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Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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From Pastor Andy



Waiting for God

On Sunday, November 27, we begin the Advent journey, a journey that culminates in our celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ.

The first step we must take, ironically, is to simply wait. To seemingly do nothing at all and instead wait for God to make the first, game-changing move. But, according to the scriptures, waiting is not a passive exercise. We assume a posture of openness so that we are capable of noticing God's movements in the world and in our lives. We invite the Spirit to move within us, filling us with hopeful expectation. In this sense, waiting on the Lord requires discipline. It's hard work!

So, as the people of God, we learn how to wait...

Below are a few verses from my favorite Psalm and a devotional thought by author, Macrina Wiederkehr, to hold our hand as we learn to wait.

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my prayers! . . . I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning . . . O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem." Psalm 130

"Autumn trees ask me not to worry. They, like Jesus, suggest trust rather than worry. So often in autumn I want to go lean my

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!



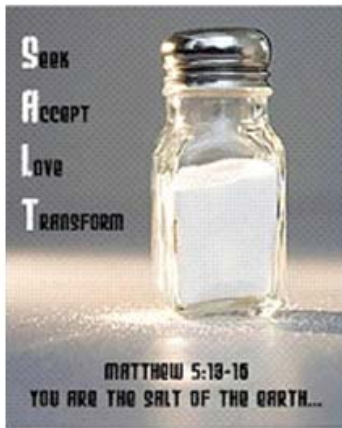
Acceptance & Commitment Therapy Workshop

Saturday, December 3 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the sanctuary

Free workshop for those who have or work with children with autism spectrum disorders.

Led by Dr. Amy Murrell and a team from the UNT Contextual Psychology Research Group.

If you would like to attend, please e-mail Ashley Cope actpworkshop@gmail.com.



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.

head against a tree and ask what it feels like to lose so much, to be so empty, so detached. . .and then simply to stand and wait for God's refilling. . .It isn't easy. But it's possible." Macrina Wiederkehr

Blessings on your Advent Journey, Pastor Andy Lewis

Pie Sale

Let us bake your Thanksgiving Pies

Youth Music Members (and adult leaders) are baking your Thanksgiving Pies to raise funds for the Summer 2012 Choir Trip to Colorado.



- Apple \$15**
- Pecan \$12**
- Pumpkin \$12**

Place your Order by Sunday November 20th

Pies will be boxed and ready for pickup on Tuesday, November 22nd, in the Covenant Center.

Questions? Contact Mary Stahl at 972-897-8245 cell or MARY@KMASTAHL.COM

Youth Choir THANKS YOU for your Support!

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Benefiting the Holy Covenant Food Pantry

Pick up a bag from the narthex, fill with items on the list inside, and return.

Community Nativity Display

Thursday, December 1

If you haven't seen this nativity display, you are missing a treat. Our Wesleyan Choir and Revelation Singers will be providing music for this event at 8:00 pm on Dec. 1. visit www.thecommunitynativity.com for other times to visit the display. Choirs will meet at the Display at 7:30 pm to prepare.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4000 Nazarene Dr

**Sunday Worship
Schedule**

**8:30 and 11:00 am
Worship Services**

**9:45 am
Sunday School for all
ages**

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***In Our Thoughts and
Prayers***

Susan McAnally; Brenda Jo
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Ira McAnally; Marcus
Oakley; Joey Crumpley;
Jessica and Philip Stallings;
Brenda McMurtrey;
Geraine Allen; Joe Webb;
John Heathington's

Carrollton, TX 75010



Silent Night Children's Musical

by Hal Hopson



Musical featuring our Music Machine
Choir, grades 1-5
December 4, 2011 during Advent
Workshop around 6:30 pm
Don't miss it!

Family Advent Festival

***A time to celebrate the true
meaning of Christmas***
Sunday, December 4
5:30 - 8 pm

Join us for dinner, fun crafts, a
children's musical, and a LIVE
NATIVITY!
Sign up in the narthex for crafts
and dinner - cost is \$15 per
family.



New Saturday Night Contemporary Worship Service



Saturday, December 10
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**

mother; Sara Ray's father; Donna Hatter's daughter; Patrick Connelly; Linda Hoovler; Nita Sharp; Joe Worthington; Virgil Ronning; 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 Serfin; 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 Bryan & family; 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

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!

Handel's *Messiah*

Sunday, December 11

8:30 and 11:00 am Worship

Wesleyan Choir, Chapel Hill UMC Choir, Soloists and Orchestra



Blood Drive



Sunday, December 11

8 am to 1 pm

in the Covenant Center

Give the gift of life! Donate blood.

Shoebox Christmas

ECDP

Rhonda Angermeier's kindergarten class did a service project, Shoebox Christmas, this week. They gathered simple necessities and small toys, books, markers to send to underprivileged children in other countries.



Precious Blackman, Gabriel Bridges; 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.



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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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