



## Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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

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### Children's Ministry



#### Kids' Sunday School

9:45-10:45 am every  
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Preschool - Room 103

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### Message from Jason Redick



It seems like months, but it was really just a few short weeks ago that I made the decision to join this church formally as a member. Having been baptized as a senior in high school at FUMC Lewisville, it was pretty much the only church home I had ever had. While I felt tremendously blessed to join Holy Covenant as Youth

Minister, I struggled with leaving behind the folks who had become like family to me. Some of you may remember Pastor Carol Sparks leading a blessing of laying of hands when I joined. I was overwhelmed with the love and support I felt by being connected to so many people. But perhaps even deeper was that I had experienced a similar blessing just a few weeks before. My last Sunday at FUMC Lewisville, I attended our Mosaic service. Our leader, Jonathan Perry, felt called to send me with a blessing of laying of hands. The feeling was surreal, because the dozen or so people who comprised the service had become close friends of mine. You see these two events together spoke so much louder to me. It was as if God said, "Don't worry, I got you!" While I can point to these moments as pivotal and profound, I also can say that the forming of deep and lasting friendships has begun with many of you. I think my experience is one of the things God intends for His Church to do; surround each other in relationship and care as we walk through life. Thank you for being what I needed you to be!

Come to "The Well"

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## 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**

**Wednesday 7-8 pm**

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

Next book TBD. Contact

Jana Jones

[jjones@hcumc.org](mailto:jjones@hcumc.org) to

participate.

## 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.



### THE CIRCLE MAKER | **Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams & Greatest Fears**

*How big is your God? God honors bold prayers, and bold prayers honor God. Join us, and bring your prayer life full circle. Learn how to claim God-given promises, pursue God-sized dreams, and seize God-ordained opportunities, all while bringing glory to God.*

**August 24 - What Is Your Jericho?** (Joshua 6:1-16)

*What promise are you praying around? What miracle are you marching around? What dream does your life revolve around?*

**August 31 -Dream Big: Cloudy With A Chance Of Quail**

(Numbers 11, selected verses)

*Nothing honors God more than a big dream that is way beyond our ability to accomplish.*

**September 7-Pray Hard: Persistence Quotient** (Luke 18:1-5)

*Desperate times call for desperate measures, and there is no more desperate act than praying hard.*

**September 14 -Think Long: The Speed Of Prayer** (Daniel 6:10-16, 10:12-13)

*We want our prayers answered immediately, if not sooner. But the key to dreaming big and praying hard is thinking long. We have to see beyond ourselves, our circumstances, and time.*

## Sunday School Teachers Needed



Do you love God? Do you love the children of this church? If you answered yes to either of the questions we need YOU to teach Sunday School! The following classes are available:

- Pre-K (4 & 5 years old on or before Sept. 1)

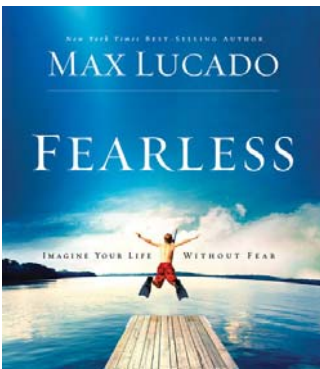
(At least two teachers are needed in each class. Both teachers will share the responsibilities.)

We also need substitute Sunday School Teachers who can fill in as needed. This ministry is a vital part of our church and needs

your support! The fun begins on Sunday, September 8th!

Please contact:

Heather Hinton ([hhinton@hcumc.org](mailto:hhinton@hcumc.org)), Jennifer Baumgardner or Lana Mayer for more information, or to sign up!



### Tuesday Night Small Group

Through September 17 (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



The Wesleyan (Adult) Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays. For the month of August, we'll begin rehearsals at 7:00 pm with anthems. Around 8:00 pm, we'll work on our Cabaret "One Hit Wonders" scheduled for September 28 at 7:00 pm, after The Well. Come Join Us!



There will be a training session on **Sunday, August 25th** during the Sunday School hour. Please make plans to attend.

### The Plight of the Refugee

#### A Picture of Daraja Ministry Sunday, September 1 at 9:45 am

Every year, refugees from all over the world arrive in Dallas to begin a new life.

They receive the assistance of resettlement agencies for a period that lasts up to six months. After this, they find themselves on their own.

Some refugees struggle in this transition stage. Daraja helps recently resettled refugee families transition into productive and joyous life in our communities by providing an empowerment program of coaching, training, education, opportunity and hope.

The work of Daraja includes: Life skills coaching and mentoring, ESL classes, nutritional and cooking classes, Little Free Library, hosting New Day worship gatherings, food pantry, emergency relief, and family outings.

Advocates for Justice and Peace are sponsoring a talk on Daraja Ministry; a ministry in the Metroplex. The talk will be at 9:45am on Sunday, September 1 in the sanctuary.

Our speaker will be the Rev Wes Magruder. Wes has served appointments in London, Dallas, and rural Texas. He also served as a missionary in Cameroon, West Africa. Wes is the current chairperson for the North Texas Conference Board of Church and Society. He serves on the Board of Directors of Refugee Services of Texas.

### Family Meetings



The SPPR Committee invites you to meet our new pastor, Rev. Carol Sparks. The final Family Meeting will be held:

**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 and childcare is available at the church. Please sign up at [www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org) to attend this meeting.

### GROW in God's Word Kickoff

#### Sunday, September 8 at 9:45 am

Time to get back to school, back to church, back to into God's Word! There's a group for you and you can find it on Sunday, September 8 in the



Children, Youth singing and ringing choirs begin in September. VOLUNTEERS are needed to lead these choirs. Contact Pastor Debbie if you would be interested in leading a ringing or singing choir. Debbie has all the resources you need!  
[dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org)

### 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

**Heather Hinton**  
Children's Minister

**Beth McClure,**  
ECDP Director

**Carol Jones,**  
Bookkeeper

**Elise Webb Odell,**  
Administrative Assistant

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

The Rudolf family; the Rayes family; the Kiplinger family; Bill Henly; Kenny Patterson;

Covenant Center. Learn about our Sunday School programs, small group studies and ringing and singing choirs for all ages. You are invited to come laugh, play, speak, listen, and come GROW... in God's Word.

### Music Opportunities for All Ages



On Sunday, September 8, the Music and Education committees will host a Back to Church Kick-off event. Pastor Debbie and other members of various choirs will be in the Covenant Center to answer any questions you have about our ringing and singing opportunities. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** All you have to do is come!

Fine a group that works for you. Is the Praise Band something you enjoy? If so contact Jana Jones. Instrumentalists are needed for worship. Let Debbie know what your talents are. We'd also love to have dancers and visual artists. There are opportunities. Contact Pastor Debbie

[dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org) with questions.

Is the Praise Band where you gifts are? If so, contact Jana at [jjones@hcumc.org](mailto:jjones@hcumc.org)

Sunday rehearsal schedule beginning September 8:

3:30 pm - Joyful Noise Ringers - beginning handbell choir

4:30 pm - Revelation Ringers - Grades 6-12

5:15 pm - Revelation Singers - Grades 6-12

Wednesday night rehearsal schedule beginning September 11:

5:45 pm - Children's Handbells - Grades 3-5

6:30 pm - Children's Choir - Grades 1-5

6:30 pm - Covenant Carillons - Adults and Advanced Youth

7:30 pm - Adult Choir



Volunteers are needed to help lead and shepherd these choirs. Contact Pastor Debbie if you can help.

### Snack Suppers for Youth



With choir and bells starting up soon, the need for the youth to have supper is even greater. If you have never provided a snack supper before, it is a

Bob Austin; Rachel Millaway; the Howard family; the Allen family; Lexie Mitcham; Jenny Martin; Stephen Ministers; Barbara Krueger; the Berks family; Michael Prees; Michael McAnally; Janis Miller; John Bator; Carl Robertson; DoReen Burbidge; Sandra Sisk; Bonnie Feltner; Melissa Anderson; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Elizabeth Rudolf; JoAnn Wiggins; Bernard Hardy; Kristin Nelson; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Geraine Allen; Nita Sharp; Virgil Ronning; John Michael; Sheila Anderson; James Ross; Stephanie Flangin; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Sandy Serifin; Ray Rivera; Donna Crawford; Stephen Booker; Lily Gosling; Bankston Potts; the Staab family; the Fisk family; Michele Foust; Mary Robinson; the Mata family; the Serafin family; Martha & Hugo Taylor; 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 Hartley; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Dale Bryan & family; Noel Tardy; Jeannie Deringer; Arthur Alaniz and family; Bill



wonderful experience. The youth and youth workers greatly appreciate it, plus you get the opportunity to "break bread" with our youth and meet the future of our church. We have a great group of youth and you will be glad you got to know them.

Please take a moment and sign up for a Sunday or two.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084AA4A96-youth/8118869](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084AA4A96-youth/8118869)

## Fall Bible Study

### Our Bible: Where Did It Come From and How Should We Read It?

Our Bible is one book made up of many books, written by and for people in a very different time and culture than ours-yet, it is written for us as well. What are its origins and history? How was it assembled and passed down to us? How should we approach reading and studying it?



Join Gary Feltner for this exciting new study on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in room 213. It will run for 8 weeks from September 8 through October 27. The cost for the study manual is \$12 Feel free to email Gary [gary\\_feltner@verizon.net](mailto:gary_feltner@verizon.net) with any questions. We'd love to have you join us!

## Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk



### The Interfaith Walk for the Hungry

**Saturday, September 14th**

Fourteen local churches will participate in the annual Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, September 14th.

Walkers raise awareness of

hunger in our community and around the world, and raise funds to fight hunger. The CROP Hunger Walk will kick off at Mill Valley Fellowship, 13545 Webb Chapel Rd., Farmers Branch (check-in 8am). Water and other support for comfort and safety will be provided along the 2 mile route.

Everyone can participate by either joining in on the Walk or making a donation through one of the Walkers who will be raising funds. 25% of the funds raised are dedicated to the Food Pantry at Metrocrest Social Services with the remaining funds used by Church World Service in their global hunger and poverty fighting programs.

A Pilipino folk dance demonstration will be provided after the Walk this year by Cosmopolitan United Church of Christ, one of the regular Walk participants. Other post Walk activities include face painting, sno cones, popcorn, bounce house to encourage intermingling and communication between the

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.

fourteen supporting congregations.

Please contact Nicole Newkham (972-446-2129) or Rick Davis (972-814-5325) if you need more information. The web site [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org) gives information about CROP Hunger Walk, which is a national fund raising effort. Click here for a direct link

to the CWS web page for making donations to the Holy Covenant Team:

[http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013FallCROPHungerWalk/TR-Fall2013?fr\\_id=17345&pg=teamlist&pr\\_id=donate](http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013FallCROPHungerWalk/TR-Fall2013?fr_id=17345&pg=teamlist&pr_id=donate)

### Parents' Night Out

**Saturday, September 21**

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!



### One Hit Wonders



**Saturday, September 28**

**7 pm**

Holy Covenant Music Ministries present *One Hit Wonders*. Join us for an evening of fun and refreshments. Admission is free, but you can reserve a table in front for just \$20.



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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](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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