



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 Debbie



Are you staying cool? Have you had even a short summer vacation? This issue of the newsletter reminds us that even with hot temperatures outside and summer activities, church leaders are preparing for school and fall programming at the church. On Sunday, August 19, we will honor teachers. If you are a teacher of any kind or work in education in some way, we want to honor you during our worship service. On Sunday, August 26, children are asked to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing. There will also be a presentation to our 3rd graders of their very own Bible. Read the articles below for opportunities for all ages to grow in the Word this fall. I hope you can find a class, choir or small group that will help you grow in your faith.

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.

Fine Arts Week! Many have just spent the past week working on music and Bible stories from the book of Daniel with over 50 children from our church and community. Fine Arts Week is an experience for elementary age children that Holy Covenant's music ministry sponsors every summer. The message throughout the book of Daniel is that God is always with us. Whether things change, whether you are afraid, whether you are lonely or in need of help, God is with you. Children's classes included guitar, keyboard, chimes, art, singing, crafts and Bible stories. Even their snack reflected the Bible stories and theme of the day. Through story and song, the children learned that God can help interpret dreams, shut the mouths of lions and save his followers from burning in the fire of a very hot furnace. Many thanks to class lead teachers: Jonathan Kaan, Jon Lasley, Erin Lester, Becca Jones, Bob Michael, Julie Fuller, and our wonderful assistants. Ryan Baumgardner led the way by coordinating this event. Of course, we couldn't do any of it without the many



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



Youth Week

August 10 - 11, 8 pm

-8am - Lock-In

August 12, 6-8

pm - Games

August 13, 7-8:30 pm -

Messy Monday

August 14 - Movie Night

August 15, 6 pm -

RoughRiders Game

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

volunteers, both adult and youth that shepherd the children throughout their schedule. Come Sunday, August 12 when I bring God's message from these great stories and remember that no matter what, "God is always with you!"

Blessings,
Pastor Debbie

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 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!

Bible Sale



Sunday, August 19

8 am to 12:30 pm

Several styles and versions will be available in the narthex.

Back-to-School

Sunday, August 19

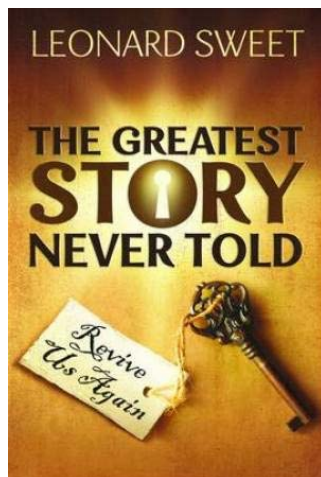
We will recognize all teachers, counselors, and other school employees during worship.

Sunday, August 26

We will recognize students starting a new school year. Children are asked to bring their backpacks.



Taste of Disciple Bible Study



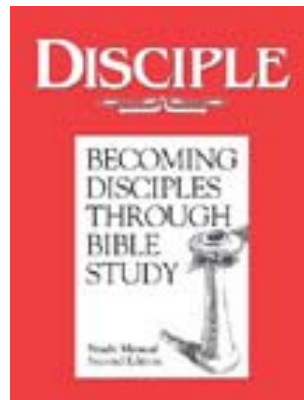
**Holy Covenant Breakfast
Club
New Book Study
Mondays 7 to 8 am
in Room 113**

What makes a Methodist? How can we re-ignite the spark of genius that motivated great commitment in our cloud of witnesses? In the 18th century, Methodists in general (and in their younger years, the Wesley brothers themselves) were accused of being too "sexy." 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.



Attention Holy Covenant Men!

If you would like to receive the new Spiritual Journeymen e-Newsletter, please email Bob Michael at rbmchl@yahoo.com.



**Sunday, August 19
9:45 am in Room 113**

If you are wondering what this study is all about, this preview is for you. In one short hour you will get a taste of the elements in this rich study. Come and see for yourself!

Disciple I class will begin Thursday, August 30 at 7 pm in Room 215, led by Pastor Rusty. Disciple IV classes will begin on Sunday, September 16 at 6 pm in Room 213, led by Gary Feltner.

FREE Haircuts for Kids 3 to 19

**Tuesday, August 21
from 11 am to 2 pm
Wednesday, August 22
from 4 to 6 pm**

No appointments necessary.
Parent permission slip required for children under 18
Paul Mitchell Cosmetology Career Center in Carrollton Texas is providing the haircuts.



FREE Immunizations for Kids 18 and Under



**Thursday, August 23
5 to 7 pm**

You MUST bring your Child's Immunization Record. No appointment needed.

Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Must be "Vaccine for Children" eligible. This means your child is eligible if he/she is an American Indian or Alaskan Native, has no insurance, has insurance that does not cover vaccine, or has CHIP or Medicaid.

If you have insurance that covers vaccines, you are not eligible for this service.

Immunization events are subject to change due to vaccine availability and/or weather conditions. For additional information, please visit www.carevan.org, 972-689-8285.

Ladies in Fellowship Together

Thursday, August 23 at 5 pm

This month we will meet at Holy Covenant and help with immunizations from 5 to 7.

Afterward, we will share a potluck dinner in the youth room.



Music Ministries

**Holy Covenant
Children's Choirs**
*Come be a part of the
fun and learn music that
will help lay the
foundation for your
child's faith journey plus
teach them music skills.*



TV TIME!

Holy Covenant's music program does a variety show every year. This year's show is **Saturday, September 21 at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary and the theme is **TV TIME!** It will feature theme songs from some of our favorite television shows.

Elementary age children will rehearse at 6:30 pm on **September 5, 12 and 19** to prepare a song for the show. Simply come to rehearsal in Room A (NE corner of the Sanctuary) to be a part of the show.

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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

Study of The Shack



Thursday evenings beginning August 23 - 6:30-8:00 pm (for 6 weeks), Room 208

Led by Jana Jones - 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.

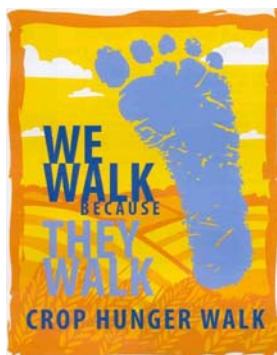
Family Meetings

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. There are only 3 meeting opportunities left on August 23, 25 and 26. Sign up at www.hcumc.org for the meeting most convenient for you.



CROP Hunger Walk



The Interfaith Walk for the Hungry Saturday, September 8

The annual Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, September 8th. Walkers raise awareness of hunger and raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. The Walk route, which is approximately 2 miles, starts/ends on Holy Covenant's grounds (registration 8am, start 8:30am). Water and other family activities will be provided after the Walk.

We often forget that people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day just to get food, water, and fuel for their families. The CROP Hunger Walk is a way to symbolically acknowledge their struggle and to take a stand against hunger and poverty in our world and our community.

Sign up tables and donation packets will be available at Holy Covenant in the narthex area starting August 12th. Please contact Rick Davis (972-814-5325) if you have questions.

Children's Choirs Officially Begin in September!

**The Kick-off is September 26, 2012
at 6:30 pm**

(Register online beginning August 12,
www.hcumc.org)



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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; Arlene Lane; Sharon Richards; Anita Pepper; Larry Rayes; Hugh & Bea Dixon; Stephen Ministers; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley; Dot Molencupp; Dick Ellis; Linda & Marcus Oakley; Sandra Sisk; Jeffrey Oostenbrug; Bonnie Feltner; Samuel Lee, Jr.; Melissa Anderson; Krystle Wert; Wyatt Atcheson; Peggy Tatum; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Kay Mayfield; Ed Webb; 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;



Choirs are available for children, age 3 (by 9/1/2012) through grade 5. **Don't miss our choir kick-off on Wednesday, September, 26 at 6:30 pm.** All are invited! **Pre-school children** rehearse during Worship on Sundays led by our great nursery staff. Elementary children rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm led by Heather Hinton and Melanie Luce.

Children's **handbells** are for grades 3-5. Rachel Millaway and her great assistant Vanessa Lee are leading this choir and they will meet in the Sanctuary beginning September 26 at 6:00 pm.

Children sing in worship at least once a month and present a musical at Christmas and in the spring.

Parents! There is no snack supper this year but we will need for you to sign up to help with the choirs each week. We will have a schedule at the first rehearsal. We also need a parent to attend children's bells each week. Consider how you can help.

Fine Arts Week 2012



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; 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.



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