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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

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Lent: A Time for Reordering Our Lives

Lent is about doing a pulse check on your spiritual life. How is my relationship with God? How is my life rooted in the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ? How does my relationship with God inform my lifestyle, relationship choices and/or self-care?

On Ash Wednesday, we come to the altar and we have the sign of the cross placed on our foreheads as Pastor Debbie and I say, "From dust you came and dust you will return." This is not an act of morbidity but rather a reminder that we came from God and we will return to God. Lenten work is about moving away from believing all power for our joy, peace and fulfillment begins and ends with our abilities by acknowledging our mortality and ultimate dependence on God.

The good news is that we are doing this as a community and can lean on one another through this time of self-examination. Consider what you need to do this work to enlarge your spirit and deepen your faith. We are offering opportunities for prayer, study, fellowship and worship. Let this be the year you allow God to order your life and experience the gifts of Christ to fill your heart!

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Congratulations!

Bill Mauldin, Director of Family Ministries passed his interviews and will be commissioned as a Provisional Deacon at Annual Conference in June of 2016. Congratulations Bill!



Talent Show

If any youth wish to sign up for the all-church talent show you need to contact Rev. Debbie or sign up in the choir room. If any of you would like to sing and would like help in selecting a piece, she is graciously offering to help you with that. If you are going to perform a talent, skit, etc., I would like you to share it with the youth group on Feb 7th. That is Super Bowl Sunday and we will have a watch party, but we are having regular youth activities first after church. We will do a lesson on talents and you can help add to our lesson.



Super Bowl

We will have a watch party as tradition on Feb 7th at Rev. Carol's house at 1021 E. Seminole Trail. You can show up after 5pm. It ends as soon as the game is over and you can be picked up. If you have a particular snack or beverage that is a party must and you would feel deprived if it was not there, it is your responsibility to bring that to share with the group.



"A Celebration of Hope and Faith"

"A Celebration of Hope and Faith" Benefit Concert featuring the Africa University Choir and Christ's Foundry Children's Choir Thursday, February 4, 2016 7:00PM



Join the Christ's Foundry United Methodist Mission for an evening of music and fellowship that celebrates a unique connection. Christ's Foundry United Methodist Mission 3363 Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75220. For additional information, contact Rev. Owen Ross, Pastor, Christ's Foundry United Methodist Mission. Telephone: 214-366-3375. Or visit www.christsfoundry.org.

Church Men's Social



**Tuesday,
February 9
7 to 9 pm**

All men are invited to a Church Men's Social at Dante Paa's home. We hope to make this a quarterly gathering at different locations. Please sign up in the narthex where you will find the street address.

Ash Wednesday Worship



Mid-Winter

We will leave for Mid-Winter Retreat in the afternoon of Friday, Feb 12th and return the afternoon of Sunday, Feb 14th.

No Youth Feb 14th

Since many of us will be returning from Mid-Winter there will be no youth programming after church (there is still Sunday school).

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

Bill Mauldin

Director of Family
Ministries

Jason Redick

Community Justice Minister

Beth McClure

ECDP Director

Christine Perry

Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell

February 10
7 pm
in the sanctuary



L.I.F.T.



**Thursday, February 11
at 6:30 pm**

We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Jeriann Bayley'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 prepare a dish, please join us anyway - we want you with us! Come join us for this time of fellowship!

Parents' Night Out

**Friday, February 12
from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**

Covenant Center

Ages Infant - 5th Grade. Reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, February 10th!

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**



Chili/Soup Cook-Off and Talent Show



**Saturday, February 27
Chili/Soup Cook-Off at 5 pm
Talent Show at 6 pm**

Sign up in the narthex to enter your soup or chili in the competition!

Proceeds will support Youth, Music and Journeymen mission trips and projects. The show and

meal will kick-off our **Stock Sale Fundraiser** for Youth summer trips. Plan to participate and attend this fun evening.

This is an ALL Church event! It is for all ages, gifts and

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

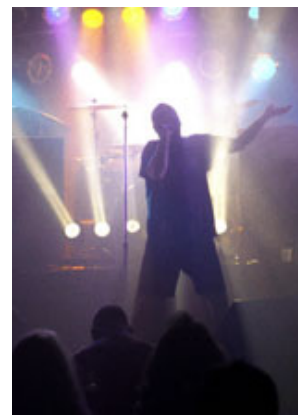
The Randall family; the Jenkins family; the Harrell family; Leticia Gonzalez; Dan Kasten; Gina Woestehoff; Pearl Lopez; Julie Feltner; Lois Eaton; Janet Butler; Stephen Davis; Kay Dowell; Nancy Cardenas; Mary Jane Van Horne; Michele Perkins; Stephanie Brown; Randy Sutherland; Kelly Ellis; James and Rosa Gunn; Marie Webb; Alicia Tyndall; Joshua Richardson; Jem Ellis; Carmelita Robinson; LaVonia Pritchard; Wayne Pritchard; Peggy Yull; Tom Yull; Bonnie Feltner; Lola Herndon; Pat Jordan; Vanessa Salvato McKown; John Bator; Janis Collins; Stephanie Flangin; Cara Woods Hinton; Teedy Lichon; Ira Schoonhoven; Mike Young; Hans Becker; Tommy Day; Barbara Rankin; Cherie Arruda; and Destiny Gonzales.

Our loved ones in the military

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

talents! For those that sing, dance, cook and enjoy all of the above.

We know that **Holy Covenant's Got Talent** and that **Holy Covenant can Cook!**



Blood Drive

**Sunday, March 6
9 am to 1 pm
in the sanctuary**

Please consider making a donation to Carter Blood Care. Save a life!



Carrollton West Pet Hospital

www.CarrolltonWestPet.com

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Anna Osofsky, DVM
Diplomate, ABVP, certified in Avian Practice
Ashley Braniff Champagne, DVM
Jon Paa, DVM

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.



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