

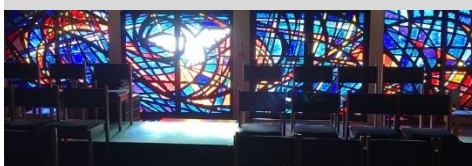


Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

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**Join us Sundays
at 10:30 am
In-person or at the**



Message from Pastor Cheryl

Holy Covenant Family,

During the month of March we are invited to a Lenten journey of the heart. March 1 is Fat Tuesday the last day before Lent begins. On Wednesday, March 2, we begin our challenging work. We have 40 days (not including Sundays) until Easter. We hope we can build some sustainable holy habits in these six weeks.

There are three areas of focus:

1. Spiritual Renewal - Creating time for prayer & meditation. Reading the devotionals that will be sent out every morning on email. Spending time with God, not to ask for something, but to express our hearts and open ourselves to God's movement in our lives. Every day, pray the Lord's Prayer.

[Psalm 46:10 Be still and know I am God.](#)

Caution: this prayer time will transform you!

**[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.



8:30 am Worship
We will meet inside the sanctuary until warmer weather.

-NO 8:30 WORSHIP MARCH
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2. Relationship Restoration - God created you for a full, joyful life! What is keeping you from embracing that life? There may be something you need to set aside--to fast from--that is blocking you. There may be a spiritual discipline that would bring you a deeper understanding of all that God wants for you. Find a way to create a habit around that joy-filled life goal. Be a healthier, happier you when you enter the Easter celebration. Be willing to do the hard work this Lent!

Matthew 6:17-18 When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Caution: this change in your life will impact your heart.

3. Commit to being a Change-Maker - Over the first five weeks of Lent, you are invited by the Advocates to change your worldview on 5 justice issues: racism, people of forced immigration, the environment, children of foster care & adoption, and housing insecurity. There are few congregations that would be brave enough to confront their lack of knowledge and understanding on these issues. I am so proud to be serving a church family that embraces the opportunity to learn and engage in helping to create the Kingdom of God in our community. **Micah 6:8** "To do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with God."

Caution: the wisdom gained will change your worldview.

I am grateful that we will be together during Lent. The past two Lenten seasons have required us to be apart.

May this season bring blessings to you in your spiritual journey and your walk to the cross with Jesus.

Shalom Blessings,
Pastor Cheryl

Prayer List

Jeriann Bayley; Jon Lasley; Norma Boren; Randy Sutherland; Belinda Harden; Mary Prindle; Randy Norris; Sharon Harris; Travis Williams; Mary Harrison; and our friends at Atria Carrollton.



Tuesday,

Loved Ones in the Military

David Flores, KeNi Gaines, Ryan Howe, Bianca Lathrop, Sean Murphy, Jake Oliver, Matthew Perry and Antonio Ramirez.

Wednesday, Thursday
9am - 3pm

March Dates

2/28-3/3 and **3/7-3/10** ECDP Community Helpers Weeks

3/1 7 pm Trustees - via Zoom

3/2 10:30 am Preschool Chapel - sanctuary

7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship - sanctuary & streaming

8 pm Wesleyan Choir

3/3 6 pm Advocates for Justice & Peace - via Zoom

3/4 *World Day of Prayer*

3/6 ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30 am

8 am to Noon Blood Drive - parking lot

10:30 am Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ron Henderson - In-person & streaming

11:30 am Racial Justice Discussion & Luncheon - Covenant Center

2 pm Eagle Court of Honor for Michael Rathbun - sanctuary

3/8 7 pm SPPR - via Zoom

7 pm Friends of Furneaux Creek - Covenant Center

3/9 10:30 am Preschool Chapel - sanctuary

7:30 pm Wesleyan Choir

3/10 6:00 pm L.I.F.T. - Marilyn Paa's home

3/13 *Daylight-Saving Time Begins*

8:30 am Worship in-person

9 am "People of Forced Migration" Discussion - sanctuary

10:30 am Worship in-person & streaming

12-1 pm Food Pantry Open - Church Office

3/14-3/17 *Spring Break*

3/15 7 pm Finance via Zoom

3/16 7:30 pm Wesleyan Choir

3/17 *St. Patrick's Day*

3/20 *First Day of Spring*

8:30 am Worship In-person

9 am Environmental Justice Discussion - sanctuary

10:30 am Worship In-person & streaming

3/22 7 pm Ad Council via Zoom

3/23 10:30 am Preschool Chapel - sanctuary

7:30 pm Wesleyan Choir

3/24 6 pm Missions - via Zoom

3/27 8:30 am Worship In-person

9 am Foster/ Adoption Discussion - sanctuary

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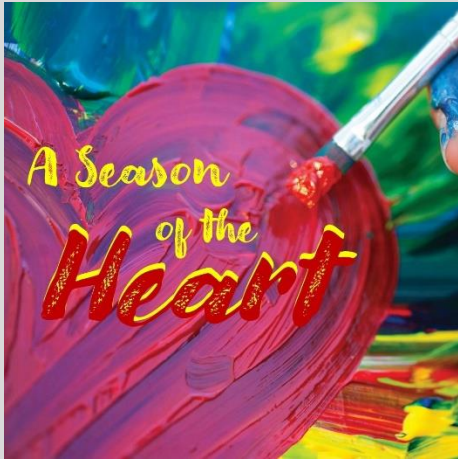
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March Worship



Our Lenten Series is *A Season of the Heart*.

Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm: ASH
WEDNESDAY worship -
Sanctuary/Livestreamed – *A Willing Heart* -
Matthew 6.

A service of prayer and repentance with the Praise Team. The sanctuary will be open for prayer from 11 am to 3 pm. You are welcome to come and light a candle and receive ashes.

Sunday, March 6: First Sunday in Lent, *Heart for Justice* - Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ronald Henderson

ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 am
Sanctuary/Livestreamed

Sunday, March 13: Second Sunday in Lent, *Heart for Peace* - Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the Peacemakers" - Sanctuary worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Livestreamed at 10:30 am

Sunday, March 20: Third Sunday in Lent, *Heart for Listening* - John 10:22 "Holy Listening" - 8:30 Sanctuary worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Livestreamed at 10:30 am

Sunday, March 27: Fourth Sunday in Lent, *Heart for Compassion* - Luke 15, "Finding the Lost" - Sanctuary worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Livestreamed at 10:30 am

March Birthdays

3/2 Rick Davis
3/4 Mackenzie Rockhold
3/6 Mandie Long
3/7 Vicki Barkley
3/9 Georgia Herrick
3/10 Dan Patman
3/14 Ashley Norris
3/16 Ginger Rathbun and Kristin Smith
3/18 Elliott Beard
3/20 Pat Underhill
3/21 Mandy Nader
3/23 James Murphy
3/27 Joy Kees
3/29 Rex McAnally
3/30 Tremayne Phillips



Sunday School



Sunday School

9:15 am

Kinder to 5th - Covenant Center

Confirmation - Upstairs

Youth - Youth Room

Infants to PreK - Nursery

Adult Classes:

Seekers - Room 210 Upstairs

Spiritual Journeymen - Room 212 Upstairs

"When Christians Get It Wrong" Study - Room 213 Upstairs

For more information or questions, contact Laurie Eckeberger

at leckeberger@hcumc.org

If you are interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School, please sign up [HERE](#).

Children's Church

Starting March 6

We will use the Lenten season to pilot a Children's Church program during the 10:30am worship service. Children will come in for worship with their families and leave with Laurie after the Children's message. Parents will pick up their kids in the gym at the end of worship. Children's Church will include a short lesson, a relevant activity and free play. It is open to elementary aged children Kinder-5th grade. Offered Sundays starting March 6 though April 10.



Lent Jars



Available Now!

Add a spiritual practice to your family routine this Lent with a family gratitude jar. Make some time as a family each week to respond to a prompt and practice gratitude by writing something you're grateful for on a slip of paper provided and place it in the jar. Throughout the week family members are encouraged to add to the jar. At the end of Lent open the jar together and look over all that you have been grateful for this season.

Lenten Series

In connection with the worship series, *A Season of the Heart*, the Holy Covenant Advocates for Justice & Peace invite you to join them on a Lenten journey focusing on social justice issues.



March 6th - Racial Justice Discussion. A "Together We Dine" roundtable lunch hosted by Project Unity and Rev. Andy Lewis. Following worship. **EVENT FULL - contact ewebb@hcumc.org to be added to waiting list.**

March 13th - People of Forced Immigration Panel Discussion - 9:00 am in the sanctuary and livestreamed.

March 20th - Environmental Justice Discussion – 9:00 am in the sanctuary, then in small groups for conversation.

March 27th - This is Us: The Face of Foster/Adoption – Stories from our own Holy Covenant families. **9:00 am** in the sanctuary.

April 3rd - Housing Insecurity In Our Community Panel Discussion - 9:00 am in the sanctuary and livestreamed.

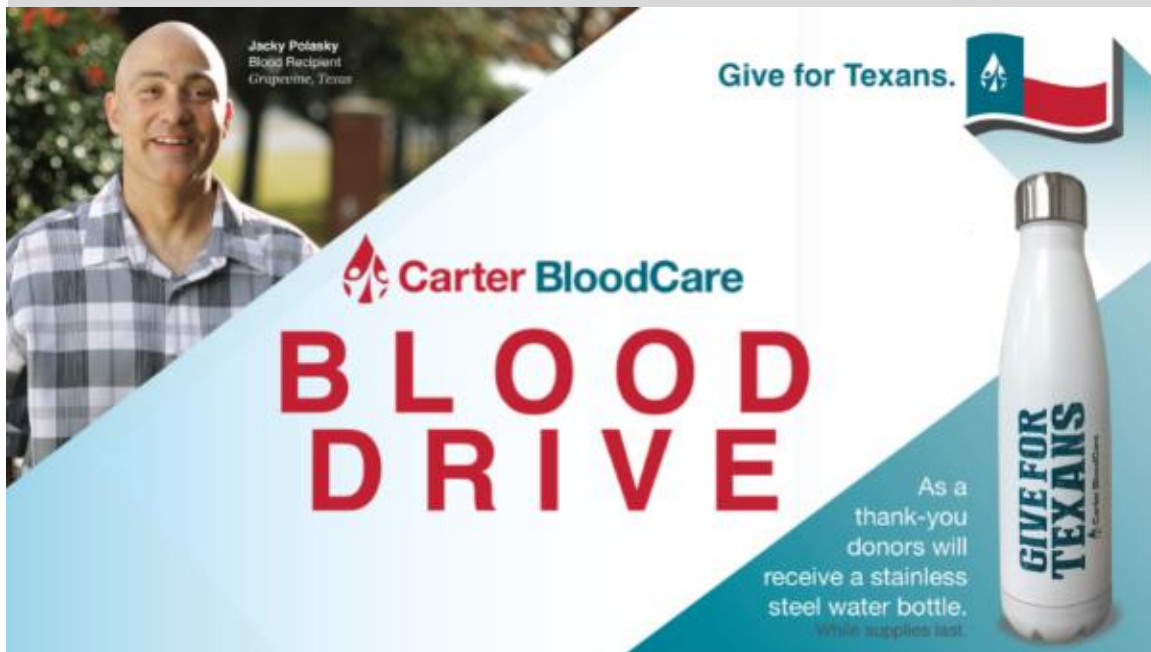
Our next Advocates for Justice and Peace meeting is March 3rd at 6:00 pm on Zoom. Contact Lois Eaton at loiseaton@verizon.net or 214-862-8683 for the link to the meeting.

Blood Drive

Sunday, March 6

8 am to Noon

Please donate if you can!



Jacky Polasky
Blood Recipient
Grapevine, Texas

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DRIVE**

As a thank-you donors will receive a stainless steel water bottle. while supplies last.

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By Carter BloodCare

Ladies In Fellowship Together (L.I.F.T.)



**Thursday, March 10
6:00 pm**

The monthly LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) gathering will be on Thursday, March 10, at 6:00 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 and fellowship. If you do not have time to prepare a dish, please join us anyway - we want you with us! Please contact Hefina Glenys

hefinaglenys@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Food Pantry Update

The Holy Covenant Food Pantry is continuing to work hard to serve our neighbors in the community. We are open Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and also the second and fourth Sundays from Noon to 1:00 pm.

We continue to receive food from the North Texas Food Bank at no cost, but the food choices have been very limited lately. We count on the congregation to donate food that we cannot get from The Food Bank, and you have not disappointed. **We receive donations on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am-Noon.**

We are in need of:
Large Pasta Sauce
Hearty Soup
Large Canned Chicken

Thank you, as always, for your support of the Holy Covenant Food Pantry.



Preschool Update



ECDP is having a great year! We just had Valentine's parties and celebrated the love of friendship. We are learning about the love of God and stories of Jesus. We took

class pictures this month, and our Kindergarten class went on a field trip to the Dallas Children's Theater to see "Dragons Love Tacos". We also did a clothing drive for Coach Mays' neighbors who lost their home in a fire. We are looking forward to Community Helpers Week and having visits from the Fire Department, Police Department and the trash truck among other exciting community helpers! We are inviting dads to come and have donuts with us on the playground, and will have our annual Fairy Tale Feast and Fairy Tale Plays! Mark your calendar for April 28th to come and see our Spring Show and join in our Spring Fling celebration! More information on that to come! Thank you for supporting this important ministry in the life of our church!



Friends of Furneaux Creek



Tuesday, March 8

7 - 8:30 pm

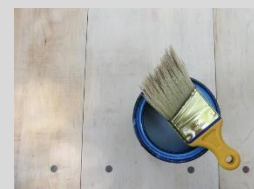
HCUMC Covenant Center

The Friends of Furneaux Creek is a non-profit group that meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to any resident of Carrollton and they are intended to educate people about native plants and to share resources and information.

For more information, contact Carol Dougherty carol_dough61@verizon.net or come to the next meeting!

Thank You, Scouts!

The scouts of BSA Troop 574 offered to serve the church by painting one of the upstairs classrooms in the Education Building. Holy Covenant would like to thank the scouts for their work.



Finance Update



February Regular Donations/Pledge Payments

GOAL: \$43,477

Given to Date: \$18,985 (44%)

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

Contribution statements for 2021 have been emailed. If you have not received yours, please contact Christine Perry cperry@hcumc.org to update your contact information or to let her know if you would prefer to have it mailed to you.

Staff Spotlight

Rhonda Angermeier

What do you do at Holy Covenant UMC?

I am the Bridge Kindergarten Teacher.

What motivates you to wake up and go to work?

I love coming to school to work with the BEST teachers and director. I love seeing my students come through the door each day ready to learn, explore and develop friendships.

What part of your role here do you most enjoy? Why?

I enjoy being a part of a quality preschool.

It is a terrific ministry for Holy Covenant.

Do you have any hobbies, and do you collect anything?

I like to run and go to musicals.

What does family look like for you?

My family is my husband, Steve, my son Brad and his wife Maika (they live in Austin), my daughter Stacy and her husband Tremayne (they are church members) and my grandkids Alyssia, Elliot and Oliver.

What's something people might be surprised to hear about you?

I have worked at HCECDP for 32 years. I love my job!



Webinar - Building Online Communities



Webinar with Pastor Nathan Webb – Building Online Communities

Tuesday, March 22 @1:30 pm

This webinar is open to all laity and clergy. Rev. Nathan Webb will talk about how to build and grow Online Communities. Pastor Nathan Webb is the lead pastor of Checkpoint Church, an exclusively online church community

created for all people, but specially for nerds and gamers.

Read more about Rev. Webb on this UM News article “Church for nerds’ builds community without a building” <https://www.umnews.org/.../church-for-nerds-builds...>

Here’s Pastor Webb’s church, Checkpoint

Church: <https://www.checkpointchurch.com/>

REGISTER HERE:

https://us02web.zoom.us/.../reg.../WN_dAZMezQhSlullZbCVm-pOQ



meeting Christ in our local community

to serve our children and youth



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