



## Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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### A Year in the Bible



#### **Join us in the Gospels!**

#### Chronological Readings:

**Oct 1** John 5:1-47, Mark 2:23-28, Matthew 12:1-8, Luke 6:1-5, Mark 3:1-6, Matthew 12:9-14, Luke 6:6-11, Matthew 12:15-

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### A Message from Pastor Carol



*All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me. John 12:27a*  
From the moment we say "I believe", we set out on a spiritual journey of following Christ. Our lives become a masterful journey of pathway and pace. Our first few steps are light and gleeful. But in no time, we realize the commitment it requires to pace ourselves with Christ. It means to grow into a new way of treading through life. We no longer emblazon

our own trail but rather we develop the art of leaping from footprint to footprint imprinted for us by Christ. This is no small feat (pun intended) to be sure!

How does one go about giving up control of the impending destination? Trust. Trust that we will desire holiness over wholeness. Trust that we can know God. Trust that we seek what is good and holy.

Blessings,  
Pastor Carol



**Oct 2** Mark 3:7-19, Luke 6:12-16, Matthew 5:1-12, Luke 6:17-26, Matthew 5:13-48, Luke 6:27-36, Matthew 6:1-4

**Oct 3** Matthew 6:5-7:6, Luke 6:37-42, Matthew 7:7-20, Luke 6:43-45, Matthew 7:21-29, Luke 6:46-49

**Oct 4** Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-17, Matthew 11:1-19, Luke 7:18-35, Matthew 11:20-30, Luke 7:36-50

**Oct 5** Luke 8:1-3, Mark 3:20-30, Matthew 12:22-45, Mark 3:31-35, Matthew 12:46-50, Luke 8:19-21, Mark 4:1-9, Matthew 13:1-9, Luke 8:4-8, Mark 4:10-20

**Oct 6** Matthew 13:10-23, Luke 8:9-18, Mark 4:21-29, Matthew 13:24-30, Mark 4:30-34, Matthew 13:31-52, Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 8:23-27, Luke 8:22-25

**Oct 7** Mark 5:1-20, Matthew 8:28-34, Luke 8:26-39, Mark 5:21-43, Matthew 9:18-26, Luke 8:40-56

**Oct 8** Matthew 9:27-34, Mark 6:1-6, Matthew 13:53-58, Matthew 9:35-38, Mark 6:7-13, Matthew 10:1-42, Luke 9:1-6

**Oct 9** Luke 9:7-9, Mark 6:14-29, Matthew 14:1-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15, Mark 6:45-52, Matthew 14:22-33, John 6:16-21, Mark 6:53-56, Matthew 14:34-36

**Oct 10** John 6:22-71, Mark 7:1-23, Matthew 15:1-20

**Oct 11** Mark 7:24-30, Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:31-37, Matthew 15:29-31, Mark 8:1-10, Matthew

## Annual Dinner & Auction

### It's Time!

Holy Covenant's Annual Dinner & Auction is this **Saturday, October 5th!** Dinner starts at 5:30 and the live auction begins at 7:00. *The dinner reservation deadline is this Thursday, October 3rd.* Remember that first-time guests eat free, but they must have a reservation! [Make a Reservation](#)



Our first ever online auction ends **Wednesday, October 2nd.** Check out our awesome items and pass the info on to your friends! We can't wait to see you Saturday for a night of fun! [Bid Online](#)

## Food Pantry Needs



### Communion Sunday, October 6

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

## Ladies In Fellowship Together (LIFT)

### Thursday, October 10 6:30 pm

The monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, October 10, at 6:30 pm at the home of Hefina Greensted. 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!



15:32-16:4, Mark 8:11-21, Matthew 16:5-12

**Oct 12** Mark 8:22-30, Matthew 16:13-20, Luke 9:18-20, Mark 8:31-9:1, Matthew 16:21-28, Luke 9:21-27, Mark 9:2-13, Matthew 17:1-13, Luke 9:28-36

**Oct 13** Mark 9:14-29, Matthew 17:14-21, Luke 9:37-43, Mark 9:30-32, Matthew 17:22-23, Luke 9:43-45, Matthew 17:24-27, Mark 9:33-37, Matthew 18:1-6, Luke 9:46-48, Mark 9:38-41, Luke 9:49-50, Mark 9:42-50, Matthew 18:7-35

**Oct 14** John 7:1-9, Luke 9:51-56, Matthew 8:18-22, Luke 9:57-62, John 7:10-8:20

**Oct 15** John 8:21-59, Luke 10:1-11:13

**Oct 16** Luke 11:14-12:34

**Oct 17** Luke 12:35-13:21, John 9:1-41

**Oct 18** John 10:1-42, Luke 13:22-14:24

**Oct 19** Luke 14:25-17:10, John 11:1-37

**Oct 20** John 11:38-57, Luke 17:11-18:8

**Oct 21** Luke 18:9-14, Mark 10:1-12, Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:13-16, Matthew 19:13-15, Luke 18:15-17, Mark 10:17-31, Matthew 19:16-30, Luke 18:18-30

**Oct 22** Matthew 20:1-16, Mark 10:32-34, Matthew 20:17-19, Luke 18:31-34, Mark 10:35-45, Matthew 20:20-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-19:27

**Oct 23** Mark 14:3-9, Matthew 26:6-13, John 12:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19, Luke 19:41-44, John 12:20-36

## CROP Hunger Walk



**Saturday, October 12**

CROP Hunger Walk is Saturday, October 12th. Walkers raise awareness of hunger in our community and around the world, and raise funds to fight hunger. The Walk starts at Mill Valley Fellowship, 13545 Webb

Chapel Rd., Farmers Branch (check-in at 8 am) and consists of a 2-mile route along the Rawhide Creek Park. Water will be available on the Walk route.

Holy Covenant members are invited to participate in the Walk itself, or alternatively, make a donation to one of Holy Covenant's walkers. 25% of the funds raised support the Food Pantry at Metrocrest Services; the remaining funds are used by Church World Service in their global hunger and poverty fighting programs in 25+ countries. Please contact Rick Davis (972-814-5325) for more information.

## Invitation

**Party for Rev. John Taylor**  
**Sunday, October 13**  
**Juliette Fowler Community,**  
**Jackson Building**  
**1230 Abrams Road**  
**(north of I30 and south of Mockingbird)**



It's party time! Come say "Happy Birthday" to Rev. John Taylor, former Holy Covenant Associate Pastor, any time between 2 and 4 pm. No gifts please, but donations may be made to the United Methodist Committee On Relief ([UMCOR](#)).

## Ad Council/Charge Conference Meeting

**Tuesday, October 22**  
**7:00 pm**  
**in the sanctuary**

You are invited to attend the next Holy Covenant Ad Council meeting when we will approve items for our upcoming Charge Conference (November 10). At this time



we will approve our 2020 Leadership Roster, Ministerial Compensation and the Pastor's Report.



**Oct 24** John 12:37-50, Mark 11:12-14, Matthew 21:18-22, Mark 11:15-19, Matthew 21:12-17, Luke 19:45-48, Mark 11:20-33, Matthew 21:23-27, Luke 20:1-8

**Oct 25** Matthew 21:28-32, Mark 12:1-12, Matthew 21:33-46, Luke 20:9-19, Matthew 22:1-14, Mark 12:13-17, Matthew 22:15-22, Luke 20:20-26, Mark 12:18-27, Matthew 22:23-33, Luke 20:27-40

**Oct 26** Mark 12:28-34, Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:35-37, Matthew 22:41-46, Luke 20:41-44, Mark 12:38-40, Matthew 23:1-12, Luke 20:45-47, Matthew 23:13-39, Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4

**Oct 27** Mark 13:1-23, Matthew 24:1-25, Luke 21:5-24, Mark 13:24-31, Matthew 24:26-35, Luke 21:25-33

**Oct 28** Mark 13:32-37, Matthew 24:36-51, Luke 21:34-38, Matthew 25:1-46

**Oct 29** Mark 14:1-2, Matthew 26:1-5, Luke 22:1-2, Mark 14:10-11, Matthew 26:14-16, Luke 22:3-6, Mark 14:12-16, Matthew 26:17-19, Luke 22:7-13, John 13:1-20, Mark 14:17-26, Matthew 26:20-30, Luke 22:14-30, John 18-30

**Oct 30** John 13:31-38, Mark 14:27-31, Matthew 26:31-35, Luke 22:31-38, John 14:1-15:17

**Oct 31** John 15:18-17:26

## Holy Covenant Carnival



**Saturday, October 26**

## Community Labyrinth Walk

**Sunday, November 10**

**4:00 pm**

Come experience the Holy Covenant Labyrinth in a Community Walk. The Labyrinth is located outside, east of the sanctuary, and is accessible from the south parking lot. All are welcome!



## Music Opportunities



### Wesleyan Choir

Wesleyan Choir rehearsals are ongoing, and everyone who enjoys singing is invited!

### REHEARSALS ARE

**WEDNESDAYS** from 7:30 – 9 pm!



### Covenant Carillons

Covenant Carillons is our adult handbell choir. Come and join in ringing! **REHEARSALS ARE WEDNESDAYS** from 6:30 – 7:15 pm

## Sunday Morning Schedule

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

**10:30 am Unity Worship**

## Staff

**Rev. Carol Sparks**  
[csparks@hcumc.org](mailto:csparks@hcumc.org)  
 Senior Pastor

**Shaun Littlejohn-Taylor**  
 Interim Choir Director

## Community Mentors



### Mentors Needed

Looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity? Give a child the gift of reading! Only 20 minutes a week gives a child the boost he or she needs to succeed. Holy Covenant's Community Mentors' program pairs adult mentors with children in our local elementary schools. If you are

interested in participating this school year, please sign up in the narthex, or contact Andrea Allen [andrea@aallen.me](mailto:andrea@aallen.me).

## ECDP Preschool Update



And we're off! ECDP is well into our new school year. Routines have been established, and our students are already smarter than when school started. Already the breezes of autumn are due to blow in. But even if they don't, Texas Week will. The first week of October is Texas Week at ECDP. Our Parent Support Organization will be setting up the gym for this all school unit September 30th after

Bill Mauldin's celebration. In addition to the fun activities in the gym, we will also have a petting zoo and Pony Pictures on Thursday, the 3rd. This is such a fun way to show pride in our great state.

Something else I'm feeling great pride in is the teachers of ECDP. They are such a special group of ladies who work so hard to love & teach the children God brings to our school. This year we are showcasing our teachers on our Facebook page. Each Terrific Tuesday highlights one of our fabulous teachers. Make sure to like us on Facebook, HOLY COVENANT ECDP, to learn more about the teachers who make ECDP so special, and search out our Instagram page, ecdplambs. Our social media gives you a peek into all the fun things happening at Holy Covenant ECDP. You'll definitely want to see the sweet pictures from Texas Week!



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**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

The family of Pearl Lopez; the Jones family; Don Luce; Shelly Martinez; Betty Morse; Sharyn Yetman; Scott Schmidt; Bill Franklin; Carlos Ponce; Cyndi Dermody; Branda Mauldin; Sheila Lunsford; Mary Harrison; Peggy Castenada; Tyler Ackerman; Elizabeth Krause; Mattie Stewart; Shelley and Paul Finckey; Randy Sutherland; Jan Reynolds; Jojo Sain; the family of Diane Coughlin; Marilyn Kimble; and Mike Gilbert.

**Our Loved Ones in the Military**

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



**Holy Covenant**  
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**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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