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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 Jana Jones



VBS 2011

Psalm 139 has always been one of my favorites, and it was so exciting to see this passage of scripture come to life during Vacation Bible School a few weeks ago. Holy Covenant was filled with the sounds of 130 children and 70 volunteers singing, dancing, and laughing as they experienced PandaMania! The hallway in the Education Building was transformed into a bamboo forest, and the sanctuary was filled with koi ponds, a waterfall, and playful pandas. True ministry happened within our church,

especially considering that 80% of the children were not from Holy Covenant, but from our surrounding neighborhood and community.

Each day, the kids learned a new piece of Psalm 139, and these Bible Points are good reminders for all of us!

1. God made you! Celebrate that God made you as a wonderful creation.
2. God listens to you! Before a word is on our tongue, God hears it. When we call out to God, He is there...and He listens.
3. God watches over you! In good times and bad, God is always there - walking beside us.
4. God loves you no matter what! Regardless of our circumstances or choices, we experience God's forgiveness and grace through Jesus.

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!



**Parents' Night Out
Friday, August 5
6:30-9:30 pm**

For kids ages Infant through 5th Grade
Reservations required by Monday, August 1 - no exceptions, please!
Contact Jana to reserve a space for your child - please include name(s) and age(s).
Cost is \$5 per child. A snack will be provided.



3rd Grade Bibles

Bibles will be presented to 3rd Graders on Sunday, August 21 in both worship services.

Please contact Jana to confirm the spelling of your child's name and the service you will attend. If any 3rd Grader is missing from this list, please let Jana know.

Amy Baumgardner, Luke Bayard, William Cegelski, Julie Hammons, Jayda Hartzog, Robby Ischy, Megan Jacobs, Jared Lewis, Thomas Patterson, Michael Rathbun

5. God gives good gifts! We are surrounded by God's blessings everyday - let us always give thanks to our Source of all good things.

The kids were encouraged to look for God Sightings - ways they see God in their everyday lives. In the midst of chaos and noise, there were beautiful, sacred moments as kids understood and claimed the promises they were learning. Numerous parents shared with me that their kids truly slept better during that week after exclaiming at bedtime how great God is, knowing that He was listening to them. One child had been involved in a dangerous situation at home, and told his leaders that he knew God was watching over him and kept him safe. These are the moments that make all of the time, energy, and money spent well worth it. Thank you for your prayers and support - because of your faithfulness, hearts were opened, friendships were made, and lives were changed.

We had a bamboo blast as Jesus did a new thing in all of our hearts - THANK YOU, GOD!

Blessings,
Jana Jones

Feeding the Homeless

Food Donations Needed

Holy Covenant's turn to feed the homeless at Austin Street Shelter is Sunday, July 31. Drop-off time for the food is Saturday, July 30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Covenant Center kitchen. Please provide 12 sandwiches (of any type, individually wrapped), 12 pieces of fruit and 12 hard-boiled eggs (still in the shell). Donations of juice packs or bottled water are also appreciated. Contact John Engles at 972-242-0143 or jengles@novationco.com if you have any questions or need additional information.



How to Be Happy: Jesus Explains

Jesus' Wisdom for Daily Living:

A Sermon Series Based on the Beatitudes

7/31: "Blessed are the Persecuted"

8/7: "Blessed are the Meek"

8/14: "Blessed are the Pure in Heart"

8/21: "Blessed are the Humble"

8/28: "Blessed are the Merciful"



Coffee with Cassie

Created by God

We will offer this seminar at Holy Covenant on Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17. We will have a parent meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm.

Created By God will focus on God's gift of human sexuality from a Christian perspective.

Created By God is a human sexuality seminar for 5th & 6th Graders. If you would like for your 5th or 6th Grader to participate, please let Jana know.

Registration ends September 7 - there is a \$30 registration fee.

Youth Ministry**UMYF Summer Calendar**

Aug 1-5 - Fine Arts Week helpers needed! 9 to 12
 Aug 7 - Rough Riders Game, 5-10 pm
 Aug 8-13 - Youth week, various evening activities
 Aug 21 - Fall kickoff, 6-8pm

Adult Education**Holy Covenant Breakfast Club**

Holy Covenant's Breakfast Club meets Monday mornings from 7 - 8 am in Room 113 of the Covenant Center. Beginning on Monday, August 1, we will be discussing *Lazarus Awakening*. The books are \$13. For more information, contact Gary Feltner at 972-394-9798

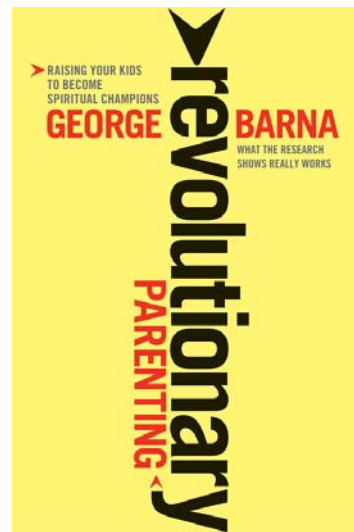
Sunday, August 7

Mark your calendars! Sunday, August 7 during Sunday School we will all have the opportunity to meet our new intern, Cassie Wade. Be sure to stop by the Covenant Center on your way to class and introduce yourself.

**Parenting Class****"Raising Kids Who Grow Up Without Giving Up on Faith"**

Sundays, August 14-28

9:45 -10:45 am in Room 113



Do you want to instill in your child a vibrant commitment to Christ? In his book "Revolutionary Parenting," George Barna reveals ways to shape your child's spiritual life while they are young. Barna also shares surprising truths about which popular parenting tactics just aren't working.

Join Pastor Andy Lewis for a discussion of this book. (Books are \$10)

Please register by August 3 so books can be ordered - e-mail jjones@hcumc.orgarticles

FREE Haircuts for Kids

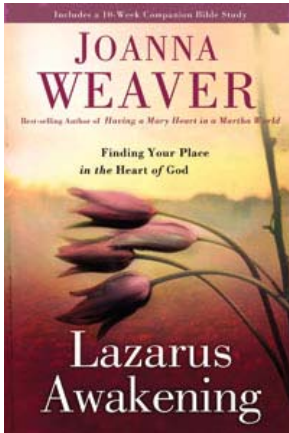
**Monday, August 8
 Wednesday, August 10
 Tuesday, August 16
 Thursday, August 18
 in the Covenant Center**

For kids 3 to 19. Parent permission slips required for kids under 18. Compliments of the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology Career Center.

**New Saturday Night Contemporary Worship Service**

Saturday, August 20

or just join us any Monday morning!



You believe that God loves the world... but sometimes you wonder if He truly loves you.

For many of us, moving the truth of God's love from our heads to our hearts is a lifelong process. As we consider our inadequacies or grieve our shattered dreams, we find it difficult to believe that God cares for us personally.

In this life-giving book, Joanna Weaver shows you how to embrace the truth that Jesus loves you apart from anything you accomplish, apart from anything you bring. Just as He called Lazarus forth to new life, Jesus wants to free you to live fully in the light of His love, unbound from the graveclothes of fear, regret, and self-condemnation.

Love is calling your name.

Music Ministry



5:00-6:00 pm

We are excited about the development of this new service on Saturdays! Monthly "preview" services are planned through December, with hopes of a weekly service beginning in January. Join us in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere for worship led by a praise band! Childcare will be provided for young kids. Contact Jana Jones or Andy Lewis if you would like more

information.

CPR Training

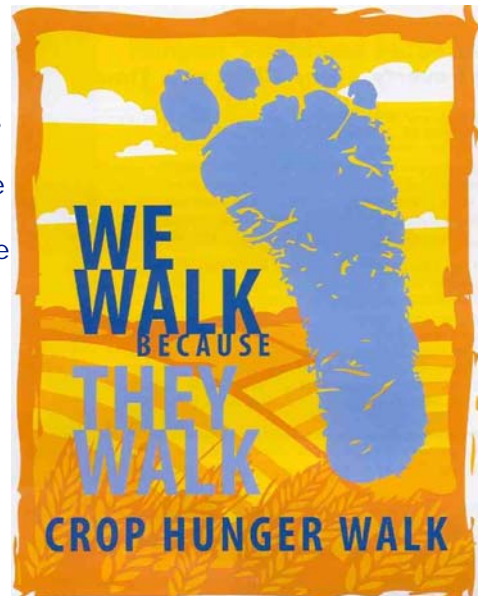
**Thursday, August 25
9 am to noon in Room 210**

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sheryl Toney stonej@hcumc.org or 972-492-1371.

Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk

Saturday, August 27

Metrocrest will host their annual CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, August 27th. In this interfaith event, walkers raise awareness of hunger and raise funds to help fight hunger in our community and around the world. The CROP Walk will kick off at Holy Covenant (8:30am, registration 8am) in Carrollton.



We often forget that people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day just to get food, water, and fuel, and to take their goods to market. The CROP Walk is a way to symbolically acknowledge their struggle and to take a stand against hunger in our community and our world.

Water and other support for comfort and safety will be provided along the approx. 2.0 mile route. Additionally, snow cones, popcorn, face painting and a bounce house will be available on Holy Covenant's grounds after the Walk for walkers and their families.

Everyone can participate by either joining in on the Walk or making a donation through one of the Walkers who will be raising



**Fine Arts Week 2011
August 1-5, 2011**

**Children will present
"HEAVEN'S KITCHEN"**

A musical about junior chefs cooking up sweet songs of praise.

Classes in guitar, keyboard, handbells, art and more!

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.

\$20.00 per child, no more than \$30.00 per family.

Adult and Youth helpers needed. Contact Ryan Baumgardner, ryloba@verizon.net.



Missions

Huge Success at Project Transformation

Holy Covenant's volunteers created quite a "buzz" at Project Transformation last week. The PT leaders could not remember ever having *more* volunteers than kids! It's hard to describe how proud we felt to be part of such an awesome group. Thank you to the

funds. **25% of the funds raised go directly to Metrocrest Social Services.** The remaining funds are used by Church World Service in their global hunger fighting programs.

Sign up tables and donation packets will be available at Holy Covenant starting July 31st. Please contact Rick Davis (972-814-5325) if you have questions. Online donations for Holy Covenant's Team can be made at www.cropwalkonline.org by clicking on *Find a Walk/Texas/Metrocrest Walk*.

Cabaret by request



Saturday, August 27

This year, we are asking YOU to help us select songs. We want our Music Ministry variety show to be like filling your iPod with tons of great music and hitting 'shuffle'. If you really loved something we've done in the past, and you'd like us to "recycle" it, let us know! If you have a favorite song you'd like for us to perform, we'll take requests. Send your requests to jendbaum@verizon.net or dchapman@hcumc.org.

Sing Handel's Messiah

Sunday, October 23

Meyerson Symphony Center

YOU are invited to join the Holy Covenant Wesleyan Choir members as they participate in this concert with the Turtle Creek Chorale and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. A registration form will need to be submitted for each singer. A fee of \$35.00 covers the music and a learning CD. Scholarships are available if needed. Chapel Hill United Methodist Church is also participating as are many other churches in the Metroplex. In addition to the rehearsals listed below, we will do a Saturday rehearsal with Chapel Hill in August (exact date TBA).

For the third year in a row, the Turtle Creek Chorale is pleased to invite you to sing with us! Eight years ago, we began a program called *Partners In Harmony*. Its mission is to appeal to religious organizations willing to affirm our belief that every human being is created equal. Today, *Partners In Harmony* comprises over FIFTY religious institutions. As in years passed, we are honored to welcome you to our *Partners In Harmony*.

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra joins the Turtle Creek Chorale, choruses from SMU's Meadows School of the Arts, the Texas State University at San Marcos Women's Chorus and our *Partners In Harmony* massed choir for this momentous event.

This year's *Partners In Harmony* massed chorus will perform selections from Handel' MESSIAH. The concert will take place at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center on **Sunday, October 23, 2011**.

following volunteers who shared their time to read with the PT kids and work on special projects with the Project Transformation Interns. Holy Covenant volunteers included: Kathy Boren, Therese Campbell, Deborah Cardenas, Rick and Milli Davis, Kim Ditty, Colleen Evans, Julie Fuller, Patrick Hammontree, Preston Hunt, Amy Jarboe, Dan and Susan Kasten, Ray Keegan, Bob and Mary Lou Larson, Susan McAnally, Movalyn McKee, Linda Miller, David, Katie and Teresa Oostenbrug, Susan Rardin, Mark Roberts, Rae and Andy Straw, Johnny and Della Swaim, Byrne and Pat Underhill, and James and Mary Jane VanHorne.

-Therese Campbell and Mary Jane VanHorne, Members of HCUMC Missions Committee



It is my great honor to invite members of your musical community (church choir, synagogue ensemble or otherwise) to participate in the massed choir.

We welcome singers of all voice parts (SATB).

Rehearsal and Concert details are as follows:

Rehearsals

Sunday, October 9 7-10 PM Holy Trinity Catholic Church*
 Sunday, October 16 7-10 PM Holy Trinity Catholic Church
 Saturday, October 22 1:30-4 PM Meyerson Symphony Center

* Holy Trinity Catholic Church is located at 3811 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas, TX 75219. Rehearsals will take place in the Community Life Center. Free parking available in church lot.

Concert

Sunday, October 23 8:00 PM (Exact call time TBA)

Cost Per Performer:

\$35 - includes registration fee, rehearsal CD and Novello piano/vocal score. All singers are asked to use this edition in rehearsal and performance.

\$25 - includes registration fee and rehearsal CD only.

Registration may be completed online at www.turtlecreek.org (click "Partners In Harmony" link) or return the enclosed form. I encourage you to copy and distribute this form freely. We ask that forms be returned to the Turtle Creek Chorale office no later than September 23, 2011 in order for scores and rehearsal CDs to be mailed in a timely fashion. (Holy Covenant participants should return their forms and checks to Debbie Chapman.)

The choirs will sing the following choruses:

- 4. **Chorus - And The Glory Of The Lord, 2:40**
- 7. **Chorus - And He Shall Purify, 2:18**
- 12. **Chorus - For Unto Us A Child Is Born, 4:02**
- 17. **Chorus - Glory To God, 1:43**
- 44. **Chorus - Hallelujah Chorus, 3:51**
- 53. **Chorus - Worthy Is The Lamb. Amen, 7:32**

For more information on the complete TCC season, visit <http://www.turtlecreek.org/index.php?/season/>

Karate Camp 2011



Worship + 2



Jim & Movalynn McKee
Worship: 11:00
+1 (Cell): Spiritual
Journeyman, Seekers
class, Choir, L.I.F.T.
+2 (Call): Choir Council,
Building & Grounds, Youth
Choir Tour



VBS 2011

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

Jana Jones, Children's
and Young Adult Minister

Rev. Georgia Harrison
Youth Minister

Sheryl Toney, ECDP
Director

Carol Jones, Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell,
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Yull family; Lucy
Tucker; Hugh Dixon;
Linda & Michael Miller;
Stephen Ministry leaders;
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Hinkley and Dot
Molencupp; John & Rachel
Heathington; Joni Taylor;
Dick Ellis; Ira McAnally;
Rechele Bonner; Jessica
and Philip Stallings;
Brenda McMurtrey; Ed
Webb; Donna Hatter's
daughter; Gene
Blassingame; Patrick
Connelly; Linda Hoovler;
Nita Sharp; 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;
John & Elizabeth Rudolf;
John Michael; Sheila



Anderson; Stephanie Flangin; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Azlynn and John Hooper; Larie Engles' mother; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Susan and Jay Graham; Nicki & Don Luce & family; Sandy Serifin; Verne & Dorlis Glass; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Doug Jones' brother Jeff; Ray Rivera; Jim Hartley; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Dave Erickson; Joy & Scott Leiding & family; Dale Bryan & family; David Zepf; Cindy Fergesen; Noel Tardy; 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; Sandy Bever & family; the Hickman family; the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin and family; Anna Hixon, friend of Kim Eaves; Ann Michelle King; Huffman family; the Pifer family; the Bailey family; the Witcher family; and Hannah Chijioke and 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, Logan



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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.



We are welcoming and open to all people; black or white, yellow or brown, you are welcome here; rich or poor, young or old, you are welcome here, gay or straight, citizen or sojourner, you are welcome here.

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