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Message From The Bishop



Council of Bishops issues pastoral letter on racism

At the recent Council of Bishops meeting in Berlin, the following pastoral letter on racism and xenophobia was unanimously affirmed. Racism is destructive to human dignity and our common life together. I am saddened at the rhetoric I sometimes hear about people. While recent events may surprise us, we are mistaken to

believe that the ugly sin of racism does not exist in our communities. It is my prayer that the United Methodists of North Texas will speak truth to our communities. Please read, share, and use this in your congregations.

May God bless your work.

Bishop Michael McKee

Bishop of The North Texas Conference

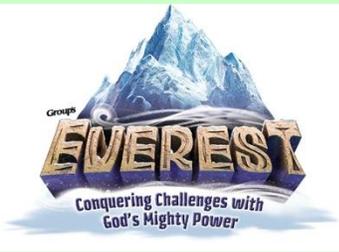
The letter reads:

"Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ!

We, the bishops of The United Methodist Church, are meeting in Berlin, Germany, 70 years after the end of World War II. As we gather, we renew our commitment to lead, as together we seek to become the beloved community of Christ.

We are a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. On every continent, people called United Methodist are boldly living the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Yet, the people of our world are hurting, as injustice, violence and racism abound. Our witness to the dignity of all human life and the reign of God is needed now more than ever.

Our hearts break and our spirits cry out, as we see reports of migrant people being attacked and burned in the streets of



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June 15-19**

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

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Youth Ministry



7th- 12th Grade

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

June Dates:

June 7th- Confirmation
Sunday at 11 AM
AND-UMYF will attend
Opening Worship at
Annual Conference for
UMYF, dinner at 5:30

June 13- Harvey's Kids
5-8 pm

June 15-19- VBS!!

South Africa, note the flight of Jews from Europe, watch the plight of Mediterranean refugees and see racially charged protests and riots in cities across the United States that remind us that systems are broken and racism continues. The evidence is overwhelming that race still matters, that racism is woven into institutional life and is problematic to communal health. This reality impacts every area of life - in the church and in the world.

Racism is prejudice plus intent to do harm or discriminate based on a belief that one is superior or has freedom to use power over another based on race. Xenophobia is an unreasonable fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers or of that which is foreign or strange. Racism and xenophobia, like other sins, keep us from being whole persons capable of living up to our full potential. They deny the profound theological truth that we are made in the image of God with the handprint of love and equality divinely implanted in every soul.

As bishops of the Church, we cast a vision for a world community where human worth and dignity defeat acts of xenophobia and racism. We acknowledge that silence in the face of systemic racism and community fears serves only to make matters worse.

We commit to lead, model and engage in honest dialogue and respectful conversation and invite people of faith everywhere to join us. Let us repent of our own racial bias and abuse of privilege. May we love God more deeply and, through that love, build relationships that honor the desire of people everywhere to be seen, valued, heard and safe. As we proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, may we lead the way in seeking justice for all, investing in and trusting God's transforming power to create a world without hatred and racism.

As United Methodists, we affirm that all lives are sacred and that a world free of racism and xenophobia is not only conceivable, but worthy of our pursuit. We renew our commitment to work for a Church that is anti-racist and pro-humanity, believing that beloved community cannot be achieved by ignoring cultural, racial and ethnic differences, but by celebrating diversity and valuing all people.

'This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.'

[1 John 4:21](#) (CEB)

RESOURCES

[*A New Dawn in Beloved Community: Stories with the Power to Transform Us*](#), Linda Lee, ed., Abingdon Press, 2012

Pan-Methodist Statement on Racism from the 72nd Consultation of Methodist Bishops

[*Understanding and Dismantling Racism: the Twenty-First*](#)

June 22- *Believe* Bon Voyage concert at 7 pm

June 23- 29- *We Believe* Mission and Music Tour

Music Ministry



Adult Choir Rehearsals

Come Join Us!

We will rehearse from 7 to 8 pm May 27 - June 24.

We will not rehearse during the month of July. Rehearsals will resume August 5th after our break.

If you are considering giving choir a try. Now is the time!

Advocates for Justice & Peace

Vigils for Death Penalty Executions

The Advocates for Justice and Peace are seeking to raise awareness using TCADP resources with the state legislature, and to actively conduct vigils on scheduled Texas execution dates. Please consider joining with us for upcoming vigils from 6:30-7:00 outside at the corner of Josey and Peters Colony.

Dates of upcoming executions:

Wednesday, June 3
Monday, June 15

Century Challenge to White America, Joseph Barndt, Fortress Press, 2007"

Thank You to ECDP Kindergarten!



Thank you to the Holy Covenant Kindergarten Graduates of 2015 for their donation of reusable bags to our Food Pantry!

UMCOR Donation Information for Flood Victims



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has issued emergency grants in support of relief activities undertaken by the [Texas](#), [Rio Texas](#), [Central Texas](#), [Oklahoma](#), and [Oklahoma Indian Missionary](#) United Methodist conferences, where flooding and tornadoes damaged hundreds of homes.

To donate, go to [UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670](#), or make your check payable to Holy Covenant and place in the offering plate with UMCOR on the memo line. Your donation helps UMCOR quickly respond to the most vulnerable people affected by this and other disasters in the United States.

Vacation Bible School Needs YOU!

Everest, Vacation Bible School is fast approaching, and we need you! VBS is June 15-19 from 9 am to Noon each day, and we will set up the week before. If you can only help a day or two, that's great! Please contact Heather Hinton at hinton.heatherd@gmail.com if you have questions, or can help.



Missions

Sack Summer Hunger

During the summer, many children in our community lose their access to free and reduced lunches. To ensure these children don't go hungry, Holy Covenant has become a part of the Sack Summer Hunger program. You've been funding this with your spare change, but now we're asking for your time as well as your funds.

You may sign up for a single shift, or to support this program weekly. There are 4 primary jobs to be filled each week.

Pick Up: these volunteers will go to Metrocrest to pick up the food for our families. A truck or van is required, and volunteers will need to lift heavy bulk items.

Sorting: these volunteers will separate the bulk foods into individual containers for the families. This is a great family task!

Distribution: these volunteers will be at the church to greet families as they come to pick up their food. Names are checked and calls are made to anyone who didn't pick up.

Delivery: these volunteers will deliver food to the families who are unable to pick up from the church.

Sign-up sheets are available at the Service Center.

FREE Computer Classes at Holy Covenant!



Space is Limited Childcare available on request

Classes will meet upstairs in Room 204 (Computer Lab) at 7:00 pm for the following:

June 2 & 9: *Basic Word and Excel*
 June 16 & 23: *Intermediate Excel*
 June 18: *Resume writing and formatting*
 June 30 & July 7: *Intermediate Word*
 July 14 & 21: *PowerPoint*

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/majoats>.

An Evening with Mark Miller & Potluck

Wednesday, June 10
Northaven UMC
11211 Preston Road
Dallas, TX 75230

Join us for an evening of songs and stories from one of Methodism's best known contemporary composer/performers. Mark will share songs and stories from his life in the United Methodist Church. We'll start the evening with a potluck meal with members from congregations who welcome LGBT persons. Then, Mark will share songs and observations on, in his words, "what it's like to be brown and gay in the UMC."



Mark Miller is the composer of many well-known contemporary church hymns and songs, such as "Draw the Circle Wide" and "Imagine the People of God." His choral anthems are best sellers for Abingdon Press and Choristers Guild and his hymns are published in "Worship & Song", and "The Faith We Sing." Mark is on faculty at Drew University, and a lecturer at Yale. He believes passionately that music can change the world and, as Dr. Cornell West says, "Justice is what love looks like in public."

Potluck at 6 pm
Mark Miller at 7 pm

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 Baber family; the Wright family; the Allen family; the Oostenbrug family; the family of Elysia Lynn Arbuckle; Roger Mitcham; Foss Bond; Scott Harrell; Jerry Fuller; Barbara Ellis; Nancy Cardenas; Joni Taylor; Valerie Roberts; Dorris McKee; Jeff B. McCreight; Gloria Taake; LaVonnia 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;

Parents' Night Out



**Friday, June 19
from 6:30 to 9:30 pm
Covenant Center**
Ages Infant - 5th Grade.
Reservations are required
by noon on Wednesday, June
17th!
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

Bon Voyage Concert

Monday, June 22

7:00 PM

Sanctuary

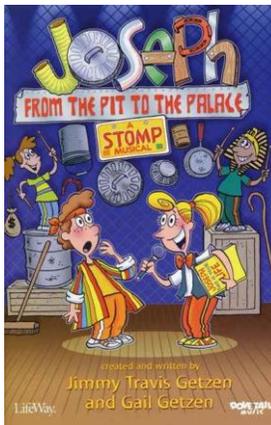
Come support our youth as they prepare to go to the Orlando, Florida area on a Music and Mission trip, June 23-29.

We have 13 Youth who will perform songs about their faith. You will be the first to hear the program that they will present in Florida.

Hope to see you at the concert!

Believe!

Fine Arts Week



August 3-7, 2015

9 am to Noon, Monday - Friday
Presenting "*Joseph, From the Pit to the Palace, A Stomp Musical*"
Grades 1-5 (finished)

We are recruiting volunteers for this wonderful week of music and art classes. Volunteers are needed to teach the following: Drama, Art, Guitar, Keyboard, Dance, Art, and Chimes.

We also need volunteers to provide snack each day and to walk the children from class to class.

Please Contact Debbie Chapman if you are available to help out dchapman@hcumc.org or 972-849-5372.

Elizabeth Rudolf; Janis Collins; Stephanie Flangin; Ava Kasey Coe; Shipeng Li; the Morton family; Jeanine Coll; Mark McMahan; Honey Kennedy; and Kim Wilson.

Our loved ones in the military

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



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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.