

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



Silent About Silent Night?

What are you doing for Christmas this year?

It's a question we undoubtedly will ask our neighbors, barbers and hair stylists, co-workers, and grocery store clerks over the course of the next week. It's a question that others will pose to us numerous times in the coming days as well.

First, how will you answer? Of course, you will mention something about your family traditions - at whose home you gather to exchange gifts, what relatives will be there, and treasured recipes you always enjoy. You might talk glowingly about a neighborhood that is your best kept secret for viewing Christmas lights or a spot-on gift you found that is sure to bring tears to the recipient's eyes. Or, you might share about some special travel plans to connect with loved ones out of town.

Will you also share openly about your tradition of worship on Christmas Eve? Of gathering with your church family and hearing the miraculous story of Jesus' birth once more? Of lifting candles and singing Silent Night? Will you be gentle but clear that celebrating Christmas is just not complete without the experience of worshipping the newborn King? Will you be a witness?

Second, how will you respond to the answers others give you? If someone's answer tells you that for them Christmas is limited to family and Santa and nostalgia, will you kindly ask them: Have you ever been to a candlelight service on a Christmas Eve? Would you like to come with me?

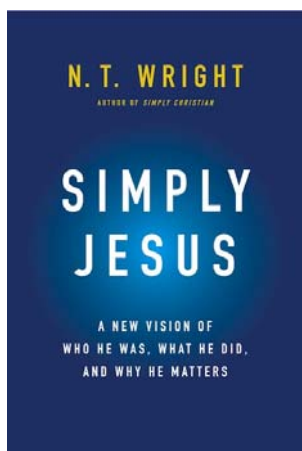
Children's Ministry



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!

Adult Education



Breakfast Club
Mondays, 7 to 8 am
Room 113

Beginning January 9, the Holy Covenant Breakfast Club will be studying *Simply Jesus*. In N.T. Wright's latest book, we are invited to hear one of our leading scholars introduce the story of the carpenter's son from Nazareth as if we were hearing it for the first time.

Contact Gary Feltner gary_feltner@verizon.net for more information or just join us any Monday morning!

Music Ministry



Friends and Family Choir on Christmas Eve, December 24

There is something about this time of year that cracks open closed minds and softens hardened hearts.

Everyone asks one another: What are you doing for Christmas this year? It is Jesus' disciples - those called to be the light of the world - who ask: Would you like to come with me to worship and make this Christmas something more than commercial, but actually spiritual?

A great new Christmas tradition: sharing the wonder and peace of a candlelight service on Christmas Eve with someone who will experience it for the first time, or the first time in a long time.

- On December 24th
- 4:30 p.m. - Family Nativity Service, designed for families with young children
- 5:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service with praise band and candlelight
- 7:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with candlelight and holy communion
- 11:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with candlelight and holy communion

Grace and Peace, Pastor Andy

Christmas Outside the Box

Sermon Series

As we approach Christmas 2011, come and be re-awakened to the radical belief that God in Jesus came to shake up the status quo and to change lives - including yours.



- 12/18 - The Mundane Is the New Sacred
- 12/24 - Surprised by Christmas

Homemade Tamales



Support Christ's Foundry

Christ's Foundry is selling tamales for \$15 per dozen. If you would like to place an order, please contact John Engles jengles@novationco.com by Sunday, December 18 and let him know how many you want and if you prefer chicken or pork. Tamales will be available to pick up at Holy Covenant on Saturday, Christmas

Eve.

Youth Sponsored Coat Drive

Through Dec 18

Got extra coats and jackets in your closet?



at 7 and 11 pm

Wouldn't it be fun to sing in a choir on Christmas Eve? YOU are invited to be a part of our Christmas Eve Choir! There will be a rehearsal in the Choir Room 20 minutes prior to each Candlelight service on Christmas Eve. We will sing the unison anthem "Night of Silence." You can email Debbie and let her know that you will be coming or if you find at the last minute you can join us, come on! Youth and Adults are invited! Home from college? - come sing for the 11:00 pm service and plan to hang out after - location tba. Come be a part of our Christmas Choir!

Music Rehearsals

There will be no rehearsals for children and youth ringing and singing choirs until January. Children start Jan. 4 and Youth start January 8. Adults will not rehearse Dec. 21 or 28 and will resume on January 4. Adults will host an Open House on January 11 for anyone that would like to come. We are always open to new members but January is a great time to start as we regroup and start making plans for Lent/Easter music. There will be a youth choir parent meeting on January 8 during rehearsal to plan our fundraisers and for information about our choir tour to Colorado in June. Have a blessed

The youth are sponsoring a coat drive so bring coats and jackets (any size) to church to donate to Metrocrest. They will be given to those in our area in need.

Advent Conspiracy**Plumpy'nut**

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Shirts are Here!**Get yours this Sunday**

If you ordered a Holy Covenant shirt, you may pick it up Sunday in the Education Building.

**Saturday, December 24 at 4:30 pm**

Christmas!

**Sunday Worship
Schedule**

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

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

Staff

Rev. Andy Lewis,
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Children's and Young
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Minister

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*In Our Thoughts and
Prayers*

The Moren family; the Bowes family; Jane Hargrave; Carlos Castro; Pearl Lopez; Ruth Cayler; Susan McAnally; Brenda Jo Anderson; Paul Chapman; Nancy Cardenas; Dale Payne; Hugh Dixon; Linda & Michael Miller; Mary Gates; Stephen Ministry leaders; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley and Dot Molencupp; Joni Taylor; Dick Ellis; Dwayne & Nikeria Holmes; Norma McCormack; Robyn Goss



Saturday, December 24 at 5 pm



Saturday, December 24 at 7 and 11 pm



& family; James Ross; Julie Bowes; JoAnn Wiggins; Bernard Hardy; Ira McAnally; Marcus Oakley; Mitchell & Ashley Wert; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Brenda McMurtrey; Geraine Allen; Joe Webb; John Heathington's mother; Sara Ray's father; 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; David Zepf; Kim Gobble; Larry Conrad; Noel Tardy; Jeannie Deringer; Arthur Alaniz and family; Bill Hill; Jay & Kathy Cash; Rosie Alexander; Kate Bushmann; Jess Beltran; Annabella Chan; Rick Clement; Lisa Tenore; Vic Anderson; Jon Broom; Barbara Boothe; David Fettke; Chase Gattis; the Koeth family; Rob &

Christmas Day Worship



Saturday Night Contemporary Worship Service



**Saturday, January 21
5:00-6:00 pm**

We are excited about the development of this new service on Saturdays! Monthly "preview" services are planned, 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!

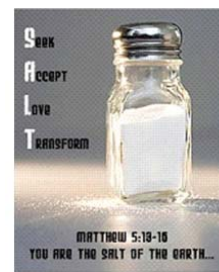
SALT Ministry

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.



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

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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