



# The Messenger

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## Show Us the Way . . . A Labyrinth Reflection

Our two boys thought that labyrinth meant maze. They couldn't wait to step into the long missed but not at all forgotten gym at church! They were so excited that they even talked my mother, their grandmother, into coming with us. Then we walked into an unlit gym. The boys immediately ran to the labyrinth and Merrick confessed he thought it would be more like a corn maze that had walls he had to walk through in which he couldn't see the path as a whole. We commented about how quiet it was and how usually they are playing with balls "that live in this closet right here" (showing my mom). We all recognized and processed in a few breaths the change this last year has brought--our disappointments, redirected hopes and blessings. We recalibrated what this year means now. Then one rushed to the activity, one needed to read the instructions, one just sat, one was contemplating the candle wall, and one simply observed.

As we have also learned this year, there is no one right way. The same is true for the labyrinth and what your heart might be needing. Walking the labyrinth (which is a mat for any others hoping for a maze!) guides you to the center of the mat and back out by way of long straight easy passages and then quick and multiple twists and turns. Maybe you think about what's been heavy for you this past year, or the three striking images that have been positioned at the side of the labyrinth for meditation, one of which might speak a special message to you. Our oldest said he liked the image of the boat because you can always find a path out of the storm, it just doesn't look like it while you are in it. We can't all continually have this optimism, but we do have God to lean on when we lose our strength, our way, our optimism. I feel like we all took away more than we expected to from our few minutes at church. Likewise, maybe will you gain nothing more than a joyful few minutes being at church and changing up your routine; but be open, give it a try and see what you find. You never know until you try it!



*Kiley Lange*

The Laurel Heights labyrinth is for all ages. It is located in the gym during the season of Lent, and available by reservation on Sundays from 8 am to 10 am and 4 pm to 6 pm. 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 zoom. Join us this Sunday morning at 11 am by clicking on the link below.

To join Zoom Worship Watch Party, click here:

<https://zoom.us/j/93061803014?pwd=ZkpTeHFpMEJ2L294SFBSYjFjWkpOQT09>

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

# Thank you, Laurel Heights!




Here is a picture of the many jars of peanut butter and cans of chili that were donated by members of Laurel Heights UMC and Super Adults. It was all delivered to an area school for distribution to families with food insecurity before Spring Break. This was a project of the Neighborhood Faith Convening group of which LHUMC is a participating member.



# *Show us the way...*

**Walk the Labyrinth Sundays during Lent  
February 21 - March 28  
8-10AM & 4-6PM by reservation**

**The Laurel Heights United Methodist Church Gym (2<sup>nd</sup> 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:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c49afad23a64-walk>

## *Lord, in your mercy, hear our PRAYER*

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



Dear Laurel Heights congregation,

On behalf of the Laurel Heights Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I want to thank you for your participation in our Staff Appreciation emphasis this past month. You have been so generous in responding to that invitation to affirm our hard-working staff for all they do for us, and with us - particularly in this challenging time. Besides the many cards and notes, calls and emails they received from many of you, as well as a care package with home-baked goodies from our SPRC, we collected from the congregation just over \$4500 to be distributed to staff members as a love offering.

Thank you, church, for your generous and heartfelt support. It has been well received and deeply appreciated.

Ann McGlone,  
chair, SPRC

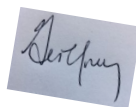
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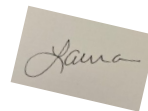
Elizabeth

Paul



Jim

Susan



Yvonne



## Communion Sunday Via Zoom

Each household will be encouraged to bring elements to this gathering—bread, and juice or wine—and to partake of these during the time of table sharing, each in our own location.

Click on this link to join the service of Holy Communion  
<https://zoom.us/j/98525289724>

or

Call (346)248-7799, and when prompted  
enter the Meeting ID: 985 2528 9724

**Sunday**

**March 7**

**5 p.m.**

# Welcome, Shelly!

Shelly Kennerdell has joined the Laurel Heights staff in a temporary, part-time capacity as an assistant to Elizabeth Jackson and Paul Escamilla. Shelly will be in the office approximately ten hours a week assisting with programming and on-site management projects. Shelly has deep experience in church work, having served at both the Rio Texas Conference office and University United Methodist Church. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Shelly and her husband, Toby, make their home in the NW side of San Antonio.



You might cross Shelly's path very soon  
—she's a very good volunteer recruiter!

Welcome, Shelly!

## Our Mission of the Month for March is Christian Assistance Ministry



**cam**  
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 28<sup>th</sup>.**



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





## Easter Lily Order Form

I/We wish to make a donation of \$15 to help purchase an Easter lily plant to decorate and 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](http://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.



### General Fund

In honor of  
LHUMC Clergy and Staff  
Given by Vicki Ferguson

## Memorial and Honorarium Gifts

In memory of  
Ginna Lynd  
Given by Teresa Garces



### Music Fund

In memory of  
Marjorie Parrigan  
Given by Ann Wheeler

### Super Adults

In honor of  
Henry and Susan Holloway  
Given by Vicki Ferguson

## 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.*

## Wednesday Prayer Gathering

March 3

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...*

## ZOOM BOOK STUDY ON GILEAD

March 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98154876717>

OR

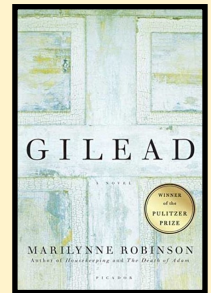
Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 981 5487 6717

Read for discussion:

March 7: Pages 186-247

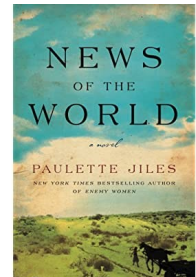


**SUPER ADULTS —All are Welcome!**

**Monday, March 8 at 10 a.m. – Book Discussion by Zoom**

Let Susan know you want to attend & she'll send you an invitation, call 210-872-8031.

Now it's a movie, but before that it was an excellent book, *News of the World*, by Paulette Jiles. This beautifully written novel, set in 1870, is the story of a somewhat embittered 71-year-old Captain Kidd who travels through Texas after the Civil War, reading the news of the world to those who have no access to newspapers. He is confronted with the need to return a 10 year old girl to her family. Johanna was kidnapped from her family by a band of Kiowa Indians when she was an infant. Now, the Kiowa want to return her, but she knows no other life. The 400 mile journey from Wichita Falls to Castroville is dangerous, but the captain and the young girl forge a bond that is the difference between life and death.





### March 5—March 11

3/5  
Glynis Hayes

3/7  
Marvin Huth

3/8  
Mary Hawkins

3/11  
Ellen Evans  
Allen Myers

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Healing:** Tony Arredondo, Josh Benninger (*Susan Holloway*), Betty Benson, Ellen Berky, Whit Birdsong (*Kitty Grantham*), Alex Campbell and family, Chelsea (*WDS teacher*), Judy Davis, Marvin Gregory (*Carrie Clemens*), Sucie Henderson (*Bill Myers*), Jim and Brandon Lloyd (*Jeanette Morton*), Lucien Manchester, Shelley McMullen, May O’Neal, Richard Parrigan, Bob and Cheri Riddle, Doug Semmes.

**Those Who Mourn:**  
Molly Walden on the death of her husband, Robert “Bob” Walden;  
Thad Dorsey on the death of his sister, Gena Lewis.

**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.



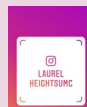
### What’s the bravest sermon our pastor ever preached?

Come and listen in on a conversation as our Pastor in Residence, Rev. Wyndee Holbrook, interviews Rev. Paul L. Escamilla, Senior Pastor at Laurel Heights UMC. Learn about God’s work in Paul’s life before he was even born and insights from his journey leading to this Lenten season.

Listen across our podcast platforms, or on our website by following this link:  
<https://www.laurelheights.org/sermons/come-and-see/>

### 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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