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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



***Blessed to Be a Blessing -
Annual Stewardship Campaign
November 13th,
Consecration Sunday***

The theme for this year's campaign is *Blessed to Be a Blessing* and is inspired by Genesis 12:1-3.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The goal of our *Blessed to Be a Blessing* campaign is to teach the biblical principles of generous and faithful giving so that you and I might understand more deeply the connection between following Jesus and financial stewardship and experience more fully the joy of giving.

Churches that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay the bills. The Bible focuses on the need of the giver to give, rather than on the need of the church to receive. As opposed to treating you like members of a social club who are obligated to pay dues, Holy Covenant will treat you like disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to walk in a trusting relationship with the Lord and who want to give cheerfully and see God glorified through the mission and ministries of our church.

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!

Youth



Youth Events

Oct 23 - Mission Activity, distribute flyers for Trunk or Treat
 Oct 30 - Trunk or Treat, youth help hand out candy

Adult



L.I.F.T. Ladies In Fellowship Together

October 27 at 6:30 pm
 Join the women of Holy Covenant in monthly gatherings on the fourth Thursday night of the month at 6:30 at a different home each time. Our agenda is to build one another up in Christian love. What could be better? Potluck, and loving support of our sisters in the faith! For more information go to our website www.hcumc.org.

Worship + 2

Blessed to Be a Blessing will encourage our congregation toward proportionate and planned giving, in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During the Consecration Sunday worship service on November 13th, we will ask all active participants and members of Holy Covenant to make financial commitments to our church's mission and ministries in 2012-those within our church and those that touch people "beyond our walls."

All commitments will be made voluntarily and confidentially. Those present in worship on Consecration Sunday will be given the opportunity to complete an Estimate of Giving card. Even if you have some resistance to completing a card, we urge you to attend. The process for filling out and turning in cards will be done in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to participate.

Your *Blessed to Be a Blessing* team has amazing plans for the worship service on Consecration Sunday on November 13th. In addition, there will be a catered meal and great fellowship immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Since we will not be making home visits to ask people to complete Estimate of Giving cards, it is our hope that you will make every effort to be present for worship and the meal on Consecration Sunday.

We look forward to journeying with you through *Blessed to Be a Blessing*, as we give thanks for the many ways in which we, as God's people, have been blessed and recognize how we are called to "pay it forward" and become a source of blessing to "all the families of the earth" (Genesis 3:3).



Rev. Andy Lewis
 Pastor

Be the Church Sunday

October 23

Have you chosen your project yet?
 It's not too late!
 Go to www.hcumc.org to sign-up online.



Susan Blasingame

Worship: 11:00 am
 +1 (Cell): Seekers,
 L.I.F.T., Disciple
 +2 (Call): Auction, Ad
 Council, SALT, Neighbors
 Works

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



**ONE worship
service at 9:30
a.m.**

Messiah Concert

**Holy Covenant Wesleyan Choir joins the Turtle Creek
Chorale**

for *Messiah* performance!

October 23, 2011, 8:00 pm

Meyerson Symphony Center

Twenty-nine members of the Wesleyan Choir from Holy Covenant UMC will participate in singing Handel's "Messiah" with the Turtle Creek Chorale on October 23. The Partners In Harmony program began eight years ago. Its mission is to appeal to religious organizations that affirm our belief that every human being is created equal. Today, Partners In Harmony comprises nearly 50 religious institutions.

This concert features the Turtle Creek Chorale, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and over 300 singers comprising our Partners

In Harmony massed choir performing portions of one of the most beloved works in all of classical music, Handel's MESSIAH.

Click on the link below to get your tickets to this great event.

You won't want to miss it. You can also contact Pastor Debbie for more information at dchapman@hcumc.org.

<http://www.turtlecreek.org/index.php?/season>.

Serving in Worship



Volunteers Needed

Worship is central to our life together. Working to ensure that our time

together is meaningful and valuable are people who serve in special ways to ensure that things run smoothly.

Two ways in which you could serve

the gathered community is by being an Usher and/or Communion Server.

Ushers are those who ensure that all people (members and guests) are welcomed and directed into our sanctuary. They pass out bulletins and registration pads. They move among us to receive our tithes and offerings and present these gifts to God's

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The family of Louise Robbins; the Hammons family; the family of Orville Downing; Bob Larson; Nancy Cardenas; Dale Payne; Valerie Roberts; Tatum Curry; Ben Ruggles; Ben Chapman; Sue Moser; Movalynn McKee; Hugh Dixon; Linda & Michael Miller; Stephen Ministry leaders; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley and Dot Molencupp; Joni Taylor; Dick Ellis; Julie Bowes; JoAnn Wiggins; Bernard Hardy; Ira McAnally; Marcus Oakley; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Brenda McMurtrey; Geraine Allen; Brian & Meagan Webb; Sara Ray's father; Donna Hatter's daughter; Gene Blassingame; Patrick Connelly; Linda Hoovler; Nita Sharp; Joe Worthington; Virgil Ronning; Quentin & Melanie Martin; Josephine Anderson; Jeanne Curry; 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; Donna Crawford; Grant Russum and family; John Cloninger & family; Nathan Berry; Jim Hartley; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Joy & Scott Leiding & family; Dale

altar along with our acolytes. And finally they ensure our attendance is recorded and the gifts safely delivered to those who account for them. Ushers serve Sundays at 8:30 or at 11:00 on a rotating basis. If you want to serve in this capacity, please contact Cassie Wade, cwade@hcumc.org or 214-763-8084. New Usher orientation is scheduled for November 6 at 12:15 pm (following worship).

Communion Servers share the elements of Bread and Wine (juice) with all who gather at the Lord's Table. Communion is a unifying action within our community and a means of God's grace for everyone. Communion is a regular part of our worship life and is typically shared on the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Cassie Wade, cwade@hcumc.org or 214-763-8084. New Communion Servers orientation is scheduled for October 30 @ 12:15 pm (following worship).

Please give prayerful thought to serving our life together in these important ways.

Trunk or Treat

HALLOWEEN

Trunk or Treat!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

BRING SOMETHING TO PUT YOUR CANDY IN!

WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME.

PARENTS, PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR KIDS.

COME ENJOY SAFE TRICK OR TREATING AT THE CHURCH.

WE WILL HAVE A BOUNCE HOUSE AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES!

SPONSORED BY THE HCUMC YOUTH

Bryan & family; David Zepf; Dave Erickson; 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; the Hickman family; the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin and family; Anna Hixon; Ann Michelle King; 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, Chad Davidson, C.J. Davidson, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Marco Mastrogiovanni, Kevin Merritt, Brand Oakley, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Logan Vidrine, Ashley Wert, C.J. Westmoreland, Brad Wethington, & Jeremy Whiteside.

Candy Needed

For Trunk or Treat

All candy donations are welcome and may be placed in the box outside Georgia Harrison's office by Sunday, October 30.



New Saturday Night Contemporary Worship Service

Saturday, November 12

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 2012. Join us in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere for worship led by a praise band!



Childcare is provided for young kids.

Contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org or Andy Lewis alewis@hcumc.org if you would like more information.

****Come to the service, then leave your kids from 6:00-9:00**

for a Parents' Night Out! **

If possible, e-mail Jana to make a reservation.

For kids ages Infant-5th Grade - a snack will be provided.

Cost is \$5/child or FREE if you attend the service and show your bulletin!

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 jjones@hcumc.org if you would like to participate.



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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; 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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