



The Messenger

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Show Us the Way . . . A Labyrinth Reflection

When we brought our daughter Charlotte up to church recently, to walk the labyrinth, I told her we are going to take a walk and talk to God in our own way today. While Traci and I were busy removing our shoes, Charlotte took one step into the labyrinth, then decided today she would forge her own path, and took off whispering her prayers along the way.

When Traci and I entered the labyrinth, I enjoyed the silence. I am always struck by the warm peace I feel when I am blessed with moments of silence. I symbolically walked and could not help but think about others who have literally walked to find a better life for their families, or to escape a dangerous situation with nothing. I am inspired when I reflect on how many people walk directly towards danger everyday to help others in need. I find myself asking if what I do on the outside matches how I feel in my heart. So, I ask God for peace, healing, and acceptance for all and to keep guiding my feet forward today and always.

As Traci and I made our way out of the labyrinth, we found Charlotte smiling and watching us. We knelt down on her level, and said a prayer together, then left full of gratitude for this time in a place we love.

Rush-Morton family

The Laurel Heights labyrinth is for all ages. Available by reservation on Sundays from 8 am to 10 am and 4 pm to 6 pm during the season of Lent, it can be accessed through the 2nd floor Youth Center Entrance located on the west/east side of the building off the Belknap/Mistletoe parking lot. Greeters will be at those doors to show you the way to the labyrinth. Call the church office at 210-733-7156 or click on the link below to make a reservation:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c49afad23a64-walk>

Worship Watch Party

Hosted by
Paul Escamilla and Laura Healy



We are sharing the online worship service together on Facebook. Join us this Sunday morning at 11 am by clicking on the link below:

To join Facebook Worship Watch Party, click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC>

Any questions, please call the church office at 210-733-7156.



 **LAUREL HEIGHTS**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS

Season 2 Video

laurelheights.org/come-and-see

Next video will be April 17

Come and See What God Has Done was an idea born from dreams of the Laurel Heights congregation.

This 25-minute online service is meant to meet us where we are, in our homes, in our joys, in our doubts, and invite us into a story without end, where we are caught by the One who first held us, refreshed, and released to breathe in beauty and breathe out peace. You are invited. Always. Without end. Amen.

View the video @ LaurelHeights.Org *Come and See* webpage and Laurel Heights UMC Facebook.

Catch the follow up podcast with Rev. Wyndee Holbrook and Patrice Law
LaurelHeights.Org • Apple Podcast • Spotify • Stitcher • Google Podcast

Show us the way . . .

**Walk the Labyrinth Sundays during Lent
March 28
8-10 AM & 4-6 PM by reservation**

**The Laurel Heights United Methodist Church Gym (2nd Floor)
227 W. Woodlawn Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212**

**Make your reservation today 210-733-7156 or
Click on the link below to make your reservation:**

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Wednesday Prayer Gathering

March 24

from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Though scattered, we are gathered in prayer in the name
of the One from whose love nothing can separate us.

Click on this link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/130214408>

OR

Call (346) 248-7799, and when prompted,
enter the Meeting ID: 130 214 408

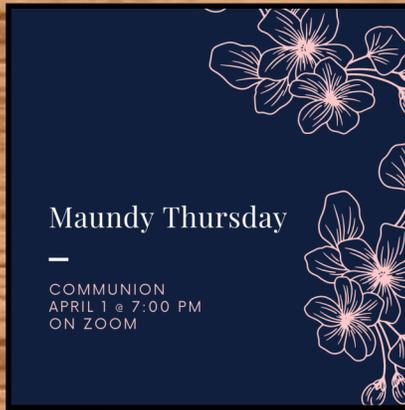


*A time to
to pray for one another
and the world...*



March 27 Saturday
 Walk Through Holy Week story video posted online at 4 pm

March 28 Palm Sunday
 Palm Sunday worship service posted online



April 1 Maundy Thursday
 Holy Communion on Zoom at 7 pm
 Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98525289724>

7:30 pm Stripping of the Altar, also on Zoom,
 hosted by Rev. Paul Escamilla
 This service is available throughout the day



April 2 Good Friday
 Tre Ore Noon to 3 pm LHUMC sanctuary
 With music presented at each half hour, readings,
 and self-guided meditation; come and go

Pre-recorded Good Friday service available throughout the day



April 4 Easter Sunday
 7 am Sunrise Service on the church roof (reservation)
 11 am Gather on Rowe Plaza for a 30 minute worship service
 A full-length Easter service is available throughout the day



Thursday, March 25 – SUPER ADULT DAY

We'll say farewell to March as it goes out like a lamb. Another outdoor meeting. Wish for a Texas Spring Day* and meet on the Woodlawn Parking Lot. *Texas Spring: Hot – Warm – Cold – Rain – Snow – who knows? As the saying goes "if you don't like the weather in Texas, wait a minute."

BINGO returns at 10:30!!

Bring a flat surface (cutting board) to lay your cards on. Bring the usual White Elephants; however, there'll be no stealing this time in view of the need for social distancing.



Lunch is served at 11 o'clock with our traditional Lenten Menu:

Fruit Salad Macaroni and Cheese Souffle
Baguette Lemon Bar
Cost \$6.00

This being Spiritual Wellness Month, Dr. Mark Doty will speak on Spiritual Health. Everyone will receive a Palm Branch to wave next Sunday (Palm Sunday) and a smile to place over your mask in observance of International Month of Mirth. Let us know if you'd like to share your favorite joke – (clean).

Call Susan at 210-872-8031 to make your reservation.



cam
christian
assistance
ministry

Our Mission of the Month for March is Christian Assistance Ministry

CAM has been one of our ongoing missions ever since it was founded by nine downtown churches in 1977, including Laurel Heights. With one location downtown on McCullough and a northwest location on DeZavala, CAM's mission is "to share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis." This year they have been called on doubly to do that as families cope with the pandemic and more recently suffered through one of the most devastating freezes in Texas history. CAM's work is nothing short of inspiring, and our congregation continues to play an important role.

This year, in addition to our financial gifts, we are supporting their Soles 4 Souls shoe drive.

We will be accepting donations of new or gently used casual or athletic shoes for men, women and children (please, no dress shoes or heels) **through Sunday, March 28th.**

Baskets will be placed just inside the Woodlawn entrance to collect donations.



Giving to Laurel Heights

Online Gifts: Please visit our website,

<https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Text to Give:

Please text "LHUMC" to 73256.

Checks: Please mail to

LHUMC, Attn: Bookkeeper 227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212.

Thank you, Laurel Heights, for your faithfulness in giving.

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts



United Methodist Women

In memory of
Ellen Gunn

Given by Bill and Ellen Myers

In memory of
Curtis Gunn

Given by Bill and Ellen Myers

In memory of
Bob Walden

Given by Bill and Ellen Myers

Mary Blackford Scholarship Fund

In memory of
Bob Walden

Given by Vicki Ferguson

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In honor of

Rev. Escamilla and LHUMC Staff
Given by Bobby and Irene Ojeda

Easter Lily Order Form

I/We wish to make a donation of \$15 to help purchase an Easter lily plant to beautify the sanctuary.

This gift is given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Payments accepted online or by check. To purchase online, go to www.onrealm.org/LaurelHeightsUn/give/now

Use the Fund dropdown box to select "Easter Lilies" and write your dedication in the memo line.

To purchase by check, make your check made payable to Laurel Heights UMC and write "Lily" in the memo line.

Mail this form together with your check to LHUMC, Attn: Bookkeeper, 227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212.

Please submit by March 30.



March 26—April 1

3/26

Merrick Lange
Wesley Shearrer

3/29

Jackson Hedgepeth

3/30

Leona Coker

3/31

Mike McGlone

4/1

Judy Geerdes

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Tony Arredondo, Josh Benninger (*Susan Holloway*), Betty Benson, Judy Davis, Marvin Gregory (*Carrie Clemens*), Katy (*Beth Thomas*) Lucien Manchester, Shelley McMullen, May O’Neal, Richard Parrigan, Bob Riddle, Doug Semmes, Stephen (*Aubrey Reichman*),

God’s Presence: for our country, parents, teachers and students both face to face and remote, those affected by the COVID-19 virus and their families, as well as for the caregivers and researchers working to treat those affected and combat the spread of the disease; homebound members, the incarcerated, and women and men in our military.



NEW BABY

Anaiah and Joseph Montaño are happy to announce the arrival of Yadiél Beatriz Montaño Sunday, March 14



Lord, in your mercy, hear our PRAYER

You can offer a prayer of gratitude or concern by emailing prayers@mylhumc.org, through [Facebook Messenger](#), or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.



Contact Us

To reach the office staff by phone, please call (210) 733-7156.

For an appointment with Yvonne Garcia, RN, our Wesley Nurse, please call (210) 272-7921.



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