

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Holy Covenant United Methodist Church

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Happy New Year!

Please remember to let us know if you have a new address, phone number (including cell number) or email address.



Wednesday Night Encounter

Wednesday Night Encounter returning on January 11th. Fellowship meal at 5:45pm. We will be serving an Italian Dinner. Teachers will be available to answer questions and hand out materials during this time, 6:30pm Encounter Worship.



Upward Soccer

Registration forms for Upward Soccer are available now in the church office and at the Children's Sunday School Check in desk.

The two evaluation dates are Saturday, January 7 and Saturday, January 21 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Players only need to come to one evaluation day.

Soccer clinic

If you would like to play soccer and never have, or if you are already a soccer player and would like to improve your soccer skills, plan to attend Holy Covenant's Winter Soccer Clinic. In preparation for our upcoming soccer season, Graham Harrison, a professional soccer trainer, has agreed to lead a clinic at Holy Covenant for kids 4 years old – 4th grades.

Date: Saturday, January 14

Time: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 this includes lunch and snacks

To register for the clinic, go to our website www.holycov.org



Leadership Training

Saturday, January 21st, 9:00-noon.

This is for all Church Council, Team Leaders, Trustees, Finance and SPR members.

CDC News

What a wonderful holiday season we celebrated! From manger scenes and Santa Claus to reindeer prints and Christmas songs, the halls were full of joy and excitement. The Christmas programs that the preschoolers presented were a true blessing and all who came to watch definitely left with the Christmas spirit. This month, the preschoolers will be working hard to prepare for Father's Night. This event gives our dads, grandfathers, etc... a chance to participate in a fun evening of activities with their children. Finally, it's almost time to register for the 2012-2013 school year. The CDC will hold registration the last week of January and first of February. If you know someone looking for a great early childhood center, give them our name!

A Word From Jay

A Word from Jay
December 14, 2011

I write this article for the January Newsletter before we have even celebrated Christmas in order to get the newsletter ready to send out during the holidays. That really is not a problem for me, because I feel the excitement and joy of Christmas already. Christ is born in Bethlehem. God has entered our world in a special and mysterious way through this baby born in a manger. These words are true on December 14th, just as they will be on December 25th.

I hope and pray that each and every one of you have experienced the joy of that reality this Christmas Season. As we continue to make that reality a part of our ongoing life witness, I hope that you will look with me to a new year with hope and promise, as well as a deeper commitment to be part of the community of faith which is a living embodiment of the reality of the risen Lord and Savior that we proclaim Christ to be today. The Apostle Paul called the church the Body of Christ. That is a lofty call to all of us together to unite and become that living embodiment of Christ in our broken world.

This coming year, we who are the Body of Christ here at Holy Covenant have tremendous opportunities to reveal Christ to the community, as well as the world, in which we live. We have shared in offerings and efforts to touch the lives of children around our world, including those who are left without parents at home due to incarceration, as well as those who are residents at the Methodist Children's Home in Waco. Now we turn to the ongoing call to embody Christ in a new year of opportunity. We share together in communal worship; we share in devoted study of the Scriptures; we unite in common mission and outreach to the hurting and lost. Among the many opportunities here, we begin our second year of Upward Soccer and begin the process of creating a Community Garden to utilize our property for the glory of God and the outreach of God's love to our community.

We find ourselves in the normal process of transition in our leadership that comes with a new year, but, even more so, we seek to expand the participation of our entire church family in the ministries of our church. We continue to welcome new members to our family as we continue to care for those within our family who are hurting, remembering that Christ has taught us that we are called to embrace our neighbors in love and recognize Christ in those who hurt most among us.

As we see another wave of new babies bringing us new life in the days ahead, I hope we will also embrace new life in the opportunities that are ahead for all of us. I am ready to experience new life in Christ and to share it with others. I hope you will join in the excitement. See you at church.

Grace and Peace,
Jay

Covenant Kids Sunday School January

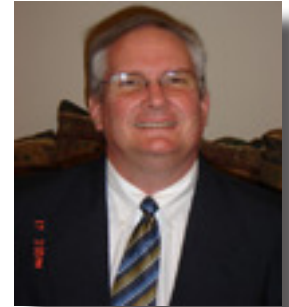
January's B.I.G. Idea

We believe that the stories about Jesus help us understand that Jesus is the Son of God.

January's B.I.G. verse: *"The child, Jesus grew. He became strong and wise, and God blessed him."*

Luke 2:40

This month the children will be learning about the early years of Jesus life. They will explore the visit of the Magi and of Jesus in the temple. The story of Jesus baptism will show children that God claimed Jesus as His Son. They will see how Jesus proclaimed himself as God's Son as he began his ministry.



Heartwarming Christmas Sandwich Shoppe



What do you get when you combine 160 pounds of chicken, tuna, 31 dozen croissants, 13 pounds of sliced almonds, 1 large container of ground black pepper, 12 gallons of Miracle Whip, 5 gallons of sliced dill pickles, 325 bags of potato chips, 100 bottles of water, and 350 cans of soda? Add in an array of fabulously fun jewelry and you get...

A VERY SUCCESSFUL

Deeply Rooted Youth Fundraiser!

Thanks to the countless hours of service of Holy Covenant's youth, parents, counselors AND friends, more than \$2,800.00 was raised for Summer Missions and the Deeply Rooted Youth Ministry. The combination of volunteers for the Sandwich Shoppe and Jewelry mixed with the love and support of our Holy Covenant family make it a success.

We would like to thank Bettie Rowell for inviting our Youth back every year to participate in this wonderful event that reaches so many people in this community. Bettie and her team do a remarkable job and Heartwarming Christmas has become a favorite and much-anticipated show for this area.

We would like to give a great BIG THANK YOU and BIG HUG from all of our youth to the following people for working so hard to prepare everything and volunteering your valuable time: Renee Anchors, Debbie Carter, Carol Cernetisch, Wayne Douglass, Karen Engelbert, Wendy Gaudette, Cindy Harrison, Beckey Hendry, Susan Kainer, Crystal Lillard, Pat Plesko, Billie and John Schuler, Karen Scialo, Norma Shafer, Suzanne Sherrill, Chris Wensits, Bonnie Wilkins, Mary Wilson, Joe Woodard, Abbie Wylie and Luanne Zacek. "Well done, my good and faithful servant." (Matt. 25:23a).

And a special thank you to all of the Holy Covenant youth who served at Heartwarming by serving food and drinks, taking and delivering vendor's orders, preparing sandwiches, and selling jewelry. Holy Covenant youth – you are AWESOME and we love you!

In God's Grace,

Sue Berger & Laura Douglass



Youth Upcoming Events:

January Events

January 4 – Confirmation Class resumes beginning with Encounter Worship at 6:30 pm

January 21 – Saturday morning field trip with Confirmands to Temple Beth Messiah. All youth and families are invited to attend. Depart HCUMC at 9:00 am and return @ 12:45 pm

January 22 – Cross Dedication Ceremony @ 4:00 pm in Youth Chapel in education building

January 29 – BIG TIME youth event with Cypress UMC and others. Stay tuned for details!

A New Year...

The end of one year and the beginning of another are a blessing from God. It's our chance to have a marker for new beginnings. Was 2011 a great year for you? Fantastic – you have a chance to go to new heights! Was it more of a year of hard knocks? Guess what – this is a new year! God gives us the new year to help us keep track of life lessons and His goodness...and don't worry - His mercy never expires.

God's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23, The Message)

Branching Out

In a few short weeks, we will be making our second trip to Florida City, FL to serve with Branches United Methodist Church. The ministry that happens through Branches UMC is more incarnational than I have ever experienced. Not only do they meet the needs of people with the power of Christ, but they proclaim the power of Christ while they are meeting the needs. They embody the presence of God on earth. They feed, tutor, counsel, educate, empower and minister to people of all ages and races in their community, in the name of Jesus. They do not shy away from who being they are called to be. When funds are running low, and the energy for leadership is burning out, the people of Branches call on God to make a way. God always does.



I ask for your prayers for our team that leaves for Florida City on January 13th, 2012. Pray that we are open to be involved in the good work of God through Branches United Methodist Church. Also, please pray that we come back inspired to be more active in our own community surrounding Holy Covenant UMC. With God's help, we will order our lives after the example of Christ, and begin 2012 unafraid of branching out.

Peace,
Stephanie

A New Year's Message: Ebenezer!

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...and named it Ebenezer for he said, "Thus far the LORD has helped us. (1Sa 7:12, NRSV)

My New Year's message comes to you in one word: Ebenezer. This word—Ebenezer—is actually a transliteration of two Hebrew words even haazer written in English alphabet dropping the definite article ha from the word ezer (a help or helper) to form one term Ebenezer which means "a stone-helper, a stone-help, or a stone of help." The term has layers of meanings. The Hebrew word even translated "stone" is more than its designative meaning: a stone. It has associative meaning, that is, the story of God's help in the Israelites' victory over the Philistines. As I think of this narrative on this New Year's Day, I think of each of the people who remind me of the love of Jesus in my life. Each of you reminds me of Jesus' love. You are my Ebenezer (s). Please take a moment to do two things: a) remember an Ebenezer in your life and be grateful; b) please let us join together and raise our Ebenezer (paraphrasing Hymnal 400 v. 2). Come Ebenezers, come, and let us raise our Ebenezer in Katy: let us build a community garden, a visible sign of God who has been among us and who is reaching out to our local community through each of us at the Holy Covenant United Methodist Church.

Come, let us witness to the Katy community that God is a relational God; that we are in the ministry of building relationships; and that relationships, themselves, started in a garden. Yes, our God is a relational God! Building a community garden is a great relationship ministry. Through this ministry, we envision building relationships as we till the ground, plant seeds or baby plants together, and, in due time, bring fresh, organic produce to those who can't afford or don't have ready access to good food. What a biblical way to reach out to others. We are Ebenezers building an Ebenezer: A Community Garden. Happy New Year!





Music Ministries



I love a new year! Actually, I love any opportunity for a fresh start—whether it is New Year’s Day, or a birthday, a beginning of a new season, an ending of a major project, or even something as simple as a time of reflection that leads to renewed commitment.

I am thrilled to be beginning a new year at Holy Covenant. I have been overwhelmed by your hospitality and your support of the music ministry here. We have shared many great experiences already and I can’t wait to see what God has in store for this year!

Perhaps, in this time of reflection, you are reconsidering your part in worship and music-making in our community. Opportunities to be a part of the growing ministry of music at our church abound:

- The **Chancel Choir**, on the heels of a great Christmas performance, will hit the ground running on music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter—your presence can add a fresh spirit and enhance this hard-working but fun group!
- **Song of Zoe** will be embarking upon new projects in the spring (including a mass youth choir festival).
- **Children’s choirs** will continue strong as we head towards the summer and our first Summer Music Camp.
- **The Hand Bell Choir** and A/V team (sound & media) both have vital roles waiting to be filled by new people.
- I will be looking for more ways to plug in **instrumentalists** into worship on Sunday mornings (winds, strings, percussion, etc.)
- A **new choir** is in the works—one that will meet on a **weekday morning**, for those who are available during the daytime to rehearse and take part in various ministry opportunities, outreach events in the community, funerals, etc.

Finally, you can be involved in the music and worship ministry by your **presence** in worship and your **full and active participation** in the service. We are blessed to be a part of a diverse congregational that values and welcome the differences of those around us. When our worship is expressed in many different ways, we will sometimes encounter music that we **love** and sometimes we encounter that which we would **love to do without**. Maybe this year, we can all see with new eyes and hear with new ears as we seek the spirit of God within the work of the church, and do our best to join in its song.

May the peace of Christ be with you in this **New Year!**

m.j.

P.S. – **SPECIAL THANKS** to the Chancel Choir, Song of Zoe, Children’s Choir, Hand Bell Choir, instrumentalists, children’s choir volunteers, children’s choir parents, A/V volunteers, those who organized the reception, those in attendance, those who helped decorate the sanctuary, nursery workers, ushers, the church staff, and the pastors for making **Welcome to Our World** an overwhelming success.



More on Missions

Outreach recaps the holiday missions -

Thanksgiving Day Community Feast - what a feast it was as over 800 turkey dinners were served by 270 volunteers this past Thanksgiving Day. In addition to an awesome dinner, coats, blankets and non perishable foods were available for those in need. Many thanks to Kathy Frazer and Steve Meadows for your great stewardship.

KCM's Santa's Sleigh - This year we were very fortunate to have Holy Covenant "adopt" over 50 children/seniors this holiday season. Thank you to all who assisted in these efforts and particularly to Janette Lewis for leading the program this year.

Angel Tree - Again, due to the generosity of many of our members and guests, we were able to provide the angel tree ministry with over \$700 to purchase gifts for the children of incarcerated parents given to the child from the particular parent in the name of Christ. What a wonderful ministry to be a part of and to have Modelle Brudner, our Holy Covenant Angel, steward on our behalf.

Upcoming Events

Mission Miami - a group of 11 volunteers are preparing to venture to Florida City, to assist Branches UMC, with community fix up projects and part of a MLK day or service. Please keep these missionaries in prayer as they partake in these projects January 14 - 17th

Next Outreach Meeting - January 24 from 7:00 - 8:15. Feel free to join us as we begin a new year reaching out in the community in the name of Chrst. For more information, contact Nancy Krahel at nkrahel@hotmail.com

WNE service hour - join us January 25 as we tie blankets to be given to those visiting the Christ Clinic. No experience necessary. For questions, contact Julia Oldham at julia.oldham6@gmail.com.

Methodist Children Home Gifts

Gifts Given in Honor Of:

Jim & Beth Tucker from Mary Lou Tucker
Lindley and Ruth Cates from Bob & Cathy Johnson
Georgeanne & Lane Erickson from Jim & Bonnie Wilkins
Jay, Amy & Lylah Grace Wilkins from Jim & Bonnie Wilkins
Jeanne Wilkins from Jim & Bonnie Wilkins
Our Grandchildren from Mike & Becky Chinni
Greg & Joan Kuhns from Tom, Ellen, Parker & Lawson
Our Children from David & Stephanie Black
My Children Brett, Allison, Scout & Beau Roper and Brittany & Cody Caffey from Cindy Vinson
Mary Lou Tucker from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Corine Hurst from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Emilie Reynolds from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Mary Ellis from Robert & Sandra Houghton

George & Kate Sunday from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Our Grandchildren from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Our Children from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Dan & Suzanne Sherrill from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Our Church Staff from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Faithbuilders Class from Robert & Sandra Houghton
Amber, Ashlei & Austin Estes from Grandpa & Grandma Terry
Aka Terry from Grandpa & Grandma Terry
Our boys, Ryan & Matthew from Chris & Lori Bode
Briana & Reyna Long from Mom & Dad
All Our Children from Nancy & Mark
Norma & Cliff Heil from Theresa, Orv & Matt Wiens
Our Office Volunteers from the Staff of Holy Covenant
My Children: Michelle, Chris and Jennifer from Mike Burdette
My Wife Carol from Mike Burdette
Our Parents Bob & Judy Patterson from Tamra & Carl Dore
Our Children: Brent, Julie & Mark from Tamra & Carl Dore
My wonderful Faithbuilders Sunday School Class from Corine Hurst
Rev. & Mrs. Rankin Koch from Kim & Terry Sheehan
Rev. & Mrs. Kory Koch from Kim & Terry Sheehan
Kyle Kock from Kim & Terry Sheehan

Our Church Staff from Robert & Reva Raschke
 Jacque & Elliot Segal and Family from Rob & Jackie Maddox
 Terri & Brett McMaster and Family from Rob & Jackie Maddox
 Our Family from Mark & Cindy Harrison
 Jay & LeAnn Jackson from Kari Jackson
 Roger & RuthAnn Lind from Stephanie Lind
 David & John Lind from Stephanie Lind
 Craig & Jamie Benjamin from Mom & Dad
 Our Parents from Mike & Lori Benjamin
 Our Family from Mike & Lori Benjamin
 Danielle & Kerri Schuler
 Lee & Liz Crain from Larry & Vivian Crain
 Marcus Forney & Family from The Corn Family
 Carol West from Karen & Bill Petry
 Jennifer Gillespie from Karen & Bill Petry
 Jack & Dee Fields from John & Debbie Lewis
 Al & Del Krause from Robert & Kathy Krause
 My mother Frances Cogbill from Modelle Brudner
 Rick's mother JoAnn Wensits from Rick & Chris Wensits
 Our Grandchildren from Edd & Pat Plesko
 Robert & Sandra Houghton from Randy, Rhonda, Kristen & Jessie Sides
 Our girls Kristen & Jessie from Randy & Rhonda Sides
 Mike & Cathey Sides from Randy, Rhonda, Kristen & Jessie Sides
 Our Children from Jay & LeAnn Jackson
 LeAnn's parents Dwain Turner & Evelyn Lage from Jay & LeAnn Jackson
 Jay's mother Betty Jackson from Jay & LeAnn Jackson
 HCUMC Staff from Jay & LeAnn Jackson
 My children Mark, Sandra, Lauren & Matthew Lackey from Joyce Beall
 My children Doug, Amy, Allie, Madison & Grayson Beall from Joyce Beall
 Bernice Golbow from Kristen Golbow & Don Hazelwood

Gifts Given in Memory Of:

Rev. Stephen Tucker from Mary Lou Tucker
 Our Son, Daniel Payton Oglesby from Bill & Ann Oglesby
 Ann's Dad, Herman McCollough from Bill & Ann Oglesby
 Robert W. Johnson from Bob & Cathy Johnson
 Bill Jack & Mary Lee Marshall from Jim & Bonnie Wilkins
 Charles & Ruth Latham from Mike & Becky Chinni
 Thomas P. and Geraldine Craddock from Tom, Ellen, Parker & Lawson
 Jacques Tourneur from Eric & Cheryl Golbow
 Gran-Gran & Pa-Pa from The Bode Family
 Dee Bell from Raymond Bell
 My Sister Janet from Nancy Krahel
 Ruth & Elmer Wiens from Theresa, Orv & Matt Wiens
 Corey Wiens from Theresa, Orv & Matt Wiens
 My husband Richard Beall from Joyce Beall
 My parents Florence & Pete Peterson from Joyce Beall
 Jay's father Rev. Don L. Jackson from Jay & LeAnn Jackson
 Rhonda's father Delano Zwahr from Randy, Rhonda, Kristen & Jessie Sides
 Our Parents from Edd & Pat Plesko
 Chris' parents Cecelia & Hubert Mayes from Chris & Rick Wensits
 Rick's dad Edward Wensits from Chris & Rick Wensits
 My father Edward Cogbill from Modelle Brudner
 My mother- & father-in-law Heath & Edward Brudner from Modelle Brudner
 JC & Ruby Cole from Robert & Kathy Krause
 Barbara Cothren from John & Debbie Lewis
 Ethel & John F. Lewis Sr. from John & Debbie Lewis

Karen's dad Thomas Conway McDonald from Karen & Bill Petry
 Karen's sister Melanie Joy McDonald from Karen & Bill Petry
 Gary Patterson from Tamra & Carl Dore` and Bob & Judy Patterson
 Mia Elisabeth Lunde from Joan & Ron Biondo
 Mia Elisabeth Lunde from Niki Craig-Lunde & Jan-Erik Lunde
 James R. Goad Jr. from Linda Goad
 Harold & Mary Latham from Linda Goad
 Ray & Molly Miller from Ann Miller
 Chuck Stump from Lou & Kathy Hickman
 Michael Parada from Lou & Kathy Hickman
 Charles & Alene McCanna from Lou & Kathy Hickman
 Chester & Janet Hickman from Lou & Kathy Hickman
 E.R. Overman from Mary Wilson
 Hollis O. Wilson from Mary Wilson
 Raleigh & Jima Bratton from Mark & Claudia Bratton
 Geraldanne Bradford from John & Janie Bradford
 Al De Los Santos from John & Janie Bradford
 Jane & Paul Duncan from Bob & Barbara McDonald
 Nellie & Lewis McDonald from Bob & Barbara McDonald
 Kathy Duncan & Bill Duncan from Bob & Barbara McDonald
 Ron Lovett from The Lovett Family
 Randy Pisciotta from The Lovett Family
 Marilyn Sherrod from Don Hazelwood
 Jacques Tourneur from Kristen Golbow
 Nina Brignac from The Ware Family
 J.C. Colgin from The Ware Family

Additional Gifts From:

The Emmaus Sunday School Class

Gifts in Honor of:

Drew Herrington from Mom & Dad
 Jessica Derong from Mom & Dad
 Our Children from Rick & Renee Anchors
 Our Grandchildren from Rick & Renee Anchors
 Vern & Dori Wilson from Rusty Wilson
 Lou & Ethel Ward from Renee Wilson
 Danny, Tracey & Corinne Moore from Ron, Melinda & Haley Moore
 3rd Grade Sunday School Class from Mark & Jan Milligan
 Rob Van Cleave & Kelly Keaton from Mark & Jan Milligan
 Jim & Pat Lovett from Mark & Jan Milligan
 Bill & Nina Milligan from Mark & Jan Milligan

Gifts in Memory of:

Rick's mom Viola Anchors from The Anchors' Family
 Renee's dad Joseph Boland from The Anchors' Family
 Mary Carol Boening from Carter & Sherry Nixon
 Bob & Edna Sherrill from Dan & Suzanne Sherrill
 Everett & Verna Stutsman from Dan & Suzanne Sherrill
 Leland Lewis from His Family
 Lynn & Winston Spear from The Kern Family
 Norma & Dorian Kern from The Kern Family
 Karen's dad G.B. Clark from Louis & Karen Murray
 Louis' parents Nona & Newton Murray from Louis & Karen Murray
 Rita Garcia from Jim, Ruth, James & Joanna Woods
 Maria Garcia from Jim, Ruth, James & Joanna Woods
 Henry & Fern Harms from Dana Harms
 Joan Carpenter from Dana Harms
 Nell Page from Susan & Keeley Kainer
 Al Barton from Keeley & Susan Kainer
 Sharon Ward Rogers from Rusty & Renee Wilson
 David Ward from Renee Wilson

Wednesday Night Encounter Resumes

Our popular mid-week programming, Wednesday Night Encounter, will resume with a meet the teacher night on January 11. The normal schedule for activities will be:

Encounter Fellowship (Dinner)	5:45 – 7:00
Encounter Worship	6:30 – 7:00
Encounter Studies	7:00 – 8:15
Encounter Youth	7:07 – 8:00

On the first night, dinner will be served at regular time with an opportunity for adults to sign up for classes or studies that will begin the following week. Classes offered, in addition to those continuing from the Fall, include:

Drop-in Bible Study: A weekly devotion and discussion from selected passages. This class is designed for those who don't always have time to prepare for class or may not be able to make regular sessions due to work or time constraints. Leaders: Tom Englebert, Robert Houghton, and Louis Murray

James – Mercy Triumphs: An all new study from Beth Moore that examines concepts such as faith, joy, hardship, and wisdom to see how we are molded by God's gifts from above. This class will be led by Laura Douglas.

Marriage Enrichment: A class for couples led by Rebecca and Dean Hery. This study will examine ways to improve the communication and interactions in your marriage. In a fun and relaxed atmosphere, you can learn ways to work together and increase the fulfillment of your relationship.

A Study of Romans: This short-term Disciples Bible study will look at some of the themes of Romans, how they have been interpreted over time, and how they apply to us today. This class will be led by Reverend Jay Jackson and Reverend Stephanie Lind.

In the Footsteps of Paul: A study of missionary lands. Open to all interested people, this class will look at some of the places visited by Paul during his travels. Facilitated by Karen Murray, this course will also serve as an excellent primer for those travelling to these sites in March.

Scrapbooking: For those interested in continuing (or starting) this fun and relaxing hobby together, Sharon Brown is willing to coordinate the time and space for a group.

Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with your church family. Food, fellowship, and fun provide an excellent respite in the middle of the week. We hope to see you there!



Members of Holy Covenant UMC,

Thank you so much for your show of support for me and my fellow military service members! It makes us feel good to know that we are loved and supported. Have a very Merry Christmas.

Johanna Robertson

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H.O.P.E. Women's Ministry (UMW)

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 4th @ 9:30 AM – Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Meet and Greet for the Spring Study

The study for this Spring will be “Beautiful Things Happen When a Woman Trusts God” by Sheila Walsh. Childcare is available. For more information, contact Suzanne Sherrill.

Jan. 8th @ 5:00 PM – Our Women's Fitness

Program begins a new year! Come join us for a Pilates & Strength Training Workout with Abbie Wylie. Childcare is available. Although there is no cost for these sessions, we will graciously accept donations to the H.O.P.E. Women's Ministry at HCUMC.

H.O.P.E. Women's Book Club - For the month of January we are reading “The Rapture of Canaan” by Sheri Reynolds. We will meet on January 17, 2012 at La Madeline on the Grand Parkway at 6:30pm.

Jan. 18th @ Wednesday Night Encounter – a new study by Beth Moore will be offered on Wednesday nights this spring. “James: Mercy Triumphs” – an 8 week study with weekly homework. Study begins on Jan. 18th. There are activities on Wednesday evenings for children and youth and the nursery is available for infants and toddlers. For more information, contact Laura Douglass at laura@holycov.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2012 UMW Women's Retreat is March 2-4, 2012 at Heartland Country Inn in Brenham, TX. Click here for more information. Registration begins Jan. 8th on Covenant Walk. Also, stay tuned to the H.O.P.E. Women's Ministry webpage for more information.

