



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



Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 am

K-2nd in Room 202

3rd-5th in Room 206

Preschool in Room 105

Toddlers in the Nursery,
Room 101

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Confirmand Credo



My Creed by Robby Ischy

I believe in God, who made everything, and loves us all
I believe in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and resurrected

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is like God's messenger

I believe people are all creations of God

I believe sin is a good thing, because it shows God's love towards us by him forgiving us, and so we know not to do that sin again

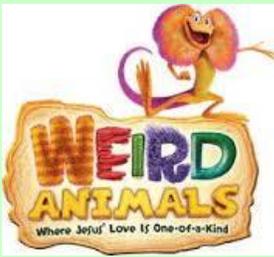
I believe salvation is being saved by believing

I believe the bible is like an instruction manual that helps us live a better life

I believe the church is a group of people worshiping God and teaching others about him

I believe sacraments are baptism and communion, which is being accepted into God's church and remembering the last supper

I believe that to live a good Christian life, you need to help, love, and teach others, and try to replicate Jesus



Register Now!
Vacation Bible School
July 7 - 11, 2014
 with a One-of-a-Kind
 celebration
Sunday, July 13
Kids 3 yrs thru 5th
Grade
Register at
www.hcumc.org

Youth Ministry



7th- 12th Grade

United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Sundays from 6-8 pm in the Youth Room

July 6th- meet at Bahama Bucks

July 13th- SEEK Camp, no UMYF

July 20th- Beginning of youth week

July 27th- Attend New Day service with our friends from Daraja

Adult Ministry



Message from Pastor Debbie

Communion Sunday, Pentecost, Annual Conference, Father's Day, Mission Trips, Sack Summer Hunger, Blood Drive, Graduation Celebrations, Parent's Night Out, Eagle Scout Ceremonies, Piano Recitals, Vacation Bible School preparation, New Handbell Choir, etc. That is quite a list of special events and activities in the life of our church! Summers don't slow down at Holy Covenant. So in the midst of all of this, life happens and life certainly has happened for Pastor Carol Sparks. She attended the graduation ceremonies of several relatives and then the family all descended on Carrollton for the graduation of Chelsea. Immediately following that weekend, came the sudden death of her niece's husband, the father of two young girls, 4 and 6 years old. Travels to Houston and Tallahassee for services brought her back to Texas when her father became very ill. Pastor Carol has been given the gift of some personal time to be with her family in Houston. At this writing her father seems to be improving and her daughter Alex has been cleared to give birth to Rowan any day!



The church has been so gracious during this time and as you see by my list above, life goes on in the midst of our work and God surrounds us with love and grace when times get rough. I have invited Rev. Dr. Christy Thomas to preach on July 6th, she will follow Jason Redick, Jim Guest and Cassie Wade bringing the message of hope and good news to us while Pastor Carol is away. Christy is most recently the pastor at Krum UMC and retired this past year. She will preach and consecrate the elements of Holy Communion. We will also have special music by a small group performing Michael Gungor's "Beautiful Things." If you are not familiar with this song, you can find it on YouTube or iTunes. We expect Pastor Carol back in the office on July 7 but Rowan may have other ideas! Continue to pray for this wonderful family.

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Covenant during this time both by your presence and your gifts. We have a lot to do on this corner in Carrollton. God has work for us to do!

Blessings,
 Pastor Debbie

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). We are studying *Listening to God*.



Spiritual Discipline Covenant Group Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 pm Room 208 in the Education Building

All adults welcome. Contact Jason Redick jredick@hcumc.org for more information.

Music Ministry



Summer Music in Mission

Sunday, July 13

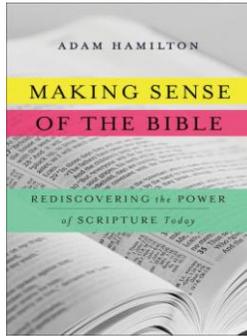
Take music to Special Needs Adults - SEEK Camp at Lake Texoma
Schedule:

12:15-12:30 Snack lunch @ Holy Covenant

12:30 to 1:30 Rehearsal
1:30 Drive to Texoma (let us know if you can drive!)

2:30 Arrive at the Prothro Center and prepare to swim at **3:00** with the SEEK Campers (Wear your suit under your clothes as we may not have a place

Church-Wide Study



Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton

At the end of July, we will begin a church-wide book study. If you, your Sunday School class, or your small group would like to join in the study, contact Jason Redick jredick@hcumc.org by July 6 with the number of books you will need.

Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

All-Church Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, July 13

Following 11:00 Worship

Celebrate the end of Vacation Bible School with food and fellowship shared with VBS families!



Can You Click a Mouse?



Our AV Team needs you! Two people are needed for each service of worship. One to help set up microphones and run the sound board and one to run the slides and lights from the computer. Please consider this important ministry. Two of our regular volunteers have stepped down so

it is imperative that we add more people to the team. Contact Debbie Chapman dchapman@hcumc.org or Ryan Baumgardner ryloba@verizon.net if you have questions. Come help with this important ministry!

Breakfast Club

Real Peace: What We Long For, and Where to Find It

to change prior to swimming)

4:00 Free Time to explore Camp until Dinner

5:30 Dinner with Campers

6:30 Sing and Ring with and for them!

The drive is about 1:15/30 from the church so we should be back home by 9:00 pm at the latest. All ages are welcome to attend. I will need to tell them how many to expect for dinner so I need to hear from you if you are going.

Sign up in the narthex OR email Debbie dchapman@hcumc.org



**Broadway Variety Show (Cabaret)
Saturday, Sept. 6**

The Wesleyan Choir has begun working on music for our "Broadway" Variety Show! We will work on our group number during the month of June. There are recordings to listen so that we don't lose any time during the summer, learning this music. A sign-up sheet will be in the choir room for solos and small groups. Make plans to participate in this annual Music Ministry event!

Sunday Worship Schedule

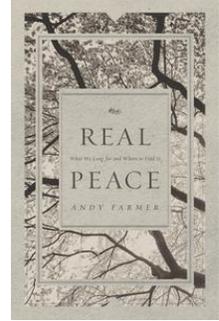
**8:30 and 11:00 am
Worship Services**

by Andy Farmer

The Breakfast Club will begin studying this new book on Monday, July 14th. We meet every Monday morning from 7:00 - 8:00 am in Room 113 to discuss books on religion, the church, and the bible.

Peace *is* possible.

We all experience stress, anxiety, conflict, depression and despair--pain that causes us to cry out for peace. Taking on these common yet critical hardships, seasoned pastor and biblical counselor Andy Farmer show us where to find and how to experience true, lasting peace--peace with God, peace with each other, and peace with ourselves.



Parents' Night Out



**Saturday, June 19
6 to 9 pm**

Covenant Center

Bring your kids ages Infant-5th Grade and take a night off! We will have fun learning the story of Jonah. Bring a swimsuit and towel for water fun! Email Heather Hinton hhinton@hcumc.org to make a reservation. A snack will be provided. Cost is \$5/child.

Project Transformation

**July 21-24
9:30 am to Noon
Chapel Hill UMC**

The literacy component of Project Transformation is an exciting opportunity for you to interact with children in a one to one setting. Reading volunteers listen to each child read for 30 minutes. After reading, the pair engages in discussion and comprehension activities about the story. Holy Covenant will provide volunteers for the reading component Monday-Thursday from 9:30-12:00, July 21-24 at Chapel Hill UMC, 12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch. All volunteers 18 and older must complete a background check. Forms are available in the church office from Elise Odell. Also the Ministry Safe Sexual Abuse Awareness Training is required. Please contact Carol Jones at cjones@hcumc.org to get the link for this free course. Babysitting is available at Holy Covenant by reservation.



If you would like to know more about how you can serve kids

9:45 am
Sunday School for all ages

Staff

Rev. Carol Sparks
Senior Pastor

Rev. Debbie Chapman
Associate Pastor, Music Ministries

Jason Redick
Youth & Young Adult Minister

Heather Hinton
Children's Minister

Beth McClure
ECDP Director

Carol Jones
Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Padwick/Gates family; the Sparks family; the Marsh/Fisher family; Bob Michael; Gary McCoy; Eileen Ritter; Sue Moser; Tina Ross; Brenda Jo Anderson; Nancy Cardenas; Valerie Roberts; Bill Henly; Linda Oakley; Rachel Millaway; Linda Cook; Jenny Martin; Stephen Ministers; Dawnie Dahir; Delia Rivera; Doris Olene Arapis; Betty Chapman; Barbara Krueger; Tobi Padwick; Susan Kiker; Michael Prees; Thomas Scarlett; John Bator; Carl Robertson; Bonnie Feltner; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Elizabeth Rudolf; Joshua Prendergast; JoAnn Wiggins; Kristin Nelson; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and

through the Project transformation summer reading program, please contact Mary Jane Van Horne mjj1128@verizon.net

Fine Arts Camp for Kids!



Presenting the musical
"The Tale of Three Trees"

July 28-August 4, from 9 to Noon
Musical Presentation on Friday at Noon
AND Sunday morning during 11:00
Worship

Registration is now online at www.hcumc.org to register your Elementary student for our Music, Art and Drama Camp. The cost for this camp is \$20.00 per child and no more than \$30 per family. New this year! Children will only be

considered for a speaking part or solo if they commit to attend the performance on Friday and Sunday! Children are asked to wear a green solid t-shirt (any shade) the day of the performances.

Scholarships are available and the camp is open to all children in the community. Registration will end on Wednesday, July 23, so that workers can prepare for the week. A limited number of walk-ins will be accepted. Remember that children will experience keyboard, handbells, guitars, drama, dance and art. Contact dchapman@hcumc.org with questions or if you'd like to volunteer.

QR Code

What is this QR Code and why use it?

When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of your web page. Try it yourself! To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access your web page without having to type out a long web address and locate your link.



For those who aren't familiar with this, from your iTunes account you will download a free application called a QR Scanner. Once this application is downloaded you hold your phone up to the QR Code for Holy Covenant and it takes you directly to our secure donation page.

1. Pay on your tithe or pledge.
2. Pay on your Top Tithe pledge.
3. Donate money for various ministries (Youth, Children's, Music, etc)
4. Make a donation for a communion offering or other special offerings.

Philip Stallings; Geraine Allen; Nita Sharp; Virgil Ronning; John Michael; Sheila Anderson; Katherine Rosselot; Stephanie Flangin; Joseph Millioto; Donna Crawford; the Baldwin family; Dorinda Hendricks; Sherri Livingston; LaDonna Yausey; Karen Bennett Lawler; Dr. Fe Cabrera; Gusty Pritchard; Eddie Mae Washington; Joe Bedsole and Gordon Frey.

Our loved ones in the military

Hunter Blue, Max Blue, Chad Davidson, C.J. Davidson, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Logan Vidrine, and Ashley Wert.

5. Make a donation to the various mission projects. One the page is totaled you can choose to take it from your checking or savings, or your Credit/Debit card. Set a start date. Choose the frequency: One time, Weekly, Monthly.



Giving online is easy. Login to www.hcumc.org. Now you have the option to make a donation to the church for various ministries as well as your tithe. You can set up your frequency to be a one time, weekly or monthly. Stay on track with your pledge by setting the frequency. While you travel this summer the church will receive your gifts.



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.