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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



"Have-to-dos"

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28

Everybody hold on tight! A new school year is beginning, and we're in for a wild ride!

This fall for the first time, I have three kids in school. For the past week or two, our schedules and our mental capacities at the Lewis household have been maxed out with have-to-dos: buy new tennis shoes, pick up class schedules, shop for school supplies, resume soccer practices, update shot records, join booster clubs, order a euphonium, write LOTS of checks to the schools to cover various necessities for a good start to the year, get haircuts (school pictures happen the first week back!), arrange one last play-date with each child's best friend, purchase the new Longhorn network, talk about peer pressure and the new temptations sure to be encountered in middle school, etc. And that's on top a daily and weekly routine that is already plenty full.

I suspect that we are hardly alone. It's not just people with school-aged children or teachers who can get overwhelmed this time of year. The pace of life for most is relentless. The list of things that constitute the "good life" grows and grows. So, we race to keep up. Spit the bit, fall behind and, well, you just might find yourself left behind.

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!

Our Fall Kickoff will be August 28!

If you would like to lead a class of amazing kids, please contact Jana.

Created by God

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.



Acolyte Training - 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Graders

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, be an acolyte!

A training session for all new and returning acolytes will be held on September 18 at 12:15 pm.

Contact Jana if your child is interested in participating.



Childcare Position Available

Holy Covenant currently has a Childcare Worker position available. Applicants must be available on Sunday mornings from 8:15 am to 12:15 pm and

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus compares following him to the "yoke" or the burden of following the Law. For many Jews in Jesus' day, the "good life" involved adhering flawlessly to hundreds of instructions, impacting every aspect of daily life. It was an impossible standard to live up to, a heavy burden to bear. Most did spit the bit. It left them feeling weary and disillusioned.

Jesus said to them and to us, "Come to me. Entering the kingdom of heaven in the here and now and living daily in the reality of God's reign of grace, justice, and peace is the good life. Come to me, listen to my teaching, imitate my ways, and I will show you how. In the kingdom, you will find rest for your world-weary souls."

My have-to-do list looks a little different in light of Jesus' words.

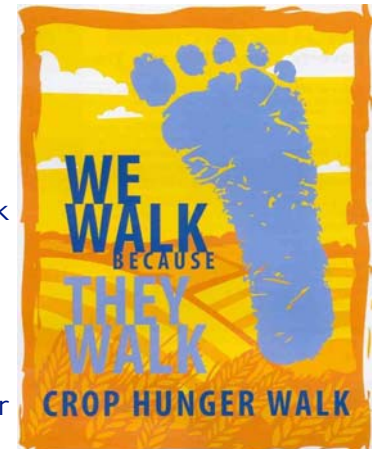
May the peace of Christ be yours this fall, Pastor Andy

Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk

Saturday, August 27

Metrocrest Social Services 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 at 8am.

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, sno cones, popcorn, face painting and a bounce house will be available on Holy Covenant's grounds after the Walk for 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 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.

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*.

occasionally on evenings during the week. You must be 18 years of age or older to apply. If you are interested in this position, please contact Jana Jones for more information.

Adult

Sermon-Based Small Groups

Sept 18 - Oct 23

These small groups will center on the weekly sermon offered each week. Groups will form and meet in host homes for discussion and fellowship. This short term group will covenant with each other for prayer, open dialogue and confidentiality. Contact Cassie Wade cwade@hcumc.org for more information.

Music

Pre-school Choir and Bells (age 3 to Kindergarten)

Rehearsals begin Sunday, Sept. 11. Children will go to choir after Children's Time during 8:30 or 11:00 worship.

Bells and Choir (Grades 1-5) rehearse

Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7.

All children are welcome to join us!

5:30 pm-Bells (grades 3-5) Sanctuary

6:10 pm-Snack supper (grades 1-5) Rm 113

6:30 pm -Choir (grades 1-5) Rm A (NE Sanctuary)

Revelation Ringers & Singers (Grades 6-12);

How to Be Happy: Jesus Explains



Jesus' Wisdom for Daily Living: A Sermon Series Based on the Beatitudes

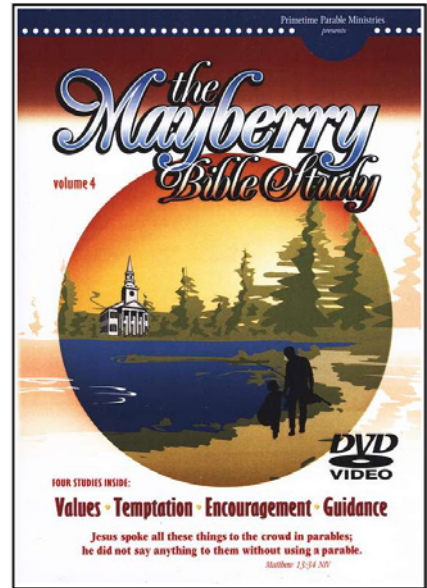
8/28: "Blessed are the Merciful"

Twilighters

Friday, September 2 Noon to 2 pm

Senior Adults meet for film, discussion, food and fellowship around the *Mayberry Bible Study*. This unique study uses TV episodes from "The Andy Griffith Show" to launch a discussion on Christian Living.

Meet in Rm 113 in the Covenant Center Bring a dish. Contact Eileen Ritter eritter14@yahoo.com.



Cabaret 2011

Saturday, September 10 7 pm



We will shuffle your favorites! Reserve a table for 4 for \$20.

9/11 Service

rehearsals are in progress.
 4:30 pm - Bells rehearsals
 5:00 pm - Choir begins

Adult Choir & Bells

All adults are welcome to join the Wesleyan Choir. Rehearsals take place Wednesday nights, 7:30 pm.
 Covenant Carillons (Adult Bells) -
 Aug 31-5:30 Bell Cleaning (Choir Rm)
 Sept 7-6:30 Rehearsals begin

Open House for all singers

Grade 1-Adults

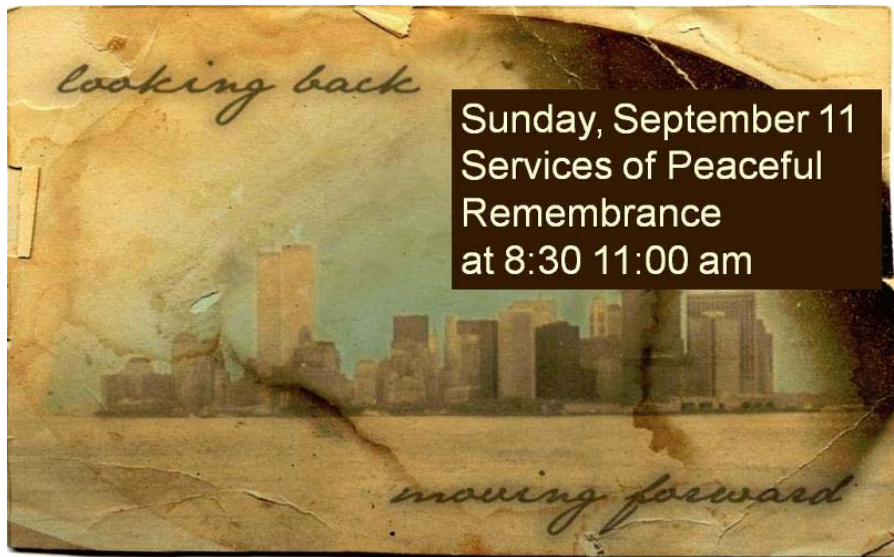
Come check out our Choir Program!
 Children-Sept 7 6:30, Rm A (Sanctuary)
 Youth-Sept 11, 5:00 (Choir Room)
 Adults-Sept 14, 7:30 pm (Choir Room)

Missions



Blood Drive
Sunday, Sept. 18
8 am to 1 pm
Covenant Center

Worship + 2



Sunday, September 11
Services of Peaceful Remembrance
at 8:30 11:00 am

Disciple Bible Study

DBS kicks off the week of Sept 11

Disciple I (The Red Book) is a 34-week study of the Old and New Testaments covering all or part of most every book of the

Bible. Wednesdays 6:30-8:30. Contact Mark Millar millar214@att.net



Disciple III (The Purple Book) is a 32-week study concentrating on the Old Testament prophets and the Letters of Paul. -Sundays 6:00-8:00. Contact Gary Feltner gary_feltner@verizon.net

New Saturday Night Contemporary Worship Service



Saturday, September 17
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.



Frank Moren
 Worship: 8:30+1
 (Cell): New
 Beginnings Sunday School
 +2 (Call): Usher, Trustees
 Chair, Ad Council

**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 and Missions
 Minister
Cassie Wade,
 Ministry Intern
Sheryl Toney,
 ECDP Director
Carol Jones,
 Bookkeeper
Elise Webb Odell,
 Administrative Assistant

***In Our Thoughts and
 Prayers***

The Herrick family; the
 Wright family; the Kaan
 family; the McAdams
 family; Sandra Kiplinger;
 Hugh Dixon; Linda &
 Michael Miller; Stephen

Sorry! We were jerks!

Sermon Series

There are lots of
 people who have
 been hurt by either
 the church or
 Christians. Please
 give us the
 opportunity to truly
 say we're sorry and
 to show you that
 we are committed
 to bring a different
 kind of church.



- Sept 18** - SORRY for the hypocrisy
- Sept 25**- SORRY for regarding Science as a threat
- Oct 2** - SORRY for being judgmental (*Rev. Owen Ross, preaching*)
- Oct 9**- SORRY for repressing women
- Oct 16**-SORRY for being silent on environmental issues
- Oct 23**-SORRY for being focused on ourselves; "Be The Church" Sunday!

Haircuts for Kids



Ministry leaders;
 Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley and Dot Molencupp; John & Rachel Heathington; Joni Taylor; Dick Ellis; JoAnn Wiggins; Ira McAnally; Marcus Oakley; Rechele Bonner; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Brenda McMurtrey; Geraine Allen; Ed Webb; Donna Hatter's daughter; Gene Blassingame; Patrick Connelly; Linda Hoovler; Nita Sharp; Joe Worthington; 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; Jeff Jones; Ray Rivera; Jim Hartley; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Joy & Scott Leiding & family; Dale Bryan & family; David Zepf; Dave Erickson; the Arzola family; 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; Chase Gattis; the Koeth family;



Rob & Jaycinta Kambach; Sandy Bever & family; the Hickman family; the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin and family; Anna Hixon; 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, Chad Davidson, CJ Davidson, Collin Fender, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Christopher Loughry, Marco Mastrogiovanni, Kevin Merritt, Brand Oakley, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Logan Vidrine, 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.



We are welcoming and open to all people;
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