

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 Rusty



Dear friends,

I confess that I am very pleased and excited about what is happening and about to happen here at Holy Covenant. My hope is that we will soon check off three very important items from our "to do" list for 2013. We have been preparing to transition "The Well," our contemporary worship community from a monthly to a weekly schedule. We have been looking for someone to take over the leadership of our ministry with youth and we have also been looking for someone to take over the leadership of our ministry with children once Jana moves to a full time ministry with "The Well" and related small group ministries. I anticipate that all three of those challenges will be met in the next four to six weeks.

Plans are coming together for our first weekly gathering of "The Well" community on Saturday, March 16th. We will be doing a number of things to get the word out about this new worship opportunity. I hope that you will help us let folks know that this is happening. It is also vitally important that this new effort of Holy Covenant be undergirded with prayer. You will be hearing more about that in the coming weeks but I would encourage every member of Holy Covenant to begin praying for the success of this endeavor.

In addition, the Staff-Parrish Relations Committee has been working very hard to fill these two positions on our staff. They are meeting frequently and have already interviewed several candidates for those positions. We have other applicants that we will be considering in the near future and my hope is that the committee will be able to make decisions about those positions in the next few weeks.

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

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!



**Spaghetti Dinner & Talent
Show**

2/24/2013

We welcome performers of
all ages, youth & adult!
To perform your art, talent,
or tasteful humor,
contact Andrea Millaway,
469-831-4068

Adult Ministry



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

These positions will be crucial to the future of our church and I would ask that you include the members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in your prayers as they carefully weigh the merits of the various candidates and arrive at what is best for Holy Covenant. The committee members are to be commended for the careful and prayerful manner in which they are going about this search process. The committee and especially the chair, Susan Blessingame, have already invested considerable time and effort in finding the right people to lead our congregation in these important ministries. I know that they, as much as I, covet your prayers as we work through this process.

I believe that once we have achieved these three goals we will be able to move forward together in making Holy Covenant the church that God sees that it can be.

Grace and peace,
Rusty

New Members



**Joe Silvia and Matthew Vannoy
joined January 27, 2013.**

Valentine Bake Sale

**Sunday, February 10
8 am to 12:30 pm**

Proceeds to benefit the Youth Choir Tour 2013!

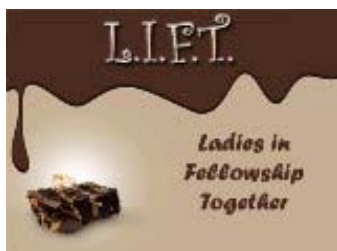
**Sunday mornings
9:45-10:45 am**

All are invited to study and fellowship at **Café Brazil** in Carrollton!

Current book study is *Come To Me* by Laura Davis.

Contact Jana Jones

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

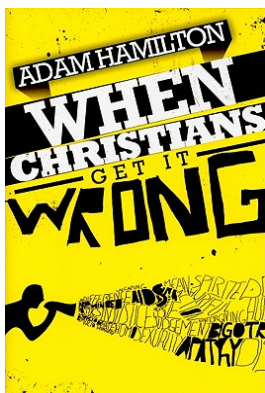


**L.I.F.T.
Ladies in Fellowship
Together**

**Thursday, Feb. 21
at 6:30 pm at Movalynn
McKee's home**

Contact Cassie

cwade@hcumc.org for more information.



**Short-Term Small Group
Tuesday evenings,
beginning February 12-
6:30-8:00 pm (for 6
weeks)**

Study and discussion of Adam Hamilton's book "When Christians Get It Wrong"

Contact Jana Jones

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

See Jill Zambrano to volunteer and be sure to come support our youth musicians.



Blood Drive



**Sunday, February 10
9 am to 1 pm**

in the Covenant Center

Give blood. Often. Be a part of something great.

Ash Wednesday

February 13

**Dinner at 6:30 pm
in the Covenant
Center**

**Worship at 7:30 pm
in the sanctuary**



FREE Basketball Camp for Kids



**Saturday, February 16
from 10 am to noon in
the Covenant Center**

For boys and girls grades K-6. All skill levels.

Register online at

www.hcumc.org.

Come to "The Well"

**Saturday, February 16
5:00-6:00 pm**

A new Saturday night worshipping community!

Monthly services are planned, with a weekly service beginning on **March 16!**

Music Ministry



Rehearsals:

Singing Choirs rehearse in the Choir Room (SE quadrant of the Sanctuary Bldg.):
 Children (grades 1-5)
 Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
 Youth (grades 6-12)
 Sundays at 5:15 pm
 Adults - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm



Ringing Choirs rehearse in the Sanctuary
 Children (grades 3-5)
 Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
 Youth (grades 6-12)
 Sundays at 4:30 pm
 Covenant Carillons (adult/youth advanced)
 Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
NEW BELL CHOIR--Bell's Angels for Adults - Sundays at 3:30 pm

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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

Staff

Dr. Rusty Hedges,

Join us in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere and experience contemporary worship led by a rockin' band! Childcare will be provided for young kids.

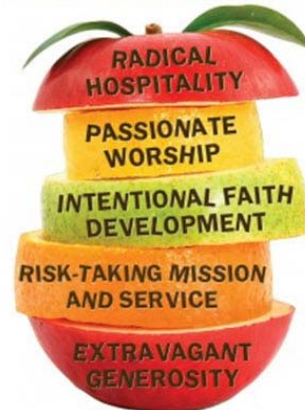
****Come to the service, then leave your kids from 6:00-9:00 for a Parents' Night Out!**** Email Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org to make a reservation. For kids ages

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



Five Practices of Fruitful Living

Fruitful



Living

Lenten Study

This Lent season (February 17 through March 24), Holy Covenant will embark on an all church study of Bishop Robert Schnase's book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*. In his book, Schnase lays out five practices which lead to an abundant Christian life. Each of these five disciplines are modeled by Jesus. They are radical hospitality, risk-taking mission and service, passionate worship, intentional faith development, and extravagant generosity. You and your family can participate in several ways.

- 1) Attend worship each week. The weekly emphasis will center on one of these disciplines.
- 2) Participate in a small group study of Schnase's book. Groups are scheduled to meet on Sunday mornings, Monday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex. Youth study group will meet Sundays at 9:45 am or Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Youth Room. Classes will begin the week of February 17.
- 3) Pick up a Family Study sheet each week in the Narthex. These worksheets help to make the principles of these disciplines a reality for all ages in the family
- 4) If group study is not feasible for you, then we have an independent study available. Schnase's companion devotional book, *Forty Days of Fruitful Living* is a daily guide through each of these disciplines. Pick one up this Sunday in the Narthex.

Senior Pastor
Rev. Debbie Chapman,
 Associate Pastor, Music
 Ministries
Jana Jones,
 Children's and Young Adult
 Minister
Brian Hardesty-Crouch,
 Youth Minister
Cassie Wade,
 Spiritual Formation Minister
Sheryl Toney,
 ECDP Director
Carol Jones,
 Bookkeeper
Elise Webb Odell,
 Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Hunt family; Elizabeth Krause; the Ruggles family; Caitlin Scarlett; Lexie Mitcham; Tina Ross; Korbin Crowder; Jenny Martin; Hugh Dixon; Dick Ellis; Linda & Marcus Oakley; Stephen Ministers; the Berks family; Zelma Hunt; Christopher McAnally; Betty Oesch; Michael Prees; Michael McAnally; John Bator; Bobby McConnell; Carl Robertson; DoReen Burbidge; Sandra Sisk; Bonnie Feltner; Samuel Lee, Jr.; Melissa Anderson; Wyatt Atcheson; Peggy Tatum; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; 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

If you have any questions about this study or about any of the classes, please contact Cassie Wade at cwade@hcumc.org.

Taking Risks!

Sunday, February 24

The Advocates for Justice and Peace will sponsor two dynamic speakers on February 24 to speak about risk-taking mission and service. Please make plans to join us and invite others who will enjoy a rich and powerful morning!



Dr. Zan Holmes will be the guest preacher at both services. Dr. Holmes is Pastor Emeritus of St. Luke "Community" UMC in Dallas. In 2012 Dallas ISD opened the Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Middle School as a tribute to his social justice work in Dallas. You may recognize Dr. Holmes as the narrator and host of the well known Disciple I Bible Study video series. He is both a spiritual leader and a civil rights activist who passionately advocates for social justice and equality.

Between the two services at 9:45 am, Dr. Holmes will be joined by Dr. Bill McElvaney. They will speak about their personal risk-taking experiences in ministry as they worked for social justice.



Dr. McElvaney is the author of *Becoming A Justice Seeking Congregation* and received the SMU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1980 and in 2013 for his work in Peace and Justice. Dean William Lawrence from Perkins/SMU observes, "In his career, he has served as a professor, as a seminary president, and as a pastor. He is a model of integrity, with a passion for justice, who is always ready to labor for peace. But, in every step along the way, he acts with decency and respect for all of God's children."

Easter Lilies

Cost \$12

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

Crawford; Floyd & Stephanie Talley; John Francis; Kim Gobble; Katy Cook; 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 military

Gabriel Bridges, Chad Davidson, C.J. Davidson, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Marco Mastrogiovanni, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Logan Vidrine, Ashley Wert, C.J. Westmoreland, & Brad Wethington.



Craft Fair April 20



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to Help with HCUMC's Second Annual Craft Fair! Contact Ginger Rathbun sewsomuch@sewsomuch.com or Sheli Erenberger shelieren@verizon.net for more information.

A planning meeting will be held Sunday, February 10 at 1:30 pm in Room 210.

Mozart Requiem

Everyone is invited!

The Wesleyan Choir has begun work on Mozart's Requiem Mass to be performed with First United Methodist Church of Plano on April 28, 2013. Scores and listening CD's are available in the choir room. It is not too late if you'd like to join us for this performance and for performances of individual movements during our Lent services here at Holy Covenant. Come on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm! Questions...contact Debbie Chapman at dchapman@hcumc.org.



Early Childhood Development Program



2013-2014 Enrollment

Holy Covenant ECDP is now enrolling children 18 months through Kindergarten. Contact Director Sheryl Toney stoney@hcumc.org for more information.

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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