



The Messenger

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Stepping Sideways

I have been watching closely as the number of covid cases climbs in San Antonio. They have continued to rise even as those of us who are vaccinated have enjoyed the freedom of leaving our masks in the car or in the bottom of our bags. And yet, the rate of transmission has continued to rise. We have been watching and waiting and hoping for the best.



When the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced their revised mask guidelines for vaccinated people in areas with high rates of transmission yesterday, I couldn't help but sigh. To return to wearing a mask indoors felt like a step backwards, until I remembered one thing. Wearing a face covering is a way to love and care for each other. This is how we protect everyone, vaccinated, or not vaccinated, in this moment.

We are once again requiring face coverings inside the church. We will take a sideways step in our pandemic dance because in our city, people are still getting sick. So, pull your face covering out of your pocket or your purse and wear it with me on Sunday as a badge that says, I care about you. I care about you. I care about you.

If your mask has gone missing, I will have an extra one in my pocket for you and there will be extras in baskets all over the church. This is how we love and care for each other right now. Oh, that it would always be so simple.

Instead of focusing on a minor inconvenience, I hope we can focus on all that we have, as a community, in this moment. Adult Sunday School classes are growing and thriving. The children and youth have been learning all about the fruits of the spirit. If you haven't seen our "tree" in the gym, you should have a look! We are together in worship. We are singing. This Sunday the choir will be back in the loft! This Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion! Wearing a face covering seems a small thing in light of so much bounty.

Laura Healy



August 1



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!

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.

Sanctuary Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Sunday, August 1



No reservations are required

Masks are required.

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



Please note regarding sanctuary worship on Sunday that per CDC recommendations for communities such as San Antonio with increasing Covid cases, face coverings will once more be **required** for attendance.

These are available at all church entrances.

Those eligible to secure a vaccination are strongly encouraged to do so.



BLOOD DRIVE

Laurel Heights United Methodist

Sunday Aug 1st

9a.m. – 2p.m.

Inside the Gymnasium

This is by appointment ONLY

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Wednesday Prayer Gathering

July 28

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



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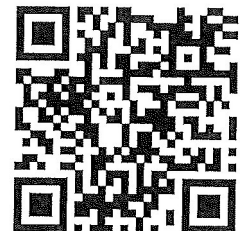


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Thank you, Laurel
Heights, for your
faithfulness in giving!



Annual Conference/General Conference Updates

Sunday, August 15 in Room 312

On Sunday, August 15th at 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Karen Angelini and Rev. Paul Escamilla will host a brief presentation on both the Rìo Texas Annual Conference (sessions were held in June in San Antonio) and General Conference (scheduled for August/September 2022).

Sunday school groups are welcome to attend the 9:45 a.m. session.

Come and hear updates on our annual conference as well as plans for our denominational meetings a year from now.

A Service of Lament, Healing, and Hope

Sunday, August 15 at 6:30 P.M.

Come and share a time of prayer and anointing as we gather to acknowledge the difficulties of the past year and a half and claim God's presence and healing gifts for moving forward as people of faith. The service will include a reading of names of those in the church family who have died since March 2020 when Covid restrictions were first implemented.

Mission of the Month

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Our Mission of the Month for August
is Agnes Cotton Academy.

We will be collecting school supplies.

There is a basket on the bench
located right inside the entrance
off Woodlawn.



Memorial and Honorary Gifts



Project Transformation

In honor of
Aleene Block
Given by James and Patrice Law

Music Fund

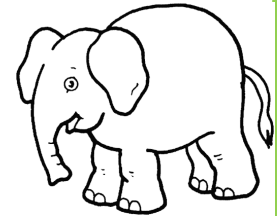
Given by Dr. Jan Garverick

Mary Blackford Scholarship

In honor of
Molly Walden
Given by Teresa Garces



SUPER ADULT DAY **Thursday, July 29** **In the Gym**



10:30 BINGO – bring your White Elephants for prizes!

11 o'clock – lunch is served.

MENU

Melon Salad
Oven Fried Chicken
Oven Fried Potatoes
Patriotic Cake



Cost for lunch \$6.00 – by Reservation – call 210-872-8031

Birthday cake will be served to those celebrating July birthdays.

Be sure to be there to get your slice.

Please make a reservation by calling 210-872-8031.

If you have not been vaccinated, we ask that you wear your mask.

Flowers are a wonderful tribute to the special people and times in our lives and help add beauty to the sanctuary. The flowers may be taken home by you or left to be delivered to homebound members.

Altar Flowers needed for
August 8, and 29
September 26
October 10, 17, and 31
November 14

If you would like to provide altar flowers,
please call 210-733-7156
or email Elizabeth ejackson@mylhumc.org



Arrangements can be
made for you to pick
them up the next day,
if needed.

Thank you!

*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 30 to August 5

7/31

Helen Perkins

8/2

Nicki Marrone

8/3

Barbara Myers
Felecita Sprauve

8/4

Tom Kurtz

*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*),
Eva Bravo (*Rayen Dennis*), Jill Caldwell,
Coffman family (*Louise Dudley*),
Jared Colegrove (*Wyndee Holbrook*),
Marvadean and Ted Eves,
Miguel and family (*Kay Carter*)
Phil Hall, Yvette Huerta (*Sue Hall*),
Melinda Hartson, Joshua (*Jo Mascorro*),
Leafar (*Liz Escamilla*), Ann and Craig Kurtz,
Bob Best, Brittany W. (*Melissa Nardi*),
Ronnie Maldonado (*Annalynn Jackson*),
Lucien Manchester, Bryan Myers (*Bill Myers*),
Douglas Robinson, Bobby Shoemaker
(*Ginnie Herrera*), Doug Semmes, Keith Spading,
Nathan Vasquez (*Leticia Vasquez*).

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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