



The Messenger

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Between Halloween and All Saints'

The wisdom of the church's calendar makes Halloween (All Hallows' Eve), which we observed on Sunday, a derivative of the day that follows it (All Saints' Day), an occasion for remembering those who have gone before us in death.



I tend to think the national pastime of Halloween, with children venturing into the neighborhood knocking on doors that are unfamiliar but considered trustworthy, is a jewel in American culture, a yearly demonstration of our confidence in the idea that strangers can live in trusted community. As much as we like our carefully cloistered lives, we also like venturing out, and the interesting and even playful ways that unexpected people present themselves along the way.

The stranger, or the unexpected friend, both enjoy a rich history in our tradition of promising good things. Jesus tells a story in Luke 11 of a knock on the door at midnight by an unexpected visitor. "I pray you, give me three loaves of bread so I can feed my own unexpected visitor," goes the parable. Halloween is, of course, all about a knock at the door by an unexpected visitor.

The life of generosity is a forward extension of Halloween beyond a single night of answering the door for a princess or goblin. It is learning to live our daily lives as those who are more and more open to openings, to inviting an encounter from somewhere outside of our predicted plans and familiar circles, and responding in friendship and welcome.

All Saints' will be observed this coming Sunday, November 7th. In worship on that day, both at 9 and 11, we will remember those in the Laurel Heights family who have died in the past year. Those who die always leave behind their best expressions of love, hospitality, and welcome. They have shown us, in their faithful days, how to open to the knock at the door, even to the end, ready in Jesus' name to offer what they have. Thanks be to God for their lives, and for the gift of a day to remember their gifts both to us and to the world.

Grace and peace.

There will be 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.



**Join us November 7, 2021 for worship
11:00 A.M. Sanctuary**

All Saints' Sunday



9 a.m. Come & See - Sanctuary

11 a.m. - Sanctuary



Come & See Worship

**in the Sanctuary
is an intimate & informal
30-minute
worship experience.**

Children are welcome!

Masks required

**Join us as we celebrate
All Saints Sunday!**

Come & See Live

November 7, 2021

9:00am — 9:30am Sanctuary

Preaching: Rev. Paul Escamilla



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



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.

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

WEEKDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Its that Magical Time of Year, **TAMALE TIME** at Laurel Heights

Prepare for the Holidays now and order some of the best tamales in South Texas, to be delivered the 1st week of December. Tamale packages include the brand new book, Camila La Magica Makes Tamales, written by a Laurel Heights Familia Madre.



Qty _____ at \$55 - Tamale Package including
2 dozen pork tamales and
Camila La Magica Makes Tamales book
(the supplier is only offering pork this year)

Qty _____ at \$15 - 1 dozen extra pork tamales
\$ _____ Total

_____ Check _____ Bill my account

Name _____

Phone _____

To order call the Weekday School at:

210-732-6979

**All orders MUST be received by
Wednesday November 17th
Orders will be available for pickup
the first week of December. You will
receive a phone call from the
Weekday School telling you when
you may pick up.**



Ladies!
The Women's Retreat is scheduled
for:

January 7-9 on
Mustang Island!
More info to follow!



Treats From Our Trunks Fun!



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!



Advent Festival

This year there will be two opportunities to join in the getting ready fun as we celebrate the beginning of Advent! Join us in the gym during the Sunday School hour on November 28th to make an Advent wreath and pick up some ideas for marking the four weeks before Christmas with your family. We will conclude by carrying the Holy Family and their animals out to the manger.

On Wednesday, December 1st at 5pm there will be an additional opportunity to join in the Advent fun! Come and make a wreath if you will miss Sunday's opportunity and stay for Children's Choir with David Lindquist!



MISSION OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2021



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 The Kinnison's home as we pass on the return to Woodlawn Parking Lot!

**Donate to Crop Hunger Walk
by using this link address:**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021>



Wednesday Prayer Gathering

November 10th

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



*Memorial
and
Honorarium
Gifts*

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of
Olin Tunnell
Given by
Cynthia Craig

General Fund

In memory of
Judy Davis
Given by
Helen & Henry Perkins

In memory of
Judy Davis
Given by
Meleah & Kyle Nye

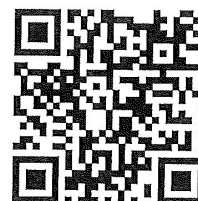
In memory of
Larry Howard
Given by
Carolyn Hierholzer

OCTOBER FINANCE REPORT

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

Budget Receipts:	October	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$54,485.65	\$566,790.78
Other Receipts	\$15,816.86	\$161,793.30
Total Budget Receipts:	\$70,302.51	\$728,584.08
Total Budget Expenses:	\$76,524.16	\$673,095.55
Ahead (Behind):	(6,221.65)	\$55,488.53

Trustee Loan -2018		\$75,000.00
Paid 1/1/19		\$20,000.00
Paid 10/12/21		\$30,000.00
Balance Due:		\$25,000.00



**Give through
our church QR code**

Text to give:

"LHUMC" to 73256

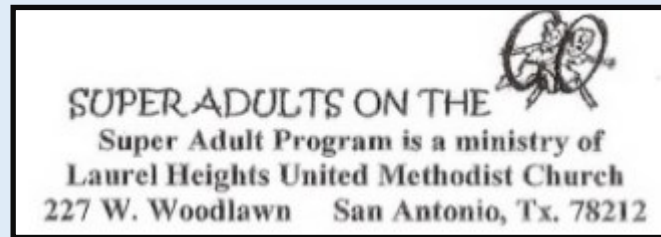
Checks: Please mail to LHUMC
Attn: Bookkeeper
227 W. Woodlawn

Giving to Laurel Heights

Online Gifts:

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

Super Adult News and Events



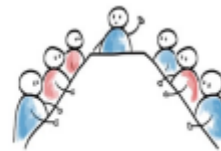
Monday, November 8, 10 a.m. - BOOK TALK

Let's discuss Fresh Water for Flowers by Valérie Perrin. Violette Toussaint is the caretaker of a cemetery in a small French town. She spends her days tending her garden, convening with her eccentric colleagues and offering tea and solace to mourners. When a police detective shows up needing her help to solve the mystery of why his recently deceased mother has arranged to be buried with a man he has never heard of she offers what help she can. He unearths details not only of his mother's past, but Violette's tragic past as well. She finds a path toward hope and happiness in the process. This is a beautifully written book full of contentment and hope.

Join us on Zoom. Let me know you are interested and I'll send you an invitation. Call 210-872-8031.

Wednesday, November 10 - 10 a.m.

Steering Committee Meets
Bring your ideas for an even more
Super Super Adults.



The Tuba Band from UTSA entertained us at the Octoberfest last month. The 14 players, their director and their accompanist entertained us greatly. It was a joy to watch and hear them play.

Thanks to Vicki Ferguson for leading us in the Chicken Dance accompanied by the Tuba Band. It was great fun.

*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.



November 8 to November 15

11/8

Rev. Paul Escamilla

11/10

Heriberto Madrigal

11/11

Katie Myers

11/13

James Aderhold
Barbara Shortt

11/14

Magen Shearrer

11/15

Celina Montoya

*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,
Joshua, Dugan, and Dennis (Jo Mascorro)
Nora Winkler, (Teresa Garces)
Elaine Finch, Gail Sims (Kitty Grantham)
Mark Medley (Sue Hall), Kathy (Liz Escamilla)

Those Who Mourn:
The family of Gordon Roe
On his death

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

