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Mark your calendars!
All Around Easter Event
Saturday, April 4
3 - 5 pm

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Message from Pastor Carol



We are already 2 Sundays into Lent. We committed through the imposition of ashes to spend this season growing in our awareness of ourselves and in our confidence of God's wisdom. As we continue our Lenten journey together, let us keep in mind what lies ahead.

Blessings, Pastor Carol

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 8:30, 11:00 am March 29

This service embodies the sharp contrast of Holy Week. With the children entering waving the palms, we experience the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem and then we are confronted by the story of Jesus' passion through the reading of scripture and the sermon.

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm April 2

We call the Thursday of Holy Week, "Maundy Thursday". The word maundy comes from the Latin word mandatum novum, which means commandment. For this service, we will remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples in which he instituted Holy Communion through the offering of the bread and wine and he wrapped a towel around his waist and washed the disciples' feet. By doing both of these things, his sacrifice became the sign of the new covenant God was making with humanity and with this new covenant came a new commandment. "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34).

Good Friday Service 7:00 pm April 3

This service scripturally walks us through the passion of Christ. Each of us will be confronted by the sacrificial love of Christ and how we often find ourselves running in the opposite direction of that love.



Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 am
All meet in Room 207, then
K-2nd is in Room 202
3rd-5th is in Room 206
Preschool is in the Nursery, Room 101



Vacation Bible Camp June 15-19

Please note the change to June!

For ages 3 (by Feb. 1) through 5th grade (completed).

EVEREST - A Mountain-Top Experience of Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

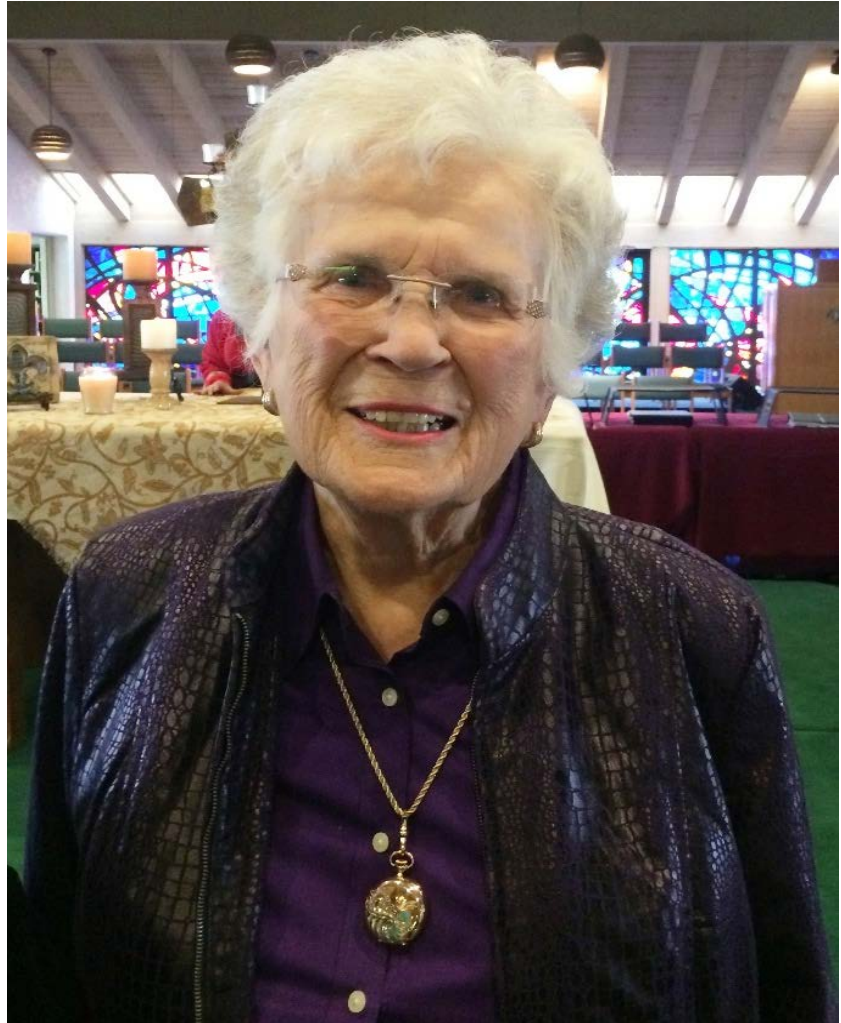
We will need lots of helpers! Please sign up in the narthex or contact Ryan Baumgardner ryloba@verizon.net or Heather Hinton hinton.heatherd@gmail.com to volunteer!

Registration starts soon!

Youth Ministry

Easter Services Sunrise 6:30, 8:30, 11:00 am April 5
He is ALIVE! This service focuses on the resurrection of Christ. It is a joyous day of celebration and jubilation that Christ has overcome death!

New Member



Betty Morse joined February 15, 2015

Blood Drive

Sunday, March 1
9 am to 1 pm
Covenant Center



Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show



7th- 12th Grade

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

**Youth Lent Study -
Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm in the Youth
Room**
*8 Weeks of Noticing God
More*

March Dates:

*March 1st @ 6pm
Spaghetti Dinner & Talent
Show*

*March 14th
Harvey's Kids*

*March 15th
Confirmation Lunch and
Hot Topics*

Music Ministry



Sunday, March 1 at 6 pm

Dinner in the Covenant Center followed by an awesome talent show in the Sanctuary. Join us for great fun, great laughs and great food!

L.I.F.T.

**Ladies In
Fellowship
Together**



We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Jan Barnes' home. Go to www.hcumc.org for more information.

Bring a snack or covered dish to share. We will enjoy food, fellowship and a short devotional. If you do not have time to fix a dish, please join us anyway - we want you with us!

Come join us for this time of fellowship!

Parents' Night Out



**Friday, March 20
from 6:30 to 9:30 pm
Covenant Center**

Ages Infant - 5th Grade.
Reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, February 18th! Reserve a place for your child at www.hcumc.org. You may

drop off and pick up children anytime during the designated hours.

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

Altar Artisans Needed

The Altar Artisan team makes sure the Sanctuary is ready for Sunday and special worship services. The end of March and 1st of April includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Please contact Debbie Chapman, ASAP if you are willing to help with this team and especially our Holy Week services. Contact dchapman@hcumc.org



Training is provided.

Easter Lilies

Sing with Choir and Orchestra

Youth and Adults are invited.

Special Rehearsal
Saturday, March 7 from 9 to Noon

On Saturday, March 7th, the Adult Choir will have a rehearsal to focus on music for Palm Sunday, March 29. This is an opportunity to make a short term commitment to sing praises to our God. The music for Palm Sunday is very accessible and this is a great time to give choir a try. We would love to have you. Questions? dchapman@hcumc.org



\$12 each

Purchase a lily in honor or memory of a loved one and help adorn our sanctuary this Easter. Sign up in the narthex.

Holy Week at Holy Covenant

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29

8:30 & 11:00 am

Lenten Canticles presented by adult choir and chamber orchestra. Children are invited to process into worship with palms.



Maundy Thursday

April 2

7:00 pm

Holy Communion featuring handbells and combined choirs.



Good Friday

April 3

7:00 pm

A service of Darkness featuring the Wesleyan choir.

Easter Sunday

April 5

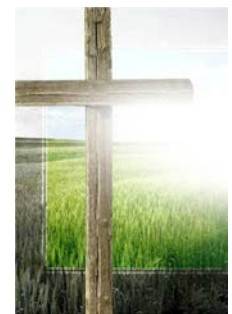
Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Worship led by youth. We will gather in the sanctuary and process to the cross on the east lawn. Followed by a Potluck Breakfast in the Covenant Center.

Services of Resurrection

8:30 & 11:00 am

Celebrate our risen Lord with your friends and neighbors! Invite someone with no church home to worship with us. Join with us as we praise God together with bells, organ, brass and voices!



Missions

Change 4 Change

5 Easy Steps to Change the World:

1. Pick up a paper sack in the narthex.
2. Place it prominently in your home or office.
3. When you see the bag, pray for the *Sack Summer Hunger* program
4. Deposit your coins in the bag.
5. Return your bag to church on the first Sunday of March, April, and May.



Food Pantry Needs

All Around Easter Event



Reusable Bags & Soup
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
Jason Redick
Youth & Young Adult
Minister
Beth McClure
ECDP Director
Christine Perry
Bookkeeper
Elise Webb Odell
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Anderson family;
Sharyn Yetman & Bill Henly; Vicki Barkley;
Moalynn McKee; Heather Hinton; Naami Richardson;
Nancy Cardenas; Joni Taylor; Andrew Smith;
Valerie Roberts; Claude Mayer; Beverly Cook;



Saturday, April 4

3:00 pm

Kids 1 yr through 5th Grade are invited for guided tours, Easter bingo, coloring and an egg hunt!

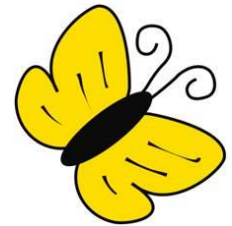
Spring Craft Bazaar Volunteers Needed!

April 18, 2015

9 am to 4 pm

- Volunteers needed for planning
- Volunteers needed for set-up on 4/17
- Donations needed for Café and Cake Sale
- Volunteers needed to work at fair on 4/18
- Volunteers needed for clean-up on 4/18

Please contact Ginger Rathbun at sewsomuch@sewsomuch.com for more information.



Well Dedication

Recently, Fred and Cherry Wright facilitated the building of a well in Nigeria dedicated in memory of their son, Darren Wright. The well was built in the village of Julde in the state of Kaduna. This is a small village with a population of 500 people who are predominantly Muslim and their primary occupation is subsistence farming.



The Chief of the village expressed his profound gratitude for the blessing of potable water. He was full of appreciation and thanksgiving. In his words, he said, "God bless those who gave for this great water project. We are Muslims but you did not show differences, thank you."

Peggy Yull; Valentina Fevrier; Bonnie Feltner; Mark Tacy; Kevin Pearce; Joan Richards; Betty Chapman; Michael Prees; Dorlis Glass; John Bator; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Elizabeth Rudolf; Virgil Ronning; John Michael; Mike Pruitt; Katherine Rosselot; Kenny & Stephanie Flangin; Joseph Millioto; Donna Crawford; Brigida Suarez; Sara Rivera & Yamilex Ortiz; Mark McMahan; Bob Iverson; Lar Park Lincoln; Ramon & Bonnie Ybarra; the Rainey 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.

A plaque on the well reads: In Memory of Darren Willis Wright - "May God Bless and keep you always, may all your wishes come true. May you always do for others and let others do for you."



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@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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