last 18 months, beginning July 2011 and continuing through December 2012. The Commitment Sunday will be in worship on Sunday, June 19. Between now and then, you will hear testimonies in worship, be invited to a home meeting in a church member's living room, and receive a mailing in order to educate you about this opportunity to give.

Most importantly, between now and then, I am asking you to give yourself to the Lord, as Paul said about the Christians in Macedonia (see 2 Corinthians 8:1-7). Pray about the obstacles and anxieties that may be preventing you from giving with a cheerful heart. Some obstacles may arise from our spending habits, while others may derive from our attitudes or fears. Lay them all before the Lord and dwell instead upon all of the exciting ways that Holy Covenant's ministries are fulfilling our Mission to seek, grow and serve. Our participation in this campaign will only serve to strengthen those ministries.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Andy

Baptisms

your support of these amazing young people!

UMYF Calendar

May 8 - No Youth Fellowship (Mother's Day)
 May 15 - Picture This Scavenger Hunt
 May 22 - WOW (youth led worship)
 May 29 - Minute to Win It!

Adult Ministry



United Methodism 101 Class

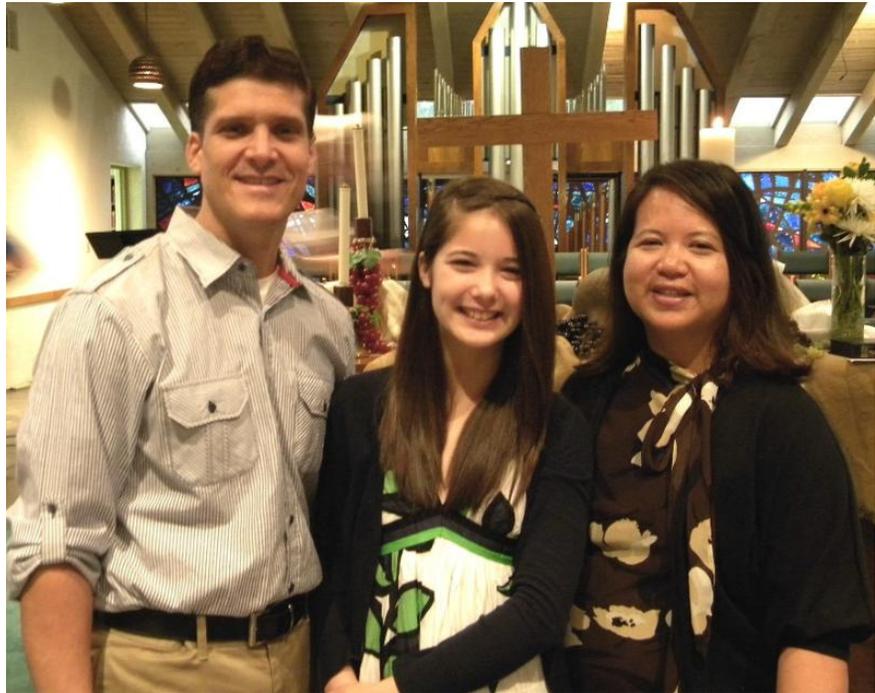
**Sundays, May 8-22
 9:45 am in Room 113**

Join Rev. Dr. Bert Affleck, author and retired professor of UM History and Polity at Perkins School of Theology, and learn in depth about the UM movement and about our denomination today.

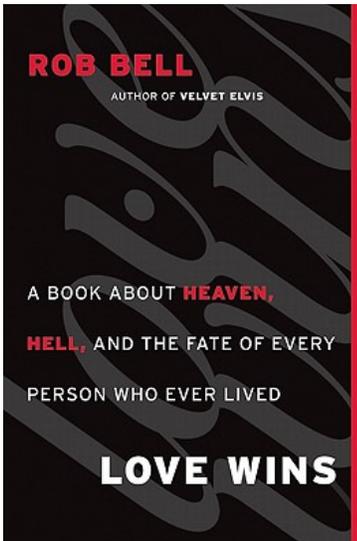
An Unbiased Look at Islam

**Sundays, through June 5
 9:45 am in Room 215**

Professor of world religion and HCUMC member Dan Kasten leads this 6-week study. The study will conclude with a visit to a local mosque.



McKenzie Truong Starr, baptized May 1, pictured with Doug and Thuy Starr



**Holy Covenant
Breakfast Club
Mondays at 7 am
Room 113**

We have just begun discussing Rob Bell's controversial new book *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*. Author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined. The books are \$12. For more information, contact Gary Feltner at 972-394-9798 or just join us on any Monday morning!



Men's Retreat



Elliot Reid Waltenburg, baptized May 1, pictured with Carley and Brian Waltenburg

Summer Lunch Program

When caring hearts meet willing hands,
volunteers are created . . .
. . . and great things are accomplished



Holy Covenant United Methodist Church (HCUMC) is partnering with City Square and the Texas Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to bring food to our neighbors during the summer months. More than 70 percent of our

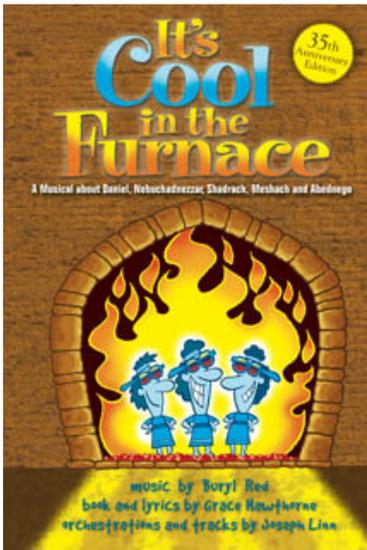
neighbors are on free and reduced meals during the school year. We hope to bridge the gap for these families and help stretch their food buying dollars.

HCUMC volunteers will begin feeding children in our Covenant Center on Monday, June 6, and provide meals through Aug. 19.

**Friday, May 20 -
Saturday, May 21**

All men are invited to attend the annual Spring Men's Retreat to Settlement West. Contact Bob Michael rhmchl@yahoo.com to register and for more information.

Music Ministry



"It's Cool in the Furnace"

Presented by the Music Machine Choir
Sunday, May 15, 9:45 am,
Holy Covenant Sanctuary
All are invited to hear the story of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego as told by our children.



Music Ministry Social!
Mark your calendars for **Wed., June 1. There will be a Music Ministry party for families and friends**

Nutritious meals will be served to children 17 and younger, at no cost to participating families.

If you volunteered last year, we hope you will sign up again this summer. If you didn't, we hope you will consider it this year. Our volunteer staff includes church members who gave up their own lunch hours, retirees, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth earning community hours, and parents from our own Early Childhood Development Program. If your time and talents do not allow you to physically help, we are in need of prayer for our volunteers and those we serve.

Online Registration for volunteers begins May 6. Please visit our website for more information www.hcumc.org

Choir Tour 2011

The background image for the concert announcement is a lighthouse on a rocky shore at dusk or dawn. The lighthouse is white with a dark top, and the sun is setting or rising behind it, creating a bright glow. The foreground shows dark, jagged rocks and the ocean waves.

Holy Covenant
Revelation Ringers and Singers
 present
Let Your Light Shine
Concert with
Pie and Dessert Auction
Tuesday, June 14
6:30 pm in the Covenant Center

Presenting music for our tour to Boston, Massachusetts. Dessert and coffee will be provided for your enjoyment. Enter your best pie or dessert for Auction by our own Randy Lasley.

of all ages at the clubhouse in Coyote Ridge beginning at 6pm.

This is a potluck dinner - bring a main dish and side (vegetable, salad or dessert) to share. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. The pool will be open and we are welcome to use it - it is not reserved for us exclusively though.

If you would like to help with this event please email Debbie at dchapman@hcumc.org!

This is a great opportunity for ALL of the Music Ministry participants to fellowship together and to bring guests! All are invited! Thanks to Georgia Herrick for setting this up.

Clubhouse address: 1689 Bandera Drive Carrollton, TX 75010 You can see the pool from Hebron Pkwy & the clubhouse is right behind the pool. Turn right on Hunt Drive (after you pass the pool) & another right at the first street which is Bandera. There is parking in front of the clubhouse (not much) & additional parking on the east side of the clubhouse, tennis courts near the golf course building.

Missions



Project Transformation

Don't be Left Out!

Church Directory Photos

If you need to submit your own photo for the new Holy Covenant directory, please provide your photo to the church office with a check for \$10 made out to Lifetouch. If your photo was taken in a professional studio, you will need to get a release from the original photographer to include the photo in our directory.

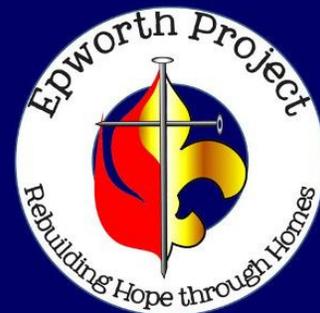


2011 Youth Mission Trips



**Junior High Mission Trip
Circle of Care Boy's Ranch
July 3-9, 2011
7th & 8th Graders
Gore, Oklahoma**

**Senior High Mission Trip
July 24-30, 2011
9th-12th Graders
Slidell, Louisiana**



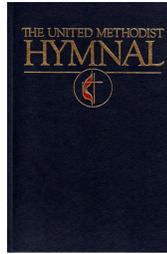
Sign Up TODAY!

Contact Georgia for more information: gharrison@hcumc.org

Honor a Loved One With a Hymnal Dedication

You are invited to be a part of the Project Transformation Summer Program. This summer Holy Covenant volunteers will be listening to children grades 1-5 read from 9:30-Noon, July 18-21, 2011 at the Chapel Hill UMC location. The church is located at 12411 Templeton Trail in Farmers Branch.

Background checks are required for those over 17 years of age. Forms are available in the church office. For more information please contact: Georgia Harrison gharrison@hcumc.org or Mary Jane VanHorne mjj1128@verizon.net



If you would like to purchase a hymnal for Holy Covenant, you may do so in honor or in memory of a loved one. Simply fill in a donation slip in the narthex with the names for the name plate that will appear in the front of the hymnal. Cost is \$20 and you can place your payment in the collection plate.

Soccer Camp

Free Soccer Camp

Come Join The Fun!

Saturday
June 11
10:00 – 12:30
Grades K-6

Hot Dogs 12:00–12:30 for Campers and Families

If available, please bring water bottle, shin guards, soccer ball and sun screen.

Turn registration form into:
Peters Colony Learning Center or
Holy Covenant Church Office by mail or in person or
Register online at www.hcumc.org

Please register by June 6, 2011

For more information, please contact Georgia Harrison at gharrison@hcumc.org

Finance



Go Paperless!

Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks or donating a giving envelope every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

To set up electronic contributions, please complete an authorization form found in the narthex and return it to the church office.

Mission Accomplished

Electronic contributions for pre-authorized giving (pledges or capital fund contributions) can be made using any of the following payment method:

- Checking Account
- Savings Account
- Debit Card

Electronic contributions for one-time events or donations (i.e. auction or payment for youth trips) can be made using any of the above methods or by credit card.

ECDP



"Swinging Safari"
June 13-16 & 20-23
9 am to 2 pm

Children ages 2-6 have a great time in this summer program as part of our Early Childhood Development Program. Hurry! Limited spots available. Contact Sheryl Toney stoney@hcumc.org.

Worship + 2



Thanks are due to Holy Covenant's seventeen volunteers who turned out on Saturday April 16 to work at Mr. & Mrs. Barris's home to repair a rotted eave and remove tree branches from the roof. The mission project was in support of Senior Adult Services to address code citations by Farmers Branch. It was

awesome every which way - outstanding crew led by Michael Gonzalez, delectable food organized by Therese Campbell and Mary Jane Van Horne and perfect weather provided by God. Although the Barrises were not home their neighbors were observing and sociable - one even provided assistance in a tree felling. Due to the efficient work crew we finished early which allowed the volunteers ample time for reflection on their Christian service, and a well deserved afternoon nap.



Rick Davis
 Mission Committee.

Prayer Corner

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
 -Numbers 6: 24.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
 -Revelations 22:20 & 21

Egg Hunt 2011

Sharyn Yetman

Worship: Both services
 +1 (Cell): Choir, Breakfast Club
 +2 (Call): Children's Sunday School, Welcome Committee

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 Odell, Administrative Assistant

***In Our Thoughts and Prayers***

The Hobbs family; Hugh Dixon; Tammy Davidson; Michael Miller; Stephen
 Ministry leaders; Donna Hatter's daughter, Sarah; Nicole Abed; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley and Dot Molencupp; John & Rachel Heathington; Lorrie Hammons; Tina Ross; Jaynie Ayoub; Joni Taylor; Dick Ellis; Brenda McMurtrey; Ed Webb; Gene Blassingame; Patrick Connelly; Marie Martin; Linda Hoovler; Nita Sharp; Sharon and Ken Fox Sr.;

Joe Worthington; Mike Partridge and family; Virgil Ronning; David Ross; Quentin & Melanie Martin; Josephine Anderson; Jim McKee's sister, Cyndi Benedict; Scott Curry's mother, Jeanne; Claudia Buntyn; Marcus Oakley; John & Elizabeth Rudolf; Sheila Anderson; Stephanie Flangin; Mark & Amy Ruggles; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Azlynn and John Hooper; Larie Engles' mother; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Susan and Jay Graham; Nicki & Don Luce & family; Amy & Eric Bresie; Sandy Serifin; Verne & Dorlis Glass; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Doug Jones' brother Jeff; Ray Rivera; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Dave Erickson; Haley Roberts; Joy & Scott Leiding & family; Dale Bryan & family; David Zepf; Cindy Fergesen; Noel Tardy; Suzanne Conrad; Jeannie Deringer; Arthur Alaniz and 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; David Fettke; the Staab family; the Hickman family; the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin and family; Anna Hixon, friend of Kim Eaves; Ann Michelle King; Jon Broom; Huffman family; the Pifer family; the Bailey family; and the Witcher family.

Our loved ones in the military

Trevor Baucom, Precious Blackman, Jeff Christie,



Sean Connelly, Tim Connelly, CJ Davidson, Collin Fender, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Christopher Loughry, Marco Mastrogiovanni, Kevin Merritt, Brand Oakley, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Ashley Wert, C.J. Westmoreland, Brad Wethington, & Jeremy Whiteside.





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Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!



Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant. You can contact Jonathan at jkaan@dccd.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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