



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**August 24, 2012**

### It's Time to Join a choir!

Our music ministry is gearing up for a great year. September 22 is our TV Time Variety Show at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. On October 14, our youth choir will participate in a choir festival at Christ UMC Plano with a concert open to the public at 5:30 pm. They will join area youth choirs for a mass choir experience. Also, on October 14, we will honor all of our musicians in our morning worship services. Our special music for Advent includes our children's program on Dec. 2, our first ever Christmas Pops Concert on Dec. 9, and a Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Here are starting dates for ringing and singing choirs:

**Children:** Elementary kids rehearse Sept. 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30 pm for our TV Time show. Regular rehearsals kick-off on September 26 with bells for grades 3-5 at 6:00 and singing choir at 6:30 for grades 1-5. Pre-school children rehearse during the worship hour.

**Youth Singers:** August 26, begins our choir year at 5:00 pm. We'll rehearse for the TV Time Show and begin anthems for the fall. New Members should come on August 26!

**Youth Ringers:** Youth Ringers will join the adults for a TV Time bell song on Wednesdays, Sept. 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30 pm. Regular Youth Ringer rehearsals begin on **Sunday, September 9** at 4:00 pm.

**Covenant Carillons:** Rehearsals for TV Time begin September 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30 pm. We'll combine with the youth bells for this effort. Regular rehearsals for Covenant Carillons begin on September 26 at 6:30 pm.

**Adult Choir:** Rehearsals are ongoing - Come on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. We will have an open house on August 29 to target new members.





### 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 Fellowship, Sunday evenings, 6-8 pm

Grades 7 - 12. Snack supper followed by fellowship, study and fun!

#### 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

## DISCIPLE

#### Disciple I

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!  
Class begins Thursday, August 30 at 7 pm in Room 215. Led by Pastor Rusty.

#### Disciple IV

Class begins Sunday, September 16 at 6 pm in

**Current members!** Get busy and start inviting! **New Ringers and Singers!** We need you! Please check out our great program. Contact Pastor Debbie with any questions at [dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org). Let Debbie know of your interest. The Music Ministry sends a weekly email and we want to make sure YOU are on the list. Nursery is provided for all adult rehearsals!



### 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 2 meeting opportunities left on August 25 and 26. Sign up at [www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org) for the meeting most convenient for you.

### Blessing of Backpacks

#### All kids are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 26!

We will have a special blessing during Children's Time.

Kids will go back to school knowing Holy Covenant is praying for them!



### Susie & Lauren Sendoff



#### Sunday, August 26

Susie and Lauren Shatzsall are moving to Tulsa, OK at the end of the month. There will be a reception for them in the Covenant Center after the 11:00 service. Everyone is invited to stop by and wish them well. Please feel free to bring a card or photo to add to their scrapbook. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa

Oostenbrug [teresa\\_o@verizon.net](mailto:teresa_o@verizon.net).

### Study of The Shack

#### Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 208

Led by Jana Jones [jjones@hcumc.org](mailto:jjones@hcumc.org) - contact her if you are interested.

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

Room 213. Led by Gary Feltner.

**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

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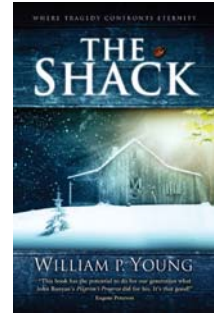
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Bookkeeper

**Elise Webb Odell,**  
Administrative Assistant

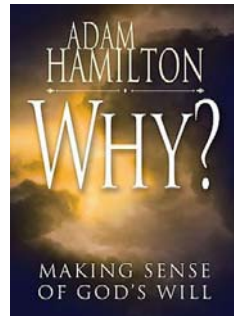
***In Our Thoughts and Prayers***

The Jones family; the Pepper family; the Farish family; the Glaze family; the Ditty family; A.P. Loyd; Terry Baucom & family; Dan Zambrano; Arlene Lane; Sharon Richards; Larry Rayes; Hugh & Bea Dixon; Stephen Ministers; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley; Dot Molencupp; Dick Ellis; Linda & Marcus Oakley; DoReen Burbidge; Sandra Sisk; Jeffrey Oostenbrug; Bonnie Feltner; Samuel Lee, Jr.; Melissa Anderson; Krystle Wert; Wyatt Atcheson; Peggy Tatum; Pam Krause;

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.



**Why? Why? Why?**



Why do the innocent suffer, and die? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can't I see God's will for my life? Have you ever asked any of these questions?

Holy Covenant will offer a four week book study in September, and delve into these and other questions. We will read Adam Hamilton's book WHY, MAKING SENSE OF GOD'S WILL.

We are offering the hour long class at two different times:

9:45 AM on Sunday's beginning on Sept. 2, Room 113, lead by Mark Millar  
Or 7 PM on Tuesday's beginning on Sept. 4, Room 215, led by Susan Rardin

Join us!

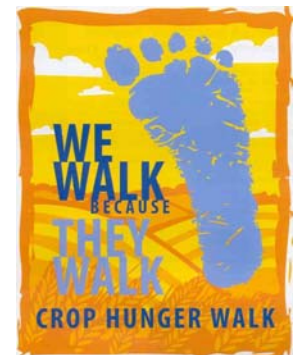
**CROP Hunger Walk**

**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 are available at Holy Covenant in the narthex area. Please contact Rick Davis (972-814-5325) if you have questions.



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; Sheila Anderson; James Ross; Stephanie Flangin; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Sandy Serfin; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Ray Rivera; Donna Crawford; Suzanne & Larry Conrad; Floyd & Stephanie Talley; Erin Beavers & family; Kyla Walls; 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.

## Come to "The Well"



**Saturday, September 15  
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](mailto: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!**

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

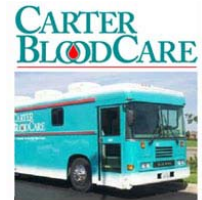
## Blood Drive

**Sunday, September 16  
9 to 1 pm**

**in the Covenant Center**

Give blood. Often.

Be a part of something great.



## TV Time Variety Show



**Saturday, September 22  
7 pm in the sanctuary**

Holy Covenant's music program does a variety show every year.

This year's show is TV TIME! It will feature theme songs from some of our favorite television shows.

**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](mailto: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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