



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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Message from Pastor Carol



The core of our Christian faith is love but faith without works is dead according to James 2:14-26. Likewise, love without experience is faith without purpose. We get the verses that encourage us to love God and our neighbor, but do we get that our love must be experienced by our neighbor to have any value? But even more to the point, do our neighbors have enough value for us to discover their love language before we attempt to offer an experience of love? The questions of love go beyond meeting needs to indulging desires.

Jesus said, "I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...what you did for these who do not matter to many, you did for me". **Matthew 25: 35; 40**

"What do our neighbors like to eat?"; "What do our neighbors like to drink?"; "How do our neighbors like to be welcomed?"; I bet our neighbors would feel as if they had value if we asked about the desires of their hearts.

Christian love is giving to others those things that we would want them to give to us if we were in their situation. Christian love honors others. Christian love respects others. Christian love brings value to others.

³¹ *Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.* ³² *If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even [those without faith] love those who love them.* ³³ *... love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do...you will be acting as the children of God. God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.* ³⁶ *Be compassionate just as God is compassionate.* (Luke 6:31-33; 36)

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Children's Formation



All parents and care givers please register your children for VBS and if your child is 4-7 take a look at our Rookie Sport Camp.



Sports Camp

Triumph Sports will host a Christian Rookie Sport Camp here at Holy Covenant for 4-7 year olds from 8:30-11:30am. Cost is \$80 if you sign up before June 1st. You can register at [Triumph](#). This will be our first year working with them but they have a wonderful and long history with many of our fellow North Texas UMCs.



Camp

For children in the 3-5th grade there is Children's Church Camp at Camp Bridgeport. We will be attending C1 June 11-15th. You can sign up at www.bridgeportcamp.org. Any parents with children going to camp, please read about the SNAP fundraiser

Bridges Sermon Series

April 22 -
May 20

Understanding how we can be in ministry with those we identify in our welcoming statement:



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.

Worship Series "Bridges" Music



In our current Worship Series "Bridges", you may have noticed that we have two new repeating pieces of the worship services. We are singing a new **Prayer Song** "Let Our Earth Be Peaceful" and a new **Doxology** "Praise

God for the World: A Doxology for Life Now".

The author of "Let Our Earth Be Peaceful" is Shirley Erena Murray. This well-known hymn lyrics writer was born in New Zealand in 1931, and baptized in the Methodist church. *Let our earth be peaceful, let our hearts be hopeful, let our hands be gentle for the love of God.*

The author of "Praise God for the World: A Doxology for Life Now" is Anne H. Griffis born in New Jersey (1937-2014). She

in the youth information.

Youth Formation



Confirmation Sunday will be May 20th (also Pentecost) at the 11am worship service. We have seven youth participating in the confirmation process and we would like everyone's presence to support them as they confirm their desire for membership and to support Holy Covenant United Methodist Church by their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Sunday morning, May 27th the youth will offer a car wash as a fundraiser. If you would like your car washed, we will have an adult take your keys and while you are in service we will wash your car. You can come out of church renewed for the week and with a nice clean car.

-Bill Mauldin

Adult Formation



We still are looking for four adults to fill out our adult work crew for the mission experience this summer to Sinton, TX. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact me.

-Bill Mauldin
bmauldin@hcumc.org

Music Ministries



Children's Choirs

The Children's Choirs (Music Machine, Cherub and Chimes Choirs) will wrap up their season singing in the 11 am service on May 13, Mother's Day.

THE LAST SUNDAY REHEARSAL will be May 6 following the 11 am service! We will begin again in September of 2019.

NEEDED:

Our two fabulous Cherub Choir directors, Sharon Harris and Sheli Erenberger will be taking a well-deserved break next season which means we will be searching for two people to guide and nurture our youngest musicians! If you are looking for an infusion

participated in the ecumenical ministry of Church Women United.

Praise God for the world, in peace may it be.

Praise God for each life, may all thrive and be free.

Praise God for each day filled with justice and care.

Praise God for each breath and the joy that we share.

Feeding the Homeless

Holy Covenant will provide breakfast at the Austin Street Shelter at 5:00 am on **Sunday, May 6**. We will provide breakfast for 400 men, women and children at the homeless shelter.



We are asking for the following donations:

12 sandwiches (individually bagged)

12 pieces fruit

12 boiled eggs in shell in carton

Cases of bottled water/ juice boxes

Snack/granola bars

We will receive all donations on **Saturday, May 5** from 9am -noon in the HCUMC kitchen.

All are welcome to travel with us to Austin Street Sunday morning at 4:15 am from the HCUMC kitchen. We will drive to Austin Street, set up and serve breakfast. We will also collect retail plastic bags for the residents to carry their food because all residents must leave the shelter at 6:00 am. For more information, contact Rick Davis 972-814-5325.

L.I.F.T.



Ladies In Fellowship Together Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 pm

We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30

pm at the home of Lois Eaton. 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!

Secure Document Shredding

Saturday, May 12

10:30 am - 2 pm

Holy Covenant Parking Lot

Sponsored by Holy Covenant's Green Team. Open to the public.

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supporting Holy Covenant. Watch

your documents being shredded

on site with the utmost security. \$5 per copy paper sized box.

Invite your friends and family to bring their sensitive

documents to be shredded. Shredding will be done by Secure

On Site Shredding Inc. Visit www.secureonsiteshredding.com

for more information about the company.



Volunteers in Mission Training



For adults and youth who would like to help provide leadership for mission work this year in Houston or would just like an opportunity to learn some new information, there will be training provided by Volunteers in Mission (VIM) on May 12. [VIM](#).

Parents' Night Out

Friday, May 18

6 to 9 pm

in the Covenant Center

Ages Infant - 5th Grade.

Reservations are required

by Wednesday, May 16! Reserve a place for your child at

hcumc.org. You may drop off and

pick up children anytime during

the designated hours. \$10 per child; \$25 max per same family.



of energetic spirit into your life on Sunday mornings, please contact Leanne Seabright.
LSeabright@hcumc.org



Choir Librarians

Thank you to Dotty Costello and Georgia Herrick who stepped up to be our choir librarians! They are doing a wonderful job organizing the sheet music for our music program. Many Thanks!



Encore Brass

On Sunday, May 6, the brass quintet, **Encore Brass**, will be providing the music for our services. Our very own, Efrain Sain is a member of this brass ensemble. We are looking forward to their gift of music that Sunday.

ECDP Update



ECDP is enjoying the season of spring and preparing for the season of summer. All children ages 2-6 are invited to join ECDP's *Athletes & Actors* Summer Camps. Summer Camps will be the weeks of June 11 and 18, Monday through Thursday, 9-2 pm. The cost each week is \$115. You can get information through Holy Covenant's website. If you'd like to register, contact Beth McClure at bmclure@hcumc.org or 972-492-1371. Join us for a week of fun!

Food Pantry Need:

Café 2:42 Breakfast Fundraiser



Sunday, May 20
 9:30 - 10:30 am
 Covenant Center

You may stay and eat in the Covenant Center or "grab and go" to your Sunday School class. All donations go to Holy Covenant and are appreciated!

Blood Drive

Sunday, June 10
 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.



Fan Drive



Collecting Fans for Those in Need

We will be collecting fans for Senior Citizens and others in need through June 24th. Please drop off your fans in the Narthex. We will transport the fans to Metrocrest Social Services who will distribute fans to those who need them. In the past the recipients have expressed sincere appreciation and talked about how much of a difference it made for them.

If you do not have time to go out and purchase a fan, we will be happy to do so for you. For \$20 we can purchase a new Box Fan or a Standing Oscillating Fan, so just note that your donation is for "Fans." Thank you Holy Covenant for again helping to meet the needs in our community.

-Advocates for Justice and Peace

Mission Trip

Sinton, Texas
 June 24-30

The mission trip to Sinton, TX will be June 24th-30th. This trip is an adult/youth trip. We would love to have an adult team that will go and work together. If you have interest please contact Rev. Bill Mauldin bmauldin@hcumc.org. Sign up in the Narthex or online at [Mission Trip](#). Youth that are 8th grade and up are invited to sign up as well. Youth that are in 6th and 7th grade will need an adult to come along as a sponsor. We have a limited number of slots, once those are filled that is all we can take. This is an amazing opportunity for the church to be in service together, crossing boundaries to be the church.



Vacation Bible School



Shipwrecked

July 8-12
 5:30 - 8:30 pm

You can now sign up for this summer's VBS in person or online at [VBS 2018](#). VBS is for children 3years old through 5th grade and nursery is provided for all volunteers. Preschoolers

only do the opening ceremony and two activity rotations. They will then just have nursery time after that (we could even put them in jammies for you). Our fun theme this year is *Shipwrecked*. We will also offer a resource for parents called "Parenting with Grace and Reason". This class combines tested parenting advice and how understanding it can also deepen our understanding for what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. That class will be 7:15-8:15pm each night, so take advantage of that opportunity.

A/V Team Expansion

Many thanks also to Andy Baldwin, Cory Bowes and Lee Nader! They have been training to be able to give our resident A/V members Ted Ditty (8:30 service) and Ryan Baumgardner (11:00 service) a break from their regular schedule. Actually, Andy Baldwin was ready to "fly solo" on April 22nd and gave Ted his first break in 6 years from the 8:30 service.





Canned 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 Beard family; the Yull family; the family of Sue Moser; Calos Ponce; Jan Barnes; Vanessa Gunn & Baby Faith; Maliq Davis; Betty Morse; Aiden Gamez; Brenda Anderson; Susie Ponce; Hans Becker; Jan Reynolds; Jerry & Elizabeth Hunsaker; Andrew Gonzales; Mitzi King; Lea Craven; Cole Ingram; Christina Cantu & family; Randy Sutherland; Kelly Ellis; Tom Yull; Stephanie Flangin; Craig Werdnee; and Andrea Bergquist.

Our loved ones in the military

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

From Our Lay Leader



Our life is a constant journey. You will go many places and take many paths. On those paths, you will have to cross bridges. Are you getting on the right bridges? Do you ever get on a bridge and turn around? Why? Did you get scared? Found out that bridge was shaky or taking you in the wrong direction? Do you ever put your hard hat on and start building a new bridge? Do you ever burn bridges, for the right or wrong reasons? Are you building bridges big enough for others to cross with you? What's on the other side? Are you leading others in the right direction or doing the opposite?

Have you started building bridges but haven't finished them? What about extending bridges in different directions or building them wider so that you can lead others in the right direction? Some bridges take a lifetime to build and never get finished. They keep taking us deeper into our passions, deeper into our faith, deeper into our community. Deeper into areas that scare us, that make us feel uncomfortable.

Maybe the bridge you're building is shaky and going over new territory. Maybe your bridge is old, familiar and rickety but well-traveled. Maybe you've only got a footpath that leads to where your bridge is going to go. Whatever bridge you're crossing or building or about to start construction on, make sure God is the architect and pray that God gives you the wisdom and the knowledge to build your bridge in the right direction.

Aaron

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

Ad Council Update

Thank you for reading this offering. From a Holy Covenant Administrative Council perspective, the horizon is wide and the opportunity great. We here at Holy Covenant are on a journey, and anyone reading this correspondence is welcome to come along or assist in our work. Simply put, I would offer these focuses for our move forward.

We enter into every interaction with humility, seeking to understand where the other party, the other individual or group has come from and respecting the road they have traveled the experiences they have had, and through discipleship we meet one another genuinely and respecting everyone's path to the discussion.

Relationships are critical, again with humility and grace we enter into any relationship or interaction with our face pointed toward His work, and attempting to meter our humanity.

The work of our Holy Covenant Team is to enter into conversations, work and challenges with candor. Loaded with grace and compassion we can continue to speak with candor and genuine feedback while working together towards the ultimate goal.

My hope as Ad Council chair is to lead from the front in servant leadership; meeting my brothers and sisters where they are at individually, and collectively. Holy Covenant is a uniquely wonderful entity and will continue to be life altering and standard changing. If you are up to the challenge, come along with us on this journey that is God's will of treating one another with grace, leaning into the difficulties of our humanness and life and being change agents in being a sanctuary and move forward point for the Lord's work in 2018. "Saddle up" Sisters and Brothers, we ride now!

Matthew 5:9

John Wesley "Catch on fire with enthusiasm, and people will come for miles to watch you burn"

Brothers and Sisters, if you want to be a smoke jumper with me; come on!



Peace,
Scott



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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