



The Messenger

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Grace notes and possibilities

A companion to our year of displacement and disarray has been a series of conversations and reflections on the collateral blessings that have emerged through this tumultuous experience. Early on we described these in small group gatherings as “grace notes and possibilities.” One tangible expression of creative promise emerging from the Covid experience was *Come and See*, an Advent/Christmas series of online worship settings that has reemerged this spring. *Come and See* will gather outdoors on Rowe Plaza on Sundays at 9 a.m. beginning in June for a half-hour services of worship.



Sue Hall has led the Administrative Council in exploring other such fresh expressions of programming and ministry in different facets of our life together. Among the relevant questions in this process: Who are we as a ministry or program group? And what is God calling us to do in this new season? On Saturday various groups will share their ideas and in some cases specific plans and newly initiated practices as these have emerged over the last year, or even the last few weeks.

That gathering is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday in a Zoom format—and you are invited! Whether you have been a part of these planning-and-proposing conversations or not, you are welcome to join the Council as ideas and proposals are shared.

The psalmist speaks of traveling through the valley of Baca, literally “the valley of weeping,” and discovering that it becomes a “place of streams” (Psalm 84:6). Did the tears from weeping create the streams? Perhaps. Even so, the desert has become a garden habitat. We have known such transformative power in the Covid year, God’s way of giving us beauty in place of ashes, the oil of joy for that of mourning (Isaiah 61:3).

Come and celebrate these divinely given gifts, these grace notes and possibilities for the emerging season of our life together at Laurel Heights. I hope to see you there!

Grace and peace.

LHUMC Administrative Council meeting
Saturday, May 22 at 10 am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92022122851?pwd=c2Nya1Q1QzJRZnNnZHNERjNRQXVIZz09>



Sunday May 23 In-Person worship in the sanctuary at 11 am

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

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.



Sunday School Classes Sunday, May 23 10 am to 10:45 am

Children: Gym

Junior and Senior High Youth: Youth Lounge Room 321

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

Epworth Class: Parlor

Everywoman's Class: Laurel Room

Fighting Lions Class: Room 201

Pathfinders Class: Dining Room



Wednesday Prayer Gathering

May 19

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

FAREWELL PLANNED FOR REV. JIM CARR

After many years as the Laurel Heights UMC minister of pastoral care, Rev. Jim Carr will retire at the end of May.

We will celebrate his tenure and express our deep appreciation with a love offering, cards, and other gifts.

If you wish to participate in that offering, direct your gift online or by check with "Rev. Jim Carr love offering" in the memo line. In the worship service on May 30, we will present Jim with a special gift.



Thursday, May 27 – SUPER ADULT DAY

Woodlawn Parking Lot.

10:30 am

Bingo at 10:30. Bring a board to put your cards on and wrapped White Elephants for prizes. Last month was a huge success with lots of prizes. Juanita Felder even got a pair of tap shoes. She's working on her routine. At 11 o'clock there'll be a May Pole for anyone who wishes to wind. C'mon! It's fun!

Also, Guest Artist, singer, Jennifer Holloway, will entertain as lunch is served. Geoffrey Waite at the piano. Always a treat!



On The Menu: Potato Salad Pita Pocket with Chicken & Avocado

Waffle Chips Chocolate Ice Box Pie

Cost for lunch, \$6.00

We only prepare for reservations. Call yours in by Noon, Tuesday @ 210-872-8031



Restore

Hear the podcast interview
with Ryan Campen at
https://www.laurelheights.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Come-and-See-May-2021_Ryan-Campen.mp3

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?
<https://vimeo.com/548506542>

Join us in worship this Saturday at
6:00 p.m. and hear from Byrd Bonner
on restoration, special music by David
Lindquist, Geoffrey Waite, and Max
Healy, and a beautiful scripture
reading done by the Hartson family.



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.

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.



Staff

Spotlight

Shelly Kennerdell

Administrative Assistant/Part time



My husband Toby and I are native Pittsburgh, Pennsylvanians! Twelve years ago, a new job opportunity for Toby brought us into the sunshine! We enjoy the rich history, the beautiful culture and especially the friendliness of the people of San Antonio!

Toby and I have known each other for 47 years, great friends in high school and married for 40 of those! When we left PA, we left two sons, Evan and Adam there in college. Upon college graduation, they followed us here in San Antonio to begin their lives! They are both married, and we have two lovely grandchildren. So blessed to have our tribe together!

By trade, I am a medical lab technician. After having our boys, I chose to be a stay home mom for the first several years. I recognized quickly that working shifts did not lend itself to healthy family life. At this point, I began working any job that would accommodate our family needs first. I have worked in the PA school system with special needs children, I have been a manager of a women's fitness facility and getting back to my medical roots worked in an ophthalmology and thoracic surgeon office. After joining University United Methodist Church, I took a job there as receptionist, moved into Care and Concern and then into Discipleship! God was not done with me yet! I then worked for the Rio Texas Conference for four years. I literally retired from there but once again, God took me by the collar and lead me here to Laurel Heights!

Thank you, Laurel Heights, for having me serve our Lord and community alongside you!

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

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

Finance Committee Update

Y-T-D 2021

Budget Receipts:	April	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$60,880.00	\$190,515.85
Other Receipts	\$39,154.45	\$57,162.54
Total Budget Receipts:	\$100,034.45	\$247,678.39
Total Budget Expenses:	\$71,253.51	\$254,118.56
Ahead (Behind):	\$28,780.94	(\$6,440.17)
Trustee Loan -2018		\$75,000.00
Paid 1/1/19		\$20,000.00
Balance Due:		\$55,000.00

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.*



Laurel Heights UMC in the



On May 9, Rev. Escamilla preached a sermon titled “Abiding love”. He spoke about a relative of someone in the congregation that had been stationed at Camp John Wise in 1918. The audio of his sermon can be found on our website at:

<https://www.laurelheights.org/sermons/abiding-love/>

The next week on May 15, an article was in the San Antonio Express News about Camp John Wise and it mentions Laurel Heights UMC in the article. Here is the link :

<https://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Camp-John-Wise-balloonists-rock-blocks-may-16179630.php>

This was in the history of Laurel Heights:

1917-18: World War I

Laurel Heights practically adopted the 2300 soldier at the Balloon School at Camp John Wise (McCullough Ave and Olmos Dr).

On Wednesdays, the young people of the church provided entertainment at the camp, Thursdays were designated for sewing and mending, and Friday nights the church was thrown open to the soldiers, who came in large numbers.



43rd Balloon Company at Camp John Wise

RELATIONSHIPS GROW *leaders emerge* COMMUNITIES CHANGE



Project
Transformation

Rio Texas

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!

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, Judy Davis,
Cheryl Dean (*Joe McMullen*), Larry Howard,
Trudy Kinnison, Lucien Manchester,
Shelley McMullen, Bryan Myers (*Bill Myers*),
May O'Neal, Alex Padgett (*Laurel Welch*),
Richard Parrigan, Paul Parsons (*Susan Holloway*),
Doug Semmes.

Those who Mourn: Judy Cernutte and family on the death
of her husband, Bill (*Janice Clayton*).

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 21 to May 28

5/23

Amy Caldwell
Henry Guven
Ella Sanders

5/24

Phifer Oleson

5/25

Julian Lopez

5/27

Bertha Basil
Nathan Garza

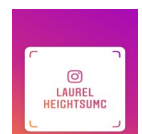
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Glynis Taylor

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.



www.LaurelHeights.org

Happy Birthday!

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