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Children's Sunday School
Sundays at 9:45 am
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Message from Pastor Carol



Holy Covenant UMC is on the move as we #faceforward@40. We had a glorious day for our Commitment and Anniversary Sunday. With over 150 people in attendance, we celebrated our founding members as well as our new members. We brought our pledge cards forward as a sign that God has big plans for our church as we look to the future. We received over 40 continuing household pledges and we anticipate more coming in over the next week or two. The real blessing is that God has brought forward through you...26 new

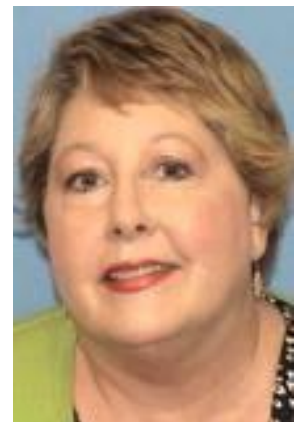
households to offer pledge cards this year. I am so excited about the future for our church, our community and our mission to Christ.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Carol

Welcome Rev. Susan Bryan

Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Susan Bryan is an Ordained Deacon in the UMC, a Licensed Professional Counselor, Trained Spiritual Director and Stephen Ministry Leader. She has served on the staffs of First UMC, Coppell, University Park UMC, North Texas Conference - UMC and Chapel Hill UMC. She attended Perkins School of Theology at SMU and Texas Women's University. She has done extensive Spiritual Formation/Direction Training through The Academy for Spiritual Formation, Center for Spiritual Development - CA, and Anglican School of Theology. She is married to Bill, retired Pharmacist, now avid golfer and bowler. She and Bill lived in Carrollton, before



3rd-5th is in Room 206
Preschool is in the
Nursery, Room 101



**Parents' Night Out
Friday,
October 17
7 to 10 pm**

Bring your kids ages
Infant-5th Grade and
take a night off!
Email Heather Hinton
hhinton@hcumc.org
to make a reservation. A
snack will be provided.
Cost is \$5/child.
*Reserve a spot for your
child(ren) no later than
Tuesday, Oct. 14th.*



**Children's Sabbath
October 19**

Precious in God's Sight -
Answering the call to
cherish and protect every
child.

Youth Ministry



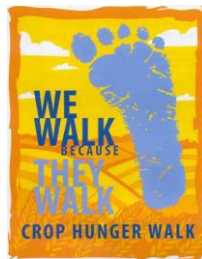
7th- 12th Grade

moving to Frisco (straight down Josey/423) 4 years ago, along with their cat, Angel. Susan has two grown children - daughter Brittany, UM Campus Minister at UT Dallas, and son, Brandon, currently working at Lifetime Fitness. She enjoys swimming, reading, retreats, good movies, travel and dark chocolate.

Note from Susan -

I am excited and grateful to be coming on the staff at "my church"! Bill and I walked into Holy Covenant UMC over a year ago and immediately knew we were home. I have always known HCUMC to be a church with a huge heart and a mission to be in ministry to ALL people, to transform the community and the world. I love this about Holy Covenant, and know that that's what God has called us to, together. I look forward to getting to know you and working with you in ministry and mission!

Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk



Saturday, October 4

Ten local churches/organizations will participate in the annual Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, October 4th. Walkers raise awareness of hunger in our community and around the world, and raise funds to fight hunger. The Walk will kick off at Mill Valley Fellowship, 13545 Webb Chapel Rd., Farmers Branch (check-in 8am). The Firewheel Gospel Music Band is returning to provide entertainment as walkers return. Water and other support for comfort and safety will be provided along the 2 mile route. There is also a 1-mile short cut.

Everyone can participate by either walking or making a donation to one of Holy Covenant's walkers who will be asking for sponsors. 25% of the funds raised are dedicated to the Food Pantry at Metrocrest Social Services; the remaining funds are used by Church World Service in their global hunger and poverty fighting programs in 30+ countries.

We invite you to come out, enjoy the morning, and be a part of the fight against hunger in our community and the world.

Please contact Rick Davis (972-814-5325) if you need more information. The URL www.crophungerwalk.org/goto/hc leads directly to the Holy Covenant Team web page for making an online donation.

The Laramie Project

The Reconciling Ministries Task Force at Grace United Methodist Church is presenting staged readings of The Laramie Project on October 10 at 7:30 pm at Northaven United Methodist Church

**Sunday Nights -
UMYF (United
Methodist Youth
Fellowship)
from 6-8 pm
in the Youth Room**



October Highlights:
10/4 **CROP Walk**
10/11 **Youth Service**
opportunity at Harvey's
Kids
10/13 **Fair Day**
10/24-25- **Youth Set up**
for Auction and **provide**
babysitting for Auction
10/26- **Trunk or Treat**

Adult Discipleship



**Healing Grief Support
Group**
Every Other Sunday at
4:00 pm
Beginning October 19
Room 208
We will deal with all
grieving issues including
death, divorce etc. All are
welcome to join us.

and October 11 at 7:30 pm at East Dallas Christian Church. Our own Miles Olsen will be one of the readers!

Harvey's Kids Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 11
6:00 to 9:00 pm
in the Covenant Center

Each month, we open the church for special needs children and their siblings to come to Holy Covenant while their parents have a night out. Kids want to know they have value and purpose! Special needs children CAN have a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ!



This program is staffed by volunteers who feel led to share the love of Jesus with these children and their families. The volunteers are continually blessed by their involvement with Harvey's Kids. There is a core group of volunteers, but more volunteers are always welcome and needed! If you are interested in volunteering, but can only do it for one month, let us know which month - we'd love for you to spend time with us. This ministry will not only make a difference in the life of these families, but in your life as well.

Please contact Jason Redick jredick@hcumc.org or Mary Harris mharris81@gmail.com to help.

Be the Church Sunday, October 12



**9:00 am ONE Worship
Service**

9:30 am Projects Begin

Be the Church is coming up on Sunday, October 12. This is a congregation wide effort where we go out into the community to complete various service projects. We

meet at **9:00am** for a short service and then go out into the community to serve.

If you haven't volunteered already, please sign up for one of the projects that needs more volunteers - a wide variety of project interests and skill levels are available. Be the Church presents an opportunity to work with friends, and make new friends, while serving our community neighbors. Detail project descriptions and the sign up forms/table are located in the Education Building at the entrance to the Narthex. The projects are as follows:



**Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6 pm
in Room 113**

All are welcome to join
Pastor Carol.

Music Ministry



Music Ministry Rehearsals

Children:

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
in the Choir Room

**Youth:
grades 6-12**

Handbells at 4:30 pm in
the sanctuary and
Singing at 5:15 pm in
the Choir Room

Adults:

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
in the choir room

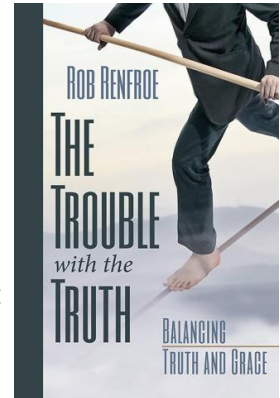


Prepare Emergency Lunch Packs
Paint/Do Yard Work in Local Home
Make Lap Blankets for Hospice
Read to Neighborhood Children
Paint at Furneaux Elementary
Clean Graffiti
Clean Pond & Greenbelt
Clean & Trim Group Home Yard

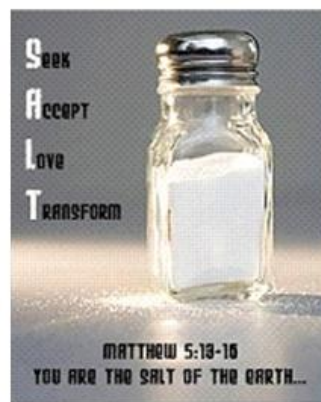
New Breakfast Club Study

**Beginning October 13
Mondays from 7 to 8 am
Room 113**

The Trouble with the Truth explores the truth-why it's in trouble, what the culture tells us about it, and why the church is so confused about it. In an engaging and compelling style, Rob Renfro reminds us that the Christian life requires commitment to both truth and grace. Like a tightrope walker with a balance bar, we must learn to balance compassion for people and passion for truth, combining them in equal measure just as Jesus did. Readers will examine the essentials about truth and grace, understand the differences between a cultural worldview and a scriptural worldview, and discover how to be instruments of real influence and transformation in our time by following Jesus's example.



SALT



Seek. Accept. Love. Transform.

SALT is a reading program in which we visit Furneaux and Davis to spend 20 minutes per week with the students to help them learn to read and grow. This year we are adding lunch buddies and room "moms" for those of you who cannot commit to once a week but would like to still volunteer. These programs will be once a month but still a vital part to the child's development. Please sign up in the narthex or online at

www.hcumc.org if you are interested in helping or learning more about the program. We will start in October at the schools and need to get a schedule that works for us and them.

We will have a training session on **Sunday, October 19th at 12:30 pm** in the sanctuary. You can make a difference!

Advanced Handbells -
Wednesday nights at 6:30
pm in the sanctuary

Joyful Noise Handbell
Choir - Sundays at 1:30
pm in the sanctuary.

We have a wonderful
variety of music
throughout the year. YOU
are needed. Contact
Pastor Debbie at
dchapman@hcumc.org
No registration needed for
singing choirs. Simply
come to a rehearsal to
join. Handbells or
instruments need a
conversation.
Come be a part of this
great ministry!

Special Anniversary Ornament



We commissioned a
woodworker in Gatlinburg,
TN to make a Flame &
Cross ornament to
celebrate our 40th
anniversary. These special
ornaments are on sale for
the low price of \$10. Cash
or check is accepted. You
will surely want one to
commemorate our 40th
year!

That 70's Auction!

Saturday, October 25

To help mark our church's 40th
anniversary, this year's dinner and
auction will have a 70s
theme, so put on the puka shell
necklace, tie on those earth shoes,
pocket your pet rock, and come join
us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fund raising!



The auction is set for Saturday, October 25. The evening will start with a catered dinner and silent auction, followed by a live auction. You will be hearing much more about the event in the coming weeks, but there are a couple of things you can do now to help. First, if you have any photos from the 70s that you wouldn't mind in a slide show, please get those to Randy Lasley at randy@lasley5.com. Second, we always need help with making the event a success. Even if meetings aren't your bag, we need folks to help in a variety of ways before, during, and after the auction. These include: soliciting donated items, decorating the Covenant Center for dinner and the sanctuary for the auction, check-out cashiering, tear down and resetting the sanctuary. Just let a member of the auction committee know that you would like to get involved, and we will definitely find a place for you!

Peace out,

Holy Covenant Auction Committee (Randy and Joy Lasley,
Rusty and Jill Yull, Mark and Connie McAnally, Elliott and
Melissa Beard, Teresa O, Susan Blessingame, Sheli Erenberger,
Pat Mills)

Confirmation Update



We started Confirmation a few weeks ago and we've already had lots of fun and some really deep conversations. As many of you know, Confirmation is now a youth ministry program and we're thrilled to get to walk through this journey with our 6th graders. We've re-vamped a lot of the program and integrated the Confirmands in our youth group already. In Christian education and youth ministry circles there's much talk about moving Confirmation to a higher grade level to allow for more maturity and possibly digging deeper. This was something we considered here, but what we found was that we really needed was a curriculum that promoted open and sincere dialogue. We found one such curriculum and have thoroughly enjoyed the mix of fun and devotion it's offered us. To give you an

Food Pantry Need



Macaroni & Cheese

Please bring donations to the church office.

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
of Music and Worship

Rev. Susan Bryan

Associate Pastor of
Discipleship

Jason Redick

Youth & Young Adult
Minister

Beth McClure

ECDP Director

Elise Webb Odell

Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The family of Tina Ross; the Evans family; Jan Barnes; Elaine Edgington; Eileen Ritter; Sue Moser; Valerie Roberts; Bill

example, when discussing who wrote the Bible, we jokingly held a thumb-war tournament! But just a little while later, we asked the Confirmands to write down questions they still had for God. Perhaps you may have some of the same, I've listed them here:

Why do You let loved ones die? Why are You nice to everyone? Why did you have to make wasps, weren't bees enough? Why doesn't the Bible match with Evolution and science stuff? Why is life not fair? Why did You sacrifice Your son for us? Why do we have wars? Why and how does God choose people?

Our Confirmands have already tapped into centuries old questions of faith and life and God. Our program is less about providing simple and surface level answers and more about empowering and equipping these young people to connect Biblical knowledge, Church tradition, intellect and life experience to wrestle with these questions. We'll provide you with updates along our path towards Confirmation Sunday, but I would ask that you join us in spirit and prayer as we believe that God is the ultimate actor here in Confirmation. We'll visit other communities of faith and explore how God is working in and through the world. We'll seek to build relationships and begin to understand how we share our faith with others. If you, or and group you're a part of, would like to meet us in our journey, please let me know and we'd love to figure out how we can make that work.

Christ lives in you,
Jason

General Board of Church and Society

The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) is one of four



General Board of
CHURCH & SOCIETY
of The United Methodist Church

international general program boards of The United Methodist Church. The General Board has headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City. The General Secretary of the Board is Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe.

The General Board is defined by its five areas of ministry: (1) Public Witness and Advocacy (2) Administration (3) Ministry of Resourcing Congregational Life, (4) United Nations Ministry, (5) Communications.

...The message of salvation brought by Jesus Christ binds us together as a people and sends us forth to bring healing in the midst of strife, justice in the midst of brokenness, and love in the midst of hate. As United Methodists, we are called to invite people to enter into a community of faith responsive to a vision of justice ministries that is biblically and theologically grounded, and to invite United Methodist congregations to play a prophetic role in bringing God's vision to reality. Our mission

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Our loved ones in the military

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

is to advocate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the church and society.

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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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