



You can also follow our online worship on our website or watch previous online services you may have missed at [hcumc.org](http://hcumc.org).

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### **Outdoor Worship Sundays at 8:30 am weather permitting**

We meet at the cross on the east side of the building. We will email the bulletin to you Sunday morning.

- Wear a mask!
- Bring a chair or blanket!
- Bring coffee or a snack!
- Dress for the weather – casual and comfortable!

In case of inclement weather, worship will be cancelled.

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### **Staff**

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family check-ins, and Instagram chatting. We had an unexpected family get together last weekend. We all appreciated being together so much more than in the past when we took it for granted. The depth of love seems to have grown in our time apart, in our isolation. When we parted there were tighter hugs given than I remember from other goodbyes.

~ This year I am thankful for new beginnings. We have joined a new community, moved into a new home in a new neighborhood. We are meeting new friends. Although new things challenge us, they force us to grow and learn, I am always grateful for newness. This year has called each of us to become a student of resilience, of creativity, of patience, all of that has created something to be thankful about.

~ And perhaps finally, I am thankful for this liminal season. This threshold season, that has given me time, a more focused prayer life, a chance to clear out stuff in my life that I needed to let go of - physically, spiritually, emotionally. I am grateful that we have had a challenging time that has forced us to peel back covers to reveal a reality we needed to see and accept, both personally and as a society. This liminal space is giving me the opportunity to regroup and do better as a new dawn breaks across the horizon.

I think about the wonderful people that gathered at my Thanksgiving table last year. I pray for the ones that will be gathered next year around my table. And this year, I think I will just focus on the blessings that God has given to me since my very first breath of life. Indeed I need to: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances. Hope you will join me!

Blessings,  
Pastor Cheryl Murphy

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### **Prayer List**

The Harris family; the Parsons family; Carlos Ponce; Nikki Holmes; the family of Paige Castor; Paul Fincke; Charles Hinton; Janet Trumble; Barbara Wright; Aletha Craven; Mary Harrison; Florence Richter; Tyler Ackerman; Jojo Sain; and Mike Gilbert.

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### **Loved Ones in the Military**

KeNi Gaines, Zach Glass, Jake Oliver and Antonio Ramirez.

## Phone Streaming



Do you know someone who would like to follow along with our worship by phone? Contact Pastor Cheryl [cmurphy@hcumc.org](mailto:cmurphy@hcumc.org) or call Elise Odell in the church office 972-492-2432

## Remember to Fall Back!

**Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend.**

**Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night!**



## All Church Meeting



**Sunday, November 1  
11:30 am  
via Zoom**

We haven't been able to meet as a church for some time, but the church is still a vital part of the community and you are still vital to Holy Covenant! We will meet virtually this Sunday to get an update on where we are at this time and to look forward to 2021. We will share information on our [budget](#), our [leadership](#) and plans for the new year.

To join this Zoom Meeting, go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89872014267?pwd=RmxNK1g1cXVtMGZZcmN5aXRoTHEwQT09>

Meeting ID: 898 7201 4267

Passcode: 004677

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## November Dates

11/1 11:30 am Churchwide meeting - via Zoom  
11/3 Election Day  
11/4 7 pm Missions-via Zoom  
11/5 6 pm Advocates for Justice & Peace - via Zoom  
11/8 1-3 pm Food Drive Thru - HCUMC parking lot  
2 pm Charge Conference-via Zoom  
11/10 6 pm Preschool Board - via Zoom  
7 pm Finance - via Zoom  
11/15 9 am Environmental Justice panel discussion-via Zoom  
11/17 7 pm SPPR - via Zoom  
11/22 1-3 pm Food Drive Thru - HCUMC parking lot  
11/24 7 pm Ad Council - via Zoom  
11/29 First Sunday in Advent



## November Worship



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**Sunday Worship -**  
8:30 am Weather permitting  
10:30 am Live Streamed  
on the [website](#) or [Facebook](#).

**November 1** Celebration of All Saints - We remember; we are grateful; we carry on! Rev. Cheryl Murphy

**November 8** Our generous hearts are a witness, a reflection of our generous God! Rev. Cheryl

**November 15** The witness of our gifts and ministry Rev. Jim Guest

**November 22** Thanksgiving and gratitude! A celebration worship! Rev. Cheryl Murphy

Finish those turkey leftovers because Christmas is coming!

**November 29** First Sunday in Advent - Jesus the Light of the World!

## Yard Signs

- Pick up from the church office Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
- Between 9 am and 4 pm
- A donation of \$10 is requested



## Food Pantry Update



At our Distribution last Sunday, we served 144 families or 552 individuals or 6,233 meals. Our next Distribution will be on **November 8th**. Please consider volunteering to pack bags on **November 6th and 7th** and to work the Distribution on the 8th. You may sign up on [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com) or contact Lois Eaton 214-862-8683 or [loiseaton@verizon.net](mailto:loiseaton@verizon.net).

We have just a few more weeks to gather our special Thanksgiving meal bags to be given out at our distribution on November 22nd.

**For that, we need:**

**Instant mashed potatoes**

**Canned sweet potatoes or yams**

**Green Beans**

**Stuffing - bread or cornbread**

**Soup - we still need lots of soup**

**Dog and Cat food**

Someone will be at the church on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 – noon to accept your donations.

Our thanks go out to you for continuing to support the Food Pantry.

-Lois Eaton

## Appreciation from the North Texas Food Bank

The Holy Covenant Food Pantry received this plaque from the North Texas Food Bank recently. The following note was enclosed:

*Thank you for your commitment and perseverance to serving our community so well. Please accept this small token of appreciation as a reminder of the time that we spent together, fighting hunger amid a global pandemic here in North Texas. We hope that one day this memento will remind you of the awesome power and impact that we came together to achieve.*



Thank you to your staff, volunteers, and the families for all your hard work and dedication!

## Environmental Justice Panel Discussion

**Sunday, November 15**  
**9 am via Zoom**



Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for an informative and thought-provoking panel discussion on Environmental Justice. The Advocates for Justice and Peace at Holy Covenant are hosting a 60-minute panel discussion featuring four distinguished guests who are leaders and community advocates in

the fight for Environmental Justice.

The panel will be moderated by Rev. Andrew Fiser, Associate Director of Missional Outreach for the North Texas UMC Conference.

The panelists are:

1. **Professor Evelyn Mayo**, the chairperson of Downwinders At Risk
2. **Misti O'Quinn**, the Dallas Organizer for Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign
3. **Olinka Green**, an environmental activist at the local, state, and national levels and one of our own,
4. **Dr. Sharon Harris**, an Instructor of English at TCU.

A link to the Zoom presentation will be published in the weekly email the week before and will also be sent out in an email the morning of the presentation.

## Finance Update

**October Giving:**  
**Projected: \$34,365**  
**Received: \$25,425**

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 continue to give 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).

## You Are Invited

### Craft Guild of Dallas Fall Show & Sale November 13-15

Friday, November 13 1:00pm - 6:00pm  
Saturday, November 14 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Sunday, November 15 10:00am - 4:00pm

Events are open to the public with FREE admission. The show & sale will feature one-of-a-kind jewelry, glass, pottery, fiber arts, hand bound books, painting and photography.

*HCUMC member Travis Williams will have several pieces available!*

For more information, visit [thecraftguild.org](http://thecraftguild.org) or call (972) 490-0303



2020 Fall Show  
and Sale

## Metrocrest Social Services Needs Your Furniture



2661 Midway Rd, #207  
Carrollton, TX 75006

Metrocrest ReSale Store has reopened and is in need of gently used or new items--especially furniture. Donations can be dropped off at the back door of the store, Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

[Click here for donation policy.](#)

To request a pickup, please call (972) 250-1900 to schedule

and get availability.

They highly encourage everyone to wear a mask and practice social distancing when dropping off donations to ensure the continued safety of everyone.

## Rob's Ramblings

Here we are in November- the pandemic caused our church to stop in-sanctuary church services in March BUT we recently added early morning (8:30) services next to the children's playground. The services take on a feeling of a church picnic-but with the social distancing and face mask addition. I've attended the first 2 outdoor services as did 45-50 other members. The service is shorter than our traditional indoor services; it has a different yet communal feel.

Pastor Cheryl has lamented how difficult it has been trying to pastor a congregation she doesn't see and doesn't know. The early service has helped to lessen that issue. She can put a name and a face together, that hasn't been the case during



our shutdown pandemic. As we continue to exercise caution during the pandemic, we also explore ways to gather together-the zoom meetings are OK but, at least in my home, I can only see 9 squares at a time on the zoom calls. Imagine that for many of us we've not seen other church members for the better part of 7 months.

My Sunday School class has continued to meet every week at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. Honestly, much of each meeting is simply discussing what is happening in each others' lives but there are always a few moments devoted for a devotion. With the new early morning outdoor service we have **adjusted** our start time to 9:30 am to permit members to go to the service.

But our faith calls us to support the poor, so what do we do-we **adapt** our food pantry method to add a twice a month drive through food distribution and we serve many, many families each time. That happens because there is a steady stream of church members volunteering to fill the bags and boxes; a stream of church members physically distributing the food at the drive throughs.

We have church members who have significant health issues who receive a helping hand from church members. We may not know who needs the help or who gives the help but through our faith the help is quietly, freely given.

If you missed last Sunday's streamed service try to watch it and pay attention to the testament from Mary Trimble as she describes the history of Holy Covenant. Having been here for most of the time she described it was a walk down memory lane. For newer members it's a chance to truly recognize the deep roots Holy Covenant has in terms of helping others and in terms of a deep sense of social justice. You will see yourselves looking into a mirror of service and social justice.

-Rob Evans

## Thanks for a Great Falloween!

Thanks to Erin Shepardson for organizing, and to everyone who participated in, our Falloween Parade!







**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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