



The Messenger

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Knights of North Castle

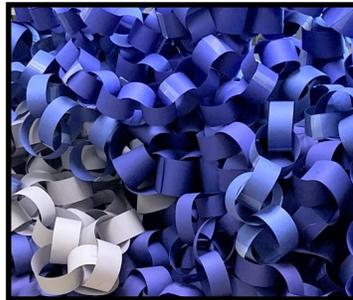
The week at Laurel Heights has been something else—another example of the unique talents and treasures that emerge from our congregation and our children during the wonderful unfolding—two years anticipated—of VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021.

We've lived the Bible stories all weeks long—with more to come! Just yesterday, young David summoned the courage to face . . . you guessed it—Goliath.



By week's end we will have heard about the fiery furnace, Goliath, Mary, Peter walking on water, and Paul and Silas, all the while learning these five colorful principles of Christian living:

So much fun we've had! And so much spiritual learning we've achieved! And of course, so much bonding we've done—miles and miles worth of paper chain bonding!



The gifts from God that come to us in the midst of Vacation Bible School never cease to inspire me. Thank you, church, for hosting and housing a most wonderful week of stories, songs, science, snacks, missions, prayer practices, and arts and crafts as we've taught our children—and learned ourselves—to “be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his power” (Ephesians 6:10). These lessons, and the one greatest lesson hidden beneath them all: that we are each and all loved by God.

Grace and peace.



The casual, creative worship experience begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m. followed by the option for coffee and donut holes. All ages are encouraged to attend. There is great joy packed into those 30 minutes, please COME AND SEE for yourself!

July 18

Sunday School for All Ages

9:45- 10:30 a.m.

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

Fellowship Time 10:30 – 10:55 a.m.



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

Sanctuary Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 18

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.

LHUMC Youth Road Trip to Corpus

Tuesday, July 27

Don't miss out!

TEXAS AQUARIUM, BEACH FUN & WHATABURGER

Cost: \$50 + food

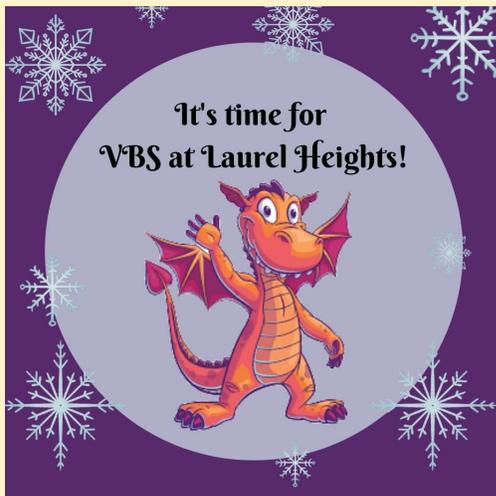
(Let us know if you need help to go.)

DEADLINE TO PAY JULY 20th

Questions?

marisa@rc-co.com

or wyndee @ interfaithsa.org



If you would like to listen, learn
and enjoy the VBS music

[click here!](#)

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

Finance Committee Update

Y-T-D 2021

Budget Receipts:	June	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$70,512.42	\$306,292.97
Other Receipts	\$29,235.72	\$101,043.97
Total Budget Receipts:	\$99,748.14	\$407,336.94
Total Budget Expenses:	\$65,973.82	\$384,914.44
Ahead (Behind):	\$33,774.32	\$22,422.50

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!



Mission of the Month for July

Project Transformation Rio Texas' mission is to transform communities by engaging children, college-age young adults, and churches in purposeful relationships, because our vision is of a world that is rooted in love, pursues the equity of all people, and amplifies God's call on every life.

This collaborative model of ministry harnesses the creative energy and leadership of college age young adults, who live in intentional Christian community, and lead summer and afterschool programs for children in overburdened neighborhoods while exploring their call. The programs are held at United Methodist churches thereby helping those churches connect in meaningful ways with their communities.

Ways you can help this summer:

One-to-One Reading Volunteers – Mon-Thu 10a-12p – June 23- July 28

Caring volunteers read with children in 1st-6th grade enrolled in PT's summer day camps. The literacy component of Project Transformation is an exciting opportunity for volunteers to interact with the children in a one-to-one setting. All volunteers must complete a background check prior to volunteering, must be vaccinated, and complete an online training. No previous experience is needed!

Locations:

Northern Hills Ministry Center, 4306 Naco Pass, SA, TX 78217
Westlawn UMC, 122 San Manuel Ave., SA, TX 78237

Provide Intern Dinners – Sun-Thu 6:00p-7:30p – June 8 through July 29

Groups and individuals are needed to provide dinner Sunday through Thursday for PT's Interns. This is a great opportunity to serve, encourage and get to know the young people making a difference!

Location: St. Mark's UMC, 1902 Vance Jackson Rd., SA, TX 78213

For more information and to sign-up to volunteer or to provide a dinner

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

July 14

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.

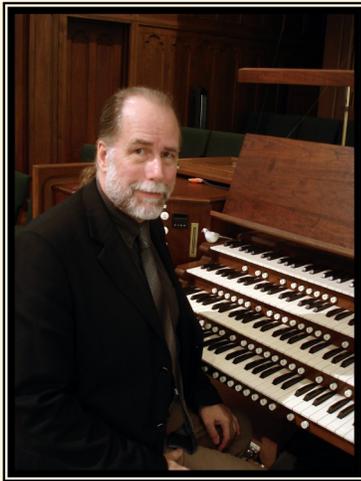
*A time to
to pray for one another
and the world...*

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





Geoffrey Waite Director of Music



Geoffrey is a native of the Northeast, and moved to San Antonio in 1994. The only things he has missed as a Texas resident are Fall colors, fresh pressed apple cider, and occasionally the great musical opportunities of New York City. He is blessed with his three children and three grandchildren (four in September!) who all reside in San Antonio and are a happy part of daily life.

As a young boy, his passion for the organ was first inspired by an old German-trained master organist, Ludwig Theis, at his home church in Rye, New York - a man who could make the power of the organ come alive, and who could improvise complex musical forms like fugues at the drop of a hat.

Geoffrey came to Laurel Heights in 2008 as organist under the leadership of then Director of Music Jerome Malek. Upon Jerome's retirement three years later, he accepted the position of combined Organist and Director of Music. He and Jerome remain good friends and colleagues and stay in touch regularly.

While always passionate about sacred music, he also loves being able to enjoy a variety of free-lance work as well. Although jobs like accompanying an out of town singer in need of a recital accompanist, or the occasional jazz gig provide interest, challenge, and variety, the free-lance work which has become most meaningful to him are the opportunities to serve as accompanist and clinician for the area's music educators, from middle school through college level, whether it be vocal, choral, or instrumental. Our state has outstanding music education, and being a part of that work is most gratifying.

And of course, among the biggest and most recent joys in the midst of the Laurel Heights family is the return to congregation singing. He is happy and blessed to serve a congregation that sings with heart, and soul, and might in such a way that would have gladdened the heart of Charles Wesley himself!

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.



July 15 to July 22

7/16

McKay Byrd
Debbie Campbell

7/17

Cindy Birdwell
Roxane Darnell
Jack Girdley

7/18

Carrie Clemens

7/20

Clay Campbell
Delores Carson
Bill Myers

7/21

Patrice Law

7/22

Drayton Bodner

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*), Cecilia,
Coffman family (*Louise Dudley*),
Jared Colegrove (*Wyndee Holbrook*),
Lacy and William Crawford, Roxane Darnell,
Judy Davis, Phil Hall (*Sue Hall*), Ahmed Halim,
Stacy Halim, Larry Howard,
Yvette Huerta (*Sue Hall*),
Raymond Johnson (*Shirley Carter*), Joshua,
Craig Kurtz, Lucien Manchester,
Gwen and Keith Michal, Pat and Jim Moss,
Stephanie Murphy's father, Douglas Robinson
(*Ginnie Herrera*), Meaghan Rohlf's father,
Doug Semmes,
Bobby Shoemaker (*Ginnie Herrera*),
Nathan Vasquez (*Leticia Vasquez*)
Nora Winkler (*Teresa Garces*).

Those who mourn: Hani on the death of his wife.

God's Presence: For 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.

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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