



The Messenger

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A Pastoral Letter to the Laurel Heights Congregation

Dear friends in Christ,

It is with both sadness and a deep sense of fulfillment that I have come to the decision to retire this coming summer. After 37 years in active ministry, including these last four remarkable years with the Laurel Heights congregation, I am feeling led to turn my sights in other directions, mostly related to the care and enjoyment of extended family.

The church's Staff-Parish Relations Committee will work closely with our district superintendent, Rev. Greg Hackett as he, the Bishop, and the Cabinet of our annual conference seek to identify the best pastoral leadership for Laurel Heights beyond my departure at the end of June.

Rev. Bill Lawrence, a colleague and mentor, describes ordained ministry as "the most satisfying, fulfilling, energizing, engaging, challenging and transforming way of life one could ever ponder." This has truly been my life experience, including during these last four years in ministry with you.



Liz and I cherish each of you and hold you in our prayers, both with gratitude for all that we have shared in this sacred journey, and with hope for all that is yet to be for Laurel Heights United Methodist Church. Meanwhile, the good work awaits us. I look forward to the ministry that is ours to share together over the next several months.

Grace and peace,

A Message from the Chair of the Laurel Heights Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Dear Laurel Heights congregation,

What a blessing for our church to have shared in ministry under Pastor Paul's leadership these past four years! We are saddened by the news that he will be leaving us at the end of June, but we celebrate with Paul and Liz this next chapter of their lives.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is already working closely with our District Superintendent, Rev. Greg Hackett, as he, the Bishop, and the Cabinet of the Rio Texas Conference seek to identify a new senior pastor for Laurel Heights. We expect this process to continue for several weeks.

The coming months will hold many opportunities for us to express our love and appreciation to Paul and Liz for their time among us, as well as to prepare to welcome a new senior pastor to Laurel Heights. During this time I encourage you to reach out to me or any member of the SPRC (listed below) with questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Please be in prayer as we move through this time of transition and new beginnings.

Grace and peace,

Karen Angelini,

Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Laurel Heights UMC Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Karen Angelini, chair

Wendell Davis

Wayne Ehrisman

Ellen Evans

Vicki Ferguson

Bonnie Henry

Chance Kinnison

Vicki McCuistion

Randy Pollock

Katie Myers, Lay Leader ex officio

WORSHIP

Come + See Live

January 16, 2021

9:00am – 9:30am Sanctuary

Reflection: Wyndee Holbrook

Song Leader: Katie Myers

Music: Sue Hall



**Join us for worship!
Second Sunday after
the Epiphany**

**Sunday at 11:00 am
Sanctuary**

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

The service will be
live-streamed at 11 am
laurelheights.org/online-worship
and our Facebook page at 11am.

It will remain available for later viewing
until the following Sunday.

Sunday School for All Ages

10:00am to 10:45am

(9:30am to 10:30 for certain adult groups)

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

Look for signs to various class rooms.

Fellowship 9:30am to 10:00am

Fellowship Hall



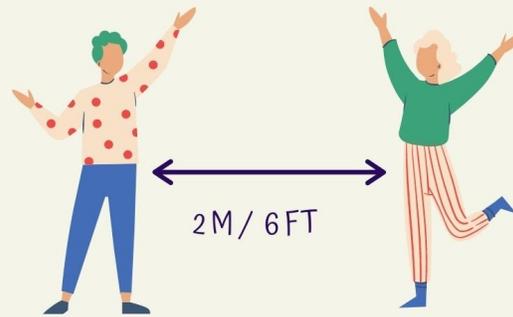
Important

REMINDERS



SANITIZE AND WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Sanitize hands on a regular basis. Sanitizers are found throughout the building.



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

Maintain social distancing in moving through the building, greeting one another, and choosing seating for worship and Sunday school.



MASKS REQUIRED

Masks are required at all times while on campus for worship or other activities. When masks are removed for enjoying refreshments, please use care and consideration toward those around you. Masks are located at all entrances and other prominent locations throughout the building.



SELF MONITORING

Monitor yourself for any Covid-like symptoms prior to leaving home. If you have symptoms, stay home and secure appropriate care. Worship at Laurel Heights as well as certain Sunday school class gatherings can be shared online.

Source: World Health Organization

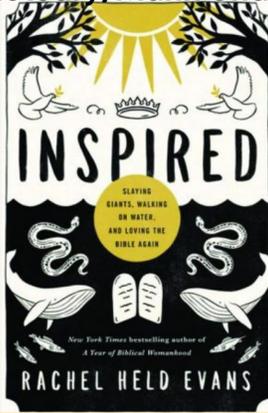
NEW IN '22

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Sunday Morning Book Club begins

Jan. 30, 10 a.m.

@ Laurel Heights UMC
Sanctuary/Mann Chapel



Please contact
Rev. Wyndee Holbrook
with questions at
wyndee@interfaithsaa.org

The Riverboat Ride for Youth Families was a hit!
Leaders Marisa Parker and Wyndee Holbrook
were also delighted to have Pastor Paul join!

Watch for more Youth Family fun events to come!



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
January 16, 23 and 30
February 13 and 20
*or call for more dates***

If you would like to provide altar flowers, please call 210-733-7156 or email Elizabeth ejackson@mylhumc.org



Altar Flowers

Arrangements can be made for you to pick them up the next day, if needed.
Thank you!

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

January 12 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

MLK

THE DREAM CONTINUES... YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

35th Annual

City-wide Interfaith Worship Service

Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Live stream only at:

Catholic Television: <https://fb.me/e/2hDvJYVDX>

TVSA: www.sanantonio.gov/tvsa

Temple Beth-El: <https://www.beth-elsa.org/live-streaming>



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The MLK Commission of San Antonio

JANUARY



OF THE MONTH

UMCOR Tornado Relief

Follow this link for information in giving!

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>

UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery

By giving through the Advance, 100% of your donation reaches your chosen mission project or ministry.

Advance #901670



**Memorial
and
Honorary Gifts**

Choir Fund
In memory of
Katherine Dalehite
Given by
Carl Rohlfs



General
In memory of
Larry Howard
Given by
Carl Rohlfs



*Give through
our church QR code*

Text to give:

"LHUMC" to 73256

Checks: Please mail to LHUMC
Attn: Bookkeeper
227 W. Woodlawn
San Antonio, TX 78212

Giving to Laurel Heights

Online Gifts:

Please visit our website,

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

*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.



January 26 to February 2

1/26
Laura Healy

1/27
Janice Clayton
Georgia Ferguson

1/28
May O'Neal

1/29
Ilda Gennero
Nan Shelden

1/30
Peter Bowman
Ryle Garza
Anthony Mercado

1/31
Omar Medina

2/1
Marlow Parker
Wells Shaw

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),

Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes,

Bryan Allen Myers (*Bill Myers*)

Robbie Harris and Norma Baldwin (*Kitty Grantham*)

Doug Summit, Lina Sardar Khil (*Vicki Ferguson*),

John Purnell, Mike Notin, (*Nancy Shelden*)

Annalynn Jackson, Richard Jackson,

Marvadene and Ted (*Kay Carter*)

Douglas Robinson (*Ginnie and Henry Herrera*)

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



Please notify the church office if you don't see your name on the birthday list. We don't want to overlook any birthdays!