



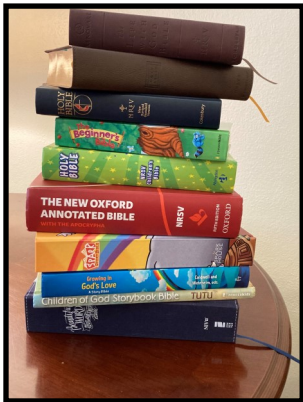
The Messenger

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Where's Your Bible?

Do you remember your first Bible? I know I must have had one earlier, but the childhood Bible I remember most clearly was a tattered paperback copy of the Good News Bible that roamed throughout our house. It traveled from breakfast table to the living room couch, from front porch to patio, its day usually ending on my mother's nightstand.



The Bible I read from most often at home is a NIV Spiritual Formation Bible gifted to me by my mother. It is annotated in pen, pencil and highlighter and the pages are crinkled in spots. I keep it in a leather cover with a loop for a pencil tucked into the front.

I keep a lot of Bibles close at hand in my office and Bibles are scattered throughout our bookshelves at home. It grounds me in my faith to know that a Bible is never far from my reach.

This Fall, our third through fifth graders will each receive a Bible and begin their own journey with the stories of God. Do you remember the thrill of opening up a brand-new Bible that was your very own and just for you?

Where does your favorite Bible live? Do you have a story about your Bible to share? I would love to hear it!



Laura Healy



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.

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 Rio 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.

Sanctuary Worship at 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, August 15

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 NEW TIME

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

August 11

from 5:30-6:00 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

A Service of Lament, Healing, and Hope Sunday, August 15 at 6:30 P.M.



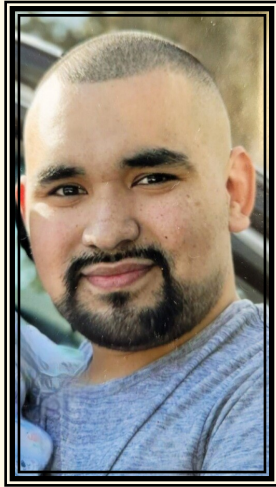
Come and share a time of prayer and anointing as we gather to
acknowledge the difficulties of the past year and a half and claim God's
presence and healing gifts for moving forward as people of faith.
The service will include a reading of names of those in the church family
who have died since March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



Festival of New Beginnings August 22nd

Ah! It's that time of year again. The store aisles are filled with school supplies and lunch boxes and backpacks as our young friends prepare to go back to school. As the children in our community return to school, we will also begin a new season of Children's Sunday School here at Laurel Heights on Sunday, August 22nd.

- **Preschoolers, age 3 and 4** will meet in Mann Chapel.
This is the small glass-walled chapel inside the sanctuary. This is a Godly Play class where children will learn how to be a part of a Godly Play circle and listen and wonder about the stories of God.
- **Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade** will meet in Room 105.
This is a Godly Play class where the children will discover and wonder about the stories of God and the people of God.
- **Grade 3 through Grade 5** will meet in Room 313 A on the third floor.
This class is all about becoming familiar with the bible and the stories it holds. Students in this class will each receive a student bible.
- The **Junior High** students will meet in Room 320.
This class focuses on Methodism and topics central to the life of the church.
- The **Senior High** students will meet in Room 321.
This class is a lectionary-based class that digs into the scripture reading for each Sunday.



Anthony Castillo
Facilities Manager



Hello, my name is Anthony Castillo. I am 28 years old. I am the second oldest of my siblings. I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers. I grew up on the southside of San Antonio. I went to Adams elementary, then onto Leal Middle School and Harlandale High School until the 11th grade. We moved in my senior year and I graduated from John Paul Stevens High School. After graduation, I went to work for my father and grandfather in the construction business as a concrete form setter for about 4 years.

I met my future wife while we both were working in a restaurant and ever since then I knew that she was the one for me. Sylvia and I were married in 2014. We have two beautiful children: Kaysen Billie, who is 11 years old and Ariana Castillo, who just turned 1.

In 2016, I started working for Laurel Heights as a part-time custodian for weekends only. I loved working here at Laurel Heights on the weekends, especially on Sundays with all of the members and their warm hearts. It felt like I was wanted and loved here so I wanted to become a full-time employee. I asked if I could work here full-time and they welcomed me with open arms! I now have been working for Laurel Heights for about 5 years.

I call Laurel Heights my home away from home. This church means a lot to me and my family and we are very grateful for everything Laurel Heights has done for us. I am very blessed to have Laurel Heights in my life!

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.



Giving to Laurel Heights

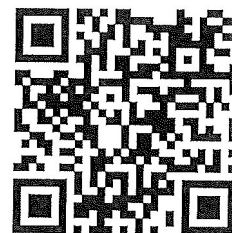
Online Gifts: Please visit our website,
<https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Text to Give:

Please text "LHUMC" to 73256

Checks: Please mail to LHUMC,
Attn: Bookkeeper
227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212

Or give through our church QR code





Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, August 26th – SUPER ADULT DAY

Come at 10:30 if you want to play Bingo
or at 11:00 for lunch and a great program.

Please make a reservation. Call 210-872-8031.



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
September 26
October 17

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.



August 13 to August 19

8/13

Pat Moss

8/15

Sue Hall

Jeffrey Landers

Valerie Morton

Henry Taylor

8/17

Suzie Barrows

8/18

Matt Davis

Jacob Guven

8/19

Bo Lee

*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: David Adams,
Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),
Jill Caldwell, Christie (*Laura Healy*),
Jared Colegrove (*Wyndee Holbrook*),
Marvadean/Ted Eves (*Kay Carter*),
Dennis and Judy Davis, Robbie Farmer,
Lucien Manchester,
Logan McManus (*June McManus*),
Nicole McNeel (*Jill Sanders*),
Keith and Gwen Michal,
Hannah Pickert, Marjorie Summer (*Ann Wheeler*)
Doug Semmes,
Ray Stevenson (*Shelly Kennderdell*),
Vernon Theis (*Jo Mascorro*),
Norma Villarreal.

Those who mourn: Gail Lutz and family on the
death of George Frame.

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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