



## 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,

In the next edition of the newsletter there will be a report from our chair of Finance, Johnny Swaim, about our recent, very low key, debt reduction campaign. I was curious about the history of that indebtedness and so I checked with our lender, the Texas Methodist Foundation. We actually have two different loans. One loan originated in 2000 and was for \$450,000. The second loan was made in 2010 for about \$290,000. By the time we

took out the second loan, the balance on the first loan had been paid down to about \$122,000. So, three years ago our total indebtedness was about \$412,000. Over the last three years we have almost cut that amount in half with a current balance on the two loans of about \$230,000.

Given the overall value of our facility, our indebtedness is very modest and we have done a very good job of paying down the two loans. You should be commended for the way our church has handled that debt and the generosity of the congregation in supporting the ministry of Holy Covenant.

Based on this just concluded capital campaign, the finance committee has identified commitments totaling about \$130,000 over the next three years. Again, I think that is an excellent response that shows the commitment that many of you have to Holy Covenant and to the work being done by our church.

At last week's finance committee meeting, I could not help but note that several comments about the campaign focused on a wish that we had gotten more in commitments. While I understand the universal desire of all church finance committees is to be out of debt, it is important to focus more

### Children's Ministry



### Vacation Bible School July 8-12!

Registration for VBS is full. To place your child on a waiting list, please contact Ryan Baumgardner at [ryloba@verizon.net](mailto:ryloba@verizon.net).

## Youth Ministry



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

**UMYF Sunday Nights  
6-8 pm**

## 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](mailto:jjones@hcumc.org) to  
participate.

on what God has provided rather than on what is lacking. I think that in our individual lives we all tend to focus less on what we have and more on what we feel that we lack.

I do not mean to criticize our Finance Committee in any way. Just like any church or non-profit organization, we could always use more of everything. We could use more money, more volunteers and better facilities. But the challenge is to realize that God has given us abundant resources. It is for us to take and use creatively what we do have to accomplish the work that is before us.

I have twice visited the United Methodist congregations in the Czech Republic. Of all the former nations of the Soviet bloc, communist ideology put down deeper roots in the former Czechoslovakia than anywhere else. Today, after almost 25 years after the fall of communism, the Czech Republic has the highest percentage of people who describe themselves as atheists of any nation in Europe. The United Methodist churches, for the most part, are small congregations with very limited resources. But I was amazed by how much they are able to accomplish with what they have.

They could teach us a great deal about doing ministry. I think all churches in the U.S., not just Holy Covenant, could and should learn to focus more on what God has given us to use in building God's kingdom and not let what we think we lack limit our ministry. We need to start with what we have and begin to change the world.

I hope to see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,  
Rusty

## More Volunteers Needed!

**Saturday Mornings  
June 15 - August 10**

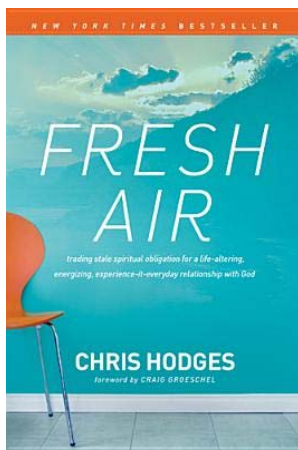
We need volunteers to pick up food at Metrocrest at 7:45 a.m. and return it to the church. Additional volunteers are needed to sort and fill the bags from 9-10 a.m. and help give out the bags at the church from 10-11 a.m. We also need 4 teams of 2 people to deliver bags to 30 families located in apartments and homes located close to our church.



**Can you give even ONE hour of ONE Saturday this summer?**

If you can help please contact  
Cindy Baucom at [baucom.cindy19@gmail.com](mailto:baucom.cindy19@gmail.com)  
or Mary Jane VanHorne at [mjj1128@verizon.net](mailto:mjj1128@verizon.net).

## Parents' Night Out



**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.

**Music Ministry**

**Come sing in the  
summer choir during  
July!**

No rehearsals other than Sunday morning 15 minutes prior to the service of your choice. We are singing favorite hymns during July. Come join us on Sunday mornings promptly at 8:15 am for the 8:30 service and 10:45 am for the 11:00 service. All youth and adults are invited!

**Labyrinth Ministry**



**Saturday, June 15**

Come and worship, then leave your kids from 6:00-9:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

E-mail Jana Jones [jjones@hcumc.org](mailto: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!

**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.



**ECDP Summer Programs**

***Frogs, Snails and Tadpole Tails***

June 17-20

***Cowboys & Princesses***

July 15-18

**18 months - Kindergarten**

**Enroll NOW!**

Contact Sheryl Toney [stoney@hcumc.org](mailto:stoney@hcumc.org)

**L.I.F.T. Summer Book Study**

**Ladies In Fellowship Together  
will not meet in June**

For July we are going to meet for a 4-week book study on Thursdays-7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1. We will meet in Room CC208 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The book is: *Flunking*

*Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor* by Jana Riess. You can order it from Amazon or find one at your favorite book store. Come join us for this time of fellowship!



**Widowed Persons Group**





We meet on the second Sunday of every month in our labyrinth located on the east side of the sanctuary. We currently meet at 7 pm to begin our Walk with Intention. Please join us!

### 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*

**Jason Redick**

Youth Minister

**Sheryl Toney,**

ECDP Director

**Carol Jones,**

Bookkeeper

**Elise Webb Odell,**

Administrative Assistant

*In Our Thoughts and  
Prayers*

The Outreach Team of the Widowed Persons Support Group of Dallas will hold a free grief recovery group each Sunday, June 23 - July 28. If you are recently widowed or have friends recently widowed, reserve places for the sessions now. They meet on Sundays, 2 - 4 p.m. at Walnut Place at 5513 Glen Lakes Drive (just off Walnut Hill Lane), across from Presbyterian Hospital, for six weeks. Please call the WPS Office or Betty Swenson - 972-239-1184 or Hal Geldon - 972-231-6889 for more information and to reserve your place. You will find a friendly voice. Also check out [www.widowedpersonsDallas.org](http://www.widowedpersonsDallas.org) for information.

### Reception for Pastor Rusty and Betsy Hedges



**Sunday, June 30**

**9:45 am**

**in the Covenant  
Center**

Holy Covenant will honor Pastor Rusty and Betsy with an appreciation and sending-forth reception during the Sunday School hour on

June 30.

If you would like to participate with a donation toward gifts for Rusty and Betsy, please send a check to the church to the attention of Elise, marked for Pastor Rusty's sending-forth gift, by Tuesday, June 25. You can also place your donation in the offering plate on Sundays, marked for Rusty and Betsy's sending-forth gifts.

We hope you will mark your calendar and be there at 9:45 on Sunday, June 30, for this special gathering.

SPPR Committee

### July is Favorite Hymn Month!

Send your choice for favorite hymns to [dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org) and she will work in as many as she can. Don't forget the old Cokesbury hymnal along with the three hymnals in the chair sides. Should be fun!



### 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

Bill Henly; Kim Eaves; Sharon Richards; Susan Rardin; Sandra Kiplinger; Bob Austin; Rachel Millaway; Beverly Randall; Larry Rayes; the Howard family; the Allen family; Lexie Mitcham; Tina Ross; Korbin Crowder; Jenny Martin; Stephen Ministers; Barbara Krueger; Eddie Kaan; the Berks family; Michael Prees; Michael McAnally; John Bator; 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 Staab family; 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; Mattie Lannerd; Grant Russum and family; John Cloninger & family; Nathan Berry; Jim



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and Ryan Baumgardner  
[ryloba@verizon.net](mailto: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.

## Project Transformation

**July 22 - 25**  
**9 am to Noon**  
**Chapel Hill UMC**  
**12411 Templeton Trail**  
**Farmers Branch**

Once again we have the opportunity to take part in the Project Transformation Summer Camp at Chapel Hill UMC in Farmers Branch.

Our role is to listen to and encourage children in this underserved community to read. Our dates to volunteer are Monday, July 22 - Thursday, July 25 from 9:30 - 12 noon. Twenty volunteers are needed each day. A background check and completion of the Ministry Safe online class are required. Childcare will be provided at HCUMC for volunteers that make a reservation for their children. Please contact Mary Jane VanHorne [mjj1128@verizon.net](mailto:mjj1128@verizon.net) if you will need childcare.



## FREE Karate Camp for Kids



**Saturday, July 27**

**11 am to 1 pm**

Boys and girls K - 6th,  
Snack lunch provided  
Karate demo, Stranger Danger,  
games and instructions provided by  
SideKicks Martial Arts.  
Sign up at [www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org).

## Fine Arts Week

**August 5-9**  
**9 am to Noon**

Music and Art class PLUS the presentation of "Are We There Yet?" a musical about Moses and the Exodus. For children who have finished Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration is online at [www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org).

The cost is \$20 per child, no more than \$30 per family. This is payable to Holy Covenant UMC any time prior to the event. VOLUNTEERS are needed to teach



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.

classes and to shepherd the children throughout the week. Youth (6th grade and up) and adults are needed! Email [ryloba@verizon.net](mailto:ryloba@verizon.net) (Ryan Baumgardner) or [dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org) (Pastor Debbie) if you are interested.



**Carrollton West Pet Hospital**

[www.CarrolltonWestPet.com](http://www.CarrolltonWestPet.com)

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**Leigh-Anne Morris, DVM**

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### 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@dcccd.edu](mailto: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.



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