



## 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 Debbie

#### Happy New Year, Holy Covenant!

Sunday will be a great music day at HCUMC. You won't want to miss Deanna Witkowski, as she brings liturgical jazz music to our worship services on January 12 at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Her trio will provide all the service music and perform music that Deanna has written and recorded. Her CD's will be available before and after worship for sale to those who would like them. Deanna sent the following bio:

*Winner of the Great American Jazz Piano Competition and a former guest on Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz, pianist/composer/vocalist [Deanna Witkowski](#) has been heralded for her "consistently thrilling" playing and her "boundless imagination" (All Music Guide). Moving with remarkable ease between Brazilian, jazz, Afro-Cuban and classical music, Witkowski approaches her work with the heart and technique of a daring improviser. Her most current album, [From This Place](#), features her liturgical jazz and led to a second appearance on National Public Radio's Weekend Edition Sunday. Her fifth recording, a solo project featuring arrangements that blend Chopin nocturnes with Brazilian and jazz standards, will be released in 2014. Besides being a prolific instrumental composer, Witkowski is known for her work combining jazz and liturgy. Her congregational music appears in the hymnals *Singing the New Testament (Faith Alive)* and *Swing a New Song to the Lord (Presbybop)*. In 2010, she led 6000 participants in singing her commissioned piece, "Faith, Hope, Love" at the United Methodist Women's Assembly in St. Louis. She is a frequent presenter on jazz and spirituality: in 2011, she was the opening lecturer at the William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies lecture series at Nazareth College; in 2013, she was a featured presenter at the biannual [International Thomas Merton Society Meeting](#).*



**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****Sunday, January 12 -**

Dallas Stars Game &  
Faith Night

**January 17 thru 19 -**

Civil Rights Bus Tour

**Sunday, February 2 -**

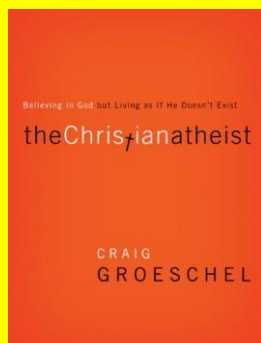
Super Bowl Party at  
FUMC Denton

**February 7 thru 9 -**

Winter Retreat

**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)

**Breakfast Club  
Mondays at 7 am in**

*In 2012, Witkowski joined the staff at Park Avenue Christian Church in New York as Artist-in-Residence/Assistant Musician. Her sacred jazz work (including hymn arrangements, congregational responses, Psalm settings, and other service music) are frequently used in worship at the Park, and her trio plays in worship several times per year.*

*Witkowski holds a M.A. in jazz piano performance from the City College of New York and a B.M. in classical piano performance from Wheaton College (IL).*

Here is a list of concert opportunities while Deanna is in the Dallas area:

**Thurs, 9 Jan 2014 from 6-8 pm**

Deanna Witkowski Trio

[Dallas Museum of Art](#)

Jazz in the Atrium series

**Fri, 10 Jan 2014 at 2 pm**

Deanna Witkowski Trio

[JEN \(Jazz Education Network\) National Conference](#)

Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion

**Sat, 11 Jan 2014 at 6 pm** Deanna Witkowski Trio- jazz vespers

[St. Paul United Methodist Church](#)

To hear Deanna's music, visit <http://www.deannajazz.com>.

See you Sunday, January 12!

Pastor Debbie

**Parents Night Out****Saturday, January 11  
6 to 9 pm**

Bring your kids from 6:00-9:00  
pm.

E-mail Heather Hinton

[hhinton@hcumc.org](mailto:hhinton@hcumc.org) to make a  
reservation. For kids ages Infant-  
5th Grade. A snack will be  
provided. Cost is \$5/child.



**Room 113**

Join us as we study The Christian Atheist by Craig Groeschel. Am I putting my whole faith in God but still living as if everything was up to me?

**Animate: Faith  
with Mark Millar  
Wednesdays at  
6:30 pm  
Room 215  
Starts January 15**

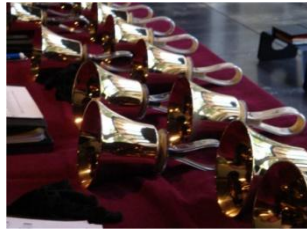
Using videos featuring leading Christian voices, we will delve into faith topics: God, religion, Jesus, salvation, the cross, the Bible and church.

**Music Ministry****YOUTH Ringers and Singers**

Organizational meeting for Youth and Parents on Sunday, January 12 at 5:00 pm in the choir room. We have exciting ideas for Choir tour but we must know who plans to attend. We also have plans for us to do one of the Holy Week services. Come to this meeting if you plan to be a part of our great youth ringers and singers for 2014!

**ECDP****Kindergarten Parent Orientation**

Tuesday, January 21 at 7 pm  
Come check out our awesome Kindergarten program!

**America's Got Talent****How about YOU???**

Admit it! You've listened to the harmonious tinkling of our bell choirs, praising God with song, and wondered if you could do that, too. Well, now's your chance! Beginning in early January, you'll have your chance! We're

forming a *One and Done* bell choir! This group will get together for 6 weeks of rehearsals, which will end with a performance in church (and maybe Atria) at the end of February. Then we're done. If you loved it, you can look for a permanent home in one of our

other bell choirs. If you've discovered something you really don't enjoy, then you've only committed 6 weeks.

Beginners, as well as seasoned musicians, are welcome to come try this out! Because this will be a whirlwind exposure to music and ringing, you will need to attend each week. Rehearsal day/time will be determined by the interested parties. In order for this group to hit the ground running, it will be important to know who's coming ASAP! Please reach out to Debbie Chapman or Joy Lasley to express your interest.

Debbie: [dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org), 972-492-2432

Joy: [joy@lasley5.com](mailto:joy@lasley5.com), 972-536-3215

**Instrumentalists****Traditional and Contemporary!****Sunday, January 12 - 4:00 PM  
in the Choir Room!**

We have a number of instrumentalists joining our church and it is time to organize ourselves so that we can play more often in worship! Youth and Adults should attend an organizational meeting on Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 pm in the choir room! We want to have an even more blended musical experience on Sunday mornings. So it is also time to form a praise team. This meeting on January 12 will also be to see if there is interest in this area. I think we have all pieces except a drummer. If you know of someone bring them to this meeting as well!

**L.I.F.T. - Ladies In Fellowship Together**

**Thursday,  
January 16  
6:30 pm**

at the home of Hefina Greensted For directions, email [hefinaglenys@verizon.net](mailto:hefinaglenys@verizon.net). Bring a snack or covered dish to share. We will enjoy food, fellowship and a short devotional.

**Open House**  
**January 27-30**  
**9:30 - 10:30 am**  
 Visit our school for  
 "Under the Sea" fun!

**Enrollment for**  
**2014-15**  
**Begins February 4**

### Food Pantry Needs



**Peanut Butter,**  
**Reusable Bags,**  
 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  
**Jason Redick**  
 Youth Minister  
**Heather Hinton**  
 Children's Minister  
**Beth McClure**  
 ECDP Director

### Chili Cookoff

**Saturday, January 18**  
**6 pm**

Bring your family and friends! All are invited to enter. Prizes will be awarded. Try them all and vote for your favorite!



### Gospel of Matthew Study



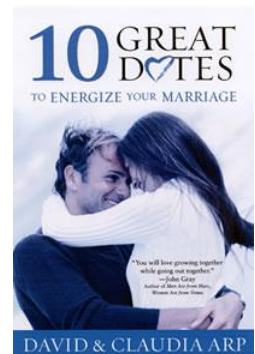
**Sundays from 6 to 7:30 pm**  
**Starting January 19**  
**Room 213**

Study manuals are \$9. Led by Gary Feltner. Journey inside the pages of Scripture to meet a personal God who enters individual lives and begins a creative work from the inside out. Shaped with the individual in mind, *Immersion* encourages simultaneous engagement both with the Word of God and with the God of the Word to become a new creation in Christ.

### 10 Great Dates

**Fridays at 6:30 pm**  
**Room 215**

This 10-week class kicks off Friday, Jan 24 at 6:30 pm. Invite your mate to join you for 10 weeks of reclaiming the spark, connection and creativity in your marriage. See [www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org) for details. The class costs \$15/couple. Childcare is available for \$5 per child, per week. Contact Ryan and Jennifer Baumgardner [jendbaum@verizon.net](mailto:jendbaum@verizon.net) for more information. Register at [www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org).



### Happy New Year from ECDP!



As we start the New Year, Holy Covenant Early Childhood Development Program knows that families with young children are already thinking about the new school year. Please stop in to visit our preschool program during our Open House week, January 27-30, 2014. We'd love to give you a tour of our building so that you can see the wonderful teachers we have and the great things that ECDP kids do.

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins February 4, 2014. Please call Beth McClure at 972-492-1371 to schedule a tour or get

**Carol Jones**

Bookkeeper

**Elise Webb Odell**

Administrative Assistant

*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

The Kasten family; Brenda Jo Anderson; Jim McKee; Greg Rardin; Nancy Cardenas; Milli Davis; Therese Campbell; Josh Faulkner; Larry Kees; Valerie Roberts; Bill Henly; Linda Oakley; Rachel Millaway; Jenny Martin; Frank Esparza; Stephen Ministers; Cindy Baber; Barbara Krueger; the Berks family; Susan Kiker; Michael Prees; Cyndi Benedict; John Bator; Carl Robertson; DoReen Burbidge; Bonnie Feltner; 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; Jim Martinez; Stephanie Flangin; the Doane family; Joseph Millioto; Buddy Milner; Susan Parker; the Rainey family; DoReen Burbidge; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Donna Crawford; Dennis Stringer; Stephen Booker; Lily Gosling; Bankston Potts; the Staab family; the Fisk family; Michele Foust; Mary Robinson; the Mata family; Martha & Hugo Taylor; Emma Mambuca; the Divonka family; Katy

more information. Your children are precious in His sight and in our sight too.

**The Wealth of the Poor**

**Thursdays from 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Begins February 6**

**Room 113**

**Presented by Advocates for Peace & Justice**



**Youth Choir Valentine Bake Sale**



**Sunday, February 9**

**8 am to 12:30 pm**

Proceeds to benefit the Youth Choir Tour 2014!

Contact Debbie Chapman

[dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org) to volunteer and be sure to come support our youth musicians.

**Blood Drive**

**Sunday, February 16**

**9 am to 1 pm**

**in the Covenant Center**

Give blood. Often.



**Thank You from Jana Jones**



Dear Holy Covenant family,

I have been so overwhelmed by your generosity in the past month. It has been my privilege to serve at Holy Covenant for 10 years, and I'm grateful for the ways we could celebrate that milestone together. Though I am leaving to take my next step in ministry, I go with a spirit full of courage, gratitude, and love. You have instilled all of those things within me. You will always hold a special place in my heart - through your support and encouragement, I was able to hear and

respond to God's call on my life to enter full-time ministry. That's a gift that I will always treasure.

Cook; the Smithen family; Erin Beavers & family; the Pillai family; the Wearden family; Isaac & Karissa Gonzales; Darla and Jonathan Sherry; 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; and the Rainey family.

### Our loved ones in the military

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

Thank you for being such an amazing congregation - you have taught me much about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I look forward to seeing all of the ways God will continue to work through you to make Carrollton a better place! My new e-mail address is [jjones@connectionumc.net](mailto:jjones@connectionumc.net). Please keep in touch! Blessings to all of you in 2014!

Grace and peace, Jana



## Carrollton West Pet Hospital

[www.CarrolltonWestPet.com](http://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@dccc.edu](mailto:jkaan@dccc.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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