



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

Seek with God's heart **Grow** in God's word **Serve** all God's people

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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

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March 9, 2012

From Pastor Andy



You Are What You Eat

Last week, Rev. Debbie Chapman and I had the privilege of interviewing candidates for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. These candidates are people who have heard God calling them to use their gifts to serve the Church as ordained elders or deacons. They have gone to seminary, served an internship, and cleared many hurdles in a process that typically takes

about 7 years before reaching the stage of this final interview. Each February when we retreat for several days of these interviews, the days are long, and it can be stressful. But, we always are rewarded with some rich and inspiring conversations with candidates.

One conversation about Holy Communion comes to mind. The candidate was talking about the power of the sacrament of Holy Communion to transform us from the inside out. He recalled that some of the pillars of the Early Church believed that as a person took the bread and wine into his or her body, and as those elements were digested and incorporated into the body, that person's body would literally change into Christ's body to some infinitesimal degree. The more a person participated in this sacrament and ate the consecrated bread and cup, the more Christ would become a part of that person. They believed, in essence, what nutritionists tell us today: we are what we eat.

As a United Methodist Christian, I do not subscribe to the view that the bread and the juice literally become the body and blood of Christ, but I do believe that when we gather around the Lord's table to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion, Christ is present with us in a very real and powerful way. And when we eat the bread and drink the juice, the love of God - which Dr.

with him!



Vacation Bible School 2012

SKY VBS is coming to Holy
Covenant July 9-13!
Leadership Team planning
meetings will begin soon.

If you would like to be
involved, contact Jana Jones
jjones@hcumc.org, Tatum
Curry
tatumtoney@hotmail.com, or
Donna Roberts
gaonmymindtx2001@yahoo.com.

Youth

Lenten Bible Study

February 29 - April 4
Wednesdays, 7-8:30
in the youth room
Experience Serious Bible
Study of the Gospel of Mark.



Save the dates:
Junior High Mission trip:
June 5-10, 2012
C2K (Connect to the
Kingdom), Dallas, TX
Your Cost: \$100 (after
Mission Shares)

Martin Luther King called the most durable power in creation -
fills us and becomes a part of us. The love of God that we receive
at Holy Communion has the power to change us, so that we
ourselves become more assured of our forgiveness from God,
more merciful toward others, more passionate about seeing
justice done in our community, more connected to God through a
relationship grounded in prayer, more clear about what God
counting on us to do once we leave the table. We become more
like Christ. Through Holy Communion, Christ becomes a more
significant part of who we are.

One final comment this particular candidate made about Holy
Communion was that it is a dangerous thing to come to the
Lord's table. Because it has the power to change us, we should
approach with caution. Who knows? We may leave the table with
a call to serve the Lord and to bless others in ways we never
would have anticipated.

In this season of Lent, during which we have more opportunities
than usual to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I pray
that we recognize its power and come to the table expecting the
love of God we receive to change us and make us more and more
like Christ.

After all, we are what we eat!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Andy Lewis

Making All Things New!

Lent Sermon Series

3/11 - A New Measuring Stick
3/18 - A New Ending
3/25 - A New Power
4/1 - A New House of Worship
4/8 - A New Beginning



New Member





Senior High Mission trip:
July 22-28, 2012
 Camp Hope (Katrina
 Hurricane Relief), Gulfport,
 MS
 Your Cost: \$150 (after
 Mission Shares)

Adult Ministry

A Pathway to Discipleship Sundays at 9:45 am

Lent is a good time to take a step toward intentional growth in God's Word. Using the Acts 2:42 model of Discipleship, classes are forming to present an opportunity for discipleship growth. Please consider making a commitment for the six weeks of Lent to spend one hour weekly in study and prayer. Below are some exciting options for you to consider. Other options for study and ministry can be found in the Lent 2012 brochure available in the church lobby.

-FINAL WORDS (sequel to 24 Hours) - Adam Hamilton Lenten series which analysis Jesus' final words from the cross from the perspective of those who heard them.
 Covenant Class - Rm 215
 New Beginnings Class - Rm 213
 Seekers Class - Rm 210

**-"Common Grounds"
 Coffeehouse** - Room 113.
 Discipleship in the Making, a study from Mark. We will study and then use our hands



**Bill Henly, pictured with Sharyn Yetman,
 joined February 26, 2012**

From the Green Team

E-waste Recycling Event

Sims Recycling Solutions, new to Dallas, will host a recycling event **Saturday, March 10**, at which the following items will be accepted: computers, laptops, keyboards, mice, printers, cellphones, radios, stereos, phones, DVD players, CD players and other personal music players, and clocks.



The location will be the American Airlines Center's AT&T Plaza on the corner of Olive and North Houston streets, from 8 a.m. to noon www.us.simsrecycling.com

Sims also accepts electronics for recycling at its Dallas location, 2134 French Settlement Road, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 pm.

"The Well" Contemporary Worship Service

**Saturday, March 10
 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.

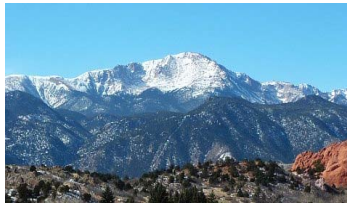
For kids ages Infant-5th Grade - a snack will be provided. Cost is \$5/child or FREE if you attend the service and show

to make a difference in the lives of others. Keeping our minds active, developing our voice through discussion and keeping our hands busy in service as we learn will be the format for this class. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Music Ministry

Music Notes

Rehearsals for Spring Break on Sunday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 14 are canceled. Rehearsals will resume on Sunday, March 18.

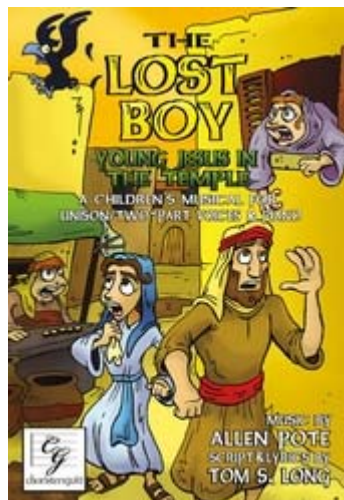


Journey to the Mountain Youth Choir Tour 2012 **June 21-27**

Bon Voyage Concert and Dessert Auction, June 19, Deposits of \$50.00 Due Now

It is not too late to participate.

Come Sundays at 5:00 for Choir.



Children's Choir Musical

your bulletin!

Spring Forward



This weekend

"NOOMA"

Short Term Lenten Small Group

Led by Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org - contact her if you are interested.

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 208

Rob Bell's NOOMA films look at life from Jesus' perspective. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anyone can be a part of it.

NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

March 13 - How do we experience the deep love God intends for us?

March 20 - Do our lives really matter to God?

March 27 - Do we get so wrapped up in religion that we miss out on what's most important to God?

Anti-Racism Training

March 15-17

The Advocates for Justice and Peace in conjunction with the North Texas Area Anti-Racism Team are providing Anti-Racism training. During this training you will be exposed to an in-depth analysis of racism; develop a deeper understanding of the realities of racism for all people regardless of color; and begin to build partnerships to organize for anti-racist churches and secular organizations.



2012

The Music Machine Choir, (grades 1-5) have begun work on "The Lost Boy." This musical is about Jesus as a boy getting lost and his parents finding him in the Temple. It is not too late to be a part of this production.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room A (Sanctuary).
Come join the fun!

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

Erin Lester,
Youth Minister

Cassie Wade,
Ministry Intern

Sheryl Toney,
ECDP Director

Carol Jones,
Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell,
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Miller family; the Reasonover family; the McAnally family; the Helsley family; Anita Pepper; Ed Bayard; Mary Upton; Larry Rayes; Byrne Underhill; Jan Barnes; Jane Hargrave; Carlos & Anne Castro; Pearl Lopez; Brenda Jo Anderson;

This training will further our understanding of the inclusiveness that Holy Covenant is pursuing. The training is 2 ½ days (March 15 - March 17) at the Prothro Center (at Lake Texoma). The cost of the training is \$350 covering training, materials, hotel-style accommodations and all meals. The Advocates are covering \$250 of the cost so the person who attends would have an expense of \$100. The number of scholarships are limited so please submit your name quickly to Rob Evans at revans9409@hotmail.com.

Finding Balance: A Small Group for Moms**1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

All women are invited for study and fellowship!

Contact Jana Jones

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

Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, April 1

7:45 to 10:30 am

Join us for breakfast in the Covenant Center. Proceeds benefit the youth choir tour this summer.

**Easter Lilies**

Cost \$12 each

Purchase a lily in honor or memory of a loved one and help adorn our sanctuary this Easter. Sign up in the narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7

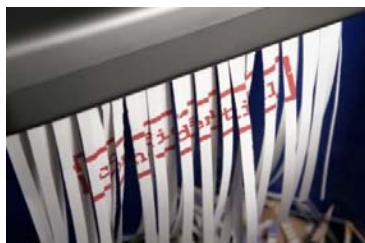
3:30 pm

For Toddlers thru 3rd Grade - bring a basket and a kite!

Candy donations are gratefully accepted! (no chocolate, please)

**Earth Day Shredding Event**

Nancy Cardenas; Dale Payne; Hugh Dixon; Mary Gates; Stephen Ministry leaders; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley; Dot Molencupp; Dick Ellis; Dwayne & Nikeria Holmes; Krystle Wert; Wyatt Atcheson; Betty Oesch; Jeff Oostenbrug; Peggy Tatum; Pam Krause; Anita & Odell Heathington; Jim Crosley; Norma McCormack; Robyn Goss & family; James Ross; Julie Bowes; JoAnn Wiggins; Bernard Hardy; Marcus Oakley; Mitchell & Ashley Wert; Kristin Nelson; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Brenda McMurtrey; Geraine Allen; Sara Ray's father; Linda Hoovler; Nita Sharp; Joe Worthington; Virgil Ronning; Josephine Anderson; Claudia Buntyn; John & Elizabeth Rudolf; John Michael; Sheila Anderson; Stephanie Flangin; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Azlynn and John Hooper; 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; Bonnie Juul; Brooks Williams; Jason & Cary Boyd; Mattie Lannerd; Bob Horton; Phillip Pitts; 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; 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;



Saturday, April 21

Do you have confidential and sensitive documents that need shredding?

Worried about identity theft?

Holy Covenant's Green Team is hosting an Earth Day Shredding Event.

Saturday, April 21st, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Holy Covenant Parking Lot

Open to the public. Still just the low price of \$5 a box (standard size copy paper box)

Services Provided by: Sierra Shred

Craft Fair April 28, 9am to 4pm

Volunteers Needed

Sign Up Now to Help with HCUMC's First Annual Craft Fair! Contact Ginger Rathbun sewsomuch@sewsomuch.com or Sheli Erenberger shelieren@verizon.net for more information.



The vendor application can be found at www.hcumc.org.

Project Transformation



Missions Needs Your Help

Volunteers will be needed again this summer to read to students at Chapel Hill UMC as part of the Project Transformation ministry. In addition, Holy Covenant's Mission Committee would like to sponsor a Project Transformation intern. The cost is \$1500. The program is designed to offer young adults a hands-on opportunity to build lasting relationships with

underserved children and youth, live in intentional community, experience cultural and socio-economic diversity, and explore various careers in service or ministry.



Carrollton West Pet Hospital

www.CarrolltonWestPet.com

**Lynda VanAntwerp, DVM
Leigh-Anne Morris, DVM**

David Fettke; Chase Gattis; the Koeth family; Rob & Jaycinta Kambach; the Valencia family; 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.

Love Them

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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.



Custom Embroidery

Corporate Apparel, Shirts, Caps, etc.

Screen Printing

T-shirts, Team, etc.

Advertising Promotional Items

Pens, Mugs, Magnets, Koozies, etc.

Mike & Rose Lovell

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Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!



Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant. You can contact Jonathan at jkaan@dccc.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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