



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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Time Change



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this Sunday!

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Message from Pastor Carol



Dancing in the World

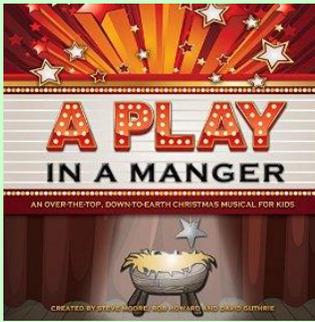
2 Samuel 6:1-23

6 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim... 5 David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals...17 They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. 18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, 19 and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

What a spectacle it must have been as a beautifully ornate ark was being carried parade-style with musicians lyrically announcing its coming while David, the king, was dancing jubilantly around it. 2 Samuel 6:1-23 illustrates a story of David, the youngest son of Jesse, stepping fully into his kingship as he moved the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem. The ark was the most sacred symbol of God for the people of Israel. It represented God's enthroned presence so moving the ark to Jerusalem established and legitimized David's rule as king! David had a reason to dance. He was now going to be respected as Israel's leader - personally, spiritually and politically. Politically?

God has never been a God that was impotent in the world community. God has never been and is never going to be relegated to a box. As Christians today, we are tempted to limit God's power and influence to exist only within the walls of the church but what about the God who was fully present, on the move and celebratory of whom David gave witness? Do you allow God to move in your life? Our call is to be joyous that God is bringing new growth, love and hope to our lives. So go and dance with all your might!

Children's Ministry



Save The Dates!

Sunday, December 7
- 5:30 pm -
**Christmas Family
Feast & Play.**

Covered Dish and "A
Play in a Manger"
presented by our
Children's Choir

**Vacation Bible
School**
June 15 - 19, 2015



Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 am
K-2nd is in Room 202
3rd-5th is in Room
206
Preschool is in the
Nursery, Room 101

Youth Ministry



David's first act after acknowledging and celebrating God's presence was to offer blessing to God's people. He lifted them before God in prayer and then he extravagantly fed them. As God's chosen royalty of today, we are to call attention to the fully present, ever acting, triumphant God, then we are to pray for all of God's people and extravagantly care for them. Are you ready to dance joyfully and love compassionately? This is not only how God legitimizes our lives, but it is also how we give witness to an extravagant God!

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Church Work Day

Saturday, November 8
9 am to 4:30 pm

The Trustees Committee will hold a Church Work Day and need volunteers to help with some clean-up, painting and repairs. Please sign up this Sunday morning under the stairs in the Education Building.



Blood Drive



Sunday, November 9
9 am to 1 pm

in the Covenant Center

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to Carter Bloodcare.

Parents' Night Out

for the Remainder of 2014

Reservations are required by noon on the Wednesday before the PNO date. Bring dinner and drink for your children. You may drop off and pick up children anytime during the designated hours.

Friday, November 14 from 6 - 9 pm
(Note the time change from 7 - 10pm)



7th- 12th Grade

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

Youth Council meeting November 2nd 12:15-1:15 (lunch included)

Youth Worker meeting November 2nd 5-6 pm

Harvey's Kids November 8th 4:30-8 pm

Senior High to Six Flags November 15th

Junior High to Main Event November 17th

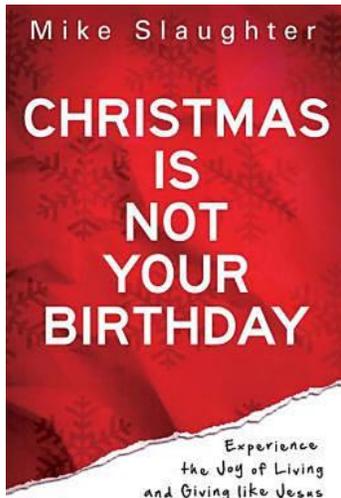
\$5 per child; \$10 max for the same family

Saturday, November 20 from 4 - 9 pm - Additional Time for Christmas Shopping!

4 - 9 pm - \$10 per child; \$20 max per same family

6 - 9 pm only - \$5 per child; \$10 max per same family

All Church Advent Study



Starts Sunday, November 30

Our Children's, Youth and Adult Classes will all be participating this year in an Advent Study called "A Different Kind of Christmas/Christmas is Not Your Birthday" written by Michael Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg UMC.

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season-Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. Overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy in this season. This study will inspire us all to approach the Christmas season differently, to hear the call of

God to live generously all year round, and be transformed in the process.

Participant books will be available for \$10 mid-November through the Adult Sunday School Classes. If you're not already involved in a Sunday School class, please join us for this inspiring All-Church Advent Study. For more information, please contact: Rev. Susan Bryan at the church or Rev. Jim Guest - Adult Discipleship Team Leader.

Music Ministry



Community Nativity

The Wesleyan Choir will sing at the Community Nativity Celebration at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 4000 Nazarene Dr. in Carrollton on **Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm.** They have hundreds of nativity sets to see while listening to sacred

Love Children?

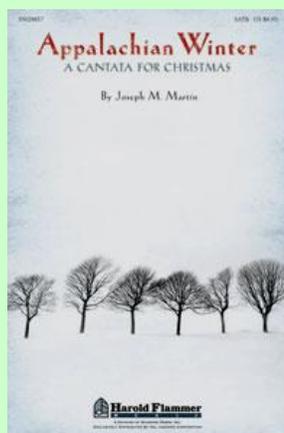
Children's Sunday School Leaders and Teachers Needed

We need more loving and caring adults who love children to help in our Children's Ministries! Some of the areas are for: Being on the Children's Team to plan for Special Events, Teaching Children's Sunday School, Helping Lead Large Group Sunday School Gathering, Helping with Special Events, Helping With Vacation Bible School, Working with children from Peters Colony Learning Center next summer, etc. etc. If you have a heart for children and would like to get involved please let us know! Rev. Susan Bryan - sbryan@hcumc.org or 972.492.2432, ext. 25.



Christmas music.
Come support our
choir and get into the
spirit of Christmas!

Our own Gary Feltner
will also be playing
and singing **Friday,
December 5 from
3:30 to 4:30 pm** and
always appreciates
seeing friendly HCUMC
faces.



Appalachian Winter
Wesleyan Choir and
Instruments on
December 14 at 8:30
and 11:00 am.

The music is from
early American carols
and hymnody.

Instruments will
include guitar,
mandolin, flute, violin,
cello, piano and
drums. Children and
Youth will join in
singing the final song
of this Cantata.

Missions



Going Through a Difficult Time?



Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care

We have a group of loving members of Holy Covenant who have gone through 50 hours of training to be Stephen Ministers. They are not professional counselors, but are trained to meet with persons from our church and community who are going through difficult life situations, such as divorce, illness, death of a loved one, unemployment, loneliness, etc. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their persons receiving care for

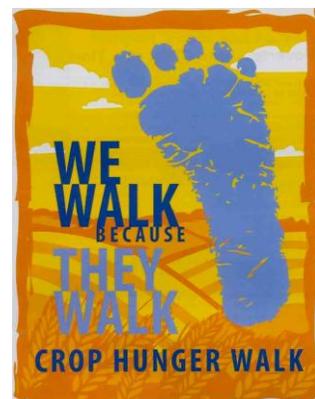
about a hour a week at a home, the church or another quiet place.

Everything is confidential and there is no charge. If you or someone you know would like to have more information about meeting with a Stephen Minister, please contact: Rev. Susan Bryan - sbryan@hcumc.org or 972.492.2432, ext. 25.

Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk

Wrap Up

Ten churches plus Metrocrest Services participated in the Walk held on Saturday, October 4th in Farmers Branch. 143 walkers completed the 2-mile course along the Rawhide Creek Park to kick-off their fall morning. The Firewheel Gospel Jubilee band welcomed walkers when they returned to Mill Valley Fellowship, the host site for the Walk. Local Boy Scouts guided walkers along the course and local Girl Scouts served refreshing snow cones and popcorn snacks to the returning walkers. A Farmers Branch fire truck and a bounce house provided entertainment for the young and young at heart.



I want to thank Holy Covenant for supporting Metrocrest and Church World Services in the CROP Hunger Walk, whether it was walking or supporting a particular walker with a donation towards their effort. Holy Covenant had 14 people participate, including a couple babies in strollers.

The accounting part of the Walk is ongoing thus the total amount of donations is outstanding at this time. These donations will have a significant impact on the ability of Metrocrest Food Pantry to support families and children in our community that face food insecurity in their homes. Thank you for your support.

Rick Davis

Co-coordinator Metrocrest CROP Hunger Walk.

**Angel Tree
Starting Sunday,
November 30**

This year we will partner with the Peters Colony Learning Center to provide Christmas gifts for 20 families. On each angel will be listed family sizes and ages as well as a *need* and a *want*. Please prayerfully consider participating with your own family, Sunday School class, friends, coworkers, etc.

Food Pantry Need



**Macaroni &
Cheese**

Please drop off in 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

Be the Church 2014



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

Nikki Holmes and Michele Carter; Elaine Edgington; Eileen Ritter; Sue Moser; Valerie Roberts; Bill Henly; Linda Oakley; Rachel Millaway; Mark Tacy; the Pearce family; Dena Kimbrel; Larry Bond; Dorlis Glass; Joan Richards; Jeff McCreight; Emily Ferrario; Delia Rivera; Betty Chapman; Susan Kiker; Michael Prees; Thomas Scarlett; John Bator; Carl Robertson; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Elizabeth Rudolf; JoAnn Wiggins; Kristin Nelson; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Geraine Allen; Nita Sharp; Virgil Ronning; John Michael; Sheila Anderson; Katherine Rosselot; Stephanie Flangin; Therese Casterline; Alma & David Wagner; the Walters family; Joseph Milloto; Donna Crawford; Leta Mae Parrish; the Sterling



family; Landy Clifton and family; the Rainey family; Tamara Carsin; Dorinda Hendricks; Sherri Livingston; Karen Bennett Lawler; Gusti Pritchard; Eddie Mae Washington; the Rhoades family and the Foster family.

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.





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Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!



Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant. You can contact Jonathan at jkaan@dccd.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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