



## Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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**Save The Date**  
**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

**Issue: #116**

**January 1, 2015**

### Message from Pastor Carol



### Happy New Year!

With the new year comes the opportunity to set goals and plans for the next twelve months. The Bishop has challenged all churches in the North Texas Conference to read the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles in 2015. I thought it might be fun for me to use this as my preaching text this next year. We will begin the year reading Luke and will continue through Easter. In August we will begin reading Acts of the Apostles. The value in reading

these text together is we can learn from the life and ministry of Jesus in Luke and then the witness of the formation of the first group of Christians. My hope is that we will read these text, prayer about our mission as a church and learn how God wants to use us as individuals and as a church to bring the "good news" to our world.

#### **January 4 - Epiphany Sunday/Communion -**

**Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 1-2

#### **January 11 - Baptism of Our Lord -**

**Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 3

#### **January 18 - Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 4

#### **January 25 - Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 5&6

#### **February 2 - Leadership Commissioning -**

**Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 7&8

#### **February 8 - Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 9&10

#### **February 15 - Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 11&12

#### **February 22 - First Sunday in Lent -**

**Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 13&14

#### **March 1 - Second Sunday in Lent/Communion -**

**Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 15&16

#### **March 8 - Third Sunday in Lent -**

**Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 17&18

#### **March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent -**

**Weekly Scripture Reading:** Luke 19&20

## Youth Ministry



**7th- 12th Grade**

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

**January Dates:**  
4th - Meeting for both  
Youth Council and Youth  
Workers--Very important  
as we will discuss  
Summer mission trip  
options  
10th - Harvey's Kids 5-8  
pm  
11th - Confirmation  
Lunch and Hot Topics  
with Pastor Carol

## Music Ministry



**It is time to join a  
choir!**

We have many  
opportunities for all  
ages.

**Dates & times:**

*Sunday, January 4 - 1:30  
pm Joyful Noise Ringers  
(Beginner)*

*Wednesday, January 7 -*

**March 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent -  
Weekly Scripture Reading: Luke 21**

**March 29 - Passion/Palm Sunday -  
Weekly Scripture Reading: Luke 22&23**

**April 5th - Easter Sunday -  
Weekly Scripture Reading: Luke 24**

Blessings,  
Pastor Carol

## New Members



**Foss Bond joined December 21, 2014**

Children's Choir - 6:30 pm, Covenant Carillons (advanced bells) - 6:30 pm, Adult Choir - 7:30 pm

*Sunday, January 11* -  
Youth Bells - 4:30 pm,  
Youth Choir - 5:15 pm

Questions? Contact Rev.  
Debbie Chapman  
[dchapman@hcumc.org](mailto:dchapman@hcumc.org)

### Food Pantry Need



#### Reusable Bags

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

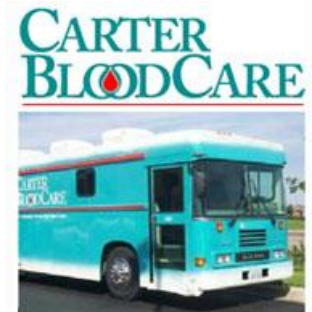


Welcome to Ravi Joseph Adhikari who became the newest addition to the Holy Covenant family on December 27, 2014.

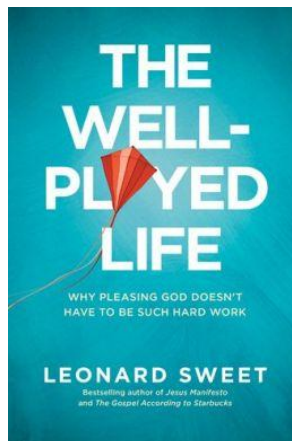
Congratulations Emily, Soumya and big sister Sarina!

### Blood Drive

Sunday, January 4  
9 am to 1 pm  
Covenant Center



### Breakfast Club Book Study



The Well-Played Life by Leonard Sweet

Monday mornings from 7 - 8 am  
Starting January 5  
Room 113

Do you secretly think that the harder you work, the more God is pleased with you? You can live like that—for a while. But imagine what it might mean instead to unclench your teeth, loosen your grip, and actually experience God's pleasure in *you*—not just in everything you are *doing* for Him? *The Well-Played Life* is a journey of a life filled with richness,



**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

fruitfulness, and creativity of living in God's pleasure. Renowned author Leonard Sweet explores what it means to please God in the nitty-gritty of life; how that changes from the time we are 5 to the time we are 50; and how in every age of our lives, in everything we do, we can experience God's gift of play. *The Well-Played Life* offers a new spiritual direction of enjoying (and being enjoyed by) God. Discover how a Sabbath way of Christian joy is not only possible, but also how we were designed . . . and a core part of God's plan for our lives.

## Parents' Night Out

**Friday, January 16**  
**from 6:30 to 9:30 pm**  
**Covenant Center**

Ages Infant - 5th Grade.  
Reservations are  
required by noon on  
Wednesday, January  
14th! RSVP to  
[sbryan@hcucm.org](mailto:sbryan@hcucm.org). You  
may drop off and pick up  
children anytime during  
the designated hours.

**\$6 per child; \$15 max per same family**



## Chili Cook-Off



**Saturday, January 17th**  
**6 pm**

**Covenant Center**

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

Cost: There is no cost to  
enter a pot of chili

How to enter: Entry forms are

on the table in the Narthex or contact Dante Paa 972-740-6192  
Head Chili Wrangler.

Donations are accepted by voting for your favorite chili. Vote  
early and vote often!

Sponsored by the Spiritual Journeymen.

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

The family of Elijah Davis, the Franklin family; the Hinkel family; the Frost/Ischy family; the Guest family; the Bayley family; Joni Taylor; Nikki Holmes and Michele Carter; Sue Moser; Andrew Smith; Elaine Edgington; Valerie Roberts; Bill Henly; Rachel Millaway; Carol Jones; Bonnie Feltner; Katie Evans; Mark Tacy; Kevin Pearce; Dena Kimbrel; Larry Bond; Robert Sheets; Dorlis Glass; Joan Richards; Betty Chapman; Susan Kiker; Michael Prees; John Bator; Carl Robertson; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Elizabeth Rudolf; Jeff McCreight; JoAnn Wiggins; Kristin Nelson; Joey Crumpley; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Geraine Allen; Nita Sharp; Virgil Ronning; John Michael; the Peterson family; Sheila Anderson; Stephanie Flangin; the Walters family; Joseph Millioto; Donna Crawford; LaVonia Pritchard; Mark McMahan; Bob Iverson; Brittani Salvcito; Leta Mae Parrish; Landy Clifton and family; Tamara Carsin; Dorinda Hendricks; Sherri Livingston; Karen Bennett Lawler; Eddie Mae Washington; the Foster family; and the family of Helen Gresh.

### Leadership Training Opportunities

#### District Leadership Training Day

Sunday, January 25

2 pm

University Park UMC

4024 Caruth Blvd.

Dallas, TX 75225



#### Ad Council Leadership Training

Saturday, January 31

9 am to Noon

Holy Covenant UMC



**Carrollton West Pet Hospital**

[www.CarrolltonWestPet.com](http://www.CarrolltonWestPet.com)

3729 Old Denton Rd.  
Carrollton, TX 75007  
972-492-1828

Lynda VanAntwerp, DVM  
Leigh-Anne Morris, DVM  
Anna Osofsky, DVM  
*Diplomate, ABVP, certified in Avian Practice*  
Ashley Braniff Champagne, DVM  
Jon Paa, DVM

## 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.

## Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!



Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant.

You may contact Jonathan at [jkaan@dcccd.edu](mailto: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.