



The Messenger

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Word of Witness

From morning worship September 19

My name is Grace Magavern and I am a sophomore at Trinity University. Reverend Escamilla spoke today of the difference between knowledge and wisdom, and I can see those differences clearly in my life right now. As a STEM student at Trinity, I am acquiring a lot of knowledge daily. My role as a student is to learn all that I need- to go out into the world and pursue the vocation that calls me. But knowledge alone is not enough—we need more to thrive.

Wisdom was here from the very beginning. In the lesser-known creation story in Proverbs 8:22, wisdom says “the Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.” Proverbs 8 continues on to say that those who hear and heed instruction are happy and wise. Similarly, John 1:1 also has a creation story. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

If wisdom was here before creation and the Word was as well, then surely they are the same. With that reasoning, to pursue wisdom is to follow the Word. To have wisdom is to recognize that you need a faith community with which to follow and practice the Word.

I grew up in the Methodist Church of my hometown and I know how important a faith community is. Now, as a student entering a new chapter in life, Laurel Heights is the next step in my faith journey.

Wisdom is an invitation. God has given us a choice to be a part of His design, laid out with creation. You, Laurel Heights, are wise. You have invited students to be a part of what God is doing here. God has provided and you are now sharing those blessings with us.

You have been so welcoming to me and it has been a joy to recognize more and more faces each week. I truly have found a home here and I am so happy that more students are finding their way here. I thank you for the wonderful opportunities you have given us and I look forward to continuing to grow in faith with you.

Come & See Live

September 26

9:00am – 9:30am

Sanctuary



Come and See has moved to a new home in the Sanctuary
Join us at 9 a.m. for 30 minutes of worship in song, prayer, litany and reflection.

How rich it will be to hear Geoffrey Waite share the marvelous instruments in the sanctuary as our group of worshipers gather in the front center section to maintain our intimate and casual interaction.

Sept. 26 - Ashley Landers in word, Katie Myers in song

Sunday School for All Ages
9:45- 10:30 am

Join a familiar group, or discover a new circle for study & friendship.

Fellowship Time
10:30 – 10:55 am
Fellowship Hall

Nursery care from
8:45 am -12:30 pm

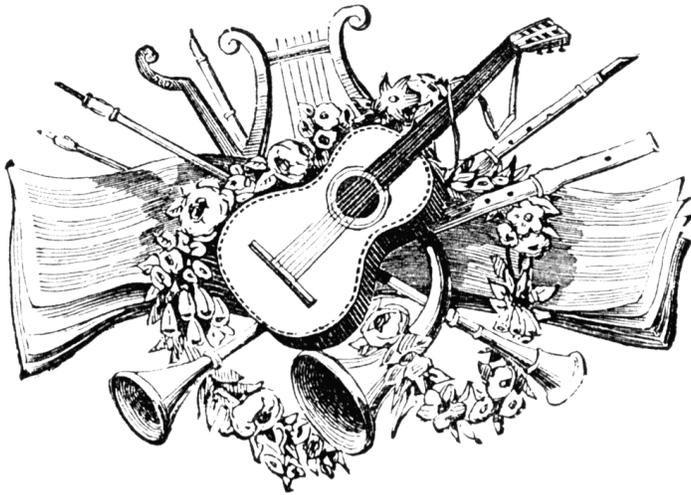
Sanctuary Worship at 11:00 am
Sunday, September 26

Consecration
of Creative
Gifts Sunday

No reservations needed.
Masks required.



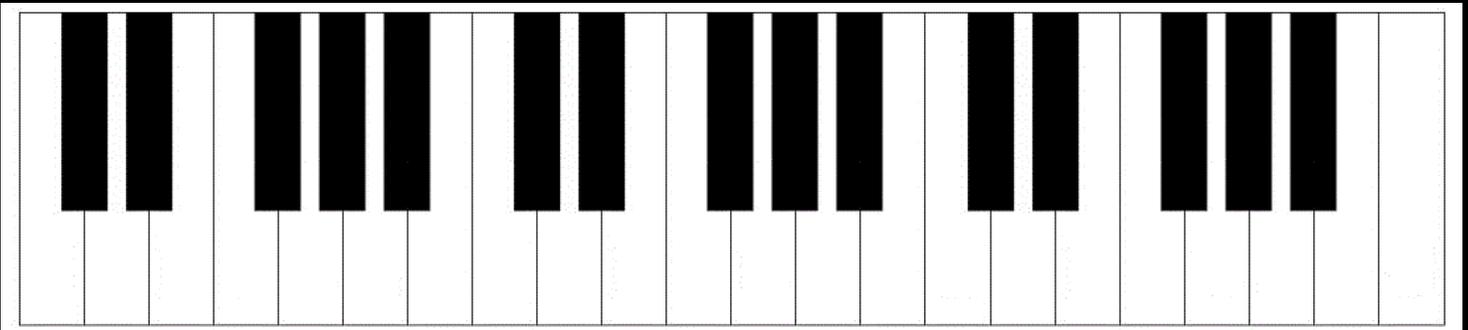
The service will be live-streamed at 11 am on church website & Facebook and will remain available to view afterward.



September 26
11 a.m.
Consecration
of Creative Gifts

This Sunday, September 26, at the 11:00 hour we will bring a special focus to our worship as we feature the Consecration of our Creative Gifts. In addition to celebrating the many ways our life together as a congregation is enhanced by the creativity - both seen and heard - of our church family members, we will also have the opportunity to consecrate and dedicate to God both the Steinway grand piano recently new to our chancel, which has been given by Richard Parrigan in memory of his beloved Marjorie, and the new Hymnal Supplement "The Faith We Sing," which is a new resource for our congregational song.

The Chancel Choir will offer a festival anthem which the congregation will help with, and we will be joined by a trumpet duo.



WHAT ARE PEOPLE FOR?

dinner and discussion

- Who? Young Adults
- "What Are People For?" an open discussion drawing from scripture and environmental prophet Wendell Berry
- When? Sundays Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10 and Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.
- Where? Laurel Heights UMC Dining Hall, 227 W. Woodlawn
- Why? To grow together as we explore our role in Creation Care.



Sunday was a great launch for LHUMC College/Young Adult Ministry! Many, many thanks to the loving effort by so many to make the students feel at home. Five young adults are being connected with church families in our "Adopt-a-Student" program, and Sunday night we'll begin a 4 week discussion group on Creation Care from 6-8 pm in the Dining Hall.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

September 22

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.



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

Welcome Home
y'all!



College Student Sunday @ Laurel Heights What a Great Day!

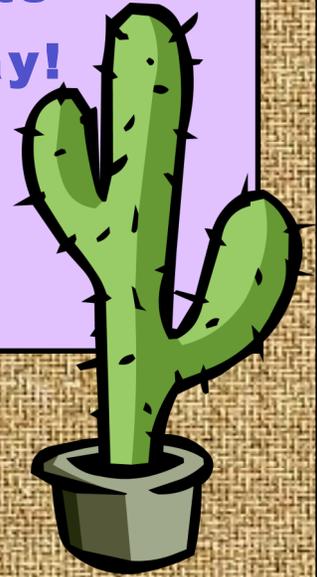


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September

Mission of the Month



United Methodist Committee on Relief—UMCOR Support UMCOR'S Disaster Response

Hurricane Ida
Haiti Earthquake
Afghan Refugee Resettlement



You may give through the LHUMC website by clicking on the link below and clicking on the Give Online option, use the arrow to find the UMCOR fund.

<https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>



30 Ways for 30 Days
September is Hunger Action Month
Fight Hunger in our Community this September

Click below for a list of ways to help!

[30 Ways for 30 Days](#)

*Catholic Charities are
asking for
donations of gift cards
to help meet the
immediate needs of
Afghan refugees
arriving in SA.*

Gift Card Donation

Gift card donations to Walmart, Target, and H-E-B can be dropped off at our main office, 202 W. French Pl., San Antonio, TX 78212 during our business hours of 8:30am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.



I wonder, how much do you know about Godly Play?
I wonder if you'd like to learn more?
We would love to have you join us
every once in a while in the circle on Sunday morning.
Contact Laura Healy for more information.

lhealy@mylhumc.org



Bibles presented
to 3rd graders



Happy 100th Birthday, Bonnie!



Bonnie Surber turns 100 years old on September 27.

Bonnie grew up in San Antonio. She was a charter member of the San Antonio Symphony, married William Surber and moved to Corpus Christi where she enjoyed playing on Padre Island. William and Bonnie returned to San Antonio, where Bonnie enjoyed tennis, attending church, and playing in any musical group she could find.

She lives in Plano, Texas.

Birthday Blessings from Laurel Heights!

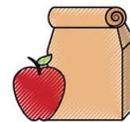
What's happening with the Youth? Glad you asked!
Despite COVID, the last year has offered numerous
LHUMC Youth activities from pumpkin carving
to river bank clean-up to a day trip to Corpus.

What's Next? That's up to us LHUMC!
If you're ready to volunteer, or want to learn more,
sign up at lhealy@mylhumc.org

for

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM FORMATION

Sunday September 26@ Noon
snack lunch provided



This will be a hybrid meeting. You may join us in-person or on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85243847912>

Meeting ID: 852 4384 7912

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,85243847912# US (Houston)

As we're making plans for the Fall we're eager to build a Youth Ministry Team to share in leading monthly gatherings (first Sunday of the month from 3-5 p.m.). You may be just the person a teen needs to be their friend as they face today's challenges. All sorts of skills are useful, but the greatest of these is love!



SUPER ADULTS DAY is Thursday, September 30

We are back in the gym, wear your mask and practice Social Distancing.

We meet at 10:30 for Bingo (bring “white elephants” for prizes)

The speaker today is Wendell Davis. As well as being Super Adult President, Wendell is a City Planner. Wendell will tell us the exciting plans for the Houston to Hildebrand corridor. Current construction south of 8th Street is using funds from the 2017 bond issue. Ultimately, Broadway will be a “Complete Street”, meaning it will accommodate most modes of transportation.



Lunch is served at 11:30

On the menu today is:

Fruit Salad

Ham and Swiss Cheese Wraps

Relishes

Ice Cream Bars

Cost for lunch \$6.00

Reservations Required
call 210-872-8031.

Flu Shots will be given today from 9 am to to 11 am
in the Fellowship Hall
Bring your insurance information with you



**Virtual
Reading Buddies
Needed**



 **Project
Transformation[®]**
Rio Texas

Virtual Reading Buddies

Caring volunteers are needed to read with children in grades 1st-8th online via Zoom on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Volunteers can sign-up for one day or multiple days throughout the school year and no prior experience is needed! All Reading Buddy volunteers need to pass a criminal background check and will need to complete an online training prior to their first shift. If you were a summer and/or an online Reading Buddy last school year, training may be optional.

Click on the button below for full details and to sign up.

<https://projecttransformation.org/rio-texas/get-involved>

**Laurel Heights United Methodist Church
Finance Committee Update
Y-T-D 2021**

Budget Receipts:	August	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$84,884.35	\$447,934.98
Other Receipts	\$15,355.72	\$131,485.72
Total Budget Receipts:	\$100,240.07	\$579,420.70
Total Budget Expenses:	\$62,524.35	\$520,596.43
Ahead (Behind):	\$37,715.72	\$58,824.27

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/>



***Or give through
our church QR code***

Text to Give:

Please text "LHUMC" to 73256

Checks: Please mail to LHUMC

Attn: Bookkeeper

227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212

*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.



September 25 to September 30

9/25

Marjorie Hugo

9/26

Birdie Landers

9/27

Billie Arredondo
Bonnie Surber

9/28

Gracie Huron
Lauren Kramer
Karen Michaelson

9/29

Arianna Galan
Dyego Madrigal
Paul Oleson
Nancy Richter

9/30

Carmen Hughes
Ryan Lopez
Molly Myers

*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, Judy Davis, Josh Garcia,
Denise Hillburn (*Tony Guerrero*),
Larry Howard, Linninia (*Melissa Nardi*),
Lucien Manchester,
Thomas McCoy (*Barbara Miller*),
Joe Palafos, Doug Semmes.

Those who Mourn:

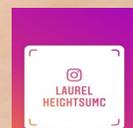
Alison Boone and family on the death
of her husband, Rev. Taylor Boone.
Nancy Sheldon and family on the death
of her mother, Francisca Martinez.
Jessica Star and family on the death
of her husband, Rev. Olin Tunnell

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.



www.LaurelHeights.org