



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,

There is a great deal on our collective plate as I write today. Holy Covenant is in a time of considerable transition and that is always uncomfortable. In addition, we have all been appalled and saddened by events on Monday in Boston and now Wednesday in West, Texas. Let me just a few things about what is happening around us.

It is important to remember that the church in general and Holy Covenant in particular ultimately belong to God and that the future rests in God's hands. As challenging as the next few months are likely to be, I am confident that, as long as Holy Covenant is useful to God, our church will continue not only to exist but to thrive. I know that the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has been and continues to work diligently to assemble the best possible staff for Holy Covenant. We are also working with a new bishop who brings his own agenda and style to our conference and, effective July 1st, a new superintendent who will also add her own perspective and voice. Things may take a while to sort themselves out but they will sort themselves out and all will be well. I simply ask that you be in prayer for the existing staff, for those who will come to join this staff and for the church leadership.

The events in Boston and in West are both frightening and appalling but different in a very important sense. It appears that the explosions in Boston were the work of domestic terrorists and what happened in West was the result of a tragic accident. The point of all terrorism, domestic or foreign, is to make us afraid. If we allow our lives to be

Children's Ministry



Upcoming events:

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 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 Ministry committee will meet in April to pick colors and put a plan in place. Your talents and support will make this project successful!

Youth Ministry

shaped by fear, then the terrorists have won whether they are caught or not. We live in a world where a few people make horrendous choices that are harmful to many people. But the fact remains that almost none of us will ever be the victim of a violent attack. Our security lies finally in the hands of God and on that we can depend.

The explosion in West was tragic but accidental. The sad reality is that accidents do happen. We can and should do everything we can to make our homes, workplaces and communities as safe as possible but the possibility of an accident can never be completely eliminated. The challenge for us is to do all that we can to bind up the wounds and heal the spirits of those whose lives are turned upside down by tragic events like the explosion in West. As we are about that work we should remember that God has been our help in ages past and will be for years to come. God is our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

I'll see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,
Rusty

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 for more information.

Local vendors! Bake Sale! Door prizes!



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

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





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

**UMYF Sunday Nights
6-8 pm**

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.**

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.

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!

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



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



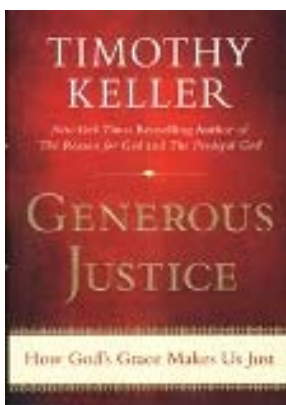
Spots are being held for Junior High and Senior High for those registered. If you want to go, Pastor Debbie needs to know ASAP to guarantee a spot for you. Choir Tour has openings. Let Debbie hear from you!

Adult Ministry



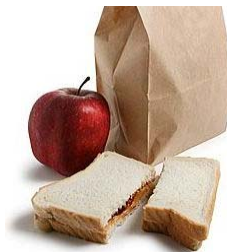
Finding the Light: A Small Group for Young Adults
Every other Sunday morning - 9:45-10:45 am

All are invited for study and fellowship at Café Brazil in Carrollton! Current book study is *Grace* by Max Lucado. Contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org to participate.



Breakfast Club
Mondays, 7 to 8 am
Room 113

Join us as we read Tim Keller's *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes*



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.

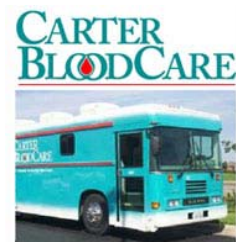
Contact John Engles at 972-242-0143 or jengles@novationco.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Blood Drive

Sunday, April 28
9 am to 1 pm
in the Covenant Center

Sign up in the narthex.
Give the gift of life. Donate blood.
Update from Carter BloodCare on 4/18/13:

Thank you for all of your support. Our thoughts continue to be with all of those affected by the West explosion. It is important to always remember that we need 1,100 donors everyday.



Cuba: The Untold Story



Sunday, April 28
9:45 am
in the sanctuary

The Advocates for Peace and Justice present Cassie Wade who will share experiences from her recent trip to Cuba.

Calling All High School Seniors!

Senior Sunday is Sunday, May 5 and we need to hear from YOU!

There will be a planning meeting after church on April 28 at 12:15 pm
Please email Pastor Debbie and let her know your plans ASAP

dchapman@hcumc.org
3 or more photos (baby, child, current) should be emailed to bunchads@verizon.net also ASAP



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.

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!

Sunday Worship

Your photos will be returned.
Congratulations!

All Graduates (all ages)

Email us your info too so we can acknowledge you!
ewebb@hcumc.org

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

To order \$10.00 single tickets and \$25.00 family tickets, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ce35kdc> (you will have to create an account).

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. 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.

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

Sheryl Toney,
ECDP Director

Carol Jones,
Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell,
Administrative Assistant

***In Our Thoughts and
Prayers***

The Lovell family; Bob Austin; Rachel Millaway; Beverly Randall; Gregg Stone; Larry Rayes; the Howard family; the Allen family; Donna McAnally; Caitlin Scarlett; Lexie Mitcham; Tina Ross; Korbin Crowder; Jenny Martin; Dick Ellis; 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

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

The Star Factor

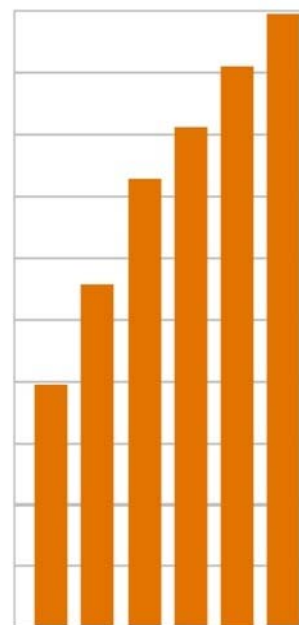
**Children's Musical
Sunday, May 19
9:45 am
in the sanctuary**

Please come and enjoy the hard work of our children!



Have You Made Your Stock Sale Donation Yet?

HCUMC STOCK SALES



TAKE STOCK IN THE YOUTH OF HCUMC

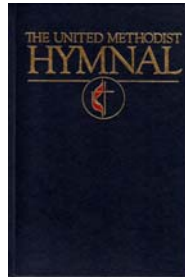
Help Our Youth Help Others!
Please donate to Youth Mission Stock Sales today!
(Simply put "Youth Mission" in the note section of your check).

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; 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

(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!

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.

ECDP Happenings

Community Helpers

The kids of ECDP recently concluded their community helpers unit. One of their special guests was vet Dr. Jonathan Paa, a former student and son of Dante and Marilyn Paa. Jonathan brought lots of visuals to show the kids - bandages, surgical masks, a plastic heart with heartworms, etc. Everyone was particularly interested in the heartworms and lots of questions were focused on how to get the heartworms out of a dog, cat, etc. Jonathan answered quickly



until he was asked how to get heartworms out of a dragon. He informed us that dragons were referred to other vets in the area. The teachers loved that answer!

We also enjoyed visits from the firefighters, the librarian, the bird expert from Kookaburra, and the tooth fairy, alias dental hygienist. The Carrollton police officers paid a visit and thrilled the kids when two motorcycle officers drove straight into the Covenant Center! The children were allowed to sit in the police cars and play with the sirens. All in all, they learned a lot during the unit and had a great time.

We are currently enrolling for our summer program and our fall program. Check our website or call 972-492-1371 for further information.

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, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Logan Vidrine, & Ashley Wert.



Carrollton West Pet Hospital

www.CarrolltonWestPet.com

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Jon Paa, DVM

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

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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