



The Messenger

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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. (If you haven't already, relive the thrill of new school supplies by purchasing and donating to our Mission of the Month school supply drive for Cotton Academy!)

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.

I hope you and your family will join us as we return to a more traditional Sunday School format. We look forward to gathering again in our Sunday School circles to hear the stories of God!

Laura Healy



August 8

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.

Sunday, August 8



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.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

August 4

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



Giving to Laurel Heights

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

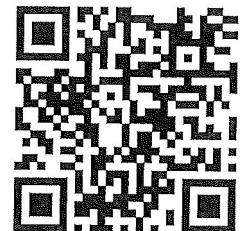


Text to Give:

Please text "LHUMC" to 73256

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

Or give through our church QR code





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.



David Lindquist
Children's Choir Director



I became acquainted with Laurel Heights through my wife Katie, a life-long member. This place immediately reminded me of the church I grew up attending in Moorhead, MN. I was raised in neighboring Fargo, ND, and attending services or participating in youth activities at Trinity Lutheran was a constant in my life until I left for college.

Both Trinity and Laurel Heights value a high standard of traditional worship music and developing an appreciation for singing amongst the youth. I began singing in the preschool choir at Trinity, and that started a nearly unbroken streak in my life of being a part of a choir in some way.

I love many different types of instruments, some of which I play. For me, though, the human voice is the apex of musical expression. I believe that if you can speak, you can sing. Don't come at me saying "I can't carry a tune." I'm not saying every one of us can sing like Ella Fitzgerald if we put our mind to it, but I really do think each of us is capable of making music with our voice.

I absolutely love that we have this instrument with us at all times – no carrying case required. And since we're born with this instrument inside us, we can begin using it right away. My son Lyle, who turns two in August, recently began singing. He likes to plunk notes on the piano, and a couple of weeks ago he started adding in some "la la las". Even if he doesn't pursue singing to the same level his parents did, it's brought me so much joy to see this tradition of the human voice continuing on in a new generation.

Mission of the Month

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

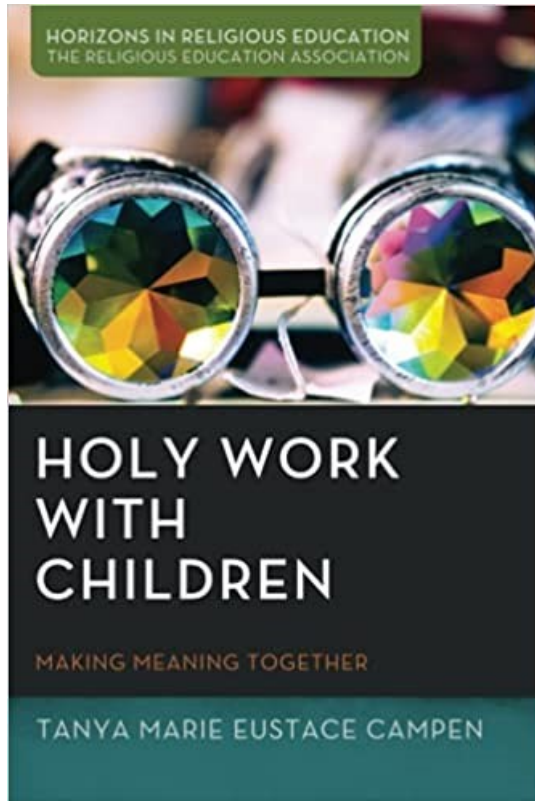
We will be collecting school supplies.

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



Thank you, Laurel Heights UMC!

The Blood Drive last week was a
success! There were 14 units donated.



We celebrate with our own Tanya Marie Eustace Campen on the publication of her book, ***Holy Work with Children: Making Meaning Together***.

The book is filled with Tanya's wisdom, insights and practical ideas for accompanying children on their journey with God.

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

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.

**Happy
Birthday
to You!**

August 6 to August 12

8/6

Kara Lee

8/7

Jordan Jopling
Muriel Manchester

8/8

Serhat Guven

8/11

Sydney Davis
Drew Jackson
Sandra Ojeda-Medina

8/12

Abigail Sanders

*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*),
Jill Caldwell, Joshua Coffman (*Louise Dudley*),
Jared Colegrove (*Wyndee Holbrook*),
Thad Dorsey, Marvadean/Ted Eves (*Kay Carter*),
Robbie Farmer, Phil Hall, Yvette Huerta (*Sue Hall*),
Joshua (*Jo Mascorro*), Leafar (*Liz Escamilla*),
Ann and Craig Kurtz, Bob Best (*Melissa Nardi*),
Ronnie Maldonado (*Annalynn Jackson*),
Lucien Manchester, Logan McManus (*June McManus*), Nicole McNeel (*Jill Sanders*),
Bryan Myers (*Bill Myers*),
Douglas Robinson, Bobby Shoemaker
(*Ginnie Herrera*), Doug Semmes, Keith Spading,
Vernon Theis (*Jo Mascorro*), Norma Villarreal.

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,
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