

Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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

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July 27, 2012

From Pastor Rusty



Dear friends,

I wanted to take a moment to update you on the status of our Bishop, Earl Bledsoe. You may or may not have followed this story but since it will probably show up in the local media, I wanted to offer a comment.

Bishop Bledsoe was elected a bishop and assigned to the North Texas Conference in 2008. Over the last four years concerns have surfaced about his people skills and his management style. These concerns were significant enough that

they were shared with the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee which is a regional group tasked with evaluating and assigning bishops within the south central part of the country.

Earlier this year the committee informed the bishop that our conference did not wish him to continue to oversee our conference and that no other conference in the jurisdiction was willing to receive him. He was left with two options. He could voluntarily retire early or be involuntarily retired. The bishop initially decided to retire but later changed his mind and asked the committee to reconsider.

The committee met with the bishop July 16th and 17th and confirmed their original decision that he be involuntarily retired. He will remain a bishop but in a retired status. There is a possible appeal process and, as I write this, it is still unknown whether or not he will appeal. What seems now inevitable is that our conference will receive a new bishop this fall.

The truth is that a change in bishops will have little if any impact on Holy Covenant. We will continue to be who we are and carry out God's plan as best we can discern that plan. But it is very sad

Children's Ministry



Kids' Sunday School

Classes for Toddlers through 5th Grade at 9:45 am!
Sunday School will BEE fun with Buzz!

Fall Sunday School will begin on August 26.

Please prayerfully consider teaching our kids.

Contact Jana if you are interested.



3rd Grade Bible Presentation

We will give a new Bible to kids beginning 3rd Grade on Sunday, August 26 at both worship services. Please contact Jana by August 10 to make sure your child is on the list.

Youth Ministry

July 29 - No UMYF

August 5 - UMYF

August 10- Lock In for Youth Week!!! More Details to come!!!

August 12 - Youth Week Begins

Sunday

School, 9:45-10:50

"The Gospel According to Dr. Suess"

Wednesday

Nights- Small Groups 7:00-8:30. Wishing to go a little deeper with your faith? Come and join us!

Adult Ministry

for the Bishop and his family. It is sad for everyone who struggled with this very difficult decision. Debbie Chapman is a delegate to the jurisdictional meeting that convened on July 18th and is one of those who were called to struggle with this decision. She will be sharing her perspective on all this between worship services on Sunday, July 29th.

You can read more about all that has transpired in the United Methodist Reporter which can be found on facebook or online.

Grace and peace,
Rusty

5th Sunday Series:

United Methodism 101

Sunday, July 29

9:45 am in the sanctuary

Have you wondered how we are a "connectionalism denomination?". The Advocates of Peace and Justice program this month will explain the UMC organization and, in particular, the governing of our denomination.

We are very privileged to have Debbie Chapman (a delegate to Juristical Conference) and Cassie Wade as presenters.



Family Meetings



Meet Pastor Rusty

The SPPR Committee invites you to meet our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Rusty Hedges, at a Family Meeting. Family meetings will be held at 7PM at the homes of church members through August 26. Sign up at www.hcumc.org for the meeting most convenient for you.

Jeans Sunday

August 5th

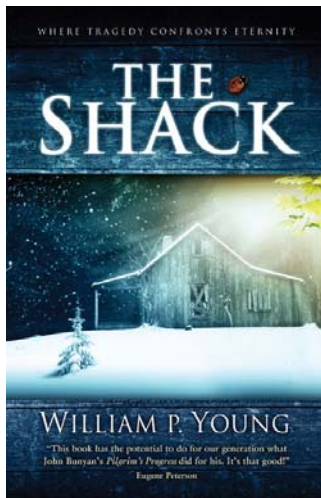
Wear a pair and bring a pair!

Please bring new and gently used jeans to Holy Covenant. The Missions Committee will take all donations to the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Clothes Closet for students in our area.

Collection boxes will be located under the stairs in the Education building. Jeans donations may be made through August 19.



Holy Covenant Breakfast Club



**Short-term Small Group
Thursday evenings
beginning August 23 -
6:30-8:00 pm (for 6
weeks)**

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

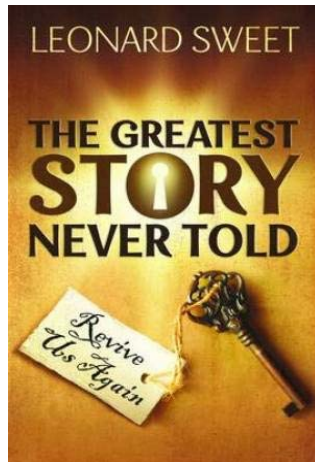
We will read and study the
book "The Shack" by
William P. Young.

In a world where religion
seems to grow increasingly
irrelevant The Shack
wrestles with the timeless
question, "Where is God in
a world so filled with
unspeakable pain?"
Through this story, we will
explore life and death, and
perhaps gain a new
understanding of God,
Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.



**Attention Holy Covenant
Men!**

If you would like to receive
the new Spiritual
Journeyman e-Newsletter,



**New Book Study Begins August 6:
Leonard Sweet's The Greatest Story
Never Told**

**Monday mornings from 7 to 8 am
Room 113**

What makes a Methodist? How can we
re-ignite the spark of genius that
motivated great commitment in our
cloud of witnesses? The essence of
Methodism's genius resides in two
famous Wesleyan mantras: "heart
strangely warmed" (inward experiences
with a fire in the heart) and "the world
is our parish" (outward experiences with

waterfalls of cutting-edge intelligence). For Wesley, internal
combustion, the former, led to external combustion, the latter. In
the 18th century, Methodists in general (and in their younger
years, the Wesley brothers themselves) were accused of being
too "sexy." What else could all those "love feasts" and "strangely
warmed hearts" be about? Why else were all those women in
positions of leadership? With this book the author hopes to bring
back to life some of Methodism's sexiness so that our current
reproduction crisis can be reversed.

Fine Arts Week 2012

August 6-10 from 9 to Noon

for Grades 1-5

REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 31!

**Cost is \$20 per child, no more
than \$30 per family.**

Scholarships are available.

We will present the musical
"Daniel" and experience Babylon
as we learn guitar, keyboard,
handbells and more!

Register online at

www.hcumc.org.

YOUTH AND ADULTS ARE NEEDED TO HELP. Contact Debbie
Chapman dchapman@hcumc.org or Ryan Baumgardner
ryloba@verizon.net if you can help!



Come to The Well



Saturday, August 18

5:00-6:00 pm

A new Saturday night worshipping
community!

Monthly services are planned, with
hopes of a weekly service beginning
in 2012. Join us in a casual, family-
friendly atmosphere and experience
contemporary worship led by a rockin'
band! Childcare is provided for young

please email Bob Michael
at rhmchl@yahoo.com.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir

No Wednesday rehearsals on July 18 or 25. The adult choir WILL sing on Sunday mornings during July. Arrive at 8:00 am for 8:30 service and 10:30 am for 11:00 am service on Sundays.

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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

Staff

Dr. Rusty Hedges,
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

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ECDP Director

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Bookkeeper

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Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The McCreight family; the Fisher family; the Glaze family; the Ditty family; A.P. Loyd; Terry Baucom & family; Dan Zambrano; the Harris family; Sharon Richards; Anita Pepper;

kids.

****Come to the service, then leave your kids from 6:00-9:00 for a Parents' Night Out!**** Email Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org 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!**

Beginning in August!

FINDING BALANCE IN AN IMBALANCED WORLD-A 6-part series that will uncover God's perspective on how to survive & thrive!

THANK YOU

For Making VBS a Soaring Success!

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make SKY a great week!

We were able to include 200 kids in VBS this year, and God did amazing things!

We also appreciate those of you who donated financial gifts - your generosity was overwhelming!

-Jana Jones, Tatum Curry, & Donna Roberts



Cheerleader Camp 2012

Everyone had a great time at cheerleader camp this year. The girls were excited from the time they registered and were given their poms until they were out the door with their melting popsicles (it was a hot day!) The camp coordinators were there early to set up--James Van Horn and Rick Davis



did a great job getting everything set up and making sure we had plenty of pizza! Rachel Heathington, Andrea Allen, and Linda Hill pitched in to get the girls registered, photographed and fed. We had a wonderful group of high school and jr high



Larry Rayes; Hugh & Bea Dixon; John Heathington; Stephen Ministers; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley; Dot Molencupp; Dick Ellis; Linda & Marcus Oakley; Kay Mayfield; Sandra Sisk; Jeffrey Oostenbrug; Bonnie Feltner; Samuel Lee, Jr.; Melissa Anderson; Krystle Wert; Wyatt Atcheson; Peggy Tatum; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Robyn Goss & family; Julie Bowes; JoAnn Wiggins; Bernard Hardy; Mitchell & Ashley Wert; Kristin Nelson; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Geraine Allen; Sara Ray's father; Nita Sharp; Joe Worthington; Virgil Ronning; Josephine Anderson; John & Elizabeth Rudolf; John Michael; Sheila Anderson; James Ross; Stephanie Flangin; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Sandy Serifin; Verne Glass; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Ray Rivera; Donna Crawford; Suzanne & Larry Conrad; the Pillai family; the Wearden family; Isaac & Karissa Gonzales; Darla and Jonathan Sherry; Brooks Williams; Joyce Shipman; Mattie Lannerd; Grant Russum and family; John Cloninger & family; Nathan Berry; Jim Hartley; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Dale Bryan & family; Noel Tardy; Jeannie Deringer; Arthur Alaniz and family; Bill Hill; Jay & Kathy Cash; Rosie Alexander; Kate Bushmann; Jess Beltran; Rick Clement; Lisa Tenore; Vic Anderson; Jon Broom;



cheerleaders--Toni Pepper, Lindsey Dodd, Peyton Ricks, and Katherine Fink-- along with Erin Lester, our youth minister, to teach the campers several cheers and drills. They really did an excellent job teaching the cheers and making the camp a memorable experience for the girls! As you can imagine with twelve girls yelling and cheering at the top of their lungs, it was quite loud in the gym. One little camper was a bit overwhelmed! She had a difficult time with the noise, but after seeing the fun the others were having she decided to join back in! Just before lunch the campers and cheer instructors all gathered to cheer for the parents of the campers. The girls really loved showing their families what they had learned. The camp ended with a pizza lunch that was shared with several siblings of the campers. Everyone had a great time, the campers made new friends, and the parents took their tired campers home to take naps! Several of the campers are planning to come back for the karate camp! Many thanks also, to Mary Jane Van Horne for organizing the camp and contacting the instructors. Linda Hill



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Barbara Boothe; Chase Gattis; Rob & Jaycinta Kambach; the Rainey family; the Hickman family; the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin and family; Anna Hixon; Huffman family; the Pifer family; the Bailey family; and the Witcher family.

Our loved ones in the military

Gabriel Bridges, Jeff Christie, Sean Connelly, Tim Connelly, Chad Davidson, C.J. Davidson, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Marco Mastrogiovanni, 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@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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