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Holy Happenings

June 2011



**Come get wild about
God at Vacation Bible
School!**

June 13-16, 2011

6:00-8:30pm

MISSION TRIPS

JUMMP
(Jr. High Youth)
June 6-10

PERU
(Adults)
June 10-18

UM ARMY
(Sr. High Youth)
July 10-16

Remember to keep our
missionaries in prayer!

Congratulations to our
graduating seniors!

Blessings to you as you be-
gin the next phase of your
life!



COMING IN JULY:

Do you have a favorite hymn
that we have not sung for
awhile? In July, we will have a
time of hymn singing during the
worship service. More details to
come later!



Transitions



Rev. Jay Jackson
Senior Pastor

Welcome to our
new
members:

Laurie Varner

Rodney & Sarah
Nichols

Kristopher &
Diane Gilbert

Millie Roth

Johnny & Paula
Palmour

Frank & Linda
Brock

Taylor
Whitfield

Debra & Keegan
Dorn

This is a season of transitions. This time of year is filled with graduations, the end of a school year, summer jobs, weddings and vacation planning. At Holy Covenant, this has also been a season of transitions. Job changes...some planned and others unexpected, deaths, staff transitions, health crisis, and moves have added an extra dimension of change to this time of transitions. There have been other milestones, as well. Confirmations, births, baptisms, new members, and new opportunities also abound.

As the Memorial Day weekend approaches, I have been reflecting on the upcoming reading of names that are part of Holy Covenant's celebration of the Church Triumphant. As the Texas Annual Conference begins this Sunday, we will also be celebrating the lives of those who are no longer among us and have gone to the Church Triumphant this past year. This is always an emotional time, but this year has been an especially profound season of change for me. We will celebrate the lives of more members of our church who have gone to the Church Triumphant than any other time in my ministry here. They represent a group of saints who were more active in the church and more a part of my life than any before.

I have been immersed in a process of hiring new staff, as well. Filling our Director of Worship and Music position and coordinating with the cabinet to have our new Associate Pastor appointed to us have consumed much of my time and energy this past month. I am not alone in this extensive process of change. Today, I can share that we are through this process. Rev. J. Kabamba Kiboko has been appointed as our new Associate Pastor to work with me and Stephanie as your pastoral staff. Kabamba is an amazing pastor and longtime colleague of mine. She was born in the Congo, but has been serving in Texas for a long time. Kabamba will be joining our staff in June. We welcome her and her extensive gifts in ministry that will truly bless us all. I am also excited to share that our extensive search for Taylor's replacement has yielded a gifted and enthusiastic new director in M.J. Gallop. He is originally from Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College and Baylor University. He was an overwhelming choice to join us after a nationwide search.

As we celebrate the lives of those who have gone onto the church triumphant and deal with the immense level of change among us, I pray that we will be part of God's continuing transformative work among us and through us. I am focusing on embracing and welcoming the opportunities associated with the change that is evident all around us. I am praying that we will seek to be actively part of this work of God, consoling the bereaved, assisting the disoriented, and fortifying the faithful as we reach out to the lost.

I am excited to make this journey with each of you. See you at church!

Welcome to Kabamba, our new Assoc. Pastor!



J. Kabamba Kiboko was the first clergywoman to be ordained elder (1983) in the Southern Congo Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church. She has cross-cultural educational and pastoral experiences in both the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in the United States. She transferred her membership to the Texas Conference in 2003. She has served in the Texas Conference since 1991: Pastor of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Hempstead, 2003-present; Navasota Circuit, 1998-2003; Calvert Circuit, 1991-1992. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, she served as Associate Pastor of Jerusalem United Methodist Church (largest congregation in the episcopal area), 1981-1986.

She holds her Ph.D. in Biblical Interpretation (Old Testament) from the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology Joint Ph.D. Program (2010), M.Div from Iliff School of Theology (1995), M.Th from Perkins School of Theology (1991), B.A. from Drake University (1988), B.Div from Institut Supérieur de Théologie, Mulungwishi, DRC (1981).

She also served as Mission Interpreter & Liaison for the Southern Congo/Zambia Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church since 1986 and as a translator for the General Conference of the United Methodist Church (English-Swahili-French) since 1996. She is co-author with D. Halverson and L. Warner of *Women Called to Ministry: A Six-Session Study for the United Methodist Church* (United Methodist Church, 2007), author of "Sharing Power: An Autobiographical View," in *Talitha Cum! Theologies of African Women* (ed. N. J. Njoroge and M. W. Dube; Cluster, 2001), and currently revising her dissertation, "Divination in 1 Samuel 28: An African Study in the Politics of Translation," for publication.

J. Kabamba Kiboko is happily married to Kalamba Kilumba, Director of Wesley Foundation at Prairie View A & M University and have three children: Sylvie (adopted when she was 2 weeks old), Dyese, and Tasha.

Kabamba's first Sunday with us will be June 12th. We are excited to have her on staff at Holy Covenant - be sure to introduce yourself to her and give her a warm Holy Covenant welcome!

!Vamos!

From June 10-18th, a team of thirteen will make our way to the South America, to learn about God and God's people there. Our team will be serving in the Andes of Peru, in a city called Huancayo. There, we will work with a small church on the outside of town to do some construction on their property. We will also be spending some good time with the children, singing and playing with them, as well as feeding them.

We are going to Peru because the pastor we are working with was one of my supervisors during a seminary internship. When I was a young seminarian, César Llanco and his wife, Karina, were my pastors. They helped me to hear my calling into ministry by walking with me as I attempted to navigate this life in ministry in Peru. They serve their community with a kind of selflessness that hope to emulate in my own life. They and their sons have made it their life's work to spread the good news of Jesus Christ by loving people well. I am so excited to share these friends with our mission team, and I pray that we will learn how to be more faithful disciples through our journey there.

I ask for your prayers as we spend June 10th-June 18th in Peru. Please pray for our safety, for our ability to be flexible when plans change, for our health, and most importantly for our spirits, as we serve alongside God's children in Peru. Thank you for loving and supporting us.

Paz,
Stephanie



Rev. Stephanie
and Friends

More on Missions

Golbow Tutoring winds down for the semester with about 18 happy children thanks to our group of 6-8 tutors from Holy Covenant who donated their time to read and do homework with our neighboring children. The goodie bags made at our *One Hour of Sharing Mission Day* were also eagerly received by these anxious children. Thanks to all who participated in this program with a special thanks to Kerrin Browning for all of her coordination.

Katy Christian Ministries (KCM) Support

- Volunteer opportunities are available on the KCM website at www.ktcm.org or by contacting Michelle Johns at michelle.johns@ktcm.org.
- Current Food Pantry Needs - coffee, jello, toothbrushes, baby wipes, dry laundry detergent, Mac-n-cheese, canned fruit, mayonnaise, Ritz crackers, pancake mix & syrup, dish soap, spam, ketchup

Gas Cards ranging from \$10 - \$25 are always needed to assist the Social Service clients.

Please contact **Twillia Oman** or **Nancy Krahel**, (KCM's Board of Directors representing Holy Covenant) with any questions you may have about KCM.

Change the World Weekend - Holy Covenant so graciously responded to the focus on World Hunger by the TX Annual Conference, by making manna bags for the homeless. Many thanks to all of you who participated in this event by trying to stomp out hunger in our community, one bag at a time.

Ongoing Missions - Remember to bring in your **COUPONS** for the military families and place in the envelope on the Missions Bulletin Board. **ALUMINUM TABS** and **OLD EYE-GLASSES** can also be recycled in bins located in the church office mail room.

June Mission Teams - Please keep those going on mission trips this month in your prayers for safety, guidance, endurance, peace and joy!

- Peru - Adult Mission Trip - June 10-18
- JUMP - Youth Mission Trip - June 20-24

Pregnancy Help Center Annual Baby Bottle Blessing

Be on the look out for Baby Bottles as we continue our annual drive collecting change between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Pick up your bottles on Covenant Walk and place your spare change inside (bills or checks are accepted also). Return them to the church by Father's Day (look for laundry hampers on Covenant Walk or in church office). For more information, contact Anita Bradford at perdy@hotmail.com or Sheila Bradford at sheilabradford@swbell.net.

Prayer Partners

Thank you to all who signed up to be a prayer partner for our summer missionaries. Your prayers and notes of encouragement are greatly appreciated!

Live B.I.G. Children's Sunday School



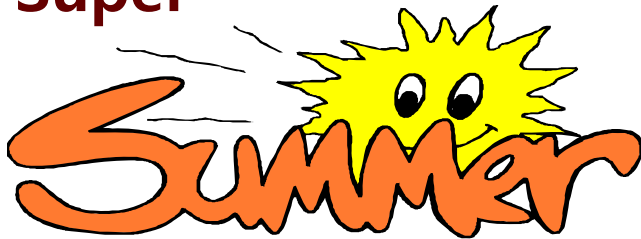
The B.I.G. Idea for June: We believe that miracles show us the power of God.

June's Bible verse: "Praise our God! His deeds are wonderful, too marvelous to describe."

Junes' B.I.G. Theme: Great are the works of the Lord.

By exploring the stories of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with the lunch of one small boy, healing a lame man and a blind man, the children will be learning that Jesus' actions showed God's power and helps people know that God cares about their needs.

Super



Fun Day!

Grab your beach towel and sunscreen and join us for Super Summer Fun Day at Holy Covenant. You can cool off by riding on the Wild Rapids or slipping and sliding on the giant, inflatable Slip and Slide. The younger kids will enjoy the Kid-die Car Wash.

July 14 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and we will provide lemonade and sno cones.

Youth Lunch Bunch

**June 16 - Double Dave's
Pizza**

Mason Rd/Highland Knolls

**June 23 - Sonic
Mason Rd**

**June 30 - Skeeters
Mason Rd/Highland Knolls**

**Meet at the restaurant at 11:00am;
Fellowship and games to follow at
HCUMC**

We are dedicated to modeling the genuine love of Jesus Christ through authentic worship, active discipleship, caring fellowship and sacrificial service for the purpose of



Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

Sunday School All-youth worship begins at 9:45am. Jr. High and Sr. High classes divide immediately following announcements and **worship** (don't forget to sign in)

Music Ministry News

MorningSong
Many voices. One song.

Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir, but just can't commit to rehearsal night? Then join us in the month of June as we form the choir Morning-Song!

Here's how it will work: each week in the month of June, we will meet 45 minutes before the 8:30 and 11:00 services and put together an easy piece of music. Anyone of any age with any musical ability is welcome to join us as we form a new choir each and every week!

Contact Steve Jones for more information.

Holy Covenant UMC Womans Ministries Presents:

H.O.P.E

Healthy Options + Prayer & Encouragement

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Luke 10:27

WHAT WOMEN WANT - The Women's Ministry at Holy Covenant would like to know women's answers to this question to expand and energize this area for our congregation and for this community. A survey is now online on our website at www.holycov.org.

Israel Trip with St Paul's UMC

St Paul's UMC of Houston is taking a trip to Israel **January 19 – 29, 2012**. This is a spiritual and study-filled pilgrimage that will include lots of off-the-beaten-path excursions. If you have any interest in participating in this trip, please contact Rev. Stephanie Lind for more details. (The trip is led by Rev. Emily Chapman of St. Paul's UMC).

Get Out Your Calendars! Great Summer Trips Ahead!



You won't want to miss these opportunities to be part of Young At Heart's travels, so get out that calendar and mark these dates now:

Monday, June 27th, marks a return to Galveston, one of the favorite "haunts" for YAH. This time we'll be touring the *Galveston Harbor* via a chartered tour boat complete with a guide to explain all the sights. After the boat ride, it's off to "*Shrimp and Stuff*" for some great gulf seafood and then a short tour around the city to take a look at many of the magnificent sculptures carved from some of the oak trees that failed to survive Hurricane Ike.



Saturday, July 24th: Another return trip! This time to the quaint *Crichton Theater* in Conroe for a performance of the classic show, Meredith Wilson's "*The Music Man*"! Italian will be the featured fare for dinner, so bring along a healthy appetite!

Saturday, August 27th, it's brand new destination: Young at Heart will travel to College Station for a tour of the *Messina Hof Winery* and lunch in their award-winning restaurant.

Still not enough for your travel plans? Well, add this one too:

Saturday, September 24th and it's back to *Gruene, Texas*! Plenty of time to shop or just roam around town, poke through some of the antique shops and/or take a look at one of the oldest dance halls in Texas, *Gruene Hall*. Top it off with lunch at *The Gristmill* and you've got the "makings" of a great Saturday!

In addition to all these trips and activities, we'll be meeting for our "potluck" luncheons on the third Wednesday of each month, so join us in Covenant Hall, bring a dish to share and enjoy the fun.

Come make new friends, renew old acquaintances and join the fun as we celebrate life together!

[Life Line Screening Event - Wednesday, July 20, 2011](#)

Once again, the Young @ Heart is sponsoring Life Line Screening to come and perform some non-invasive preventive health screenings that are not typically a part of a routine physical. These screenings include: carotid artery blockage (stroke); atrial fibrillation; abdominal aortic aneurysm; peripheral arterial disease; and osteoporosis (bone loss).

Pre-registration is required: go to www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners, or you can call 1-800-324-1851.

Life Line Screening is presented by Memorial Hermann.

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Meeting the Needs of People with the
Power of Christ



Holy Covenant United Methodist Church provides a friendly, family environment for worship, Christian education, fellowship, and outreach. Guests and members alike often comment on the immediate, comfortable acceptance they feel at Holy Covenant, as well as the care and compassion that they find amongst our membership. Our congregation is known for its strong reliance upon prayer, upon the study of God’s Word, and upon the transformational power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Our mission at Holy Covenant is “Meeting the Needs of People with the Power of Christ.” We believe that the true strength and nature of any church is to be a fellowship of adults, youth and children who use their talents and faith for the causes of Jesus Christ. We invite you to come and to join us as you claim your place in ministry, feed your soul, make Christian friends, and celebrate the Love of God!

THE BODY OF CHRIST IN ACTION

We want to thank our church family from the bottom of our hearts for being the hands and feet of Jesus. After our Mom, Hennie Thomas, had her surgery, she was told she would need to follow up with 28 radiation treatments. Well, Brenda Terry took it upon herself to organize transportation for Mom to and from her treatments BEFORE we could even think about asking for assistance!!! We are so grateful to all those who provided that transportation (some multiple times) and those who were willing to do so, but were not able to because the slots were already filled. We are truly blessed that our treasure of a Mom came through her surgery with flying colors and endured her treatments with minimal side effects. And we are doubly blessed to have a church family that cares so lovingly for us as well! God bless you all!!!

Kathy and Lindsay Fraser and all the Fraser Clan!

Thank you to our church family.

The love and caring that surrounded our families has supported and sustained us through this most difficult time. We all knew how much we love Jerry but were overwhelmed at the love you showed for him.

The food was really appreciated since I’m not enthused about cooking at the best of times. All our families were amazed at how much you all brought to the house and how nice the reception was after the memorial service.

All the cards and notes were so thoughtful and warm.

Just know that we love you all.

Ruth Newhouse, Ben, Carrie, Rebecca and Sara