



The Messenger

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Hasten Slowly

The official motto of Rome's Emperor Augustus (27 B.C. to 14 A.D.) was *Festina Lente* (Hasten slowly), accompanied by an image expressing the same paradoxical idea: a dolphin coiled around an anchor. I think the saying fits our moment perfectly as we seek to move as briskly as possible toward a new normalcy while carefully pacing our progress in order to be safe and responsible.



Hurry up and lift all these wearisome restrictions; we are far overdue for getting back to normal.

Please exercise caution and deliberation in easing our protocols, as the pandemic is still a very real threat.

Hasten slowly . . .

A kind parishioner said to me this week that after all of this is over I could perhaps add this experience to my resumé: pandemic pastoral manager. Included in the skill set:

Experience driving a loaded church bus with one foot on the brake and the other on the accelerator.

Mainly what the resumé would describe is my experience of a gracious, patient, and sensible congregation maneuvering its way with me through the challenges of an enormously tragic global epidemic. It would speak of the many instances over the course of the pandemic in which our leadership wasn't at all certain how to lead the church deeper into the pathless wood except to hope and pray to arrive soon at a clearing. And it would surely speak of how God became more real and God's provision more evident for me and for us through this precarious journey. Sunday we will take yet another rabbit-fast-turtle-slow step toward new-normalcy. For the first time in over a year, masks will be recommended rather than required indoors at Laurel Heights. While many vaccinated persons—I among them—will choose to continue wearing a face covering at least for a time, we will expect that, as a matter of personal safety and community responsibility, any adults who choose not to wear a face mask will have been vaccinated; and that those adults not vaccinated for whatever reason will wear the face protection that safeguards both them and those in their vicinity. Clearly we will be employing the honor system, relying on each person present to make responsible choices. As we know, children among us are not yet able to receive the protection of a vaccination, placing a tremendous burden of responsibility on unvaccinated adults to continue to wear face coverings in public settings. Jesus reserved some of his most severe words for those who brought risk or injury to his "little ones" (Luke 17:1-2).

I pray along with you that the clearing in the pathless wood is near; that we are approaching a time when our community and country—and we deeply hope our world—will be delivered of this deadly threat. Meanwhile, we will hasten slowly, trusting one another to do the next right thing—which is to say, to love one another faithfully.

Grace and peace

**Come and See
Worship Gathering
on Rowe Plaza
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

Come and share worship
in the open air.
A reception will follow!

Nursery care
will be available
from 8:45 am -12:30 pm
**Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
Extra chairs will be available.*



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



**LAUREL HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, June 20

**Sunday School
for All Ages
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
(9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
for certain adult groups)**
Join a familiar group,
or discover a new circle
for study and friendship.

Nursery care
will be available
from 8:45 am -12:30 pm

Sanctuary Worship at 11:00 a.m.

No reservations are required
(Masks are encouraged)

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

Missions Corner



Mission of the month
for June



The Interfaith Welcome Coalition (IWC) is a faith-based movement meeting the changing needs of asylum seekers, refugees and at-risk immigrants in collaboration with others.

- Respond to the needs as they present themselves and as they change.
- Provide basic support to people on their journey.
- Educate and advocate to change the systems that impact immigrants.
- Pray in community.
- Currently help many asylum seekers.

The Interfaith Welcome Coalition Outreach Programs are supported by & supplement the other outreach programs they run. The outreach programs provide a warm, comforting welcome and invaluable resources to migrants who have escaped unimaginable dangers in their homeland and have been released from American detention centers.

Visit their website for Volunteer Opportunities:

<https://interfaithwelcomecoalition.org/>

Bus Station Outreach

Airport Outreach

Accompaniment

Lunch Outreach

Backpack Outreach

Help Create Manna Bags Sunday, June 27th during Sunday School

On Sunday, June 27th we will meet in the gym during the Sunday School hour to create manna bags to share with those in need! All are invited for a time of fellowship together, working to share the gifts that God has given us. This is one way we can love our neighbors!

Donations of individually wrapped snacks and 8 oz bottles of water can be dropped off in Laura Healy's office. For more information contact [Laura Healy](#).



Laura Marty Cantor



Hello! I am Laura Marty, and I have been active in the music community in San Antonio for over 35 years. Before joining the staff at Laurel Heights in May, 2020, I was a freelance flutist, soprano, accompanist, and clinician. I was also Director of the Holy Spirit Chorale at Holy Spirit Catholic Church through 2008, maintaining the music ministry budget, staff, and music liturgy during my tenure there.

With a degree in music performance (flute and classical guitar) from the University of Texas at San Antonio, Summa cum Laude, I have been a flute and flute choir instructor at Texas Lutheran University, the University of the Incarnate Word, and also privately. In addition, I have been a piano accompanist for UIL choral/instrumental competitions, and am also a jazz flutist and vocalist. Currently, I am the Artistic Director of the Chapel Choir of San Antonio—a non-profit children’s chorus in San Antonio (chapelchoirsa.org)—and still work as a freelance soloist/flutist and choir director.

Outside of music, I am a certified personal trainer specializing in Pilates and resistance training, and also enjoy herpetology, hiking, target practice, and fast cars. I have four children between the ages of 21 and 29—two girls and two boys (literally a quartet, as they sing soprano, alto, tenor, and bass)—who have become successful in cosmetology, digital video cinema production, wildlife biology, and computer science. I have been a vegetarian since 1988, and a free spirit since birth. And, of course, I have several cats, all local rescues.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

June 16

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





Thursday, June 24 – SUPER ADULT DAY

(Masks required except while eating)

We'll be meeting in the **Gym**. We're celebrating a little bit of Fiesta since it is in June this year. Wear your Fiesta Best. Come at 10:30 to play Bingo. Bring wrapped White Elephants for Prizes

Lunch today will again be served at your place at the table.

Menu

Guacamole Salad

Anticuchos

Chile Rice

Tortillas

Birthday Cake for all for dessert

Cost for lunch \$6.00

Reservation required. Call 210-872-8031.



The program today will be the sharing of something you have made or discovered during our enforced isolation. Perhaps something you've sewn or planted or painted or built. Bring it to "Show & Tell". Also, tell us about the books you've read, thoughts you've had, new habits (good ones) you have formed, etc.

Memorial Service for Mal Hierholzer

Saturday, August 7, 2021

2:00 p.m.

**North Shore United Methodist Church
Canyon Lake, Texas**



Pictures about 5 minutes before service.
Barbecue meal after service provided by
the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women.

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

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

| Laurel Heights United Methodist Church Finance Committee Update Y-T-D 2021 | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| | May | Y-T-D |
| Budget Receipts: | | |
| Contributions Received | \$45,264.70 | \$235,780.55 |
| Other Receipts | \$14,645.71 | \$71,808.25 |
| Total Budget Receipts: | \$59,910.41 | \$307,588.80 |
| Total Budget Expenses: | \$64,822.07 | \$318,940.62 |
| Ahead (Behind): | -\$4,911.66 | -\$11,351.82 |
| | | |
| Trustee Loan -2018 | | \$75,000.00 |
| Paid 1/1/19 | | \$20,000.00 |
| Balance Due: | | \$55,000.00 |

*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: Judy Davis, Ahmed Halim,
Lucien Manchester, May O'Neal
Bryan Myers (*Bill Myers*), Richard Parrigan,
Doug Semmes, Refugio Campos,
Nathan Vasquez (*Leticia Vasquez*), Rev. Tanya Campen
on the death of her grandmother, the Dorff family on the
death of Jim Dorff, former bishop of the
Río Texas Conference.

God's Presence: For those affected by the COVID-19 virus
and their families, as well as for the caregivers and research-
ers working to treat those affected and combat the spread of
the disease; homebound members,
the incarcerated, and women and men in our military.



June 21 to June 28

6/24

Dale Dorsey

6/26

Angel Gause
Ayana Stain

6/27

Suzi Hines
Ashley Landers

6/28

Nick Campbell
Ann Wheeler

*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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