



# Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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at 10:30 am at the  
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watch previous online services  
you may have missed  
at [hcumc.org](http://hcumc.org).



## Message from Pastor Cheryl

Are you living your dream?

Our oldest son, Andy and his family are! Just over two years ago they sold their home and many of their belongings, refurbished an RV and “kidnapped” our grandsons (Kieghan 11, Kinsler 6) to travel the country. A year ago they upgraded into a fifth wheel. Presently they are in Portland, Maine. When they shared this lifestyle change with us, we were the “voice of reason.” Everyone, including most of you reading this, felt it is an awesome idea and many are jealous. But, we being reasonable parents, felt it was our duty to be cautious, stating all possible disasters including Andy’s job. Well, this is an example of when not to listen to your parents.....

They are doing wonderfully! They are living their dream! We all need to be impressed with their creativity, their adventurous spirits and their adaptability! You can follow them on Instagram or their many blogs, all under the name:

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Nikki Homes and family; the family of Dawnie Dahir; Sylvia Jones; A.P. Loyd; Carlos Ponce; the Brooks-McCutchen family; Paul Fincke; Charles Hinton; Janet Trumble; Barbara Wright; Aletha Craven; Mary Harrison; Florence Richter; Tyler Ackerman; Jojo Sain; and Mike Gilbert.

## Loved Ones in the Military

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

Wherewildonesroam. Andy has created a second career by working with a company that makes an RV connect to the world. His company makes it possible to work from wherever you may be and remain connected. He has continued with his company and received a promotion! Kristen has been homeschooling the boys and has created a wonderful traveling homeschool journal. The boys have not only learned well, but have seen many state and National parks, been on the battlefields they are studying and living in the midst of nature. They have connected with our family and friends all around the country, an amazing blessing!

Even during this season of COVID, they have been challenged, but their traveling life has only been impacted a bit.

As we continue to move through this liminal season, I wonder as we begin to see the light of a new dawn, a new beginning, how our dreams will have changed? Will we want to make some changes in our lives? Will we emerge from this season transformed in some way?

I hope so. I pray so. God is moving. God is stirring us up.

I can't wait to see what God's dreams for us are as the new dawn arrives!

Blessings,  
 Pastor Cheryl Murphy



## Message from Bishop McKee



### In-person Worship Update

Bishop Michael McKee has decided that churches in the Metro District will remain closed for indoor, in-person worship gatherings for the month of September. See his full statement below.

[In-person worship update](#)

## September Worship and New Methodism Class

As Holy Covenant kicks off fall programming in this liminal space, we are offering a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Methodist roots and reflecting during worship on how we live into the Methodist movement.

For three weeks beginning Monday, September 14, at 7:00 PM we will have a Zoom class with Rev. Dr. Jim Guest and Rob Evans teaching:

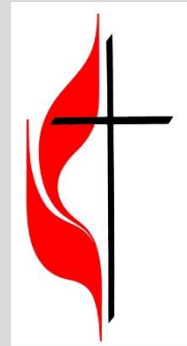
1. Methodist History - Why Methodist?
2. Methodist Theology - How Methodist?
3. Polity - The Marks of the UMC

Contact Pastor Cheryl [cmurphy@hcumc.org](mailto:cmurphy@hcumc.org) to be a part of this class.

During worship we will address the Methodist movement:

September 13 - Pillars of our Faith - Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God!  
 September 20 - Connectionalism - Our greatest UMC strength  
 September 27 - Methodist Heroes - those who have blessed the tradition

We hope you will join us for the class and worship each week!



## Food Pantry Update



We have now held four months of Drive Through Food Distributions, and we have gone from serving 113 families a month to serving 239 families a month. In terms of the number of meals, that equates to going from 6,004 meals to 14,075 meals a month.

Thank you to all the folks who have donated food and money and for the volunteers who have packed boxes and bags and worked the Distributions. Please sign up

on [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) for the next Distribution on September 13th.

If you would like to donate to the Food Pantry, you can do so online, by mailing a check to the church, or by dropping off your donation at the church office Tuesday – Friday.

The North Texas Food Bank has had more food available than in the past, but we are still coming up short when it is time for the Distributions. Please think about donating food. Our biggest need right now is **Large Canned Chicken and Pasta Sauce**. Someone will be at the church on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 – noon to accept your donations.

**We need volunteers on Wednesday mornings to unload food when it is delivered at the church!**

If you want to join our group of volunteers, please contact Lois Eaton at 214-862-8683 or [loiseaton@verizon.net](mailto:loiseaton@verizon.net).

-Lois Eaton

## IT'S BAAAAACK!!! Auction 2020 Unmasked

### Saturday, October 3

- The Holy Covenant Auction, online this year, will begin on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and end on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. More info to come!
- Worried you were going to miss out on the auction fun of Randy and Rusty? Fear not... those wild and crazy guys will be hosting a live auction-a-thon leading up to the close of the Auction. Not only will you be entertained, you will get to see videos and photos of some of the awesome items you are bidding on.
- NEW THIS YEAR - PARTY PACKS! Guaranteed to make your at-home watch party almost as much fun as the live event! Stay tuned for details!



### Want to help? We need YOU!

Please contact Melissa Beard at [hcumcauction@hotmail.com](mailto:hcumcauction@hotmail.com) for questions or donations. We are keeping it simple this year – we request that all donations be in gift card or gift certificate form and be donated by September 25th. Think COVID-friendly...

Items that are up for grabs to donate:

- Are you handy at sewing? Offer a t-shirt quilt made of the winner's own special shirts!
- Do you bake? A Dessert of the Month item is always a tasty choice!
- Gift card ideas: Hello Fresh, Kroger, Wal-mart, Amazon, Grub Hub, Specs, Total Wine
- Have a creative idea? Talk to Melissa!

Covid, shmovid- the needs of Holy Covenant live on, and so does the auction!!



## Secure Document Shredding

**Saturday, October 17**  
**10:00 am to 1:30 pm**  
**Holy Covenant parking lot**



Sponsored by Holy Covenant's Green Team. Open to the public. Protect your identity while supporting Holy Covenant. Watch your documents being shredded on site with the utmost security. \$5 per copy paper sized box. Invite your friends and family to bring their sensitive documents to be shredded. Shredding will be done by Secure On Site Shredding Inc. Visit [www.secureonsiteshredding.com](http://www.secureonsiteshredding.com) for more information about the company.

## Thank You, Sponsors!

Thank you to the 16 sponsors who have come forward to support our new Youth Director position!

We continue to search for the best candidate for Holy Covenant and appreciate your support, prayers and patience during the process!



## Finance Update



**August Giving:**  
**Budgeted \$34,365**  
**Received to Date \$40,286**

While we continue to worship online only, we ask that you continue to give to Holy Covenant during this time in whatever way works best for you. To give online, go to [hcumc.org](http://hcumc.org). You may pay through your bank's online bill pay options, and even set up a recurring payment system. If you prefer to write a check, please send it to: Holy Covenant UMC, 1901 E. Peters Colony Rd., Carrollton, TX 75007.

*Thank you to all who have begun paying online.*

## Streaming Ministry

### Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to help with our online worship? We are looking for volunteers for our worship streaming ministry. You will be asked to commit to 2 worship services per month to operate either a video switcher or a camera.

Experience welcome--but not required! There will be training. If interested, please contact Tim Shepardson at [tim@shepardson.us](mailto:tim@shepardson.us).



## Rob's Ramblings

### International Day of Peace

**Monday, September 21**

"May Peace Prevail on Earth"



As you enter Holy Covenant you will notice a peace pole on your left side. Rev. Andy Lewis approached the Advocates for Justice and Peace in July 2009 requesting that the Advocates recognize for HCUMC the International Day of Peace. The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each **year on 21 September**. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

The Advocates researched the best way to recognize the International Day of Peace and discovered that many years before the United Nations resolution there was a world-wide Peace Pole movement started in Japan by Masahisa Goi (1916 – 1980), who dedicated his life to spreading the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Mr. Goi was greatly affected by the destruction caused by World War II and the atomic bombs which fell on the city of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His desire to assist in the creation of world peace was answered when in 1955, the Peace Message, May Peace Prevail On Earth, came to him in a moment of great inspiration and deep prayer.

After Mr. Goi authored the Universal Peace Message in 1955, a great number of people gathered in support of his vision and activities to spread the Peace Message were promoted throughout Japan. Soon after, Peace Poles inscribed with the Peace Message began to appear in various locations across Japan initiating the start of The Peace Pole Project.

The Peace Pole Project was first introduced to the United States with the opening of The World Peace Prayer Society offices in San Francisco and New York in 1986, The International Year of Peace.

Peace Poles are now the most recognized international peace symbol and monument the world over with more than 200,000 Peace Poles standing in almost every country throughout the world.

The Advocates launched our peace pole project as the continuing recognition of the International Day of Peace. The peace pole you notice when you enter the church was first

planted in September 2010 with 4 languages on the peace pole; English-the primary language spoken at Holy Covenant; Korean-the primary language spoken by our guest church at Holy Covenant; Spanish-the shared language in Texas; and Cherokee-the prominent native language in our area. At the dedication a prayer was spoken in each language.

The peace pole has room for eight languages. In September 2011 we added Hebrew and Arabic recognizing our religious roots. The following year we added Swahili and the final language was added in September of 2013.

This year I encourage each of us to take time to reflect on the meaning of peace; on the impact on our world; the impact on our country; the impact on our state; the impact on our city; the impact on our church; the impact on our family; AND the impact on ourselves.

-Rob Evans



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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