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### Children's Ministry



#### **Children's Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:45 am**

K-2nd is in Room 202

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Preschool is in the  
Nursery, Room 101

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### Message from Pastor Carol



#### On a Mission

Have you ever heard someone say, "I am on a mission"? My first thought is, "Well, what is the mission?" and "Do I want to join in?" I am intrigued by the thought of joining someone who seems singularly focused and determined. I feel vital when I feel like I am investing my time and energies in a cause, event, fundraiser, etc that in fact gets accomplished.

I believe that the church must be just as effective at "being on a mission." Our mission as a United Methodist Church is

"to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." I have heard this for years and I know it is drawn from Jesus' commissioning of the disciples found in the gospel of Matthew.

*18 And Jesus came and said to [the disciples], "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 27:18-20)*

Are we effective at doing that? Are we a church that is singularly focused on making disciples?

Many of us start to cringe when we think of "making disciples" or "witnessing" or "evangelism." Each of these terms has been so misrepresented across the years that it is hard for us to claim them as good tools for helping others have the gift of faith that we so enjoy. Honestly, making disciples is about inviting others to the faith party. Our greatest tool in fulfilling our mission is claiming our faith and learning to tell our story. No, this does not require a long-winded testimony of how God



### Vacation Bible Camp June 15-19

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

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

**Register at**  
[www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org)

### Youth Ministry



**7th- 12th Grade**

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

#### **May Dates:**

May 3rd- Breakfast  
Fundraiser  
8-10:30 am  
May 9th- Harvey's Kids  
5-8 pm  
May 17th- Senior Sunday  
and Lunch and Hot Topics  
with Pastor Carol  
(Confirmation)  
May 24-No UMYF  
May 31-Dinner (5 pm)  
and games (6 pm) with

saved you from your own personal hell to give you victory over evil. It is your story that answers just a few easy questions.

- When did I become a Christian?
- How has being Christian impacted my life?
- How has being Christian impacted other people's lives?

If you can answer these three questions, then you can construct your faith story! We must be willing to claim why we pray to God, why we go to church, why we tithe to the church and why we serve the community in order to give witness to the people in our lives. This should be our mission - to give witness to God through our faith.

Join me this month while I am on a mission to draw others into the faith I am so grateful for everyday!

Blessings, Pastor Carol

### 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](mailto:leeshore@unitedsalvage.com) and we will send a truck.

other area Youth groups,  
then *Godspell* at 7pm

## Music Ministry

*Believe!*

### **UMYF & Choir Believe Mission Trip 2015 June 23-29**

What we know for sure:

- \*We are riding the bus with other youth from the North Texas Conference to Orlando, Florida
- \*There will be an all day rehearsal on Monday, June 22, plus rehearsals every Sunday, starting May 3
- \*We will have a Bon Voyage Concert at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 22
- \*We will do mission with our hands and our voices in the Orlando area, as well as, work with South Street Ministries
- \*We are staying at FUMC Winter Park, Florida
- \*We will leave Texas on Tuesday, June 23 in the evening and return on June 29.
- \*This is an All youth trip (grades 6-12)
- \*Scholarships are available.
- \*The cost after fundraising will be \$200 each (\$250 including deposit). We would like the \$50 deposit now. \$100 will be due on May 1 and \$100 on June 1. Pay online at

## Stock Sales



### **The Youth Need Your Support!**

All you have to do is write a check! Easy, right? 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) in Orlando, Florida. Go online to [hcumc.org](http://hcumc.org) to donate or mail a check to Holy Covenant United Methodist Church. Please indicate Youth Missions when you give. We will celebrate Youth Missions at an All-Church Breakfast on Sunday, May 3rd from 8:00 am to 10:30 am in the Covenant Center.

## Breakfast Fundrasier

**Sunday, May 3  
8 to 10:30 am  
Covenant Center**  
Proceeds support Youth Missions.



## Wrestling with Troubling Scripture



**Sunday, May 3  
9:45 am  
Sanctuary  
Sponsored by the Advocates for  
Justice and Peace**

Do you wrestle with Bible scriptures that trouble you?

Do you struggle with apparent inconsistencies in the Bible?

Dan Kasten will be speaking to us

about this very topic on Sunday, May 3. Dan has been teaching Bible as literature for nearly 40 years and will be sharing his thoughts on how we can wrestle with and understand troubling scriptures.

Please join us on Sunday, May 3, in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to listen to Dan and discuss this important topic.

[www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org), marking the payment for Youth Mission and your Youth's name OR mail or bring a check to Holy Covenant United Methodist Church. \*Non-singers/ringers are welcome and encouraged to come. We will have 3 days of mission work in addition to a day at Disney World.

\*Adults attending are Debbie Chapman, Jason Redick, Melissa Marsh, Melanie Luce and Jim McKee.

### L.I.F.T.



#### Ladies In Fellowship Together

We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Movalynn McKee's home. Go to [www.hcumc.org](http://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!

#### Sunday Worship Schedule

**8:30 and 11:00 am  
Worship Services**

**9:45 am  
Sunday School for all  
ages**

### New Breakfast Club Study

***Let's Talk About Jesus***  
**Beginning Monday, May 11**  
**7:00 am**

**Room 113**

If you struggle with sharing your faith in Christ with family and friends, this book was written for you. It was designed not just to help you talk with others about Jesus. It was also written to help you clarify and strengthen your own faith. From a one-sentence summary of the faith, to help with the stumbling blocks to faith most people struggle with, from simple apologetics to seven key bible passages to learn, this book aims to be a tool box for those who want to share their Christian faith with others.



The book is available at Amazon. We would really love to have some new friends join us!

### Parents' Night Out



**Friday, May 15**  
**from 6:30 to 9:30 pm**  
**Covenant Center**

Ages Infant - 5th Grade.  
Reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, May 13th!

Reserve a place for your child at [www.hcumc.org](http://www.hcumc.org). You may

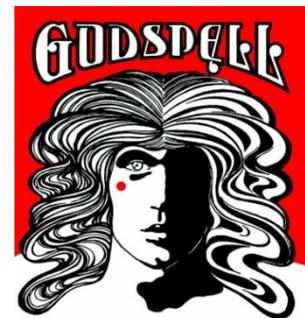
drop off and pick up children anytime during the designated hours.

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

### Godspell presented by Elation

**Sunday, May 31**  
**7:00 pm**  
**in the Sanctuary**

Elation is a youth ministry supported by St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Mesquite Texas. Elation has been sharing the word of God through the presentation of *Godspell* for the past 15 years and has worshipped with over 150 congregations in 36 states and Canada.



## 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 Erenberger family; the family of Eileen Ritter; the McKee family; Foss Bond; Scott Harrell; Jerry Fuller; Barbara Ellis; Nancy Cardenas; Joni Taylor; Valerie Roberts; Kammie Powell; Jeff B. McCreight; Gloria Taake; LaVonia Pritchard; Mary Gates; Floyd Miller; Claude Mayer; Beverly Cook; Peggy Yull; Tom Yull; Valentina Fevrier; Bonnie Feltner; Mark Tacy; Linda Oakley; Joan Richards; Michael Prees; John Bator; Pam Krause; Norma McCormack; Elizabeth Rudolf; John Michael; Mike Pruitt; Janis Collins; Loyce Knoblauch; Kenny & Stephanie Flangin; Donna Crawford; Brigida Suarez; Sara Rivera & Yamilex Ortiz; Mark McMahan; Bob Iverson; Ramon & Bonnie Ybarra; the Rainey family; and the Foster family.

## Vacation Bible School Needs YOU!



Everest, Vacation Bible School is fast approaching, and we need you! We typically serve 200 kids, about 80-90% of whom are not from our church community. We need some station leaders - We need someone to help co-lead games and another who can co-lead our science class (no experience required). As of now, we have NO ONE to coordinate our snacks, and VBS really works up your appetite. We need two people for that. The last station leader we need is someone (or a couple of folks) who can lead our sing and play celebration that we hold at the beginning and the end of each day. They need to be energetic and willing to lead songs. There are scripts and leader manuals for all of these jobs so don't stress - it's really well laid-out. If you don't want to lead, but can help, we need group leaders too. They shepherd kids from station to station. Without these key positions filled, we will have to limit the number of kids we serve - that would be a first for us. VBS is June 15-19 from 9 am to Noon each day, if you can only help a day or two, that's fine as well. Please contact Heather Hinton at [hinton.heatherd@gmail.com](mailto:hinton.heatherd@gmail.com) if you have questions, or want to help.

## Bon Voyage Concert

**Monday, June 21**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Sanctuary**

Come, support our youth musicians as they prepare to minister to South Street Ministries and other communities in Orlando, Florida.

all you need  
is  
faith, trust,  
and a  
little pixie dust.

## Memorial Information



Following Fred Wright's presentation in worship, several people have asked how to make a donation in honor of Darren Willis Wright. Donations may be made in Darren's memory to Center for Big Bend Studies <http://cbbs.sulross.edu/> or to the Christian Broadcast Network Clean Water Project <http://www.cbn.com/partners/about/our-ministries/project-cleanwater.aspx>

### Our loved ones in the military

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



## Carrollton West Pet Hospital

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

Lynda VanAntwerp, DVM

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

### Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!



Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant. You can 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.