



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 want to give you an update on our youth ministry. As many of you know, after Georgia Harrison left last year, we hired Erin Lester to lead our youth ministry. After a few months Erin decided that God was leading her in a different direction and she resigned. Rather than rush into a decision about a replacement and to give the youth program the attention it deserves, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee decided to contract with

Rev. Brian Hardesty-Crouch to be our interim youth director. Brian has been here for the last five months and I am exceedingly grateful for the work he has done. Brian's last Sunday will be Easter Sunday, March 31st.

The SPPR committee has reviewed a number of resumes, talked with a number of persons and interviewed several persons for the position of director of youth ministry. I think I speak for the committee in saying that the committee feels that this is a very important position on our staff and wants to make sure that we find the best possible person for that slot. At this point we have not settled on anyone we feel would fit all our needs in a director of youth ministry.

Rev. Debbie Chapman has approached the committee with an offer to serve as coordinator of the youth program through the end of the summer. Debbie has worked with many of these young people through the children and youth choirs in recent years and has a deep commitment to this ministry. She has recruited Neil Parker, a young man who has been a long time member of Holy Covenant to serve as her volunteer assistant. Neil was a part of the youth ministry here when he

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**

**March 24!
Youth/Parent Meeting
for Junior High, Senior
High and Choir Mission
Trips**

Sanctuary at 5:15 pm.

Registrations and/or
deposits are due at this
meeting. This is also
Brian's last night with us.
Come tell him how much
you appreciated his
leadership! You won't
want to miss UMYF on
April 7. Neil and Debbie
will kick-off our time
together with a special
program by "Neil!"
Dinner will be delicious!
Plan to come! Bring
someone that hasn't been
for a while!

was in high school and served as summer interim youth director some years ago. Neil has a great passion for this church and its ministry with youth and I believe will be a strong addition to our program.

Debbie plans to recruit adults who are currently working with youth, as well as those that have worked with our youth before to take turns leading programs and other events including the summer mission trips. I am very appreciative for Debbie's desire to help with this responsibility and very hopeful that this plan will be beneficial. Meanwhile the SPPR committee will continue to search diligently for the right person to add to our staff on a permanent basis. I sincerely hope that the adults that Debbie contacts will be willing to volunteer their time and that our youth will take this opportunity to be a part of our program.

There are a lot of great things happening at Holy Covenant and I hope all of you will make a special effort to be part of what God is doing in the life of this congregation.

Grace and peace,
Rusty

Baptism and New Members

Rachel Elizabeth Ditty
baptized March 17, 2013
pictured with Kim and Ted Ditty



**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
Adults
Every other Sunday
morning - 9:45-10:45
am**

All are invited for study
and fellowship at Café



**Kylie, Tonya, and Garrett Martin
joined March 17, 2013**

Introducing Our New Children's Minister

Tonya Martin

Tonya, a Texas native, comes to Holy Covenant from First United Methodist Church in McAlester, OK. Tonya has been on staff as the Children's Director at First McAlester for the last year and considers her move to Holy Covenant as a homecoming. Tonya was born in Dallas and lived many places around the metroplex growing up. She attended middle school and high school in Carrollton and graduated from R.L Turner High school in 1994.



Tonya attended the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS and received a BA in Communications in 1997. She returned to Dallas shortly after college and worked in the corporate world as a Public Relations professional until moving to Tulsa, OK in 2003. Tonya's oldest child Kylie was born in 2004 and she took on a new role as a stay at home mom. Her youngest child Garrett was born in 2006. Tonya

Brazil in Carrollton!
Current book study is
*Lord, Change My Attitude
Before It's Too Late* by
James MacDonald.
Contact Jana Jones
jjones@hcumc.org to
participate.

Music Ministry



**Spring Ring
Sunday, April 14
at 6 pm**

All of our handbell choirs
in concert! We'll be
ringing our great hymns
of faith, plus a few
surprises!

Advocates for Peace and Justice

**Dallas Men Against
Abuse Rally
Saturday, March 23**

The Advocates for
Peace and Justice
Com-mittee invites
anyone who would like to
attend the Dallas Men
Against Abuse Rally
sponsored by Dallas
Mayor Mike Rawlings to
join us on March 23rd to
go to the rally together.

We are planning to
take the Dallas DART
train to Dallas City Hall.
We will gather at the
Trinity Mills Station at
7:45 to catch the 8:00
train. The cost for a day
pass on the train is \$4.
We will return by train
after the Rally.

was a very active volunteer in church and for her children in school. She was an active and dedicated Sunday school teacher, VBS leader, MOPS publicity coordinator and Parent Support Group leader and chairperson. During those 8 years as a stay at home mom and volunteer she had several part-time jobs working with children. She taught ballet, tap and tumbling lessons to children ranging in age from 2 -10 years old. Worked in weekday church education programs as a two year old teacher, music and movement teacher and as an assistant director.

Tonya has a heart for children and believes that a child's first experiences in church build a foundation that lasts a lifetime.

Youth in Mission and Ministry



Hold on to your hats! Rev. Debbie Chapman and Neil Parker are teaming up to coordinate our youth program while the search continues for the best person to fill the position! Debbie and Neil have been meeting and are extremely excited! (Just ask us - you can hear the excitement!) We both have a passion for this youth program and the ideas are flowing. We can't wait to hit the ground running on April 7. We will be combining

mission projects with exciting programs that no one will want to miss!

Rev. Brian Hardesty-Crouch will serve through the end of March. We are very appreciative of his time at Holy Covenant and for the bridge he has provided during the transition.



Pray for the youth director search as it continues. Holy Covenant is committed to supporting our youth and plans are being made for a GREAT summer!

Come to "The Well"



**Weekly Saturday Night
Worshipping Community
5:00-6:00 pm**

Join us in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere and experience contemporary worship led by a rockin' band!

Special programming for kids ages 4 years thru 5th Grade.

Parents' Night Out

We support this effort to help reduce and eliminate domestic violence through education. Mayor Rawlings is quoted in the Dallas Morning News as saying, "A man doesn't hit women - ever. A man doesn't find jokes about hitting women funny, or songs about hitting women acceptable. A man doesn't turn the other way when he knows a woman is the victim of abuse."

Please join us on March 23rd in support of the Rally. For more information, please call Larie Engles @ 972-242-0143 or Joe Silvia @ 972-469-546-8004.

**5th Sunday
Presentation**
**April 28 at 9:45 am in
the sanctuary**
Cassie Wade will share experiences from her recent trip to Cuba.

Food Pantry

We need:
Macaroni and Cheese



Please drop off boxes at the church office.

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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

Saturday, March 23

Come and worship, then leave your kids from 6:00-9:00 pm
3rd Saturday of each month beginning April 20

****March PNO is on the 23rd****

E-mail 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!



Easter Sunrise Worship

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;
Rachel Millaway; Beverly
Randall; Larry Rayes; the
Allen family; Donna
McAnally; 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;
Kristin Nelson; Joey
Crumpley; Jessica and
Philip Stallings; Geraine
Allen; Nita Sharp; Joe



March 31

6:30 am

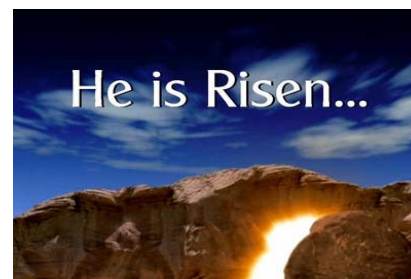
Worship led by youth
followed by a Potluck
Breakfast in the Covenant
Center.

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.

Our Methodist Ways

Sundays, April 7 - April 21

9: 45 am in Room 113

Have you ever wondered about our United
Methodist heritage: who we are; where we
come from; and what we believe about faith
and about life in faith? Then this study is for
you. During the month of April, Dr. Rusty
Hedges will lead a study on our Methodist
Ways. We will cover history, grace as a way of
salvation, and ordering for ministry.



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. Vendor applications
available at www.hcumc.org.

Mozart Requiem

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; the Fisk family; 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

Sunday, April 28

Concert - 6:30 pm

Pre-concert lecture - 5:15 pm

Members of the Wesleyan Choir singing with over 200 voices, accompanied by an orchestra.

First United Methodist Church of Plano

3160 East Spring Creek Parkway

Plano, Texas 75074

Tickets will be available soon online!



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**

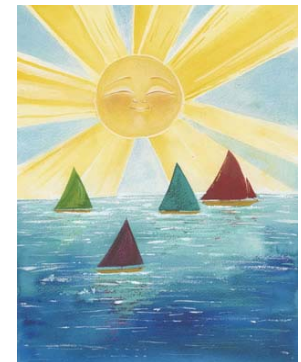
Senior High Mission Trip

July 21-28

Location: Booneville, Arkansas

Fine Arts Week

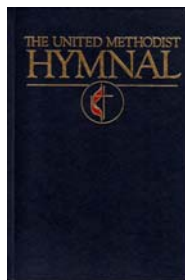
August 5-9



See the updated Stock Sale brochure at

http://www.hcumc.org/media/Youth/Stock_sale_brochure_2013.pdf

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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