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A Message from Pastor Carol



Culturally, summer is a time of vacations, relaxation and a general slowing of our pace. But as I survey the people and families around me, I see this is far from reality. For some reason, so many of us have surrendered to the god of busyness. We are addicted to running on high speed justifying this pace as being industrious and successful. Does it feel successful or exhausting?

We are comfortable naming the obsession with drugs, alcohol, shopping, video gaming, and sex as addictions because these behaviors bring relationship destruction, altered perspective of priorities, and comprehensive surrender to the intoxicating power of the addictive behavior. Funny how it easy to see the numbing and avoidance these addictions bring to the addicted while the obsession with busyness has been normalized and even celebrated.

Crazy-busy is a great armor, it's a great way for numbing. What a lot of us do is that we stay so busy, and so out in front of our life, that the truth of how we're feeling and what we really need can't catch up with us. (Daring Greatly, Brene Brown)

Yes, the god of busyness has altered our perspective on what is good, and what is true and what is noble.

Philippians 4:8 - Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.

"Think about such things" is more than a call to devotion to **do** the right thing. It is actually a call to **be** the right thing. In his letter to his beloved church, Paul is encouraging each

June 1 2 Proverbs 17:1-19:29

June 2 Proverbs 20:1-22:16

June 3 Proverbs 22:17-24:34

June 4 Song 1:1-8:14

June 5 1 Kings 11:1-43, 2 Chronicles 9:29-31, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

June 6 Ecclesiastes 1:12-6:12

June 7 Ecclesiastes 7:1-11:6

June 8 Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14, 1 Kings 12:1-20, 2 Chronicles 10:1-19, 1 Kings 12:21-24, 2 Chronicles 11:1-4, 1 Kings 12:25-33, 2 Chronicles 11:5-17

June 9 1 Kings 12:1-14:18, 1 Kings 14:21-14:24, 2 Chronicles 12:13-14, 2 Chronicles 11:18-23, 2 Chronicles 12:1-2, 1 Kings 14:25-28, 2 Chronicles 12:15-16, 1 Kings 14:29-15:5, 2 Chronicles 13:1-22, 1 Kings 15:6-8, 2 Chronicles 14:1-8, 1 Kings 15:9-15, 1 Kings 14:19-20, 1 Kings 15:25-34, 2 Chronicles 14:9-15, 2 Chronicles 15:1-19

June 10 1 Kings 15:16-22, 2 Chronicles 16:1-10, 1 Kings 16:1-34, 1 Kings 15:23-24, 2 Chronicles 16:11-17:19, 1 Kings 17:1-7

June 11 1 Kings 17:8-20:22

June 12 1 Kings 20:23-22:9, 2 Chronicles 18:1-8

June 13 1 Kings 22:10-28, 2 Chronicles 18:9-27, 1 Kings 22:29-35, 2 Chronicles 18:28-34, 1 Kings 22:36-40, 1 Kings 22:51-53, 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:30

June 14 2 Kings 1:1-18,

member to meditate on the things of the God of peace, hope, and love. The God of giving life and freedom!

Meditation is more than slowing down or taking a vacation. It is a daily discipline of surrendering the hyper speed of our brains to centering our attention on our hearts. Our hearts is where God resides. God is fully present within each of us but many of us have numbed ourselves to this gift of nobility and loveliness. My prayer for you and me this summer is for our atrophied hearts to be nurtured and nourished as we align our perspective with what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable. In other words, what is industrious and successful to appreciate our gift of life and relationship.

Live Big; Love Bigger!
Pastor Carol

Food Pantry Needs

Communion Sunday, June 2

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



Youth Valet Car Wash



Sunday, June 2
HCUMC Parking Lot
Starting at 9 am and continuing through worship

You will give your key to an adult who will drive and park your car so the youth can wash it while you are inside. All donations to this

fundraiser will be appreciated.

New "Unity Team" at HCUMC

There is a new group forming at Holy Covenant called the Unity Team. The team will kick off by participating in the Pride Parade on **Sunday, June 2nd**. You are invited to gather right after worship and ride DART to the fairgrounds as a group. Please contact Rodney Stewart jaspardexter@gmail.com with any questions.



2 Kings 3:1-27, 1 Kings
22:41-49, 2 Chronicles
20:31-37, 1 Kings 22:50,
2 Chronicles 21:1-4,
2 Kings 8:16-22,
2 Chronicles 21:5-7

June 15 2 Kings 2:1-25,
2 Kings 4:1-44

June 16 2 Kings 5:1-8:15

June 17 2 Chronicles
21:8-20, 2 Kings 8:23-29,
2 Chronicles 22:1-7,
2 Kings 9:1-10:17,
2 Chronicles 22:8-9,
2 Kings 10:18-31

June 18 2 Kings 11:1-3,
2 Chronicles 22:10-12,
2 Kings 11:4-12,
2 Chronicles 23:1-11,
2 Kings 11:13-16,
2 Chronicles 23:12-15,
2 Kings 11:17-21,
2 Chronicles 23:16-21,
2 Kings 12:1-16,
2 Chronicles 24:1-22,
2 Kings 10:32-36

June 19 2 Kings 13:1-11,
2 Kings 12:17-21,
2 Chronicles 24:23-27,
2 Kings 13:14-25

June 20 2 Kings 14:1-14,
2 Chronicles 25:1-21,
2 Kings 13:12-13, 2 Kings
14:15-16, 2 Kings 14:23-
27, 2 Chronicles 25:25-
28, 2 Kings 14:17-22,
2 Kings 15:1-15,
2 Chronicles 26:1-21,
Jonah 1:1-4:11

June 21 Amos 1:1-6:14

June 22 Amos 7:1-9:15,
2 Kings 14:28-29, 2 Kings
15:8-29, 2 Kings 15:6-7,
2 Chronicles 26:22-23,
Isaiah 6:1-13

June 23 2 Kings 15:32-
38, 2 Chronicles 27:1-9,
Micah 1:1-16, 2 Kings
16:1-9, 2 Chronicles
28:1-15, Isaiah 7:1-25

June 24 Isaiah 8:1-11:16

June 25 Isaiah 12:1-6,
Isaiah 17:1-14,
2 Chronicles 28:16-21,

Parents' Night Out



**Friday, June 7
6 to 9 pm
in the Covenant Center**

Ages Infant - 5th Grade.

Reservations are required
by Wednesday, June 5!

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.

Sack Summer Hunger Program

**Saturdays, June 8 - August 3
9 am to Noon**

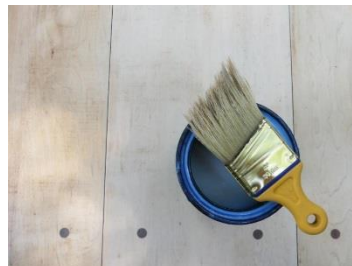
During the school year, many of
the children in our community
benefit from the free/reduced
lunch program which provides

them with breakfast and lunch for free or at a reduced
cost. However, when school is out for the summer, the
program is not available. We partner with Metrocrest (Social
Services) to bridge this gap with the Sack Summer Hunger
program. The program provides breakfast, lunch and snacks
for school-aged children throughout the summer. The families
receive a sack of food for each school-aged child in their
household. Each Saturday during the summer, they can either
pick up the bags from the church or have them delivered to
their homes. Volunteers are needed to help make this
program successful.



*There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for delivery drivers,
distribution at church, and to help pick up the food from
Metrocrest. The biggest need right now is the delivery drivers
and produce pick-up from Metrocrest. You do not have to
commit to do every Saturday. You just sign up for the
Saturdays that you are available. Please help us to continue
our mission to serve the kids in our community. If you have
questions, please contact Ashley Norris
norrisfam2015@yahoo.com.*

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

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2 Chronicles 28:22-25,
2 Kings 18:1-8,
2 Chronicles 29:1-2,
2 Kings 15:30-31, 2 Kings
17:1-4, Hosea 1:1-2:13
June 26 Hosea 2:14-8:14
June 27 9:1-14:9
June 28 Isaiah 28:1-29,
2 Kings 17:5, 2 Kings
18:9-12, 2 Kings 17:6-41,
Isaiah 1:1-20
June 29 Isaiah 1:21-5:30
June 30 2 Kings 16:19-
20, 2 Chronicles 28:26-
27, Isaiah 13:1-16:14

Children's Formation



Vacation Bible School: *Roar!*

July 7 - July 11
5:30 to 8:30 pm

Life is wild. God is good. This epic adventure engages the whole herd. At *Roar!*, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. We'll meet together and share a light meal at 5:30 pm each night. Our preschooler VBS will end at 7:30 pm and the elementary aged children will be done at 8:30 pm. Register your child [here](#).

Music Notes



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 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.

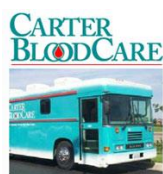
Fan Drive

Through June 23

Advocates for Justice and Peace will be collecting fans or donations for fans for Senior Citizens and others in need through June 23rd. Please drop off your fans in the Narthex. We will transport the fans to Metrocrest 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.



Blood Drive



Sunday, June 30
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
in the Covenant Center

Give hope, give blood to people in need, give life to our community.

Invitation

Reverend James Minor is Retiring!

There will be a celebration in his honor at Camp Wisdom UMC on June 30. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by June 7 to lisa.cooper@prodigy.net. If you would like to add to Rev. Minor's Ministry Scrapbook, please send a personal message, prayer, remembrance, note of congratulations, well wishes or photos to lisa.cooper@prodigy.net by June 7.

Multigenerational Summer Choir

Summer choir is for anyone and all. This is especially for people who are not able to make the commitment during the regular season and would like to just sing once, twice or a few times in the choir for a service.

Rehearsal in Choir Room - 10 AM for the 10:30 service.

*Ages - High School & up
4 Sundays - June 23, 30
and July 7 & 14*

ECDP Preschool News

Summer Camps: June 10-13, June 17-20

*It's All Fun & Games
Games...LOTS OF
GAMES!...storytelling,
creative art, water days,
Music, P.E. and so much
more! The camps are
open to children ages 2
(as of 6/1/19) through 1st
Grade. Registration fee:
\$15/child each week.
Tuition fee: \$100/week.
Contact Beth McClure
bmccclure@hcumc.org
972-492-1371*

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

**10:30 am Unity
Worship**

Staff

Rev. Carol Sparks
csparks@hcumc.org
Senior Pastor

Rev. Bill Mauldin

Please join
the members of
Camp Wisdom UMC
as we
Celebrate
the
Retirement
of
The Reverend James I. Minor

Sunday, June 30, 2019
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church
1300 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75232

RSVP
via text or email
to Lisa Cooper
by Friday, June 7, 2019
(214) 862-3716
lisa.cooper@prodigy.net

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!



July 7 - 11
5:30 to 8:30 pm

Please sign up at [VBS Volunteer](#).

Anniversary Song for Holy Covenant

We have commissioned a piece of music to be written especially for Holy Covenant to recognize and celebrate 45 years of Holy Covenant. The piece will be called "Covenant Prayer". The composer is Karen Marroli, who is very much an up and coming composer already published and residing in New Mexico. The cost for us is surprisingly affordable at \$500. A down payment has been made from the designated Music funds, but we



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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The family of Brenda
Anderson; Pearl Lopez;
Sharon Harris; Sheila
Lunsford; Donna
McAnally; Mary Harrison;
Randy Sutherland; the
family of Viktor Lee;
Allison Herrick; Jan
Reynolds; and Jojo Sain.

Our Loved Ones in the Military

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

are hoping for donations of any amount. If you would like TO
MAKE A DONATION please follow one of the following 2 ways:

1. Put check into offertory plate with "Anniversary Song"
in memo line
2. Click on "Donate" on our website, scroll down to
"online giving" and put amount under "other
donations."

Grieving?



In the U.S., 8 million people suffered through the death of someone in their immediate family last year. There were 800,000 new widows and widowers; and 400,000 people under 25 suffered from the death of a loved one.

Mortality rates for adults in their 40s and 50s in the past two decades have risen dramatically making it more likely that younger children will experience the death of a parent, or a classmate's parent. Grief is our reaction to a loss; it's our way of healing.

If you or someone you know is grieving, know that you're not alone. The following website has been designed to help those in grief: www.thegriefcomfort.com. You'll find helpful links for Grief Support, self-care tips and more.

Holy Covenant
united methodist

**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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