



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,

When I'm sitting at the computer in my office, I can just catch a glimpse of the sky through the window in my outside door. The sky today is just about cloudless and a beautiful light blue. It was definitely cool when I came out this morning but the sun had warmed things up considerably by the afternoon and it turned out to be a very pleasant day. It occurs to me that we seldom think about the weather except when it interrupts

some plan we have made for the day.

But the weather is just part of the wonder of God's creation and it's a good way to think about the God who created the world in which we live. On a sunny afternoon like today when we feel the warmth of the sun, I hope you will be reminded of the ever present love of God that can warm us on the dreariest or unhappiest of days. If it is raining, I hope that you will be mindful of the waters of baptism that initiate us into the body of Christ and allow us to be made righteous in the eyes of God.

On the occasional times in Texas when snow covers the ground, I hope that you will be mindful of the purity of God and the power of God's love to erase our foolish mistakes and selfish or hurtful actions toward one another. In the spring or fall as the grass changes color and the trees lose their leaves or put forth new growth, I hope you will remember the constantly changing nature of life compared to the unchanging nature of God and the constancy of God's love for the creation.

It is true that, "This is my Father's world..." and all of creation can teach us about God. It is for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear to be aware of what is around us and give thanks to the one who brought forth such an amazing and at

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!

**Summer Mission Trip
Info Has Changed!**
**Junior High Mission Trip,
June 23-29, 2013.** San
Marcos River Work Camp.
Home repairs &
maintenance for people in
need
(includes a day at
Schlitterbahn water park!)

**Senior High Mission Trip,
July 21-28, 2013.** Ozark
Mountains, Booneville,
Ark! Home repairs for
people in need, plus games
with children in the area.

Registration due March 24

Adult Ministry



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

time surprising and beautiful world.
I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday as we worship God
together.

Grace and peace,
Rusty

Time Change

**This
weekend!**



Prayer Vigil for *The Well*



**Wednesday, March 13 - Saturday,
March 16**

Our contemporary worship community, *The Well* will begin worshipping weekly on Saturday, March 16. We are asking everyone to show their support by joining a 72 hour prayer vigil leading up to this first weekly service.

If you would like to take part, go to
<http://www.signupgenius.com>

[/go/8050C4CA4A72DAB9-prayer](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA4A72DAB9-prayer) or sign up in the narthex
this Sunday.

Come to "The Well"

**Weekly service for this
Saturday night worshipping
community begins on
Saturday, March 16!
5:00-6:00 pm**

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!** March PNO is on
the 23rd, then the 3rd Saturday of each month**

Adults
Sunday mornings
9:45-10:45 am

All are invited for 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.

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



Ringed 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

beginning in April.

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!

Youth Choir Breakfast Fundraiser



Palm Sunday, March 24
7:45 - 10:30 am
in the Covenant Center
 Donations will benefit the youth choir summer tour.

Maundy Thursday

March 28
7 pm

A Taize service of Holy Communion featuring the youth and adult choirs.



Good Friday



March 29
7 pm

A service of darkness featuring the Wesleyan Choir performing parts of Mozart's *Requiem*.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30
4 pm

Kids ages Toddler thru 3rd Grade are invited to hunt eggs on the east lawn. Bring a basket and a kite!
We need items to stuff in 1,000 eggs!
 If you would like to help us make this event a success, please bring donations of candy, stickers, and other fun items by Sunday, March 24.

When choosing candy, please remember:
 -no chocolate (ants like chocolate, too!)



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,
Young Adult Minister/Lead
Pastor of The Well

Cassie Wade,
Spiritual Formation Minister

Brian Hardesty-Crouch,
Youth Minister

Tonya Martin,
Children's Minister

Sheryl Toney,
ECDP Director

Carol Jones,
Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell,
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Trimble family; Larry Rayes; Bill Jones; Donna McAnally; the Ruggles family; Caitlin Scarlett; Lexie Mitcham; Tina Ross; Korbin Crowder; Jenny Martin; Hugh Dixon; Dick Ellis; Linda & Marcus Oakley; Stephen Ministers; Amber Ramirez; the Berks family; Michael Prees; Michael McAnally; John Bator; Bobby McConnell; Carl Robertson; DoReen Burbidge; Sandra Sisk; Bonnie Feltner; Samuel Lee, Jr.; Melissa Anderson; Peggy Tatum; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; JoAnn Wiggins; Bernard Hardy;

-make sure it's individually wrapped (no jellybeans, etc.)
-make sure it will fit inside a plastic egg (no suckers, etc.)
THANK YOU!!

Easter Sunrise Worship



March 31

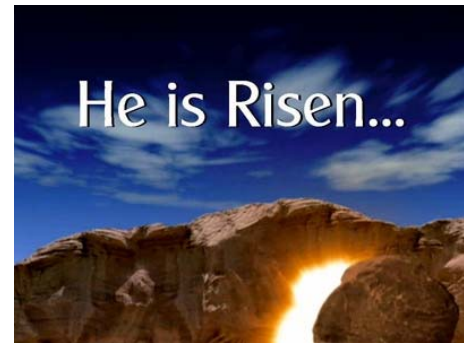
6:30 am

Worship led by youth
followed by a Potluck
Breakfast in the Covenant
Center.

Easter Worship

Services of
Resurrection
The Well,
Saturday, March 30 at
5 pm

Traditional Worship,
Sunday, March 31 at
8:30 and 11 am



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.

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, March 17 at 1:30 pm in
Room 202.



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; Michele Foust; Rev. Leslie Herrscher; Mary Robinson; the Mata family; the Serafin family; Martha & Hugo Taylor; 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

Early Childhood Development Program



2013-2014 Enrollment
Holy Covenant ECDP is now enrolling children 18 months through Kindergarten. Contact Director Sheryl Toney stone@hcumc.org for more information.

Summer Changes

**Updates for our Summer Schedule:
Choir Tour "Bread for the Journey"
June 13-18**

**Senior High Mission Trip
July 21-28
Location: Booneville, Arkansas**

**Fine Arts Week
August 5-9**



See the updated Stock Sale brochure at http://www.hcumc.org/media/Youth/Stock_sale_brochure_2013.pdf

Food Pantry Need:



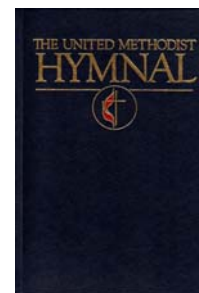
Macaroni & Cheese

Please drop off boxes at the church office.

Hymnal Dedications

Honor a Loved One

If you would like to purchase a hymnal for Holy Covenant, you may do so in honor or in memory of a loved one. Simply fill in the donation sheet in the narthex with the names for the name plate that will appear in the front of the hymnal. Cost is \$20 and you can place your payment in the collection plate with a notation that it is for a hymnal.



Gabriel Bridges, Chad Davidson, C.J. Davidson, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Logan Vidrine, & Ashley Wert.

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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