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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 AN EASTER PEOPLE

What does it mean for us to be a people of Easter? It means we believe that God is not dead! God is not an obsolete ideal of our forefathers but rather an on-going creative, loving and healing force in our world today. We further believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ we are agents of this redemptive God. Therefore, we believe that our very lives are extensions of God's grace for all who abide on earth. This is a huge call to a huge mission but this is the ideal of being a people who

believe that God can conquer even death to make love real for all the world. Over the next six weeks, we are going to explore the tasks, principles and actions that transform our belief into truth and our faith into action.

April 5th Easter Sunday

Theme: Christ the Lord is risen - have you? How are you going to remember what Jesus told you during your Lenten journey to the cross? How are you going to hold onto the truth of who you are becoming?

Sermon Text: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon Title: "Remember how he told you..."

April 12th Second Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

Theme: We are people who believe and rejoice in the life, death and resurrection of Easter. Do we know what it feels like to have our hearts burn within us? We have learned so much about ourselves and God through Lent and now we must open ourselves to recognize God when God appears to us.

Sermon Text: 24:13-35

Sermon Title: How is your heart?



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!**

April 19th Third Sunday of Easter

Theme: We must figure out what we need to allow ourselves to be bold in our belief - so bold in fact that we anticipate God's

promise of the Holy Spirit. Our lives must be ordered by our trust that the Spirit will lead us in our life and work. Doubt must give way to expectancy.

Sermon Text: Luke 24:36-49

Sermon Title: From Doubt to Anticipation

April 26th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme: People of the Good News "do". How did Jesus know he was anointed by God? He had a job to do. How do we know we are an Easter People? We must bring "good news" in very tangible ways to those waiting to experience it.

Sermon Text: Luke 4:16-22

Sermon Title: Five Finger Mission

May 3rd Fifth Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday

Theme: As Easter People we not only take on the role of a servant, we must take on the heart of one who finds joy in bringing pleasure to another. We must find a place of honest gratitude for being given the privilege to serve.

Sermon Text: Luke 14: 1-11 & 22:24-27

Sermon Title: Great at Being Grateful

May 10th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme: As Easter People, we are to be a people of love and openness - even to the difficult people. Person by person, relationship by relationship, conflict by conflict we must determine who we are going to be and how we are going to behave.

Sermon Text: Luke 6: 27-38

Sermon Title: The Golden Rule as a Life Ethic

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Youth Ministry



7th- 12th Grade

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

April Dates:

April 5th- Easter
Youth-led Sunrise Service
6:30 AM with Potluck
Breakfast following

April 5th- No UMYF
(Easter Holiday)

April 10th-11th
Confirmation Lock-in

April 11th- Harvey's Kids
5-8 pm

April 12th- *Lunch and
Learn* Guest speaker on
suicide prevention
(Covenant Center 12:30)

April 26th- Lunch and Hot
Topics with Pastor Carol
(Confirmation)

New Members



**Logan, Callum, Lane and Arden Heinsch
joined February 1, 2015**

Holy Week Worship at Holy Covenant



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.



Music Ministry



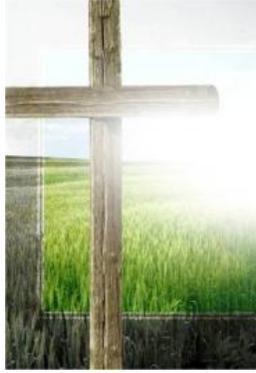
Mission and Music Tour 2015

June 21-28, 2015
All YOUTH are invited in grades 6-12. Contact Debbie or Jason to find out more. We need a \$50 deposit ASAP if you plan to attend. Scholarships are available for all or part of the cost.



Shake, Rattle and Ring! Sunday, April 26 at 6pm in the church Sanctuary

Come support the handbell program and listen to fun music by all ages!



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!

All Around Easter Event



Saturday, April 4
3:00 pm

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

Stock Sales

The Youth Need Your Support!

Holy Covenant has traditionally had a fundraiser for youth mission where all you have to do is write a check. Easy, right? No candy to hide from yourself and no cars to get washed. This summer our Youth will combine Music and Mission and take one trip together. We'll ring and sing (some of us) and do mission work (all of us). You will receive a brochure in the mail soon. Dates for the Stock Sales are April 6 - April 26. Also in the works is an All-Church Breakfast with proceeds benefitting this trip. Mark your calendar for May 3rd. You won't want to miss it!



Blood Drive

**CARTER
BLOODCARE**



**Sunday, April 26
9 am to 1 pm
Covenant Center**

L.I.F.T.



Ladies In Fellowship Together

We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Susan Blasingame's 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!

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,

Lunch and Learn



**Sunday, April 12
12:30 pm**

Covenant Center

Did you know:

1. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US today?
2. Suicide now kills more Americans than car crashes?!
3. It is the only mental health

category where death continues to grow? (Over 40,500 deaths last year)

4. SAFE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) have recommendations for responding to Suicide Survivors?

HCUMC Stephen Ministries group is sponsoring a *Lunch and Learn* after services on Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 pm. with Touched By Suicide (TBS) facilitator Martha Giles. Martha will educate us on the facts and figures of suicide, bust myths (using a book titled Myths About Suicide), and inform us as to the newest developments and possible preventions.

A light lunch (sandwiches, fruit, chips and drink) will be provided for those that RSVP to Patti Jenkins 214-417-4629 or PattiJenkins59@gmail.com.

Spring Craft Bazaar Volunteers Needed!

**April 18, 2015
9 am to 4 pm**

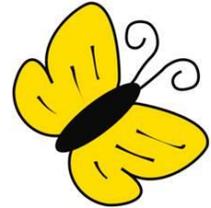
-Bakers needed to make goodies for the craft fair. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you may contact Rhonda King rhojking@gmail.com. We especially need small cakes or loaves to sell as well as cookies and brownies.

-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.



Parents' Night Out



**Friday, April 24
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

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 April and May.



Food Pantry Needs



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

www.hcumc.org. You may drop off and pick up children anytime during the designated hours.

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

Secure Paper Shredding

Saturday, April 25

10 am to 2 pm

Holy Covenant Parking Lot

Sponsored by Holy Covenant's Green Team. Secure On Sire Shredding company will have their truck in our parking lot. The cost is \$5 per standard size paper box.



Junktique



Saturday, May 2

7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Know your target audience. The Spiritual Journeymen request your new and gently-used treasures. Money raised from selling your donated items will go toward local and global

missions.

The Journeymen will begin accepting donations in the Covenant Center after 2 pm on Thursday, April 30 and on Friday, May 1.

We are looking for sellable, unbroken items that you may not need, want or have the space to store any longer: furniture and accessories, tools, clothing, kitchen gadgets, knick-knacks, decorations, books, etc.

Items we cannot accept include: CRT monitors and TVs (non-flat screen), computers and printers, mattress/box springs, dirty or stained items, non-working electronic items, hazardous materials/paint, and tires.

If you have items too large to get to the Covenant Center on your own, please contact Lee Shore leeshore@unitedsalvage.com by April 29 and we will send a truck.

Beth McClure
ECDP Director

Christine Perry
Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Ronning family; Jerry Fuller; Barbara Ellis; Sharyn Yetman; Vicki Barkley; Naomi Richardson; Nancy Cardenas; Joni Taylor; Valerie Roberts; Mary Gates; Floyd Miller; Claude Mayer; Beverly Cook; Peggy Yull; Tom Yull; Valentina Fevrier; Bonnie Feltner; Mark Tacy; Linda Oakley; Joan Richards; Betty Chapman; Michael Prees; John Bator; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Elizabeth Rudolf; John Michael; Mike Pruitt; Janis Collins; Katherine Rosselot; Loyce Knoblauch; Kenny & Stephanie Flangin; 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, C.J. Davidson, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Jake Oliver, and Ashton Rudolf.

Holy Covenant's Preschool

Early Childhood Development Program

ECDP is racing toward the finish line for the 2014-2015 school year, but we are never finished! We are already planning for 2015-2016! Registration for next school year has already begun, and classes are filling up. Please check



us out and refer us to friends. ECDP is a loving school environment that incorporates age appropriate activities and methods to grow our students mentally, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. We strive to be a natural stepping stone from home to school. Here, students are taught and loved. ECDP is where children begin loving school.

A great introduction to our school year program is our summer camps. Our first summer camp is June 22-25, entitled "Where in the World is . . . ?" During this week we will explore the world to find and learn about endangered animals. The second week will be June 29 - July 2, and we will solve the mystery of "Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?" We'll use methods employed by crime solvers to determine which of our "Clue cast members" stole the cookie from the cookie jar. It will be an intriguing and entertaining week.

Check us out on Holy Covenant's website, www.hcumc.org. Information and registration forms for both school opportunities are there. We can't wait to meet you at the finish line where we can start a new adventure!



Carrollton West Pet Hospital

www.CarrolltonWestPet.com

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Anna Osofsky, DVM

Diplomate, ABVP, certified in Avian Practice

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Jon Paa, DVM

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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.