



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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Parents' Night Out Friday, January 27 6 to 9 pm in the Covenant Center

Ages Infant - 5th Grade.
Reservations are required
by Wednesday,

January 25! 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.

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Message from Pastor Carol



#makeLOVereal

When you spend even a small amount of time around children, you become acutely aware of how intently they watch everything you do and hear everything you say. Many summers ago my nieces, Lilly and Katelyn, came to visit for several weeks during the summer. When they come we enjoy arts and crafts, baking, water fun and so much more. We revel in our time together and we look forward to each summer's visit all year long.

After a glorious three week visit, the girls returned home to their parents in Florida. One weekend morning the girls got up and dressed in their finest princess dresses and attire. When their mother asked what was up, they announced, "We are going to church and tell everybody that Jesus loves them just like Aunt Cissy."

We continually live our lives before others. Every day we are given the opportunity to let our family, friends, co-workers, and more see how the love of God influences our choices, integrity and relationships. As 2017 appears before us, let's commit to participate in a LOVE movement! Imagine if people watched each of us week by week and one Sunday awoke and said to their families, "I am going to church today because I saw the love of Jesus in my co-worker, friend, neighbor..."

I think the power of LOVE would begin to overtake the love of power.

See you on Sunday!

Pastor Carol

Music Ministry 2017



Choirs will begin in January for all ages and interests.

January 4 - Covenant Carillons 6:30 pm, Wesleyan Choir 7:30 pm

January 8 - Children's choirs: snack lunch at 12:15 pm, rehearsals for age 3 (by 9/1/16) thru grade 5 from 12:45 to 1:30 pm; Youth, grades 6-12 will have an organizational meeting at 2:15 on January 8 - Parents and youth should attend to talk about plans for 2017



There is a **new opportunity** for handbell ringers! Mondays at 10:00 am starting January 9. We will begin with all ability levels and progress from there. We need at least 8 people to start! Email dchapman@hcumc.org or text/phone 972-849-5372 your interest.

New Member



Jane Henry joined December 4, 2016

Disciple Study

Starting January 8th

Holy Covenant is offering a new opportunity for adults to learn more about God, the Bible, the Christian faith, themselves, and others in our community. We will offer the new Disciple I Fast



Track, but we are going to slow it down a bit. This series is designed to meet once a week for 24 weeks. We are going to meet once a month for 2 years. That is 12 sessions on the Old Testament this year and 12 on the New Testament next year. You do not need to commit to the full course; we will enroll for the New Testament portion next year. People have shared with me that they would love to do a Disciple class but just can't commit to every week, so we are going to meet each month on the second Sunday at 4pm. I expect the class to take about 90 minutes. The book for the Old Testament (all you need this year) is \$15. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Rev. Bill Mauldin bmauldin@hcumc.org soon!

Ladies In Fellowship Together



L.I.F.T.

Thursday, January 12

at 6:30 pm

We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

Food Pantry Need:



Canned meats and soups

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

Rev. Bill Mauldin
Associate Pastor
of Family Ministries

Beth McClure
ECDP Director

Christine Perry
Bookkeeper

Elise Webb Odell
Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

John Mays; Miles Olsen;
Rusty Yull; Sheila
Lunsford; Brent Arapis;
Aiden Gamez; Debbie

meeting on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 pm at the home of Marilyn Paa. 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!

Blood Drive

**Sunday, January 15
9 am to 1 pm
in the Covenant Center**



Who Is Our Neighbor? Series



**It's YOUR Texas Legislature
Sunday, January 29th
at 9:45 am in the sanctuary**

Presented by the HCUMC Advocates for Peace and Justice.

Featuring our own Skip Trimble, an attorney who has worked with the legislature for more

than 25 years.

Please plan to join us in learning how we can be more effective in making our voices heard by our state representatives. Time will be allowed for questions, all are welcome.

Spiritual Journeymen at the MSS Christmas Store



These Spiritual Journeymen (Rick, Johnny, Gary, Bob, Mike, Dante, Mike, Hal) helped clients shop for their children/family at the Metrocrest Social Services Christmas

Michael; Brenda Jo Anderson; Donna McAnally; Dan Kasten; Clark Ackerman; Foss Bond; the Shell family; Andrew Gonzales; Trey Gunn; Bob Barke; Blanca Soto; Mitzi King; Susan Diaz; Randy Sutherland; Kelly Ellis; Steve Morris; Linda Hinton; James and Rosa Gunn; Jem Ellis; Carmelita Robinson; LaVonja Pritchard; Wayne Pritchard; Peggy Yull; Tom Yull; Lola Herndon; John Bator; and Stephanie Flangin.

Our loved ones in the military

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

Store on Thursday morning, Dec. 15th. Vicki Barkley, a Journeyette, also helped and took the guys' photo. Ask them what other Journeymen projects for our community are coming in 2017.



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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