



The Messenger

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Connections . . . The Gift of Belonging



Sunday at Laurel Heights was a joyous day! On the plaza and church lawn we had a marvelous time renewing friendships, making new acquaintances, and enjoying delicious breakfast treats from Dave Saylor and his crew, all to the music of Jim Cullum Band's jazz. In our two services of worship we offered our gifts and our hearts to God through the act of consecrating pledges and estimates of giving for supporting the life-renewing mission and ministry of Laurel Heights in the coming year. And as is always true when God's people gather in worship, whether in person or online, so many things happened besides. On Sunday, and through our month of reflection on our practices of giving, hearts have been stirred, imaginations kindled, decisions made for seeking to live in deeper, more generous ways.

Karon O'Ferrall has given us a visual, found in the Woodlawn hallway, that expresses so much of our emotion: hands and ribbons reaching upward in praise and self-surrender. It's been our October experience.



We owe a special thanks to our Stewardship Committee and chair Susie Guven for a fantastic day of celebration. Trudy Kinnison and Dave Saylor joined that group to bring us a brunch to remember.

If you have yet to complete a pledge or estimate of giving for 2022, you can do so securely [online](#) or by mailing your completed card to the church office or presenting it in worship this coming Sunday.

Laurel Heights, thank you for your faithfulness. I'm honored and grateful to be your pastor through such a promising time.

Grace and peace.

**Join us October 31, 2021 for worship
11:00 A.M. Sanctuary**

Come & See Live

October 31, 2021

9:00am – 9:30am Sanctuary

Preaching:

Song Leader:

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

Come & See Worship
in the Sanctuary
is an intimate & informal
30-minute
worship experience.
Children are welcome!
Masks required

Wednesday Prayer Gathering
November 1st
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

The abundance of God's blessings was recognized in happy hearts and smiles at our Jazz Brunch!



Smiles continue!



ARE YOU CONNECTED?

Connections: The Gift of Belonging has been the theme for our Stewardship Campaign this year. We have celebrated the many ways in which we, as LHUMC members connect with one another, care for one another and show God's love to one another and the world.

Making connections, however, begins with communication.

At Laurel Heights, we have a new and easy way to help us communicate with one another. It's an online communication tool called Realm Connect. Realm Connect provides participants with an online directory, events calendar, church news, record of giving, and an online method of giving. And it's all located at your fingertips on your smartphone, your tablet, your laptop and/or your desktop computer.

If you have already downloaded the app and used it, you know how convenient and accessible it is! If you have not used Realm Connect, we encourage you to do so. How? Call Elizabeth at 210-733-7156 and she will be glad to get you connected.

GET CONNECTED TODAY!



Don't miss it!



**Fill your trunk
with plenty of treats
October 31st
5pm-7pm
Belknap Parking Lot**



**LHUMC
Weekday School
Halloween Parade
When: October 29th
Time: 9am**

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2021**



**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

San Antonio CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, November 7, 2021

A light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 11 a.m. service. The walk will begin in the Woodlawn Parking Lot at 12:45 p.m. traveling to San Pedro Park and back.

There will be a refreshing lemonade stop at Trudy Kinnison's home as we pass her on the return to Woodlawn Parking Lot!





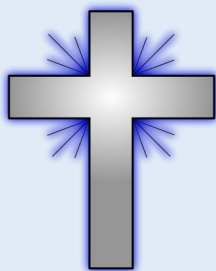
*Memorial
and
Honorarium
Gifts*

Wesley Nurse Fund

In memory of
Judy Davis
Given by
Deanne & Mike Trodden

Children's Education Fund

In memory of
Francisca Martinez
Given by
Tom Kurtz



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

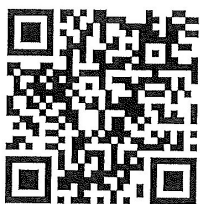
In memory of
Judy Davis
Given by
Judy & Bob Adams

In memory of
Judy Davis
Given by Ellen & Bill Myers

In memory of
Larry Howard
Given by Ellen & Bill Myers

Church Mice Fund

In memory of
George Frame
Given by
Ellen & Bill Myers



*Or give through
our church QR code*

Giving to Laurel Heights

Online Gifts:

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

Text to give:

"LHUMC" to 73256

Checks: Please mail to LHUMC

Attn: Bookkeeper
227 W. Woodlawn

Word of Witness

I was blessed to grow up in a family of Methodists on both sides of the family as far back as we can trace and my great grandfather was a Methodist minister. My grandparents and my parents were at church every time the doors were opened, so giving regularly to the church is as natural to me as attending church every Sunday. From the time I can remember, my brothers and I gave change in Sunday School and church and then when we received allowances, we had to choose how much to give of that to the church. It seemed easier to tithe from a quarter or \$1.00 than it did from a working income or now from a retirement income, somehow!

When Charles and I married, we got out our budget and prayerfully chose how much we would divvy up to the church, even when we were in college and living on beans three meals a week and later, starting our business, when we went without air conditioning for a year and I hung clothes out on the line instead of using a dryer, we still made pledging to the church a priority.

Then and now, we found that if we paid the church first, we didn't miss the money so much. It's much easier to have it debited out of my checking account at the first of every month, just like giving God the first fruits of the harvest. We also found that the years we tithed and really struggled to do so, God seemed to bless us more abundantly than ever.

It helps me to remember that when I go to a restaurant, it's rare for me to only tip ten or 15% to the server, unless the service is bad. I almost always tip 20% and especially do if the service is great. Yet, why is it hard for me to happily and generously give God ten per cent when he has blessed me with every single thing that I have of value in my life? Look around us at this majestic sanctuary, our church family, our own families and yet, we are willing to give to so many others more than we give to our Heavenly Father? Human beings need to give and give generously to be whole persons. I think an attitude of gratitude is essential to maneuver this world today.

To remind me, I keep an anonymous quote in my kitchen that says, "What if when you woke up, the only thing you had left were the things you gave thanks to God for in your prayers last night!"

Shared by Vicki Ferguson



All Saints Sunday

November 7, 2021

| Name | Date of Death |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Mary Greger | October 29, 2020 |
| Marjorie Parrigan | November 30, 2020 |
| Sidney Mae Thompson | December 4, 2020 |
| Sam Dibrell | January 4, 2021 |
| Edna Peterson | January 19, 2021 |
| Mary Alphin | February 8, 2021 |
| Thelma Penny Viola | April 20, 2021 |
| Janie Groves | April 26, 2021 |
| George Frame | August 9, 2021 |
| David Adams | September 4, 2021 |
| Olin Tunnell | September 8, 2021 |
| Judy Davis | September 22, 2021 |
| Marjorie Hugo | October 8, 2021 |
| Larry Howard | October 16, 2021 |

All Saints Sunday Memorial Candle Shelf

On Sunday, November 7th, besides our two sanctuary services (Come and See at 9 and traditional service at 11), during which we will share Holy Communion and read the names of those in the Laurel Heights family who have died in the past year, we will be providing a Memorial Candle Shelf in the Narthex, just inside the north plaza entrance to the sanctuary. Those who prefer not to be in the sanctuary at the present can visit the Narthex briefly to light a candle of remembrance and place it on the Candle Shelf. The shelf will be available that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*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.



October 31 to November 7

10/31

Luke Campbell
Jim Carr

11/1

Spencer Furber

11/3

Bonnie Henry

11/4

Adriana Dennis

11/5

Ryan Ramirez

11/7

Laura Medellin

*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, Kay Carter, Clifton Henry,
Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes,
Nora Winkler, (Teresa Garces)
Elaine Finch (Kitty Grantham)

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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