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Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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From Pastor Andy



It's Hard to Say, "I'm Sorry"

"The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works." - Augustine of Hippo

You may have heard that next Sunday, September 18th, I will begin a 5-week sermon series called, "Sorry! We were jerks." I can imagine some of possible reactions to this title. 1) Wait a minute! I think we're pretty nice at Holy Covenant. We're certainly not jerks. 2) Oh great, five sermons in a row that will make me feel bad about myself. 3) Other congregations or the Church at other times may need to apologize to people for being narrow-minded or judgmental, but not us. Why should we say we're sorry?

OK. Hear me out. :)

The purpose of this sermon series, which we are advertising to 13,000 households to the west and north of the church by sending direct mail postcard invitations, is to earn back the trust of a skeptical public. Many people in our community would assume that Holy Covenant is just like every other congregation or just like their worst stereotype for churches. And, many people really have been hurt or put off by the antiquated ideas, the self-righteous attitudes and the self-centeredness found in many churches. In this sermon series, we are naming some of the sins of the Church - sins from which we are never completely immune - and declaring openly that we at Holy Covenant are choosing to be a different kind of church. My hope is that kind of transparency will be compelling and intriguing to our neighbors and that they will give us a chance to show them our sincerity

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!



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

jjones@hcumc.org if your child is interested in participating.

CONFIRMATION 2012

This is an exciting opportunity for all 6th Graders!

Friday, September 23 -
Ice Cream Social &

Orientation at 6:00 pm
Sunday, September 25 -

Class begins at 9:45 am
If your child would like to participate, contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org.



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 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

and share with them the love of God we have found in Jesus Christ.

There is another purpose for this sermon series. For you and me, who have grown to love the Lord and who represent the Church, confession is good for the soul. Being open and transparent about our flaws and shortcomings, our latent prejudices and our lingering hard-heartedness, frees us to receive the love of God, unconditionally. The fear and pride, that keep us hiding our sins and running from God, dissipate. When we confess our sins and lay them out in the open, the power of the Holy Spirit that can heal us is released and given room in which to work. As Richard Foster writes in [Celebration of Discipline](#), "[Through confession,] our humanity is no longer denied, but transformed."

I learned as a boy, watching *Happy Days* in syndication, that it is hard to say, "I'm sorry." There may be some uncomfortable moments in worship over the next 5 weeks, when we recognize that even we may not be quite as far along as we'd like to believe. But, there will be powerful moments too - when guests take a chance, walk through our doors, and find a wonderful and unique group of people who earnestly strive to embody God's grace; when we look inside, notice for the first time the splinter in our own eye, and experience the convicting and healing touch of the Lord (see Matthew 7:1-5); when we strengthen our resolve as a congregation to be even more faithful, more authentic, more accepting, more open-minded, and more committed to sharing the love God with our neighbors.

I look forward to seeing you - and many new, unfamiliar faces - in worship!

Pastor Andy Lewis

Cabaret 2011

**Saturday, September 10
7 pm**



We will shuffle your favorites!

contact Jana Jones
jjones@hcumc.org 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

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Come to one of our Open House Rehearsals where you will receive a gift and get to experience our wonderful music program! If you are a current member and bring a friend, you will receive a gift too!

Children's Choir Open House, September 7, Room A, Sanctuary Building, 6:30 pm (snack supper at 6:10 pm), Heather Hinton, Director
 Youth Choir Open House, September 11, Choir Room, Sanctuary Building, 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Open House, September 14, 7:30 pm, Choir Room, Sanctuary Building 7:30 pm

Bell Ringer? OR would like to learn! Contact Sheli Erenberger at shelieren@verizon.net

9/11 Service



Ten years since the towers fell. Ten years since we were glued to our televisions and witnessed incredible acts of both malice and heroism. Ten years since every American's sense of security was shaken.

This Sunday, September 11, Holy Covenant is offering a special worship service of Peaceful Remembrance, and everyone in the community is invited. Together, we will look back and seek God's comfort. Heartfelt prayers will be lifted up, inspiring songs will be sung, the wisdom of the scriptures will be shared. And, together, we will try to move forward, seeking God's direction.

We hope you will join us for a sacred time of Peaceful Remembrance.

Disciple Bible Study

DISCIPLE

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!

Worship + 2



Larry & Joy Kees

Worship: 11:00
 +1 (Cell): Seekers class
 +2 (Call): Building and
 Grounds, Labyrinth

**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

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.



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!

Blood Drive

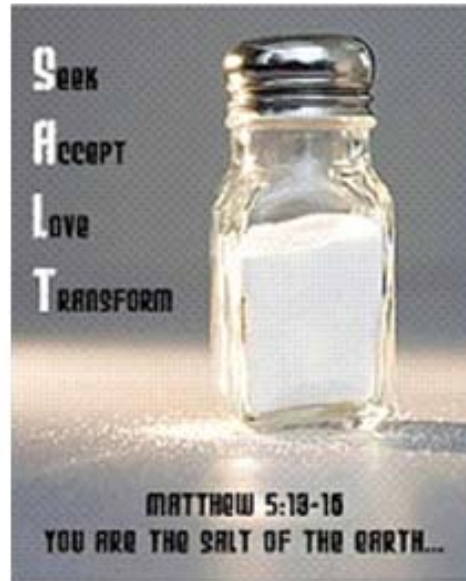
Sunday, September 18
8 am to 1 pm
in the Covenant Center

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Larson family; the Herrick family; the Wright family; the Kaan family; the McAdams family; Sue Moser; Sandra Kiplinger; Hugh Dixon; Linda & Michael Miller; Stephen 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; Sara Ray's father; 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; Nathan Berry; Jim Hartley; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Joy & Scott Leiding & family; Dale Bryan & family; David Zepf; Dave Erickson; Noel Tardy; Jeannie Deringer;



SALT Ministry



Seek, Accept, Love, Transform

Interested in volunteering as a tutor?

Learn about our ministry with Davis & Furneaux Elementary Schools.

A small amount of time each week can make a big difference in a child's life. Contact Jana Jones if you would like to participate.

Join us for a Volunteer Orientation on September 25 at 12:15 pm.

Tutoring will begin in late September or early October.

Holy Covenant Charge Conference

**Saturday, October 1
10 am at Holy Covenant**
All are welcome to attend.

Charge Conference



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers Needed!

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; 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.



Contact Susan Rardin for an application
 and to schedule an interview if you are
 interested in being a care giver for our
 congregation.

Susie.greg@verizon.net

For more information about Stephen
 Ministry, visit their website at

www.stephenministries.org

Thank You

To Our Holy Covenant Family:

We are so thankful for all the love & support that you have
 shown us honoring the memory of Darren.
 We were so overwhelmed at the open house.
 The set-up, the food, the flowers, the attendance were way
 beyond our wildest expectations.
 Thank you again for all your continued thoughts & prayers.
 -Fred, Cherry & Mitchell Wright



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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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