



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 Carol



This is my first newsletter article, my first word to Holy Covenant UMC as your pastor and my first steps into an exciting new journey of ministry and relationship. Now, there is no pressure in that - is there?

I know many of us are looking to new leadership as a new beginning for the life of Holy Covenant and a new excitement for what we can do together as a church. I agree but you must remember that the people of Holy Covenant are our best resources for making the world a better place! You are the church and

always have been! You have done outstanding work for the sake of the gospel and new leadership does not redefine your passions or your dedication to open our doors to all who are weary!

My job is to come and be among you and help you fine tune your vision and more clearly articulate your goals for ministry. We will be an amazing team to be sure but I can only lead if you are willing to be led. I will bring with me new ideas, new perspectives, maybe even a revealing truth about how Holy Covenant has evolved over the years and this will not always be comfortable. Anytime someone new comes along and shares what he/she sees, it can be difficult. My job is to offer my thoughts on what was, what is and what can be. Your job is to enter into the conversation that will be taking place throughout this next year.

Children's Ministry



**THANK YOU to all
Vacation Bible School
Volunteers!**

We couldn't have done it
without you!

Youth Ministry



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

**UMYF Sunday Nights
6-8 pm**

Our vision-seeking conversations will not be happenstance or accidental. We will be very intentional about providing opportunities for each and every one of you to share your thoughts and ideas about what Christ has been and will be doing in and through our church. How? We will have in-home meetings, Sunday afternoon coffee (diet coke) chats, one-on-one meetings, blogs and emails to keep the conversation going. If you want to talk, just call the office and Elise will help find a time for the two of us to talk.

I so look forward to the dialogue. But as any good dialogue necessitates, there must be a few guidelines in order for our time invested to be profitable. We must begin by all of us checking our egos at the door. "OUCH!" you say? I know! But let's face it, when you care so deeply about something, it is easy to become defensive which often leads to personal agendas and loss of a communal perspective.

Adult Ministry

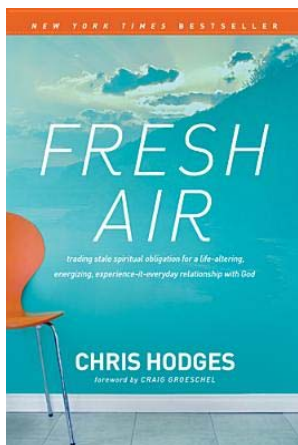


**Finding the Light: A
Small Group for Young
Adults**

**Every other
Wednesday 7-8 pm**

All are invited for study
and fellowship at Café
Brazil in Carrollton!

Next book TBD. Contact
Jana Jones
jjones@hcmc.org to
participate.



Soooo, we must be willing to allow everyone to be heard. We must allow for others to not think our ideas are always fabulous. We must honor and respect each other in the process. But most importantly, we must be open to the power of God's spirit in our midst to bring our passions together to create an open, refreshing, powerful focus and mission for our church!

I look forward to sharing a diet coke and great conversation with you. What a blessing to be called to serve this truly wonderful congregation. God is amazing!

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

More Volunteers Needed!



**Saturday Mornings
Through 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

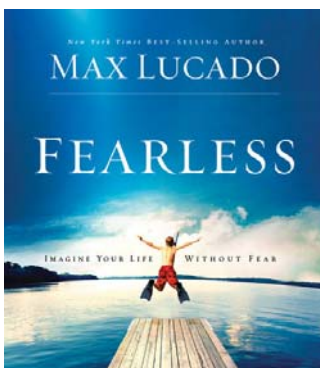
9-10 a.m. and help give out the bags at the church from
10-11 a.m. We also need 4 teams of 2 people to deliver bags
to 30 families located in apartments and homes located close
to our church.

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

If you can help please contact
Cindy Baucom at baucom.cindy19@gmail.com
or Mary Jane VanHorne at mjj1128@verizon.net.

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.



Tuesday Night Small Group

Beginning July 30 (for 6 weeks) - 6:30-8:00 pm
 All are invited for our study of *Fearless* by Max Lucado. Contact Jana Jones if you would like to participate.

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

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 Kindergarten thru 5th Grade.



Blood Drive



Sunday, July 14
9 am to 1 pm
Covenant Center

Give blood. Often. Be a part of something great.

L.I.F.T. Summer Book Study

Ladies In Fellowship Together

For July we are meeting for a 4-week book study on Thursdays through August 1. We 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! Childcare is available.



Parents' Night Out



Saturday, July 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!

Advocates for Peace & Justice Present:

White Like Me: A Conversation about Privilege
 with Guest Speaker Dan Kasten





Next Walk-July 14

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

Rev. Carol Sparks,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Debbie Chapman,
Associate Pastor, Music Ministries

Jana Jones,
Lead Pastor of *The Well*
Adult

Discipleship Minister

Jason Redick

Youth Minister

Beth McClure,

ECDP Director

Carol Jones,

Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell,

Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sunday, July 21
9:45 am in the sanctuary



Project Transformation



July 22 - 25

9:30 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. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA4A72DAB9-project> Childcare will be provided at HCUMC for volunteers who make a reservation for their children. Please contact Mary Jane VanHorne mjj1128@verizon.net if you will need childcare.

Family Meetings

The SPPR Committee invites you to meet our new pastor, Rev. Carol Sparks, at a Family Meeting. Family meetings will be held at the homes of church members and at the church July 24 through September 4. Sign up at www.hcumc.org for the meeting most convenient for you. Also, there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex at worship services.



Wed, July 24 - Hosts: Randy and Joy Lasley - 4465 Fairway Drive, Carrollton, TX 75010 - 7-9 p.m.

Fri, Aug 2 - Hosts: Mary and Skip Trimble - 5936 Woodland, Dallas, TX 75225 - 7-9 p.m.

Sun, Aug 4 - Hosts: Susan Blessingame and Jeanne Selby - Holy Covenant UMC - 2-4 p.m.

Tues, Aug 13 - Hosts: Mike and Shannon Johnson - 2424 Jester Place, Carrollton, TX 75006 - 7-9 p.m.

Tues, Aug 20 - Hosts: Dave and Ginger Rathbun - 2722 Spyglass Drive, Carrollton, TX 75007 - 7-9 p.m.

Wed, Sep 4 - Hosts: Jody and Jim Vidrine - 6533 Village Springs Dr, Plano, TX 75024 - 7-9 p.m.

We will have snack food and drinks at each meeting and offer

The Rudolf family; Bill Henly; Kenny Patterson; 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 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

childcare at the church.

Please plan to attend one of these meetings.

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.

Fan Drive

Sponsored by the Advocates for Peace & Justice

What: New or gently used free-standing fans

Benefitting: Clients of Metrocrest Social Services without adequate air conditioning

Dates: Now through **August 4**

Where: Place in the narthex



Jeans Sunday



Sunday, August 4

Wear a pair and bring a pair!

Please bring new and gently used jeans to Holy Covenant. The Missions Committee will take all donations to the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Clothes Closet for students in our area.

Collection boxes will be located under the stairs in the Education Building beginning July 21.

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.

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.



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.

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

Registration ENDS on Sunday, July 28.

Free Haircuts for Kids



August 20
10 am to 2 pm

August 21
4 to 6 pm

No appointments necessary. Parent/guardian permission slip required for children under 18. Special thanks to Paul Mitchell Cosmetology Career Center for providing the haircuts.

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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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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