



## 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**

9:45-10:45 am every  
Sunday!

Preschool - Room 103

PreK/Kindergarten - Room  
105

1st-5th Grade - Rooms 202  
& 206

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From Pastor Rusty



As most of you are aware, Erin Lester has resigned as our director of youth ministries. Erin and Bobby have prayerfully concluded that God is calling Erin and her family in a different direction at this time. I know I speak for all of you in wishing Erin and her family the very best as she continues to seek God's will for her service.

Because we consider our youth ministry a very high priority for our church, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has decided that it would be helpful to bring in an

interim youth director to serve for the next few months while we search for the best possible replacement for Erin. The feeling of the committee is that an experienced person who would serve for a brief time will provide continuity, allow us time to search and help make the transition to a new person as smooth as possible.

The committee has contracted with Rev. Brian Hardesty-Crouch to be our youth minister for the next four months. Some of you may know Brian. Some years ago he served as an interim youth director here at Holy Covenant and his wife, Mary Beth Hardesty-Crouch also served on staff here in the past. Brian is an elder in the North Texas Conference and has previously served as interim youth director at several churches including First United Methodist Church, Richardson and First United Methodist Church, Dallas. Brian brings 20 years of experience in youth ministry and a resume that includes regular teaching assignments at the Perkins School of Theology School of Youth Ministry. I believe that we are very fortunate that Brian was available and willing to help us through this transition. He will begin his work here on November 1st and plans to be with us through the end of



### Save the Date!

Family Advent Festival -  
Saturday, December 15  
4:00-7:00 pm - more  
details to come!  
Join us for an evening of  
fun, fellowship, worship,  
and service!

### Youth Ministry

For all youth in 7th -  
12th Grade

**Sunday Nights** - UMYF 6-8  
pm. Snack supper followed  
by fun and fellowship!

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

### Adult Ministry



### Finding the Light: A Small Group for Young Adults

Every other Tuesday-7 pm  
All are invited for study and  
fellowship at Café Brazil in  
Carrollton!

Current book study is  
UnChristian by David  
Kinnaman & Gabe Lyons  
Contact Jana Jones

February, 2013.

We will begin as soon as possible to search for a permanent replacement for Erin. Our hope is that the new person will be in place by the time Brian leaves. We hope that all of us can come together to work with Brian during this time of transition to continue Holy Covenant's tradition of a strong ministry to and with the youth of our community. We also solicit your prayers as the committee works to find the right person to lead our youth ministry in the future.

Grace and peace,  
Rusty

### *In the Light of Grace*

#### Stewardship Campaign

Our church has begun a special campaign called *In the Light of Grace*-- designed to illuminate evidence of God's love around us and cause us to consider our responses to it. In the coming weeks in testimonials and sermons, we'll focus on the grace that pervades our lives and our ministries. In the light of all God does, we'll examine the privilege of stewardship as one response to that abundant grace.



### Time Change



Remember to set your clocks back BEFORE you come to church this Sunday, November 4!

### Connection Extravaganza

Sunday, November 4  
9:30am  
in the Covenant Center  
You love Holy Covenant,  
now Get Connected!  
Come on Nov 4 during  
the Sunday School hour  
to learn about  
different committees and  
small groups. Let God be



[jjones@hcumc.org](mailto:jjones@hcumc.org) if you would like to participate.



**Finding Balance: A Small Group for Moms  
2nd Wednesday of each month, 9:30 - 11:30 am**

All women are invited for study and fellowship!

Contact Jana Jones

[jjones@hcumc.org](mailto:jjones@hcumc.org) if you would like to participate.



**Romans Study  
Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 pm  
Room 215**

**Nov. 7 through Dec. 5**  
Don't just love God, learn how to love like God!

Signup in the narthex, or contact Mark Millar  
[mcmillar@att.net](mailto:mcmillar@att.net).

**Music Ministry**

New members always welcome!

[dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org) for more information.

**Singing choirs:**

Children (grades 1-5) -  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm  
Youth (grades 6-12) -  
Sundays, 5:15 pm  
Adults - Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

**Ringin'g Choirs:**

Children (grades 3-5) -  
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm  
Youth (grades 6-12) -  
Sundays, 4:30 pm  
Adults - Wednesdays, 6:30

God through you in an important ministry at Holy Covenant.

**Playground Needs**



We will have a special offering during worship on November 4. Our playground is in need of some repairs. We need to replace the slides and tunnels on our climbers. The fence and gates need repairs. The fire truck needs to be painted and receive a new steering wheel. Other small fixit projects are also needed.

Our playground is used almost daily. Not only do the children of ECDP use it but also the children in Sunday School, VBS, scout troops, etc. Children from the surrounding community drop by. It is a busy place for children to play.

Please help us make these repairs so that we can have a safe playground for all of the children who use it. Plan now to donate funds to help us with this project.

**Adult Mission Trip**

**Bastrop, TX  
November 5-9**

Last spring the North Texas Conference of United Methodist Churches contacted us about this mission opportunity. As many of you know over 1,700 homes were destroyed in wildfires last fall in the Bastrop, TX area.

Around 50% of the homes were uninsured or underinsured.



The United Methodist Church is partnering with other denominations and the Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team to help rebuild homes.

We will stay at Faith Village, an ecumenical village on the grounds of the First Baptist Church, Smithville, TX. The cost of \$20.00 per person per day covers food and lodging.

The dates that we have secured are Nov. 5-9, 2012. Monday and Friday are travel days with work days scheduled for Tues.-Thurs. It is not required that workers stay the whole week. Individuals may come for shorter periods of time. All skill levels are welcome. We will know more about our specific work tasks as we get closer to the date.

Contact our team leader, Rick Davis [mdrdtexas@hotmail.com](mailto:mdrdtexas@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Church Conference**



pm

## Missions



### CROP Hunger Walk - Final Results

The 2012 Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk donation total was \$15,876, which was provided by the generous supporters of the the 11 church teams plus the Metrocrest team participating in the Walk. 25% of these donations are returned to Metrocrest Food Pantry to support their community food programs in our community. The balance of the donations support Church World Services in their for their world wide hunger and poverty fighting programs. Holy Covenant's team provided \$2,156 of this overall total.

I want to thank all Holy Covenant congregants who assisted in supporting of our team and who helped set up activities on the day of the Walk. Special thanks go to Mary Burnett and Jacob Lester who were the winners of the CROP t-shirts through their efforts in raising the largest donations for the adult and youth categories, respectively.

It was a successful and beautiful day.

Rick Davis



Sunday, November 11

6 pm

Webb Chapel UMC

2536 Valley View

Farmers Branch

All members are encouraged to attend and vote. We will vote on important church business including a recommendation to support Jana Jones as a candidate for Licensed Local Pastor.

### What Will Another Month of Giving Provide?

Your finance committee has reviewed the funds needed for the remainder of 2012. As of the end of September 2012 the church will need to raise approximately \$218,000 in the fourth quarter if we are to pay our expected bills and end the year in a positive cash balance.



Thanks to a very successful auction and positive giving for the first 2 weeks of October \$50,000 of that amount has been given. In order to make this number relevant to each person, the finance committee estimates that if each giver were able to give one twelfth of their annual giving in addition to their normal giving in the fourth quarter of 2012, Holy Covenant would be in a positive cash balance at the end of 2012. This is referred to a 13th month of giving.

At of this date it appears that our expenses for 2012 will be about \$25,000 less than budget. I want to commend our staff and volunteers in keeping our cost below budget in many ways. Also your giving to Holy Covenant is about \$5,000 more than last year as of the end of September 2012. I want to thank everyone for their continued support and commend you for supporting the church with your funds during this year. In order for Holy Covenant to end the year in a positive cash position I want to ask each of you to prayerfully consider giving a 13th month during 2012. I understand that not everyone is in a position to make this sacrifice, but for those that can the church will appreciate your giving and expect that everyone will give what you can in order for the church to be in a positive cash position at year end.

Thanks for all that you have given and for your continued support.

Johnny Swaim  
Finance Chairperson

Come to "The Well"



Saturday, November 17

5:00-6:00 pm

## Mission Committee

Sunday Worship  
Schedule8:30 and 11:00 am  
Worship Services9:45 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**Brian Hardesty-Crouch,**  
Youth Minister**Cassie Wade,**  
Ministry Intern**Sheryl Toney,**  
ECDP Director**Carol Jones,**  
Bookkeeper**Elise Webb Odell,**  
Administrative Assistant*In Our Thoughts and  
Prayers*

The family of Tommie Miller; the family of Josephine Anderson; the Ray family; the Glaze family; Larry Toney; Tina Ross; Tatum Curry; John Heathington; A.P. Loyd; Andy & Arlene Lane; Sharon Richards; Larry Rayes; Hugh & Bea Dixon; Stephen Ministers; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley; Dot Molencupp; Dick Ellis; Linda & Marcus Oakley; Michael Prees; Michael McAnally; John Bator; Bobby McConnell; Larry Blassingame; Carl Robertson; DoReen Burbidge; Sandra Sisk;



A new Saturday night worshipping community!

Monthly services are planned, with hopes of a weekly service beginning in 2013. 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 sermon series that will uncover God's perspective on how to survive & thrive!

## Letter from Pastor Duk Kun Kim

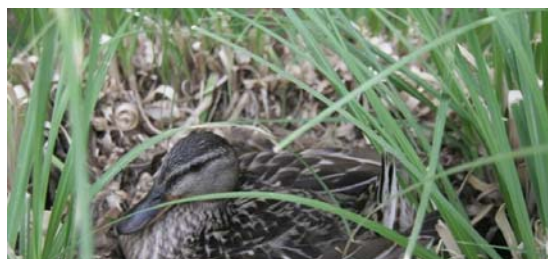
Dear Members of Holy Covenant  
United Methodist Church,

Peace be with all the family of Holy Covenant United Methodist Church.

I would like to send appreciative words to all members of Holy Covenant United Methodist Church for serving Fellowship United Methodist Korean Church with your hearts and materials during last three years. At the same time, I seek your understanding that I could only express appreciation with this letter instead of visiting due to the duplication of service time.

Last July 15th, 2012, Fellowship United Methodist Church and Good Seed United Methodist Church became united in the midst of God's profound love. Now I can confess that our Church has almost settled down in God's grace and providence.

Above all, our Fellowship UMC members will never forget Holy Covenant UMC family and your deep love. Had it not been for your devotion and unconditional love, there would not be such results now we are seeing. Your sacrifice and serving gave birth to this new church, and I believe God rejoices in what has happened.



About two years ago, I saw a duck sit on eggs at Holy Covenant UMC. The mother duck always kept the eggs safe day and night. As



Jeffrey Oostenbrug; Bonnie Feltner; Samuel Lee, Jr.; Melissa Anderson; Krystle Wert; Wyatt Atcheson; Peggy Tatum; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Julie Bowes; JoAnn Wiggins; Bernard Hardy; Mitchell & Ashley Wert; Kristin Nelson; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Geraine Allen; Nita Sharp; Joe Worthington; Virgil Ronning; John & Elizabeth Rudolf; John Michael; Sheila Anderson; James Ross; Stephanie Flangin; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Sandy Serifin; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Ray Rivera; Donna Crawford; 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.

Our loved ones in the



time went by, the mother's feathers had been pulled off and she seemed worn out. However, she was

always there. One day, I looked at the nest on a stormy day, she was still there and finally the eggs had hatched.

Holy Covenant UMC embraced Fellowship UMC with unconditional love as the mother duck kept the eggs for three years. Thanks to your love that you have given, Christ United Methodist Church will give the same kind of love to many people. I pray sincerely that Holy Covenant UMC Members be full of happiness, be grown and mature in Jesus Christ. I bless and love you.



Sincerely,

Christ United Methodist Church  
Senior Pastor Duk Kun Kim



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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.

### 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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