



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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A Year in the Bible



Join us in the New Testament!

Chronological Readings:

Nov 1 John 18:1-2, Mark 14:32-42, Matthew 26:36-46, Luke 22:39-46, Mark 14:43-52, Matthew 26:47-56, Luke 22:47-53, John 18:3-24

Nov 2 Mark 14:53-65, Matthew 26:57-68, Mark 14:66-72, Matthew

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A Message from Pastor Carol



God's power has given us everything we need for life and holiness. It comes from knowing God's goodness and understanding God's glory. God has offered each of us the promise that we can escape the corruption that is in the world because of desire; but, we must choose to participate in the divine nature. For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and

endurance with holiness and holiness with shared friendships, and shared friendships with love. If you do this work of faith then your nature will experience God. And if each of you is growing in this way, this will keep your church from being unproductive and unrewarding. Those who lack or waver in these things will become self-focused and blind to another because they are forgetful of their need for God. Therefore, brothers and sisters, allow this to be warning to you so you will devote yourself to confirm your participation in the divine nature. Faith and only faith will keep you from stumbling. (2 Peter 1:2-10, paraphrased)

This is the word of God for the people of God,
Pastor Carol

Feeding the Homeless

Holy Covenant is providing breakfast at the Austin Street Shelter **at 6:00 am on Sunday, November 3**. 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

26:69-75, Luke 22:54-65,
John 18:25-27, Mark
15:1, Matthew 27:1-2,
Luke 22:66-71, Matthew
27:3-10

Nov 3 Mark 15:2-5,
Matthew 27:11-14, Luke
23:1-12, John 18:28-40,
Mark 15:6-15, Matthew
27:15-26, Luke 23:13-25,
John 19:1-16, Mark
15:16-20, Matthew
27:27-31

Nov 4 Mark 15:21-24,
Matthew 27:32-34, Luke
23:26-31, John 19:17,
Mark 15:25-32, Matthew
27:35-44, Luke 23:32-43,
John 19:18-27, Mark
15:33-41, Matthew
27:45-56, Luke 23:44-49,
John 19:28-37

Nov 5 Mark 15:42-47,
Matthew 27:57-61, Luke
23:50-56, John 19:38-42,
Matthew 27:62-66, Mark
16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-7,
Luke 24:1-12, Mark 16:9-
11, John 20:1-18,
Matthew 28:8-15

Nov 6 Luke 24:13-43,
Mark 16:12-13, John
20:19-23, Mark 16:14,
John 20:24-21:25,
Matthew 28:16-20, Mark
16:15-18, Luke 24:44-49

Nov 7 Mark 16:19-20,
Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-
2:47

Nov 8 Acts 3:3:1-5:42

Nov 9 Acts 6:1-8:1

Nov 10 Acts 8:1-9:43

Nov 11 Acts 10:1-12:5

Nov 12 Acts 12:6-14:20

Nov 13 Acts 14:21-28,
Galatians 1:1-3:23

Nov 14 Galatians 3:24-
6:18, Acts 15:1-21

Nov 15 Acts 15:2-17:15

Nov 16 Acts 17:16-18:3,
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5:11

Nov 17 1 Thessalonians
5:12-28, 2 Thessalonians
1:1-3:18, Acts 18:4-23

We will receive all food donations on **Saturday, November 2, 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 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.

Bridal Shower Invitation



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!

Nov 18 Acts 18:24-19:20, 1 Corinthians 1:1-3:23
Nov 19 1 Corinthians 4:1-7:4
Nov 20 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1
Nov 21 1 Corinthians 11:2-13:13
Nov 22 1 Corinthians 14:1-15:58
Nov 23 1 Corinthians 16:1-24, Acts 19:21-20:6, Romans 1:1-32
Nov 24 Romans 2:1-4:25
Nov 25 Romans 5:1-8:17
Nov 26 Romans 8:18-10:21
Nov 27 Romans 11:1-14:23
Nov 28 Romans 15:1-16:27, 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4
Nov 29 2 Corinthians 2:5-6:13
Nov 30 2 Corinthians 6:14-10:18

Remember to Fall Back



Sunday, November 3

Food Pantry Needs



Ladies In Fellowship Together (LIFT)

**Thursday, November 14
6:30 pm**



The monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 pm at the home of Rhonda King. 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!

Angel Tree Lunch Party

**Sunday, November 17
Noon**

We will meet right after worship and will share a light lunch.

Please bring:

- Smiles
- Scissors
- Hole punches
- Markers
- Ribbon
- Any extra tree ornaments you may not be using for the tree after the angels are removed.

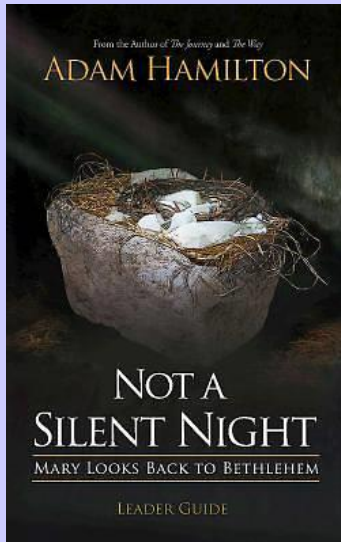


Please contact [Donna Johnson](#) or [Linda Hill](#) with questions.

Communion Sunday, November 10

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

Adult Formation



New Book Study

The New Beginnings class will begin studying Adam Hamilton's Not a Silent Night on November 24. Join us Sunday mornings at 9 am in Room 213!

Music Opportunity



Dinner & Game Night is Back!



Friday, November 22
6 to 9 pm
in the Covenant Center

Bring your family, friends and your favorite games! We will have a love offering basket for any donations guests wish to give toward dinner. Contact holycovenantunity@gmail.com with any questions.

Community Mentors

More 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 contact [Andrea Allen](mailto:Andrea.Allen@holycovenant.org).



ECDP Preschool Update



Holy Covenant Preschool (ECDP) has had such a fun school year already. This past week we celebrated our fathers with Donuts and Dads. The children loved bringing their fathers and grandfathers to school with them and eating donuts! Donuts are great, but sharing them with our dads makes them taste even better. We are so blessed with a great Parent Support Organization who put this event together for us, and we are so grateful that they created an

Wesleyan Choir

The Wesleyan Choir is currently preparing for the Christmas Cantata: *Appalachian Winter*. The music is from early American carols and hymns. We'd love it if you'd join us!

Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9 pm!

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

The family of Brett Redding; Julie Fuller; Jim McKee; Etta Powell; Felicity Hinton; Betty Morse; Carlos Ponce; Don

event for fathers who are so important in the lives of our children. We honor the men who give of themselves to their children.



In November, ECDP kindergarten is sponsoring a food drive for Holy Covenant's food pantry. We are excited to give our children the opportunity to join in the church's ministry to those in need in our community. It is a chance for our children to become aware of the needs of others and the blessings in their own lives. We can't wait to see how much food our children bring in to benefit our community.



ECDP will end November with a school-wide Thanksgiving Feast.

Luce; Mary Harrison; Florence Richter; Peggy Castenada; Tyler Ackerman; Randy Sutherland; Jan Reynolds; Jojo Sain; the family of Diane Coughlin; and Mike Gilbert.

The Feast is a great way to see the impact our preschool has on the community, to see the many people who benefit from our preschool's ministry. Families gather together in the gym with their child's class and eat a Thanksgiving Feast together after our students do a Thanksgiving poem and lead us in prayer. It's fun to see the families gathered together enjoying the friendships they've made at Holy Covenant's Preschool.

Our Loved Ones in the Military

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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