



The Messenger

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New beginnings

The season of Easter is opening out in new and promising ways at Laurel Heights. Among the ministries emerging this spring:

- **Sunday morning worship in the Sanctuary** continues to find its new rhythms and expressions as we learn how to navigate the already-not-yet dimensions of this season. Plans are to share Holy Communion in worship the first Sunday in June.
- **Come and See worship** begins in June on Rowe Plaza, inviting us to worship in an outdoor setting that lends itself to such gatherings; 30-minutes in length, and family-friendly
- **Come and See podcast interview with Ryan Campen** is featured this weekend, available through our website. **The Come and See online worship gathering** will premiere on May 22. Byrd Bonner brings a stirring message on the theme, "Restore."
- **Sunday school groups** are finding their way back to the campus for in-person and hybrid formats. (Youth had thirteen in attendance Sunday!) Check out opportunities to join a Sunday morning group for study and sharing.
- **Project Transformation** begins next month, with Laurel Heights hosting children who are improving their reading skills and enjoying a day of nutrition and recreation on our campus. **Family Service Days** are being scheduled for later this month to help us get ready to welcome our summer friends.
- **Vacation Bible School**, scheduled for July 12-16, will take us to medieval times as we learn the stories and songs of our faith in fun and formative ways. Volunteers of all kinds will be needed!
- **Laurel Heights Pop-Up Vaccination Site** is slated for Thursday, May 20th from 9 to 3. *Sign up to get vaccinated!!* Volunteers are also needed.
- **Vision and Values** are being explored by the Administrative Council and its various ministry groups and committees. Among the values identified as central to our congregational life: open doors; discipleship/growth; connections/relationships/family; worship; and tradition. Join the Council Saturday, May 22nd, at 10 a.m. for further conversation about plans and possibilities.



I look forward to sharing with you, and meeting new friends, in our renaissance season. Join me as we discover paths toward faithful practices old and new.

Grace and peace.

Sunday May 16 in the sanctuary at 11 am

for a reservation call 210-733-7156 or click on

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c49afad23a64-lhumc1>

Sunday May 16 In-Person worship in the sanctuary at 11 am

Masks are required
and social distancing
Nursery care
will be available
from 9:30 am -12:30 pm



The service will be
live streamed
at 11 am on [church website](#)
& Facebook and will remain
available
to view afterward.

for a reservation call 210-733-7156 or click on
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c49afad23a64-lhumc1>

Sunday School Classes Sunday, May 16 10 am to 10:45 am

Children: Gym

We will be using a one-room-schoolhouse model in the gym for pre-school through 5th grade. We will gather, hear a story together and then participate in some enriching activities. Please pick up your child or children by at 10:45.

Junior and Senior High Youth: Youth Lounge Room 321

Serhat Guven and Marisa Parker will be leading them.

Believers' Class: Room 312—starts at 9:30 am

Epworth Class: Parlor

Fighting Lions Class: Room 201

Everywoman's Class: Laurel Room

Pathfinders Class: Dining Room



Nursery care
from 9:30 am
to 12:30 pm

Wednesday Prayer Gathering May 12

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.

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

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





Restore

Hear the podcast interview with Ryan Campen this weekend and catch the worship service video premiere on Saturday, May 22 @ 6:00 p.m.

Come and See
LIVE
begins June 6
at 9:00 a.m.
on Rowe Plaza

*“The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.”*

Psalm 23 is the guiding text for the next *Come and See* worship experience, **Restore**. What special meaning does this Psalm hold for you?

[Hear testimony from Victoria Hartson on what Psalm 23 has meant for her.](#)



YES we hear you!

For those who are ready to return to church in person, but are not quite ready to be inside for worship, *Come and See Live* begins on Sunday June 6 from 9-9:30 a.m. Come one come all, regardless of reason, to worship outdoors on Rowe Plaza with our church family as we welcome our neighbors.

The Plaza is the perfect shady spot to gather in lawn chairs and engage our senses in the beauty of God’s Word and world as a gathered community. On June 6 we’ll hear a reflection on scripture from Victoria Hartson and David Lindquist will lead us in song!

You are invited. Always.
We look forward to worshiping with you.

Missions Corner

MAY: MISSION OF THE MONTH

Our Mission of the Month is Church under the Bridge. Contact Julie Mazel for more information at 210-319-0356 about food donations.

While financial contributions are always welcome, these items are always needed - **new socks or underwear** for men and women (in all sizes).

Drop off your donations of **socks or underwear** at the following locations:

Church Under the Bridge

724 Chestnut

San Antonio TX 78202

Tues., Thurs. and Sun. after 4pm.



There are collection baskets just inside the Woodlawn door for Church Under the Bridge socks and underwear donations.

FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

We are getting ready for **Project Transformation** and we have supplies that need to be sorted!

Bring your whole family and help us get ready for summer.

Contact Laura Healy lhealy@mylhumc.org

to schedule a time to help out!



The next Early Response Team (ERT) Basic class is scheduled at Shiner UMC on May 22, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Early Response Teams assist disaster survivors in a variety of ways, and anyone over 18 years old is eligible to serve. No experience necessary! For more information or to register go to: <https://riotexasresponse.org/ert-basic>

For questions or concerns, please contact Ginnie Street, Rio Texas Conference Disaster Response Training Coordinator at 512-203-7730 or training@riotexasresponse.org

GET YOUR SHOT



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Free to All

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

Thursday, May 20

9 am to 3 pm

The Laurel Heights Pharmacy will be offering the Moderna vaccination for covid-19 at the church. This is for everyone in the community. Please let your neighbors know if they are needing the vaccination. For more information or questions, please contact our Wesley Nurse, Yvonne Garcia at 210-272-7921.

Volunteers are needed to help folks fill out the paperwork.



Susan Holloway Director of Super Adults

Though born in Ft. Worth, Texas I was raised in San Antonio. I graduated from Alamo Heights High School and Trinity University and did graduate work at the University of Texas in Austin.

I grew up at Laurel Heights UMC, joining with my family in 1950. I was baptized, confirmed and married here. Henry and I raised our two children here, Stephen and Jennifer. When Henry retired from Laurel Heights after 40 years as Director of Music and Super Adults, I took the job of Director of Super Adults. My job includes arranging programs for monthly meetings and in normal times cooking two meals a month for these meetings. I also regularly call the Friendship Group Chairmen and members. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 23 years in this position learning a great deal from this delightful group of people.



In pre-pandemic years I spent a lot of time on charter buses, taking groups around Texas, the US and even to foreign places. Another job I loved. We are just beginning to revive this part of the Super Adult Program.

We are very fortunate that our two children, Stephen and his wife Carrie and Jennifer and her husband Steve and our four grandchildren, James and Sarah, Isabella and Henry all live in San Antonio and we are privileged to see them often. One of our blessings in the last few years has been to often pick them up from school. During the pandemic we began delivering Starbucks treats to each family once a week, visiting in the front yard.

I love to read, knit, do needlepoint and garden. We have a large extended family that we are lucky to be in touch with and are grateful for many friends at Laurel Heights.

SAVE *the* DATE

JULY 12-16



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Limited registration.

Please register by July 1st

Questions? Email Meaghan Rohlfs



Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10



If you would like to listen,
learn and enjoy
the VBS music before July,
click on the link below!



<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9tsWmaf3GQ32ZXnznkGoah-boABf-vPc>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Memorial and
Honorarium
Gifts*



General Fund

In honor of
David and Katie Lindquist and their work with the
Children's Choir
Given by Ryan and Tanya Campen

Music Fund

In memory of
Carolyn Kerrigan
Given by Dr. Jan Garverick

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.**

CLETUS

RELATIONSHIPS GROW

leaders emerge

COMMUNITIES CHANGE



**Help us get ready for in-person
Project Transformation at Laurel Heights this summer!
*Project Transformation begins June 21st!***

[Connect with Laura Healy](#) to coordinate a drop-off time
or bring your whole family up to the church for a ***special mission
project*** to help us get our supplies in order!

CRAFT SUPPLIES

- Craft Paint & Paint Brushes
- Glitter/Glitter Pens
- Popsicle Sticks/Tongue Depressors
- Paper Plates & Food Coloring
- Fuzzy Craft Pom-Poms & Craft Feathers
- Crafting Pipe Cleaner
- Crafting Gems & Stickers
- Toothpicks

OUTDOOR SUPPLIES

- Hula Hoops
- Sports Balls
- Sand Pails
- Safety Cones
- Pool Noodles
- Reusable Water Bottles

Class of 2021



*Jason will be attending
A&M University*



*Ella will be attending
University of Texas*

As the end of the school year draws near, we are happy to recognize *Ella Sanders and Jason Salazar* as our graduating seniors for 2021.

If you would like to send a card or note to wish them well as they begin their next big adventure, please send them to the church office, 227 West Woodlawn San Antonio, TX 78212 to the attention of Laura Healy. We will gather up all your good wishes and congratulations and deliver them to Ella and Jason along with the traditional graduation gift from Laurel Heights!

Please send your notes and cards by May 26th for delivery!

Deadline to apply for LHUMC scholarships is May 15

We are accepting scholarship applications for the 2021-2022 school year through Saturday, May 15, 2021. Anyone seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree may apply. Scholarships through the church are not auto-renewing, which means current LHUMC scholarship recipients **must re-apply**.

For an application, contact the church office at 210-733-7156 or email ejackson@mylhumc.org



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.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Tony Arredondo,
Josh Benninger (*Susan Holloway*),
Bob (*Shelly Kennerdell*), Ted Bouteri (*Mark Doty*),
Judy Davis, Cheryl Dean (*Joe McMullen*),
Larry Howard, Lucien Manchester, Shelley McMullen,
Bryan Myers (*Bill Myers*), May O'Neal,
Alex Padgett (*Laurel Welch*), Richard Parrigan,
Paul Parsons (*Susan Holloway*), Doug Semmes.

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



May 13 to May 20

5/13

William Shearrer

5/14

Maddie Henry

5/15

Rebecca Castro
Thomas Guggolz
Jeanette Morton

5/16

Harrison Hedgepeth

5/17

Kenneth McFarland

5/18

Kay Jinks

5/19

Matthew Scott

5/20

Jerry Geerdes

*We don't want to leave anyone out!
Please notify the church office if you
don't see your name on the birthday list.*

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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