



Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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Message from Pastor Cheryl

Happy May!

We are going to celebrate the movement of the Spirit this month. Although our lives have not returned to our old normal, we are finding ourselves emerging from the dark tunnel that has been our reality during these pandemic months.

We will be celebrating Pentecost on May 23 when, as Luke describes it, the Holy Spirit arrived in “a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind” (Acts 2:2). Pentecost is the Holy Spirit arriving and remaining with us always until Christ returns.

The Spirit may be loud and as mighty as a fierce wind or flames of fire, but the Spirit can be a small whisper of a voice, a gentle nudge that if we are not paying close attention, we will altogether miss. Perhaps a month of reflection on the movement of the Spirit will help us all to remember we are not in this life alone. We are here with purpose and help. The work that is happening around us is part of the miracle and mystery of our Christian faith.

Join us Sundays
at 10:30 am
In person or at the
[Holy Covenant United
Methodist Church
Facebook page](#)

You may also follow our online
worship or watch previous
online services you may have
missed at [hcumc.org](#).



**Outdoor Worship
Sundays at 8:30 am**
In the event of rain, we will
move inside.

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During May, my hope and prayer is that we feel the presence of the Spirit in our soul, in our words, in our movements, active in our lives!

Join us at Holy Covenant as we begin to emerge from our liminal season into the dawn of a new spring filled with the wonder of a God that has so much for us to do!

Hymn #539

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly Thine.

Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Henry H. Tweddy 1935

Spirit be with us!

Pastor Cheryl

Prayer List

Rex and Susan McAnally; Preston Hunt; Lana King; Jacquelin Solenberg; Kimberly Ditty; Brian Dermody; Rhonda and Mitzi King; Mary Harrison and our friends at Atria Carrollton.

Loved Ones in the Military

KeNi Gaines, Bianca Lathrop, Sean Murphy, Jake Oliver and Antonio Ramirez.

Mondays - Church
Office Closed
Tuesdays - Open
9am - 3pm
Wednesdays - Open
9am - 3pm
Thursdays - Open
9am - 3pm
Fridays - Church Office Closed



Pastor Cheryl cmurphy@hcumc.org is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and available afternoons and evenings by appointment.

Phone Streaming



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

May Dates

5/1 Austin Street Food Collection
5/2 11:30 am Children's Choir rehearsal
5/4 7 pm Trustees - via Zoom
5/5 10:40 am Preschool Chapel - by the cross outside
5/6 6 pm Advocates for Justice & Peace - via Zoom
5/6 7 pm Music Ministry Check-In - via Zoom
5/9 Mother's Day, Children's Choir sings in 10:30 worship
5/9 1-2 pm Food Drive-Thru - HC parking lot
5/11 7 pm SPPR - via Zoom
5/12 10:40 am Preschool Chapel - by the cross outside
5/16 8 am-12:30 pm Blood Drive
5/16 Senior Sunday
5/18 7 pm Finance - via Zoom
5/19 10:40 am Preschool Chapel -by the cross outside
5/19 6 pm Missions - via Zoom
5/20 Last Day of School
5/20 7 pm Music Ministry Check-in - via Zoom
5/23 Pentecost
5/23 1-3 pm Food Drive-Thru - HC parking lot
5/25 7 pm Ad Council - via Zoom
5/30 Trinity Sunday



May Worship



We will continue our Sunday worship schedule through May:

8:30 - 9:05 am Outside Worship - Children with supervision on the playground

10:30 - 11:15 am Livestreamed on [Facebook](#) or on the church [website](#) and In-person in the Sanctuary - Children with supervision on the playground (following the Time with Children)

Sunday May 2 – Moving with the Spirit Acts 8:26-40

Sunday May 9 – Celebrating Relationships!

Sunday May 16 – High School Senior Celebration!

Please bring cards for our seniors!

Sunday May 23 – Pentecost, Rev. Jim Guest Preaching

Sunday May 30 - Favorite Memories

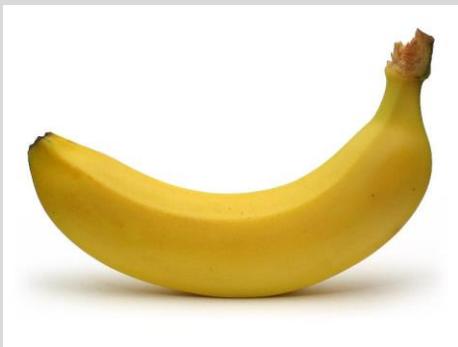
We are asking people to continue wearing masks on our church property including during worship.

May Birthdays

5/2 Efrain Sain
5/6 Elise Odell
5/10 Eric Baumgardner and Eliza Hunsaker
5/11 Sarah Kolbye and Heather Mincieli
5/12 Candace Valenzuela and Susan Prindle
5/14 Liam Teague
5/16 Randall Richter
5/17 Scott Hammons
5/19 Ryan Baumgardner
5/21 Cindy Baucom
5/26 Susan McAnally
5/27 Amy Baumgardner
5/28 Lindsay Barnes
5/29 Lauren Bowes and Rick Harrell



Breakfast for Austin Street



Food Donations Accepted Saturday, May 1 9 am to Noon Holy Covenant Kitchen

Holy Covenant is scheduled to again provide breakfast for the homeless at Austin Street Shelter. If you are able to donate food, please prepare *12 sandwiches, 12 pieces of fruit and 12 hard-boiled eggs* and deliver them to Holy Covenant on **Saturday, May 1, between 9 am and noon**. *Bottled water and juice boxes are*

also appreciated. Please drive around to the kitchen door where members of the Spiritual Journeymen will receive the donations from you.

If you would like to help serve the food at Austin Street on Sunday morning, May 2nd, we will meet at the church at 6:00 am, load up and head there. Please let Rick Davis (972-814-5325 mdrdtexas@hotmail.com) know if you are coming so we have a head count. All servers must complete a check-in beforehand so you are on the list.

To check in:

- Go [HERE](#) to find the Holy Covenant page
- Look at the line for May 2
- Click "Respond Individually"
- Follow prompts to create an account

The time says 7-11 but serving should actually end around 8 am.

Youth Ministry Update

May 2021

Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray that your Easter has been bright and joyous! I wanted to stop in and give you an update on what we have been up to as a youth ministry. Over the past month, we have had such great discussion, worship and good ole fashion fun with the kiddos! Recently, we had two new youth join us who will both be entering 6th grade next year. With Gods grace, we will have more young ones come along with us as our church community feels more comfortable coming back to church during the pandemic with vaccines more available.



Last weekend, we had our first annual Kick Ball Sunday! It was indeed a blast! We even had a visitor come along for the fun! Our next big event is our first Annual Refresh youth camp out in Sulphur Springs, TX in May. It will be a time for our kiddos to get out of the hustle and bustle of city life and spend time with God and each other in the beauty of nature and all the fun that comes with camping. Pray that this becomes a new fixture in our ministry that furthers the growth of faith with our young people. If there are any parents or youth out there who I have not yet met, I would love to hear from you and meet your kids :). I have made the decision for youth to now start at 5th grade moving forward to give them a chance to come along with us and grow under the Exalt curriculum a little early.

Lastly, Senior Sunday will be May 16th at the 10:30 in-person service. Please come and honor our young people for their tireless work and pray that they be successful in their next season of life in college .

In the risen Christ,
Julian-Louis Carter
Youth Director

Senior Sunday



May 16

We will celebrate our high school seniors on Sunday, May 16th. In order to congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well, we are asking everyone to write a card or note of encouragement. You may mail your cards to Holy Covenant or bring them to church. Please have them in by May 16.

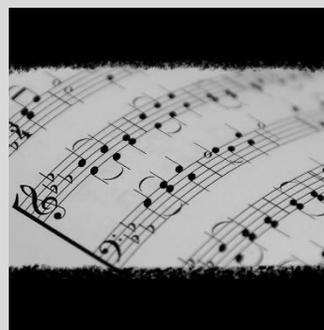
Graduating seniors are:
Amy Baumgardner
Abby Evans
Jayda Hartzog

Music News

Hello, Holy Covenant members. This is just a little note to let you in on what is happening in the Music Department.

We have been blessed to have the Praise Band as the musicians of the services over these past 8 months. They present their music tirelessly every week to enhance our worship services.

Recently, we have added 2 new members. Along with Andrea, Melanie, Kammie, Mike, Tremayne, and Tim, Rodney and Julian have joined us. We are blessed with these additional voices and are happy that they are sharing their ministry with us.



The Wesleyan Choir has elected to come back in August. August 4th is their first rehearsal and they will sing in the 10:30 service beginning on September 12th. We are all excited. John Mays and the Trustee committee are working hard to make sure that the choir has a designated choir area in the sanctuary. We are very grateful for all of their efforts.

We opened the worship services for in-person worshipping on March 21st but it was too late to hire brass for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. So, we punted and included a few of the handbell ringers into the Easter Sunday Service. With only 3 rehearsals, these fine musicians came through wonderfully. They played 2 handbell pieces and accompanied the hymns. We are very grateful that these ringers were willing to share their talents.

I AM SO EXCITED!!! We have a way for you to tell me which hymns you would like for us to sing in the services. This is the way it works....

1) During the month of May, you will get the opportunity to tell me what hymns you would like to hear. There will be cards in a basket in the narthex for you to take and list your favorite hymns.

2) You can place the filled out card back in the basket or email me your list. vkleinhenz@hcumc.org

3) All of your favorites – from the most popular to the ones that are nominated the least – will be projected for the services in June, July and August.

4) List as many hymns that you would like and get them to me before the end of May. It is ok if you don't have the hymn number...just the title is enough. You don't have to put your name on the cards and you can turn in as many cards as you would like.

Please stay safe and God bless.

Soli deo Gloria,
Vera Kleinhenz, Music Director

Music Ministry on Zoom



Music Ministry Check-ins 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7 pm on Zoom

If you are part of the Music Ministries (choir, handbells, instrumentalists) at Holy Covenant--or would like to be--please join this virtual gathering. It gives us a chance to check-in with everyone and make plans for upcoming music opportunities. ***In May, we will meet on May 6 and May 20.***

HCUMC IT is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Choir

Time: 07:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87955220118?pwd=b0IKTjBpMWFHVWVvTzq0eHdnSFZQU09>
Meeting ID: 879 5522 0118
Passcode: 944377
Dial +1 346 248 7799

Food Pantry Update

There are many ways to help the Food Pantry. You can help pack food in bags for a Distribution, you can work the Distribution, you can donate food or money to the Pantry, or you can help us spread the word about the Pantry. Spread the word to anyone you think might be in need of food, post an article on your neighborhood website or on Facebook or other social media. Our Distributions are the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 1:00-2:00, and we are also open on Thursdays from 10:00-2:00. The address is 1901 East Peters Colony, Carrollton, TX 75007. Remember to say that everyone is welcome!



Year-to-date we've had 460 visits from families, served 1,687 individuals 20,986 meals.

The Distributions in **May** will be on the **9th** and the **23rd**. Please sign up on signupgenius.com to volunteer.

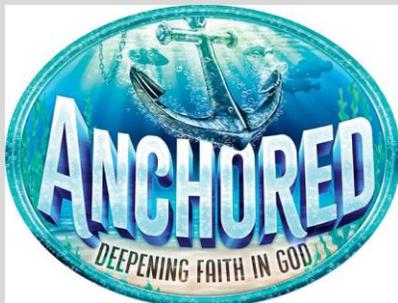
We received 500 pounds of pet food in a donation from "Don't Forget to Feed Me." We are so happy to have received that. We have a lot of people who need food for their pets.

We are doing well with the food we can order from the North Texas Food Bank, but we still come up short on a few items.

For that, we need:
Canned Chicken
Hearty Soups
Mac & Cheese

Thank you for all you do for the Food Pantry.

Vacation Bible School



Registration Begins May 15!

Holy Covenant will offer 2 opportunities for VBS this summer:

- Preschool VBS** for ages 3 to kindergarten, will be June 28-29 from 9-11 am.
- Evening VBS** for ages 1st through 5th grade, will be June 27-29 from 6 to 8 pm (with an optional Family Picnic at 5 pm)

All VBS activities will be held outside.

Please contact Ashley Norris sinkem10@yahoo.com or Heather Hinton hinton.heatherd@gmail.com if you would like to help out!

Blood Drive

Blood Drive
Sunday, May 16
8:30 am to Noon
Holy Covenant Parking Lot

COVID-19 antibody testing available for all donors. Carter BloodCare observes social distancing guidelines. Please wear a mask. All donors will receive free queso from Chuy's.



Sack Summer Hunger



Sign up Now!

Saturdays, June 5 - July 31

HCUMC will be participating in the Sack Summer Hunger Program again this summer. Sack Summer Hunger provides nutritious and easy-to-prepare meals to families with school-aged children who depend on free and reduced lunch

programs throughout the school year. Meals are delivered every Saturday during the summer free of charge. This program is designed by Metrocrest Social Services who, in conjunction with area churches, supports local families in our community.

The program begins June 5th and lasts through July 31st. We will need volunteers to help pick up food from Metrocrest as well as deliver to the families. The commitment is no more than 2 hours on Saturday morning. If you have questions, email Ashley Norris at norrisfam2015@yahoo.com.

Please use this [link](#) if you would like to participate.

Preschool Registration

Now Enrolling for 2021-2022

Holy Covenant ECDP is now registering students 2 years of age thru Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Email Preschool@hcumc.org for more information and to schedule a tour. Since our campus is closed to visitors during school hours, tours are given after school or on Saturday mornings.



Now Hiring



Part Time Preschool Director

Contact Pastor Cheryl cmurphy@hcumc.org if interested.
See details [HERE](#).

Finance Update

April Giving:
Projected: \$46,247
To Date: \$25,312

Online Giving

[Donate Here](#). You may set up regular giving by choosing the Donation Frequency.

Mail Checks to

HCUMC
1901 E. Peters Colony Rd.
Carrollton, TX 75007



City of Carrollton Chalk Art Festival



Saturday, May 15
10 am to 3 pm
Mary Heads Carter Park
2320 Heads Lane

The City of Carrollton is actively looking for talented artists to compete in a Chalk Art competition happening on May 15th from 10am-3pm. There will be both a professional and an amateur category. First place for the professional category will receive \$150, and second place will receive \$75. For the amateur category, first place will receive \$50, and second

place will receive \$25. The entry fee for the professional category is \$10, and \$5 for the amateur category. The event is free, it only costs if you participate in the chalk art competition.

There will be live music, food trucks, craft bags, the chalk art competition, vendors and a live painting by John Bramblitt, a world-renowned blind painter. More information [HERE](#)

To register: cityofcarrollton.com/signupnow

Shredding Update

Thank you to our Green Team for once again hosting a successful shredding event at Holy Covenant!



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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