



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 Heather Hinton



Hello Holy Covenant,

As I write this, I can hear the children of ECDP moving up and down the halls, learning in their classrooms, having fun, building community and experiencing Christ! It is such a joy to have the halls and classrooms of this building bubbling with excitement and laughter, and even the tears of the little ones who don't want Mom to leave. The children of this program, this church, this community and our world are such a blessing! They have much to give us and much to share about

Christ. They are filled with a love, curiosity and innocence that is amazing to behold.

Jesus told the disciples, " I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who humble themselves like this little child will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." -Matthew 18: 2-5

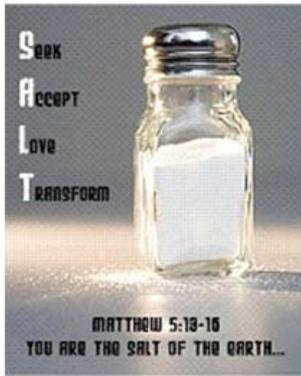
"I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age." - Matthew 28: 18-20

Children's Ministry



Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 13th
Come to worship and celebrate the young disciples among us as they lead us in Worship!



SALT Ministry
Seek, Accept, Love,
Transform

Interested in volunteering as a tutor at Davis & Furneaux Elementary schools? You can make a difference!

Tutoring begins in October.

Contact Jana Jones
jjones@hcumc.org to participate.

We are called to be like children, and we are called to create disciples for Christ. The children and youth of our world are not someone to be tolerated or accommodated, but rather people who are to be equipped to be disciples of Christ. Amazingly enough we are supposed to be more like them. They can help equip us for a life of discipleship. Being open to the lessons that the youngest among us can teach us is not always easy, but it is a powerful and wonderful thing. After it was announced that I would be the new Children's Minister here at Holy Covenant, many people have told me what a blessing I am for this church, but the blessings are being poured out onto me as I have the honor and privilege to work with the children and families of our church and community. These children have much to show and teach us if only we will listen. We have much to give them if we build relationships with them and let them see Christ through us. Christ's promise to be with us every day until the end of the age is very comforting, and I see His presence every time I look into the face of a precious child.

Shalom,
 Heather Hinton

New Members

Youth Ministry



For all youth in
 7th - 12th Grade

UMYF Sunday Nights
 6-8 pm



Shelbey and Chelsea Sparks
 joined August 18

Please consider providing a meal for our youth. It is around the table we fellowship and begin to process our busy lives. Please contact me if you have any questions, we have a signup sheet on our website www.hcumc.org under the Online Registration tab.

-Jason Redick
jredick@hcumc.org

Adult Ministry

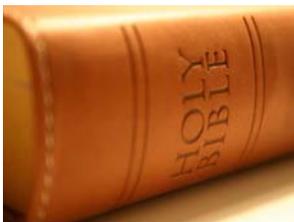


Finding the Light: A Small Group for Young Adults

Sundays 9:45 am

All are invited for study and fellowship in Room A (NE Sanctuary)

Contact Jana Jones
jjones@hcumc.org to participate.



"Where Did the Bible Come From, and How Should We Read It?"

Sundays thru October 27
- 6:00-7:30 pm

All are invited! The cost is \$12.

Contact Jana Jones or Gary Feltner if you would like to participate.



Elizabeth and Roy Hinkel
joined September 15



Katie and Bryan Bayley
joined September 15



Short-Term Small Group

Thursdays beginning
October 31 (for 5 weeks)
- 6:30-8:00 pm
Join us for a study of The Me I Want To Be by John Ortberg.
Contact Jana Jones by
October 13 if you would
like to participate.

Music Ministry



**New ringers and
singers are always
welcome!**

Email
dchapman@hcumc.org
with questions

Sunday rehearsal schedule:

3:30 pm - Joyful Noise
Ringers - beginning
handbell choir
5:15 pm - Revelation
Singers - Grades 6-12

Wednesday night rehearsal schedule:

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



Sylvia Jones
joined September 22

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.



CALLING THE HEART

**Bearing Witness To
Ways We Respond To
God**

The local church is a seedbed for calling. From teaching a Bible study, to serving on a mission trip, to offering the bread and cup during Sunday worship, the local church provides countless ways through which God might speak a word of calling into ministry.

Stewardship: Following in Christ's Footsteps Campaign



Weekly Worship Schedule

October 13: Praise be to
God?

October 20: We are the
justice...we are the
answered prayer, today!

Advanced Youth
7:30 pm - Adult Choir



Music Dates to Remember

October 19 - Youth Choir Festival, St. Andrew UMC

\$15.00 per singer, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm,

October 20 - Be The Church Sunday -

Opportunity to provide music for Trenton UMC Worship

November 2 - Choir Work Day! Jason Chavarria will come and help us learn

"The Word Made Flesh" for Dec. 15. It is not too late to join us for this

Christmas musical experience. Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

December 5 - Adult Choir performs at Community Nativity Display - 7:00 pm

December 15 - "The Word Made Flesh" by Dan Goeller, Choir and Orchestra

Contact Pastor Debbie for more information at dchapman@hcumc.org

ECDP



John 12:21

October 27: *Song is Prayer*

November 3: *I have heard of your faith....*

November 10: *Looking for the loophole!*

All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me. John 12:27a

From the moment we say "I believe", we set out on a spiritual journey of following Christ. Our lives become a masterful journey of pathway and pace. Our first few steps are light and gleeful but we soon realize that to consistently pace ourselves with Christ means to commit to a new way of treading through life. We no longer emblazon our own trail but rather we develop the art of leaping from footprint to footprint imprinted for us by Christ. This is no small feat (pun intended) to be sure! How does one go about giving up control of the impending destination?

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to [God's] service, you could not give [God] anything that was not in a sense [God's] own already. C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

If we develop a lifestyle of stewardship, we will be equipped to trust that God wants to guide us to a destination filled with hope, love, joy, and fulfillment. The word, *stewardship*, simply means to manage someone else's property.

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1)

When we hear of a steward in Jesus' parables, we hear of a person who has been trusted with great treasures. Well, we have been given the greatest treasures of all - God's creation! Everything we are and everything we have is God's. We are caretakers of our lives, property, money, relationships, talents, and time. These have been graciously entrusted to us for our good use, development, and enjoyment! But just as in the parables, the master expected the steward to manage his treasures well and so, too, does God.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for humanity, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23-24)

God has entrusted us with much and God expects much. Our jobs as stewards of God's creation is to follow step by step the pathway of Christ. Over the next five weeks, we are going to discover together what it means to cultivate a lifestyle of stewardship. The biblical view of stewardship goes beyond church budgets; it connects everything we do with what God is



They're Back. . . !

Finally, they're back. The halls of Holy Covenant are filled once again with the sounds of kiddoes singing and laughing. Classrooms are decorated again, and the artwork of our precious little ones are decorating the walls. Good memories are being made and brains are getting smarter all at once! This very week, we are celebrating Texas Week, and the Parent Support Organization is hosting many fun activities for the kiddoes in the gym. Classes are just about full, but we do still have some openings available in the 3's and Pre-Kindergarten classes. The children are loving the refurbished playground. Thank you so much for your generous donations that made replacing worn out equipment possible. We are thankful that the church is willing to help us maintain a fun and safe environment for growing these kiddoes. Lots of fun and growing happens on the playground. By the end of the year many kiddoes will have learned to swing themselves on the swing or climb all the way across the monkey bars, and our littlest ones will be able to climb the ramp

doing in the world. We are going to consider what it means to follow Jesus as stewards of God. We will discover how we order our lives through our prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness will lead us into a destination of God's divine joy as we hear,

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness! (Matthew 25:21)

Blessings,
Pastor Carol Sparks

Holy Covenant's Annual Dinner & Auction

Our annual dinner and auction is coming soon! For you Auction veterans, you will note a couple of changes from past years. First, we are moving the event to Friday night. Second, we will have just one dinner seating, though it will still give you flexibility of your arrival time. What won't change, however, is the great dinner, the fantastic silent and live auction items, and the fun and fellowship that we all enjoy. Here are the details:



Auction Date: **FRIDAY, October 18**

Auction Time: Silent auction opens at 5:30

Dinner Time: Earliest seating will be 5:45 and latest will be 6:30

For those of you who haven't attended the event in the past, and those of us who can't remember yesterday, much less a year ago, here are some auction basics:

WHAT IS THE AUCTION?

The Holy Covenant Auction, our church's largest single fund raising event, is an evening of fun and fellowship. Proceeds go to support the ministries of the United Methodist Church, both locally and globally. Additionally, the youth receive a portion of the proceeds for their annual mission trips.

WHERE DO THE DONATED ITEMS COME FROM?

Members of the church donate items to be auctioned. Donated items can include homemade goods, personal services, gift certificates, or products from local merchants, and are limited only by our imaginations. Donors complete a Donation Form and return the form to the church as soon as completed and then bring the donated items to the church anytime up to the day of the auction.

on the larger play structure. The playground is a great place for physical development as well as the development of good friendships.

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

Beth Mundell's parents;
Jim McKee; Josh
Faulkner; Larry Kees;
James Williams; Valerie
Roberts; Bill Henly; Cindy
Baber; Linda Oakley;
Kristi Wasemiller;
Michelle & Kenny
Patterson; Bob Austin;
Rachel Millaway; Lexie

WHAT ARE BASKETS?

Many donors package several items into gift baskets for auction. Examples of some baskets are teen, golf, kid's toys, and "pamper yourself" baskets. The donor can either assemble baskets or the items can be brought to the church to be assembled.

HOW DOES THE AUCTION WORK?

The silent auction opens at 5:30 and closes at the start of the live auction and then reopens for a few minutes at the end of the live auction. Silent auction items are bid on by noting the bid amount and the bidder's bid number on the bid sheet. The live auction begins at 7:00 and includes roughly 30 items. Holding up the bid card during the live auction indicates your bid.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ITEMS I HAVE WON AND HOW DO I GET THEM?

When the auction is over (both silent and live) all bid sheets are taken to the cashiers and filed by the winning bid number. Bidders proceed to the cashiers and, after paying, are given a copy of the bid sheets for the items won. Bidders then take the bid sheets to the auction area to pick up their items. We accept cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard for payment.

WHAT IS THE RAFFLE?

In conjunction with the auction, there is a raffle for a brand new 40" LED Samsung smart TV! Tickets are \$10.00 each. Church members can purchase tickets and pick up tickets to sell to others after each service, returning the ticket stubs and cash to an Auction Committee member.

WHAT ABOUT DINNER?

Dinner is being catered and will be served to you. You may arrive as early as 5:45 or as late as 6:30, or any time in between. Once you finish eating, make your way into the sanctuary to start bidding on the silent auction items. Dinner reservations may be made after each service for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. You may also complete a reservation form and return or mail it to the church with your payment.

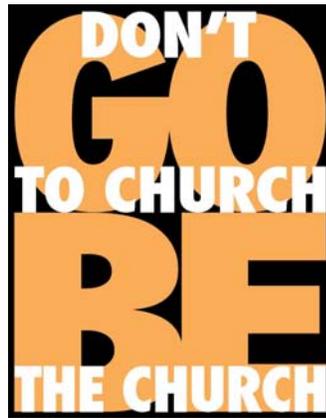
WHAT DO I DO WITH MY CHILDREN DURING THE AUCTION?

Children aged 5 and up will be entertained by youth volunteers during the silent and live auction. The nursery will be open for children under 5 at no cost.

Watch for more details in the coming weeks! We hope to see you there!!

BE THE CHURCH Weekend

Mitcham; Jenny Martin; Stephen Ministers; Pam Johnson; Mick Abed; Barbara Krueger; the Berks family; Michael Prees; Michael McAnally; Janis Miller; John Bator; Carl Robertson; DoReen Burbidge; 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; Dennis Stringer; 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; 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 Hill; Jay & Kathy Cash; Rosie Alexander; Kate Bushmann; Jess Beltran;



October 19 - 20

Holy Covenant will hold its annual Be the Church event on October 19 for the Saturday Well service and on October 20 for the Sunday services. This event presents an opportunity for the congregation to perform community service projects that weekend, i.e. Don't Go to Church, Be the Church.

The Missions Committee has arranged a wide variety of projects for different skills and ages - something for everyone. Sign-up will commence Sunday September 22.

If you have questions, please contact Rick Davis
mdrdtexas@hotmail.com.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, October 19

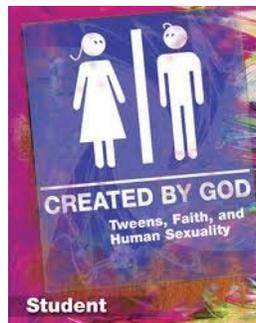
Come and worship, then leave your kids from 6:00-9:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

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 worship service and show your bulletin.



Created by God



Human Sexuality Workshop

Open to all 5th and 6th Graders
 Friday, November 8th 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 Saturday, November 9th 8:30 am - 2:00 pm; Parents will join us from 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Mandatory Parent meeting - Thursday, November 7th 7:00pm-8:00pm
 Cost: \$30 - includes workbook and Pizza lunch on Saturday. Please register by

Friday, November 1st at www.hcumc.org

or click here:

<http://www.hcumc.org/index.php/created-by-god.html>

We will need snacks and facilitators.

For more information - contact Heather Hinton -

hhinton@hcumc.org

Golf Outing

Sponsored by the Spiritual Journeymen

Sunday, November 10, 2013



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.

The Spiritual Journeymen are sponsoring a golf outing on Sunday November 10, 2013 at Lake Park Golf course in Lewisville.

Start time is 1:30 PM - Shotgun start

The format will be a 2 person scramble (you can pick your partner or you will be paired with a player).

The cost will be \$50.00 per player and prizes will be awarded (payment due by November 3, 2013).

Contact Johnny Swaim at 214.212.1196 or JLDHSWAIM@gmail.com with questions.



Marketing Help Needed



The Arts & Craft Committee needs help with all forms of marketing for our April craft show. The tentative date is April 12, 2014 and help is needed from mid-January to the show date. If any type of marketing is your specialty, we really need your expertise! Thanks.

Please contact Ginger Rathbun at 972-446-1095 or

sewsomuch@sewsomuch.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;
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