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A Year in the Bible



Haven't started reading yet? Got behind? No problem! Join us in 2 Samuel!

A Message from Pastor Carol



From the beginning, Holy Covenant United Methodist Church has very intentionally chosen to be formed as a community of faith through the language and directives found in the questions asked in baptism.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in

union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? (UMH pg. 39)

As a church, we are to stand wholly and earnestly on the foundation that Jesus the Christ is our reason for being. We are not a social justice or activist organization. We are not a family support organization. We are not a place to find morally upright friends. We are an anointed body of Christ.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon [us], because God has anointed [us] to bring good news to the poor, sent [us] to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and to let the oppressed go free... (Luke 4:16-19, amended)

The spiritual anointing of Jesus was to reveal God's nature and desire to make a difference in the lives of the poor, captive, afflicted, oppressed - the outcast. Jesus was to have a clear identity as God AND a revealing nature of God.

As a body of Christ, we too must hold in tension the identity and revelation of God. We are to be a community of Christ and the agency of Christ in all we do. One does not preclude the other - community and action. In other words, we must remember that being a community is as important as what we do as a community.

The United Methodist General Conference has elected to

Chronological Readings:

May 1 2 Samuel 22:1-51, Psalm 18
May 2 2 Samuel 24:1-9, 1 Chronicles 21:1-6, 2 Samuel 24:10-17, 1 Chronicles 21:7-17, 2 Samuel 24:18-25, 1 Chronicles 21:18-22:19
May 3 1 Chronicles 23:1-25:31
May 4 1 Chronicles 26:1-28:21
May 5 1 Chronicles 29:1-22, 1 Kings 1:1-53
May 6 1 Kings 2:1-9, 2 Samuel 23:1-7, 1 Kings 2:10-12, 1 Chronicles 29:26-30, Psalm 4-6, Psalm 8-9, Psalm 11
May 7 Psalm 12-17, Psalm 19-21
May 8 Psalm 22-26
May 9 Psalm 27-32
May 10 Psalm 35-38
May 11 Psalm 39-41, Psalm 53, Psalm 55, Psalm 58
May 12 Psalm 61-62, Psalm 64-67
May 13 Psalm 68-70, Psalm 86, Psalm 101
May 14 Psalm 103, Psalm 108-110, Psalm 122, Psalm 124
May 15 Psalm 131, Psalm 133, Psalm 138-141, Psalm 143
May 16 Psalm 144-145, Psalm 88-89
May 17 Psalm 50, Psalm 73-74
May 18 Psalm 75-78
May 19 Psalm 79-82
May 20 Psalm 83, 1 Chronicles 29:23-25, 2 Chronicles 1:1, 1 Kings 2:13-3:4, 2 Chronicles 1:2-6, 1 Kings 3:5-15, 2 Chronicles 1:7-13
May 21 1 Kings 3:16-28, 1 Kings 5:1-18, 1 Chronicles 2:1-18, 1 Kings

continue to denominationally maintain language of denunciation and exclusion for members of our LGBTQ community. As a body of Christ, we are faced with the very important challenge to decide what we want to do to express what we believe will reveal God's dreams for everyone. We must be one body and solitary revelation. Without one body there can be no action.

It is only when we seek together the will and heart of God that we come to experience the power and vitality of God's blessing. Let's all show up, heartfully listen to one another, pray for wisdom and make God inspired decisions. We can do this, together.

Live Big; Love Bigger!
Pastor Carol

Holy Conversations & Potluck Lunch

Sunday, May 5 Immediately after worship in the Covenant Center

We will meet in the Covenant Center for lunch and round-table discussion regarding General Conference 2019 and our response as a church. This is a chance to ask questions and share thoughts.

The Advocates for Justice and Peace will provide meat and you are asked to bring side dishes.



Feeding the Homeless



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

We will provide:

- 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 food donations on **Saturday, May 4 from 9 am-noon** in the HCUMC kitchen. All are welcome to travel with us to Austin Street on Sunday morning at 5:15 am from

6:1-13, 2 Chronicles 3:1-14, 1 Kings 6:14-38
May 22 1 Kings 7:1-51, 2 Chronicles 3:15-4:22
May 23 1 Kings 8:1-11, 2 Chronicles 5:1-14, 1 Kings 8:12-21, 2 Chronicles 6:1-11, 1 Kings 8:22-53, 2 Chronicles 6:12-42
May 24 1 Kings, 8:54-66, 2 Chronicles 7:1-10, 1 Kings 9:1-9, 2 Chronicles 7:11-22, 1 Kings 9:10-14
May 25 2 Chronicles 8:1-18, 1 Kings 9:15-10:13, 2 Chronicles 9:1-12, 1 Kings 10:14-29, 2 Chronicles 9:13-28, 2 Chronicles 1:14-17
May 26 1 Kings 4:1-34, Psalm 72, Psalm 127
May 27 Proverbs 1:1-4:27
May 28 Proverbs 5:1-7:27
May 29 Proverbs 8:1-10:32
May 30 Proverbs 11:1-13:25
May 31 Proverbs 14:1-16:33

Children's Formation



Sunday School Teachers Needed!

For 4th-6th Grade. Please contact Rev. Bill Mauldin bmauldin@hcumc.org if interested.

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 7:00 am. For more information, contact Rick Davis 972-814-5325.

Food Pantry Needs

Communion Sunday, May 5

You are invited to bring canned meats, soups and canned fruit during communion. There will be bins available at the platform for your donations.



L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Fellowship Together)



Thursday, May 9 6:30 pm

We will have our monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm at the home of Jeriann Bayley. 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!

Mother's Day

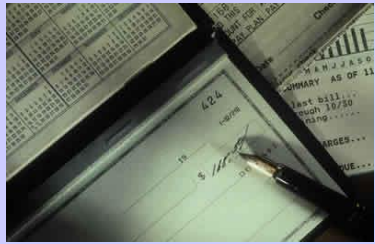
May 12

Encore Brass will be with us once again this year on May 12, Mother's Day! Our very own Efrain Sain is a member of this brass quintet.

We will have hymn settings and a choral anthem for brass and organ that Sunday to celebrate their presence.



Youth Formation



Stock Sales Have Begun!

The youth will sell stocks through the month of May. You can support them as they raise funds for summer camps and the mission trip.

Music Notes



Wesleyan Choir

The last official Sunday for Wesleyan Choir will be on Sunday, June 9, Pentecost. There are only 5 remaining Wednesday evening rehearsals.

If you would like to be a part of the choir for a few short weeks, please join in with us on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm.

Church Accompanist

Well, the search is on for our new accompanist since Gretchen and her husband Ryan have left for Illinois. You will be seeing and hearing different people in the upcoming Sundays. We will all need to be patient and trusting that someone is out there for Holy Covenant!

Parents' Night Out



**Friday, May 17
6 to 9 pm
in the Covenant Center**

Ages Infant - 5th Grade.
Reservations are required by Wednesday, May 15!

Reserve a place for your child at hcumc.org. You may drop off and pick up children anytime during the designated hours. Cost is \$10 per child; \$25 max per family.

Ushers Needed!

Usher Training Sunday, May 19 Following worship

Sunday, May 19 immediately following the service we will have usher training.

If you would like to serve in some way with Holy Covenant, this might be what you are looking for!

Be the face of Holy Covenant to those who enter our doors on a Sunday morning.

If interested, please contact Leanne Seabright lseabright@hcumc.org OR just show up!



Church Work Day

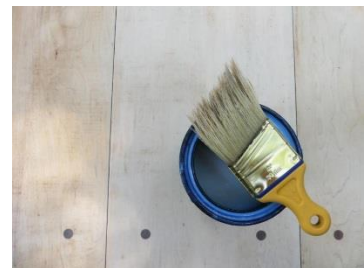


Saturday, June 1
Save the date!

Youth Summer Mission Trip to NE Oklahoma

June 16-22

This summer HCUMC youth will be going to the UM Boy's Ranch in Gore, Ok June 16-22nd. We will be staying in a cabin on Lake Tenkiller. The ranch should be getting with me in the next few weeks to let me know what our work project will be. We will take a day to float the Illinois River (flat water) and hopefully check out the Cherokee



Sunday Morning Schedule

**9:00 am Sunday
School for all ages**

**10:30 am
Unity Worship**

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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Heritage Center in Tahlequah, OK. The cost for mission trip this year will be \$200 a person. If you wish to go on mission trip please sign up online

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4cada728a3fb6-mission1>. We will have a meeting to pass out paperwork,

answer questions about mission trip, and discuss upcoming and future fundraisers, as well as plans for next year's mission trips. Parents and youth that want to be informed and be able to provide feedback are highly encouraged to attend this meeting. We have already started the annual stock sale fundraiser.

We are asking youth who wish to participate please sign up online

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4cada728a3fb6-stock>. We will have a youth car wash fundraiser June 2nd, so mark that on your calendar.

Thank You from the Advocates for Justice & Peace



The Advocates for Justice and Peace committee and the Youth First attendees send a thank you to the congregation for the monetary contributions in support of the Holy Covenant sponsored Youth First dinners. The dinner on March 29th was a wonderful evening of

laughter and community. The thank you card from Youth First summarizes the appreciation: "Holy Covenant UMC, Thank you for your continued support of Youth First. We love our Pancake Ladies & Friends!".

Youth First is an organization that serves as a resource for LGBTQ youth. It is a place where they can go and spend time together in a non-judgmental environment.

The next Holy Covenant sponsored dinner will be June 28th. Please contact Kathy Amos if you would like to attend a future Youth First dinner.

Our Loved Ones in the Military

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



**meeting Christ in our local community
to serve our children and youth**



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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