



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

Seek with God's heart **Grow** in God's word **Serve** all God's people

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April 5, 2013

From Pastor Rusty



Dear friends,

I think that the last 10 days have been a truly been a beautiful, spirit-filled time in the life of Holy Covenant. I hope each of you had an opportunity to be a part of at least one of the events of were a part of our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. The services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Well on Saturday and then the three services on Easter Sunday were all wonderful. I am profoundly grateful, to everyone who was a part of

planning, preparing and then actually leading any one of those services. I am especially appreciative of the work of our staff. Debbie, Cassie, Jana, Tonya, Jonathan and Elise all put in extra hours to make this a very special Easter celebration. The choir is especially to be commended for their dedication in providing wonderful music day after day.

But it is important to remember than Easter is not something that happens for only a day or a week. The Easter "season" will last for seven weeks until Pentecost on May 19th. Hopefully by then you will have gathered up the last of the green plastic grass that seems to multiply and make its way into practically every corner of your house.

But Easter lasts much longer than seven weeks. Easter is really more than a period of time. It is a way of viewing the world. Easter is a life style that we should allow to become a part of every part of who we are and how we live. Easter people are invited to confront all the dark places in our lives and then allow the light of Christ to shine in each of those places. Easter says that we should live as victorious people who know that victory has already been won.

I have heard Easter compared to the Normandy invasion in 1944. Both the Germans and the Allies knew that if

Children's Ministry



Upcoming events:

April 5 - 6 : Confirmation Retreat

May 18 : Confirmation
Rehearsal

May 19: Confirmation
Sunday!



VBS Update:

Kingdom Rock is scheduled for July 8 - 12 and we want your help! Bring us your talent and your support and let's make VBS 2013 ROCK!!! Please see our amazing Co-Directors Donna Roberts and Ryan Baumgardner or Tonya Martin if you want to help out. Donna and Ryan are already hard at work ordering supplies and arranging schedules. VBS is a BIG job and their dedication is greatly appreciated.



On The Radar:

Summer decorating project! The children's space could use a little fresh paint and decor. The children's committee will meet in April to pick colors and put a plan in place. Your talents and support will make this project successful!

an allied army could be landed successfully in France than allied victory was assured. There were still many obstacles to be overcome and many sacrifices that would still have to be made. But the ultimate outcome was no longer in doubt.

I will be preaching the next three weeks on some of the things that cause us to lose our balance at times. Depression, grief and shame are things that we all encounter at times in life. Resurrection and new life can mean more than simply facing death. Christ has the power to help us through those difficult moments we all face and restore some balance to our lives.

I invite you to join us as we look at ways that Christ brings new life and hope in every season of our lives.

Grace and peace,
Rusty

New Members



Brent Arapis
joined March 24, 2013

Youth Ministry



**For all youth in
7th - 12th Grade**

**UMYF Sunday Nights
6-8 pm**

- April 7-"What It Means to Me"
- April 14-Spring Ring Concert
- April 21-"Practical Life Skills"
- April 28-Program with Jana Pope



**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.**



**Naami Richardson
joined March 24, 2013
pictured with Joshua and Nathan**

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.

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.



A/V Training



**Sunday, April 7 at 9:45 am
in the sanctuary**

Ozark Mountains,
Booneville, Ark! Home
repairs for people in
need, plus games with
children in the area.

Registration for ALL youth
mission trips is due now.
Spots are being held for
Junior High and Senior
High for those
registered. If you want to
go, Pastor Debbie needs
to know ASAP to
guarantee a spot for you.
Choir Tour has openings.
Let Debbie hear from
you!

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
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.



Interested in joining our
Audio/Video Team?
Join us for training!
Interested but can't attend?
Contact Ryan Baumgardner
ryloba@verizon.net.

SAS Work Day

**Saturday, April 13
9 am to 3 pm**

The mission of
Senior Adult
Services is to
improve the lives of
seniors and
caregivers when
they face the



challenges of aging. The Senior Adult Services workday
provides an opportunity for volunteers to assist in providing a
meaningful service to seniors in our community who cannot
take care of some basic needs at their homes. Please contact
John Mayer at (214) 914-7275 or by e-mail at
john_mayer@yahoo.com if you are interested in participating
in this volunteer opportunity.

Craft Fair April 20



9 am to 4 pm

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.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, April 20

Come and worship, then leave your
kids from 6:00-9:00 pm
3rd Saturday of each month.
E-mail Jana Jones
jjones@hcumc.org to make a
reservation

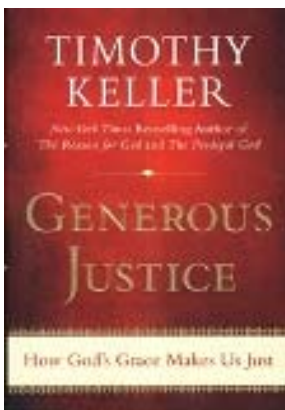
For kids ages Infant-5th Grade - a
snack will be provided
Cost is \$5/child or FREE if you attend the service and show
your bulletin!



HCUMC Spring Golf Tournament



**Sunday, April 21
2:30 pm**



**Breakfast Club
Mondays, 7 to 8 am
Room 113**

Join us as we read Tim Keller's *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just* exploring the connection between when believers in Christ receive grace, and how that impacts the world around them.



**Short-Term Small
Group**

Begins Tuesday, April 16 -
6:30-8:00 pm

Join us for a
study/discussion of *Mere
Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

Contact Jana Jones by
April 9 if you would like
to participate.

Music Ministry



Spring Ring



Where: Lake Park Golf Course in
Lewisville.

Cost: \$40.00 per player

Format: two person scramble

Sign Up: Forms in the narthex (due by April 14, 2013)

Contact: Johnny Swaim (jldhswaim@gmail.com or 214 483
6574)

Sponsor: Spiritual Journeymen

Rev. Debbie Chapman to be Honored

**Sunday, April 21
3 pm**

As part of the North Texas Conference's Clergy Fruitfulness Initiative, Pastor Debbie, and other clergy celebrating anniversaries, will be honored with a Celebratory Worship Service. The guest speaker will be Bishop McKee at Grace Avenue UMC, 3521 Main Street, Frisco 75034. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow the service.



Celebrate with Sheryl Toney!



After three decades of excellence, Sheryl Toney is retiring from her role as director of the Early Childhood Development Program. It would be impossible to adequately thank her for her ministry, her leadership and her service at Holy Covenant, but

we're going to try!

All church members are invited to celebrate Sheryl's retirement on **Thursday, April 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Covenant Center.

Under Sheryl's leadership, ECDP has become a highly sought-after program for toddlers through kindergarten. ECDP offers developmentally appropriate hands-on learning; instruction in Spanish, science and music; weekly chapel; plenty of time for exercise and free play; Christmas and spring musicals; and much more - all facilitated by nurturing teachers who truly value and love children.

We're expecting a great crowd of people who have been impacted by Sheryl's commitment to the education of our children and the greater Carrollton community. Please join us on April 25 to give Sheryl a hug, tell her how much she means to the church and enjoy light refreshments!

We are collecting donations for the party and for Sheryl's retirement gift. Checks marked "for Sheryl Toney" can be given in offering plates or in the church office.

Feeding the Homeless

**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!



**Children's Musical
The Star Factor
Sunday, May 19
9:45 am**

Early Childhood Development Program

2013-2014 Enrollment

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

Dad's Work Day

ECDP will have a Dad's Work Day on the playground on April 27 from 8-12. They will be replacing 2 slides and the tunnel on the large climber. They will also be spreading gravel and doing other repairs. Thank you for your donations that make these upgrades possible!

**Advocates for Peace
and Justice**

Food Donations Needed Saturday, April 27 between 9 am and noon

Holy Covenant's turn to feed the homeless at Austin Street Shelter is Sunday, April 28. Drop-off time for the food is Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Covenant Center kitchen.

Please provide:

-12 sandwiches (of any type, individually wrapped)

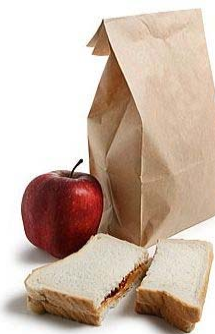
-12 pieces of fruit

-12 hard-boiled eggs (still in the shell)

Donations of juice packs or bottled water are also appreciated.

Contact John Engles at 972-242-0143 or

jengles@novationco.com if you have any questions or need additional information.



Blood Drive

**CARTER
BLOODCARE**



Sunday, April 28

9 am to 1 pm

in the Covenant Center

Sign up in the narthex.

Give the gift of life. Donate blood.

Mozart *Requiem*

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.

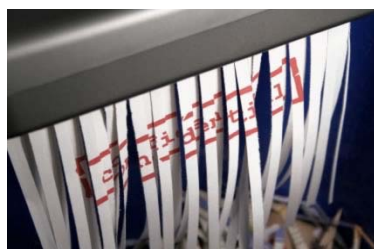
First United Methodist Church of Plano

3160 East Spring Creek Parkway

Plano, Texas 75074



Secure Paper Shredding



Saturday, May 4

10 am to 2 pm

Bring your paper to us! Mark your calendar and join us at our Shredding Saturday event hosted by the Holy Covenant Green Team with Sierra Shred.

Open to everybody!

\$5 per box

(Standard Box 15"x12"x10"; holds 35 lbs)

Collect documents in boxes, bags, whatever you like.



Cuba: The Untold Story
April 28 at 9:45 am in
the sanctuary
 Cassie Wade will share experiences from her recent trip to Cuba.

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 and Youth Ministries
Jana Jones,
 Young Adult Minister/Lead Pastor of The Well
Cassie Wade,
 Spiritual Formation Minister
Tonya Martin,
 Children's Minister
Sheryl Toney,
 ECDP Director
Carol Jones,
 Bookkeeper
Elise Webb Odell,
 Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Dixon family; Rachel Millaway; Beverly Randall; Gregg Stone;

No need to remove paper clips, staples, etc.

ANY QUANTITY WELCOME!

Junktique

Saturday, May 11
7:30 am to 3 pm

The Spiritual Journeymen need your new and gently-used treasures for the annual Junktique sale to be held Saturday May 11. Remember, we're looking for items you'd be proud to have in your own homes! We cannot accept bedding, CRT televisions and monitors, or broken items of any kind.



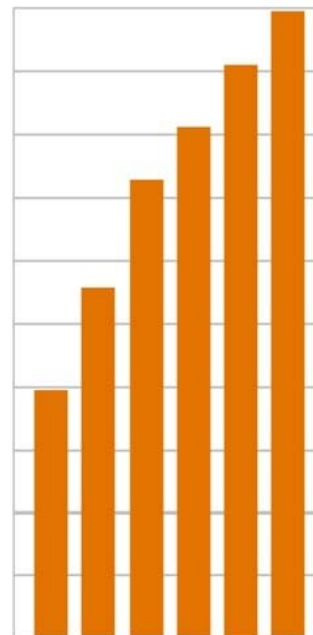
Covenant Center Collection Dates:
 Please do not bring any items prior to these dates
 Thursday May 9 - after 2 pm
 Friday May 10

If you have items too large to get to the Covenant Center, please contact Dave Hill or Johnny Swaim and we will send a truck to pick them up.

Dave Hill dhill@powerclinicinc.com
 Johnny Swaim jldhswaim@gmail.com

Have You Made Your Stock Sale Donation Yet?

HCUMC STOCK SALES



Larry Rayes; the Allen family; Donna McAnally; Caitlin Scarlett; Lexie Mitcham; Tina Ross; Korbin Crowder; Jenny Martin; Dick Ellis; Linda & Marcus Oakley; Stephen Ministers; Eddie Kaan; 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 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; Lily Gosling; 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



TAKE STOCK IN THE YOUTH OF HCUMC

Help Our Youth Help Others!
Please donate to Youth Mission Stock Sales today!
 (Simply put "Youth Mission" in the note section of your check).
 Thanks to each of you for your support of our youth as they prepare to be in mission to the world!

Thank You!



Thanks for supporting our annual Easter egg hunt by bringing in Easter egg donations of candy, stickers and erasers! Your generosity



makes great things happen. A special shout out to the ladies of the Children's committee for their amazing

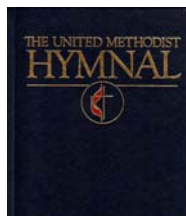
work stuffing eggs. They stuffed 1,000 eggs in approximately 2 hours. It was a HUGE success.



"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." - Proverbs 22:6

- Tonya Martin

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

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.



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.



Carrollton West Pet Hospital

www.CarrolltonWestPet.com

Lynda VanAntwerp, DVM

Leigh-Anne Morris, DVM

Anna Osofsky, DVM

Diplomate, ABVP, certified in Avian Practice

Ashley Braniff Champagne, DVM

Jon Paa, DVM

3729 Old Denton Rd.
Carrollton, TX 75007
972-492-1828

Our loved ones in the military

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@dccd.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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