



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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A Message From Pastor Carol



Invitation to The Observance of Lenten Discipline

Dear brothers and sister in Christ:
The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season, converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way, the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent:

- by self-examination and repentance;
- by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;
- by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

Together, we will be Piecing Together the puzzles of holiness, faith and renewal as we approach the celebration of resurrection.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Spring Forward



**Remember to
spring forward!**

Sunday, March 8

Driver Needed



Sunday Mornings

Are you available to drive someone to and from Holy

Covenant for worship every other Sunday morning? We have someone who lives close by but is unable to drive. Please contact the church office (972-492-2432) if you are available.

Children's Formation



Summer Camps

Registration for Summer Camp is open!

Camp Dates:

Jr. High (JH2): July 13-17
(those having completed grades 6-8)

Children's Camp (CH4): July 20-24
(completed grades 3-5)

[Register Here](#)

Ladies In Fellowship Together (LIFT)



Thursday, March 12
6:30 pm

The monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 pm at the home of Marilyn Paa. 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,

Piecing Together



Choir Concert

Holy Covenant Wesleyan Choir presents:

Light of the World

Anthems that light the way

Sunday, March 15

7 pm

in the sanctuary

Free admission

Donations appreciated



Dinner & Game Night



Friday, March 27

6 to 9 pm

in the Covenant Center

Bring your family, friends and your favorite games! Dinner will be corned beef and cabbage with corn dogs for the kids. We will have a love offering basket

for any donations guests wish to give toward dinner.

Contact holycovenantunity@gmail.com with any questions.

please join us anyway - we want you with us! Come join us for this time of fellowship!

Food Pantry Needs



Communion Sunday, April 1

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

Church Family Campout



April 17-19

Holy Covenant is going camping. We are having a church campout at Turner Falls State Park April 17-19th. We are staying in little shelters, they have lights, cement floors, running water, and 4 cots. They are \$40 a night. If you wish to add a tent nearby your shelter it is \$12.50. There is a \$5 park fee each day for each person, kids under 5 free. Check-in is at 4pm, check-out is 12pm. So if your family wanted to come out Saturday, you could come and hang out with those of us who went on Friday and check in at

ECDP News



Holy Covenant ECDP had a very funny performance of Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Bears. The giant was very intimidating, and Baby Bear had the cutest cry. Even serious Papa Bear with his glasses and magazine made the children laugh with his deep voice. It is so fun to watch the kindergarteners perform for their parents and peers. They grow up so much in a school year.

March brings ECDP's Community Helpers weeks when we invite different people to come and teach our students about the jobs they do for the community. Dr. Jon Paa will start our presentations, teaching our students about the work of a veterinarian. We can't wait! As part of our Community Helpers Weeks, the preschool does a community service project to teach our students that they can be community helpers too. This year

4pm. It will be lots of fun, we will sort out all the details. If you're interested, contact Tim Shepardson tim@shepardson.us.

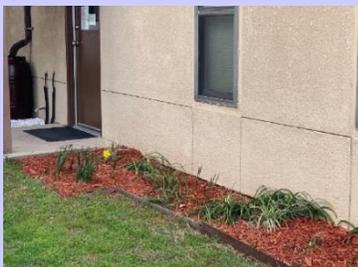
Advocates for Justice & Peace



Environmental Justice Panel Discussion Sunday, April 19 9 am in the sanctuary

Moderator Rev. Andrew Fiser will lead a discussion on Environmental Justice with panelists Evelyn Mayo, Misti O'Quinn, Sharon Harris and Olinka Green.

Thank You, Scouts!



A special **Thank You** goes out to the members of Girl Scout Troop 7538 who put mulch around our Annex building and weeded our flower beds.

we are having a Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. If you would like to make a contribution to St. Jude's through the preschool, contact Beth McClure at 972-492-1371. We would love to have your support.

The 2019-2020 school year is almost over, and we are beginning to prepare for Summer Camps and the 2020-2021 school year. This summer we will be hosting the ECDP Games 2020! featuring different Olympic sports. Summer Camp will be the weeks of June 8th and June 15th. Registration forms will be out soon. We are already accepting registrations for 2020-2021. If you know anyone who might be interested, please pick up some information about the school from the table outside of the ECDP Office or have them contact Beth McClure bmccclure@hcumc.org. We love to give tours!

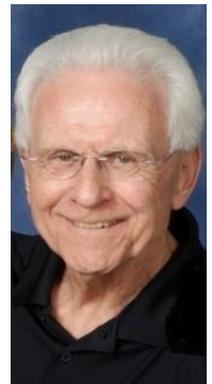
Rob's Ramblings

Hi, I'm Rob Evans, your Ad Council Chair for 2020. The Ad Council is comprised of the Trustees Committee, the Finance Committee, the Staff Pastor Parish Committee and the various ministry groups. That is my introduction. Now to the ramblings.

I am a long-term member of Holy Covenant-sometimes thought of as a relic. So, what is a relic? As a noun a relic is a surviving memorial of something past; an object having interest by reason of its age or its association with the past; a surviving trace of something; remaining parts or fragments; the remains of a deceased person; something kept in remembrance (a souvenir or memento).

Just to set the record straight I am not a relic; although I have been accused of being one. This happens when I comment "that's not the way we used to do it."

We are a young church but we have relics surrounding us. Every Sunday when we pass the offering plates you are seeing a relic-the offering plates were made by an early member of Holy Covenant by the name of Bob Larson (see photo). Likewise, on communion Sundays you see the bowls on the altar platform-again a relic made by Bob Larson. Bob was a member of the Spiritual Journeymen; he was active in the Advocates for Justice and Peace and was a member of my Emmaus group. So when I see these relics I am reminded of Bob; a dear friend and fellow member of this church.



In future articles I'll write about other Holy Covenant relics and there are many.

Peace
Rob Evans

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

Arlene Lane; Roy Evans; Susan McAnally; Randy Lasley; Jeriann Bayley; Sharyn Yetman; Jim McKee; Charles Holley; Betty Morse; Carlos Ponce; Susie Ponce; Barbara Taake; Shelley Fincke; Barbara Wright; Aletha Craven; Don Luce; Mary Harrison; Florence Richter; Tyler Ackerman; Randy Sutherland; Jan Reynolds; Jojo Sain; and Mike Gilbert.

Our Loved Ones in the Military

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

Breakfast at Austin Street



February 2

Thanks to the Holy Covenant community for providing breakfast for the overnight clients at the Austin Street Center. The client count was a bit fuzzy at "over 300" and there was plenty of food for their Sunday morning meal. The unused food/drinks were saved for an evening meal. A hearty **thank you** is deserved for the youth and adults that traveled to the Center at **5am** to help serve the breakfast - see photo. It was a good start for a special day - community service to ASC, Ground Hog Day and Super Bowl Sunday. Thank you to all that made it a success.

Rick Davis

Midwinter at Bridgeport



The weekend was just wonderful. Thank y'all for sharing your wonderful kids. They. Are. AWESOME. Kids. Thank you to all the adults that volunteered their time to make this happen.

- Elliott Beard



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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