



The Messenger

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Ordinary Time

The church year has two seasons that share a name that is both peculiar and commonplace: Ordinary Time. These two stretches of Sundays fall between Epiphany and Lent in the winter and between Pentecost and Reign of Christ Sunday in the summer. While the label has different meanings, “ordinary” suggests the fact that often discipleship is a matter of routine, regular, run-of-the-mill faithfulness—with our practices of faith not pyrotechnical in nature, but simply earnest and sustained.



This year our own Karon O’Ferrall has gifted us with a bulletin board visual that interprets the meaning of Ordinary Time, what Gerome Berryman calls “the green and growing days.” Notice the dynamic movement across a static background, suggesting the way in which the ordinary living out of our faith moves us ever closer to holiness, and to wholeness. The three golden rays might represent the Trinity, reminding us that all our growing is a growing in grace, a gift of God’s love wending its way into our hearts and lives, our choices and decisions.

Karon has offered some lovely and lively guiding words for this Ordinary Time visual.

IN ORDINARY TIME . . .
WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND.
EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES IS FILLED WITH
SMALL MIRACLES AND SMALL OPPORTUNITIES
TO GROW IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP,
TO DEVELOP A SERVANT’S HEART,
AND TO GIVE AND RECEIVE GOD’S LOVE.



This year winter’s Ordinary Time stretches through the entire month of February, an unusually protracted stretch for the Season after Epiphany. (March 2 will bring us to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.) What are your desires for an earnest and sustained practice of faith through this green and growing season? Reflect on ways God is growing your faith through this season between seasons, and ask God to lead you to places of love and serving as the expression of that faith.

Grace and peace.

Sunday Worship February 13th

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*Come
and See...*

Sunday February 13

Sermon: Katie Myers

Song Leader: Byrd Bonner

Worship Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Worship

11am Sanctuary

Sermon: Katie Myers

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

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.



Join us for Fellowship!

9:30am to 10:am

Fellowship Hall

Coffee and light refreshments served.



LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH HEALTHY

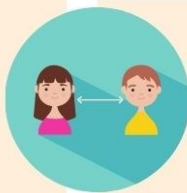


Masks are required at all times while on campus for worship and other activities. When masks are removed for enjoying refreshments, please use care and consideration to those around you.

Sanitize and wash your hands frequently. Sanitizers are throughout the building.



Monitor yourself for any COVID-like symptoms prior to leaving home. If you have symptoms, stay home and secure appropriate care.



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

Worship at Laurel Heights as well as certain Sunday School class gatherings can be shared online.

Laurel Heights UMC Youth

2/11 - Christianity is rooted in Judaism and our neighbors at Temple Beth-El are welcoming us to visit. Meet at Temple Beth-El, 211 Belknap Pl, @ 5:30. (Reserve by 2/10. Parents Welcome.)

3/26 - LHUMC Youth Family Service Day. Meet @ SA Food Bank, 5200 Enrique M. Barrera Pkwy, 1:30 - 4:00. (20 open spots)

Each person must register on the Food Bank site by 3/22.



Reservations-wyndee@interfaithsaa.org

Laurel Heights UMC Youth

Visit and worship

@ Temple Beth-El

Feb. 11 5:30 -7:30 pm



YOUTH FAMILY SERVICE @

SA FOOD BANK

MARCH 26, 1:30-4 PM

LAUREL HEIGHTS
FEBRUARY 27
9AM TO 2PM
GYM



Wednesday Prayer Gathering

FEBRUARY 9TH 5:30PM TO 6:00PM

USE THIS LINK TO JOIN:

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/130214408](https://zoom.us/j/130214408)

OR CALL 346-248-7799

WHEN PROMPTED, ENTER MEETING ID:

130-214-408

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.*

Romans 12:12



Become A Basura Bash Volunteer Today!

Join the largest single-day waterway cleanup in Texas!

February 19, 2022

**Basura Bash is a one day, all-volunteer event to
clean the San Antonio Watershed.**

Use this link to learn more and register: <https://basurabash.org/>

CHURCH MICE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND FOR WORK!

One of the lesser known organizations at Laurel Heights is the Church Mice. Organized over 25 years ago, the group of mostly retired women and men meet every Thursday morning at the church from around 9:30 to noon (or whatever time you can make it) to do all sorts of tasks. The group has done projects both inside and outside the church, and projects to help others. Members often serve on handicap ramp building projects for the Texas Ramp Project and home building projects for Habitat for Humanity.

On the first Thursday of every month, the Church Mice prepare sandwiches for the Church Under the Bridge. (Communities Under the Bridge)

All church members are asked to place potential projects in the "Church Mice" box which is in the Fellowship Hall (Dining Room). Do screws need to be tightened, nails pulled, sink aerators need cleaning, chairs need gluing, etc.? Let the Mice know by putting your request in the box or by contacting a Church Mice member. Dennis Davis is the current chair of the group

If you have Thursday mornings open, the Church Mice are looking for new women and men to join in the fellowship with them. We have members from several different skill levels and members that claim not to have a specialty. But ALL are welcome to share the work and the fellowship with the group.

Please contact Dennis Davis at davis6908@gmail.com or 210-884-5611 if you would like to join in on the fun!



LHUMC Mission of the Month

February 2022

Our Mission of the Month for February is Missionary Guillermo Berman. He directs the Manos Juntas Ministry which is a part of the Methodist Church of Mexico and ministers to people living near Reynosa and Matamoras. It is a multi-faceted ministry with ongoing projects to provide a better life for the people of Mexico.

Missionary Berman and Manos Juntas are supported by UMC Global Ministries as well as donations and volunteer teams from the United States and other countries.

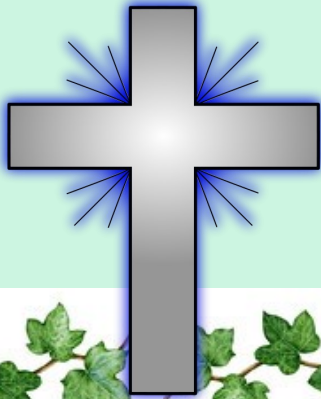
You may donate to the Mission of the Month online at <https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

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



PRAY FOR MISSIONARY GUILLERMO BERMAN
AND HIS MINISTRY WITH THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO.

**Memorial
and
Honorary Gifts**



General

In memory of
Larry Howard
Given by
Vicki Ferguson

In memory of
Irene Alfaro
Given by
Vicki Ferguson



*Many ways to give at
Laurel Heights*

*Text to give:
"LHUMC" to 73256*

*Online giving:
Please visit our website,
<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>*

Use our church QR code:



*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!

February 27 to March 6

2/27

George Rohlfs

2/28

Henry Holloway
Amelie Lanoux

3/1

Nancy Haney
Lizzie Hartson

3/3

Karen Angelini
Genny Campbell
Jose Mercado
Zoe Moore

3/4

Luke Galindo

3/5

Glynis Hayes
Mary Jo Martin

3/6

Javier Alvarez
Brittany Ruiz

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),

Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes,

Bryan Allen Myers (*Bill Myers*)

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

Douglas Robinson (*Ginnie and Henry Herrera*),

Peggy Wiggins (*Blanche Birdsong*),

Frankie & Justin Lindstrom (*Wyndee Holbrook*)

Debbie Campbell, Kristin Kemper (*Susan Craig*),

Tommy Schwarz and Lynn Oakley (*Annalynn Jackson*),

Rafael Marquez and Mark Medley (*Sue Hall*)

Chris Norris (*Shelly Kennerdell*)

Kim and John; John Purriel and family;

Jim and Kate; Denise and her son; Nancy Leake and family;

Mike Notin and family; (*Nancy Shelden*)

Marcy Gauntt (*Robbie Farmer*)

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.

Are we missing your name on the birthday list? Please notify the church office that may update our information. We don't want to miss anyone!



Contact Us

To reach the office staff by phone, please call (210) 733-7156.

or visit us at our website

www.LaurelHeights.org

For an appointment with Yvonne Garcia, RN, our Wesley Nurse, please call (210) 272-7921.

