



## Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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### Baptism



**Kinley Ruth Alexandra-Clark was baptized  
December 17, 2017**

### Youth Formation



This year's mid-winter retreat will be with the North Texas Conference at Camp Bridgeport. Holy Covenant UMC will be attending the first one Jan 26-28<sup>th</sup>. This will fill up soon, so please register as soon as possible. The cost is now \$130. You can register at the Bridgeport Camp website [www.bridgeportcamp.org](http://www.bridgeportcamp.org)

### Adult Formation

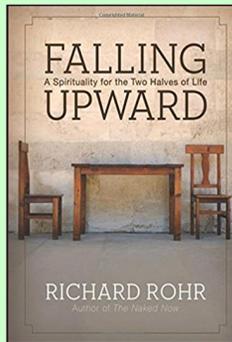
### How to Help With Hurricane Harvey Recovery

If you are interested in being a part of Hurricane Harvey recovery, please note that the Rio Texas Conference prefers that all participants (youth and adult) receive UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteer in Mission) training or at least that one trip leader receives this training. The UMVIM training aims to ensure that mission teams do not inadvertently "help" in ways that hurt and to nurture attitudes of respect and true partnership with the people and communities who are served. Every VIM training session costs \$12 per person and will be held on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Texas



### Enneagram

Either late January or early February Rev Bill Mauldin will lead an Enneagram workshop where arrows, wings, triads, and stances are discussed. If you would like help finding your number before this workshop, please contact [bmauldin@hcumc.org](mailto:bmauldin@hcumc.org).



### Falling Upward

As a church we are working towards helping everyone at different stages of life and faith development grow to their fullest potential. Much of this intentional effort has begun with our younger and new people. In 2018 we would like to take a serious look at ministry offered to those over 40 and who may have been attending for a long time. Father Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward* lays out the case for what he calls "second-half of life" ministry. I intend to use this as our starter for discussion. My goal is to get 20 people in this congregation to read this book and then we will begin a dialog for bringing together what is needed to engage in a more intentional manner. If you would be interested in reading this book and

Conference Center. Follow the links below to register:

**Volunteers in Mission and Early Response Team combined:  
Jan. 20:**



<https://jan20umvimandertraining.eventbrite.com>

**March 3:**

<https://mar3umvimandertraining.eventbrite.com>

**Volunteers in Mission:**

**Feb. 10:** <https://feb10umvimtraining.eventbrite.com>

**April 21:** <https://apr21umvimtraining.eventbrite.com>

**May 12:** <https://may12umvimtraining.eventbrite.com>

### L.I.F.T



**Ladies In Fellowship Together  
Thursday, January 11  
at 6:30 pm**

We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm at the home of Movalynn McKee. Go to [L.I.F.T.](#) 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!

### Fellowship Dinners

In an effort to help nurture the bonds of fellowship, starting February 1st, Fellowship Dinner groups will begin meeting. Sign up in the narthex or contact Bill Mauldin [bmauldin@hcumc.org](mailto:bmauldin@hcumc.org) with any questions.



### Chili Cook-Off

**Saturday, February 3  
6 pm  
in the Covenant Center**

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

joining this conversation, please get in contact with me, Rev Bill Mauldin [bmauldin@hcumc.org](mailto:bmauldin@hcumc.org).

### Music Ministries



Welcome to Dongni Xie, our new accompanist!



### Blood Drive

**Sunday, February 4**  
**9 am to 1 pm**  
**in the Covenant Center**

Every donor who gives is helping save lives, and by working together we can all make a greater difference.



### ECDP



Join us in the rainforest! We will have an open house during the week of January 22 - 25 between 9 and 11 am. See us in action! Tour the preschool while your children enjoy Rainforest Week activities hosted by our PSO. Contact Beth McClure [bmclure@hcumc.org](mailto:bmclure@hcumc.org) to schedule a tour.

### Food Pantry Need:

### Methodist Children's Home Christmas Breakfast

The Spiritual Journeymen served breakfast at the annual



Christmas Party sponsored by Methodist Children's Home on Saturday, December 9. The Party was held at First UMC in Richardson and approximately 60 people attended. The event honors

families from the north Texas area that foster and adopt children through the Methodist Children's Home. Each child received a MCH provided gift from Santa, aka Preston Hunt. The kids and the Journeymen enjoyed the morning.



### Metrocrest Holiday Store

Holy Covenant congregants



**Canned soups and meats.**

### Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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

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### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Webb family; the Luce family; Jamie Schaffer; Helen Daly; Jeanne Selby; Grant Dermody; Betty Morse; Aiden Gamez; Brenda Anderson; the Bonner family; Hans Becker; the Diebert family; Linda Lawrence; Jan Reynolds; Jerry & Elizabeth

volunteered at the Metrocrest Holiday Store assisting clients shop for gifts for their family on Monday evening 18 December. The accompanying two photos shows some of the 17-18 folks that donated their time to help at the Store. Several different support activities within the Store were ongoing at the same time with the goal helping all in our community to have a joyous Christmas.



### Spiritual Journeymen Strike Again!

A group of Spiritual Journeymen hauled 130 bicycles and other toys to the Metrocrest Holiday Store that were donated by a local Carrollton businessman. This citizen's donation and the Journeymen assistance have been ongoing for several years. The effort helps all get in the holiday spirit. The accompanying photo shows the Journeymen relaxing after the "work" on Saturday 16 December.



### Give+ Mobile

There is now a phone application that allows you to give online directly to Holy Covenant. Download the Give Plus app from your app store, and you'll be able to make your contributions to Holy Covenant from your mobile device. The app is free to download and install.



Hunsaker; Andrew  
Gonzales; Mitzi King;  
Christina Cantu & family;  
Layla Stamp; Randy  
Sutherland; Kelly Ellis; Tom  
Yull; Stephanie Flangin;  
Juwanna Hathman; and  
Preston Rainey.

**Our loved ones in the  
military**

Levi Bayard; Hunter Blue,  
Kate Blue, KeNi Gaines,  
Zach Glass, Jake Oliver,  
Ashton Rudolf and Diana  
Rudolf.



**where radical love welcomes all and  
nourishes our community**



We are welcoming and open to all people;  
black or white 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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