



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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

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Now what?

Well, we have spent time in prayer and reflection. We have discerned how we plan to use the disciplines to grow in our discipleship. We have written it down and offered it to God. So what do we do now?

We strategize about how we can best live into this commitment!

For some of us, this means writing a plan for clarity and accountability. For some of us, it is setting aside time each day to practice our new discipline. For some of us, it means doing a little research to find worship options, small groups or service

opportunities. For some of us, it involves honesty about our priorities. No matter what we committed to for this next year, we must be intentional about moving forward.

Spiritual growth does not happen because we said we wanted to grow.

We actually have to participate in our spiritual development.

Your best bet for success in living into your new practices is to find an accountability group. A small group like a Sunday school class, bible study, prayer circle, are all good means to aid you as you deepen your relationship with God. You are welcome in any small group experience we have in this church.

Don't wait to be asked to join a group...try them out for yourself. If we do not have a group that works for you, then

Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 am

K-2 is in Room 202
3-5 is in Room 206
Preschool is in Room 105
Toddlers are in the Nursery

Youth Ministry



For all youth in
7th - 12th Grade

Ready, Set, Home

Sunday, November 17
from 2-4:30 pm
Legacy Counseling Center helps folks who are homeless get back on their feet, and we can be a part of this process. They have apartments set up with the main furnishings but we get to make a house a home! In partnering with Cochran Chapel UMC (they will do bathroom), we will furnish the kitchen with everything one might need. Please let Jason jredick@hcumc.org know if you want to participate.

ask a few friends and start a new one. Small groups are the best way to feel connected into the life of the church and to be held to the disciple growth standards you have set for yourself. Below is a list of our Sunday School Classes and Small Groups - try one this next week!

See you in church on Sunday,
Pastor Carol

Sunday School Classes, meet Sundays at 9:45 am

3Cs (Coffee, Conversation, & Covenant) - Room 215

Bible study, group discussion, and deep growth in the knowledge of our Christian faith. All ages-singles and couples.

Daughters Of Shalom - Room 208

Provides fellowship for women and focuses on women's issues.

New Beginnings - Room 213

Seeks to share, nurture, and support each other while also growing closer to God. All ages-singles and couples.

Seekers - Room 210

Members take turns leading a book study or discussion of current events and how they relate to our faith. All ages-singles and couples.

Spiritual Journeymen - Room 212

Frequently the organizers of mission projects around the church, but Sunday is our study time. Subjects are chosen by the group.

Selah - Room 211

Conversations around faith and life in light of current events/hot topics from a Christian perspective. All ages - singles and couples.

Finding The Light - Northeast corner of sanctuary

Men and women, ages 20-40, meet to discuss the challenges of living as Christians today. Subject matter is biblically based topics.

Small Groups:

Breakfast Club, Mondays at 7 am in Room 113

Bible 101, Wednesdays at 6 pm in Room 113

L. I. F. T. (Ladies In Fellowship Together), 3rd Thursdays at homes of members - see www.hcumc.org for details

Saints and Sinners, 1st Fridays at noon in Room 113

Adult Ministry

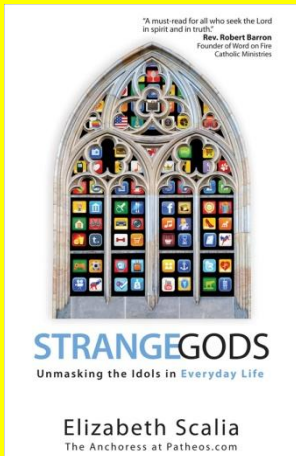


Finding the Light: A Small Group for Young Adults

Sundays 9:45 am

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

Contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org to participate.



Holy Covenant Breakfast Club

We're studying Elizabeth Scalia's Strange Gods. Join us Monday mornings from 7 - 8 am in Room 113 for fun, fellowship and faith! Contact Gary Feltner gary_feltner@verizon.net with questions.



Short-Term Small Group

New Members



Deidra Sterling joined November 3, 2013

Thursdays thru December
5 - 6:30-8:00 pm
Join us for a study of The
Me I Want To Be by John
Ortberg.
Contact Jana Jones 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
Advanced Youth
7:30 pm - Adult Choir



Erin Payne joined November 3, 2013

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.



Thanksgiving Pie Sale



Apple, \$15
Pecan, \$12
Pumpkin, \$12

Place your order in the narthex by
Sunday, November 17th

Pies will be boxed and ready for pick-up on Tuesday, November
26th, in the Covenant Center. Proceeds will benefit the

Music Dates to Remember

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

Food Pantry Needs



Macaroni & Cheese and Copy Paper Boxes

Please drop off at the church office.
Thank you!

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

Summer 2014 Youth Choir Tour.
The Youth Choir THANKS YOU for your Support!

Advent Bells

Want to add to our Advent Bells?

-Ribbon must be 3 ½ - 4 feet long and no wider than 2 inches.

-Bell needs to be no wider across than 2 inches.

-1 ribbon and bell per family.

-Bring ribbon and bell in a plastic baggie and place in the basket in the narthex by **Sunday, Nov. 17.**



Parents' Night Out



Saturday, November 23

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.

Order Your Poinsettias

\$12 each

Help beautify our sanctuary for Advent and order a poinsettia in the narthex in honor of memory of a loved one. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, December 1.**



Community Nativity Celebration



December 5 - 7

This is the 9th year that local congregations will host this amazing collection of nativity displays.. Our Wesleyan Choir will be performing at **7:00 pm on December 5.** See www.thecommunitynativity.com for

times to visit the display.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4000 Nazarene Dr
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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

Susan Kasten; Nancy Cardenas; Milli Davis; Therese Campbell; Josh Faulkner; Larry Kees; Valerie Roberts; Bill Henly; Linda Oakley; Rachel Millaway; Lexie Mitcham; Jenny Martin; Stephen Ministers; Pam Johnson; Barbara Krueger; the Berks family; Michael Prees; 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; Jim Martinez; Stephanie Flangin; the Doane family; Susan Parker; the Rainey family; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Sandy Serifin; Donna Crawford; Dennis Stringer; Stephen Booker; Lily Gosling; Bankston Potts; the Staab

Advent Festival

Saturday, December 7

Family Game Night Style

Who: You! Everyone in our Holy Covenant Family

and surrounding community
What: Fun-filled, Christ-centered games for the whole family

When: Saturday, December 7th w 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring: A Friend, and Food to share!

Includes a Pot-luck dinner at 6:00 and a live Nativity with Christmas Carols to end the celebration!



Bethlehem's Best



Sunday, December 8

9:45 am

Support our Children's Choir as they present this musical in the sanctuary between worship services.

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 8

9 am to 1 pm

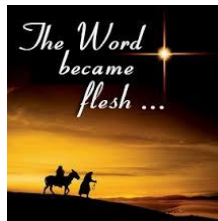
Covenant Center

Give blood. Often.

Be a part of something great.



The Word Became Flesh



Sunday, December 15

8:30 and 11 am

Holy Covenant Music Ministries will present *The Word Became Flesh* by Dan and Heidi Goeller complete with orchestra.

Message from Finance

The Finance Committee of Holy Covenant UMC estimates that receipts needed for the remainder of 2013 will be \$130,000 (this includes apportionments paid to the annual conference) in order to be in a positive cash position at year end. We received approximately \$40,000 from this year's auction and \$46,700 in regular giving during October. Our estimate is that



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; 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

C.J. Davidson, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Logan Vidrine, & Ashley Wert.

we will spend \$650,000 in operating expenses in 2013. This amount is not unusual for the last 2 months, but we need you to continue to give and if possible increase your giving for 2013. Perhaps you have stock that has appreciated in value and you could give that to HCUMC and receive a greater tax write off for 2013. Any way that you can help the church meet its financial goals will be appreciated.

The Finance Committee ask that you review your giving and determine if you are current on your pledge and if not it would help your church if you were current. The need for 2013 is slightly larger than in previous years and the Finance Committee is requesting that everyone prayerfully consider your giving position and give what you can to the operations of Holy Covenant UMC.

Childcare Worker Needed!



We need a part time child care worker here at Holy Covenant. Schedule will include Sunday Mornings 8:15 am - 12:15 pm, and some Saturday evenings 4:45 pm -6:30 pm and Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Ideal candidate will have:

- Experience working with children
- A caring attitude
- Reliability

The responsibilities of this job include:

- Caring for children infant - 7 years of age
- Changing table and feeding requirements
- Planning and leading fun and engaging activities for children
- Passing a background check and Ministry Safe Training

Please contact Heather Hinton for more information and to apply. hhinton@hcumc.org * 214-668-1780



Carrollton West Pet Hospital

www.CarrolltonWestPet.com

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Leigh-Anne Morris, DVM

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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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