



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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

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Message from Pastor Rusty



Dear friends,

"Itinerancy" or the shifting of clergy from one location to another has been a feature of the Methodist movement since its earliest beginnings. John Wesley spent the last 50 years of his life travelling across England and Ireland preaching in one town after another. But unlike other evangelists, before he left a place he would gather the people who had responded to his preaching into a Methodist "society" and appoint

some local person to be the leader of that local society.

That person, usually with very limited education, would not only be responsible for leading the group in prayer and Bible study but also looking after the pastoral needs of that local society. Because most clergy refused to help the Methodist societies on the grounds that they were too "enthusiastic," Wesley came to rely more heavily on these lay pastors he had recruited.

The laymen evolved into worship leaders who would preach in the absence of Wesley or one of the few other ordained clergy who helped oversee the increasing number of Methodist societies. But due to their lack of formal training, these lay preachers had only a limited number of sermons they were prepared to preach. They would something run out of anything new to say. To solve this problem, Wesley hit upon the idea of rotating the pastors from one town so the local societies could hear fresh preaching. This rotating of pastors has been a fundamental part of Methodism ever since.

Children's Ministry



May 19: Confirmation Sunday!

Join us as we celebrate Confirmation at the 11:00 service and congratulate our new confirmands following worship at a reception in the Covenant Center.

Youth Ministry



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

**UMYF Sunday Nights
6-8 pm
May 19 - Wendy Curran
doing our program!
May 26 - Veteran
Appreciation at Youth
(no rehearsals)
June 2 - Summer
Kick-Off/FUN DAY**

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.

When Methodism shifted to America, the traveling preacher became a highly effective way of meeting the spiritual needs of pioneer families as they moved west during the 1800's. It remains a fundamental part of who we are as Methodists today. Like any system we might use, it had advantages and disadvantages but history has proved it to be an effective way to provide leadership for our churches. It allows the churches to have the benefit of the skills of more than one pastor and keeps the focus on the gospel and not a single individual pastor.

The system does not always produce the results that pastors and laity might wish but it has been shown for more than 250 years to be a way for the Holy Spirit to work in conjunction with the bishop and cabinet to supply the pastoral needs of local parishes. It has also demonstrated that it is an effective way to focus on the needs of our communities and the building of God's kingdom.

I hope you will join me in prayer for Rev. Carol Sparks as she and her family prepares to move to Holy Covenant. I would also covet your prayers for Betsy and me as we prepare for our new assignment in Henrietta.

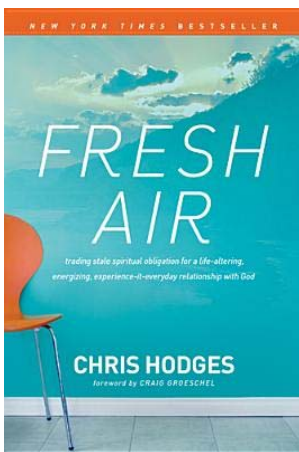
I hope to see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,
Rusty

Baptisms



Jackson Arden Craig baptized May 5, 2013,



**Breakfast Club
Mondays, 7 to 8 am
Room 113
Starting July 1**

Join us as we read *Fresh Air* by Chris Hodges and learn to trade stale spiritual obligation for a life-altering, energizing, experience-it-everyday relationship with God.



Short-Term Small Group

Tuesdays through June 4
6:30-8:00 pm
Join us for a study/discussion of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. Contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org to participate.

Missions

Many Thanks

"We would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude to the extraordinary group of volunteers from Holy Covenant that helped us through Senior Adult

pictured with Lindsay and Mike Craig



Scarlett Kinley Valcourt baptized May 12, 2013, pictured with Donna, Grayson and Dave Valcourt

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, May 18

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



Services on April 13th. They made repairs to our fence, trimmed our trees, took down our shed and did many other needed chores. We really appreciate all their hard work and dedication. They were most gracious with their time and talents. You are very blessed to have such wonderful people in your congregation. May God bless you all. Sincerely,
Gene and Jayne Ann Sadler of Farmers Branch"

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
Sheryl Toney,
ECDP Director
Carol Jones,
Bookkeeper
Elise Webb Odell,
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Cynthia Rice and family;
the Ellis family; the King
family; the Lee family;

your bulletin!

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!

FREE Soccer Camp for Kids

**Saturday, June 1
9:30 to 11:30 am**

Kids K-6th grade
Bring water bottle,
shin guards and

ball. Lunch served. Contact Therese Campbell
theresecampbell@tx.rr.com for more information.



FREE Cheerleader Camp for Kids



**Saturday, June 8
10 am to 12 pm
Covenant Center**

Learn team spirit, chants, cheers and teamwork. Girls and boys K-6th. A snack lunch will be served. Contact Mary Jan Van Horne mjj1128@verizon.net.

Reception for Cassie Wade

Sunday, June 9

**9:45 am
in the Covenant Center**

Make plans to join us as we wish Cassie well on her new appointment as Associate Pastor of First UMC Sherman!



ECDP Summer Programs

Sandra Kiplinger; Bob Austin; Rachel Millaway; Beverly Randall; Larry Rayes; the Howard family; the Allen family; Caitlin Scarlett; Lexie Mitcham; Tina Ross; Korbin Crowder; Jenny Martin; Stephen Ministers; Ian Garrett; Barbara Krueger; Eddie Kaan; Amber Ramirez; the Berks family; Michael Prees; Michael McAnally; John Bator; Bobby McConnell; Carl Robertson; DoReen Burbidge; Sandra Sisk; Bonnie Feltner; 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; Ray Rivera; Donna Crawford; Lily Gosling; the Fisk family; Michele Foust; Mary Robinson; the Mata family; the Serafin family; Martha & Hugo Taylor; Cheryl Cobb; Kim Gobble; Katy Cook; Erin Beavers & family; Kyla Walls; the Pillai family; the Wearden family; Isaac & Karissa Gonzales; Darla and Jonathan Sherry; Joyce Shipman; Mattie Lannerd; Grant Russum and family; John Cloninger & family; Nathan Berry; Jim

Campin' Out

June 10-13

Frogs, Snails and Tadpole Tails

June 17-20

Cowboys & Princesses

July 15-18

18 months - Kindergarten

Enroll NOW!

Contact Sheryl Toney stoney@hcumc.org

Bon Voyage Concert with Pie & Dessert Auction



"Bread for the Journey"

Tuesday, June 11

6 pm

Sanctuary

Come support our Revelation Singers and Ringers before they leave on their "Bread for the

Journey Tour" to Lincoln, Nebraska. Bid on yummy desserts and listen to some wonderful music!

VBS is Coming!

July 8 - 12

We need your help! Bring us your talent and your support and let's make VBS 2013 ROCK!!! Please see our amazing Co-Directors Donna Roberts



gaonmymindtx2001@yahoo.com

and Ryan Baumgardner

ryloba@verizon.net 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.

Register your kids NOW at www.hcumc.org!

Hymnal Dedications



Honor a Loved One

If you would like to purchase a hymnal for

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;
Gusty Pritchard; Eddie
Mae Washington; the
Rainey family; the
Hickman family; the
Dooley family; Jackie
Franklin and family;
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.



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.



Carrollton West Pet Hospital

www.CarrolltonWestPet.com

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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,
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