



The Messenger

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Water by the mill

John Heywood, the grandfather of priest and poet John Donne, once wrote that “much water goeth by the mill that the miller knoweth not of.” I believe his observation suggests that we don’t always know the good we do, or the good that’s done around us, or through us—or sometimes in spite of us! God works in mysterious ways these wonders to perform . . .



The Laurel Heights Prayer Wall has been in place at the corner of Belknap and Woodlawn since Easter 2020, just weeks after we were displaced from our sanctuary by Covid-19. Ann and Mike McGlone and Genny and Nick Campbell assembled it that morning. Since that Easter Sunday on which we brought the church outdoors in that beautiful way, hundreds and hundreds of passersby have paused to pray at that corner, tying a ribbon onto a metal lattice to represent their prayer. Every few weeks those ribbons have been carefully removed from the prayer wall by Liz Escamilla and others and placed on the altar table in Scott Chapel, with new ribbons supplied in wicker basket at the wall. You may recall that we brought those colorful ribbons from Scott Chapel into the sanctuary last year during the month of October.

Last week a family wrote to the church office expressing what the prayer wall had meant to them during a challenging time:

*Dear Folks of Prayer Ribbon Ministry,
Thank you for putting out the ribbons for prayer. My husband and I are runners and stop by on our morning runs to say a prayer.*

*When it started, my husband was unemployed because of a shut-down.
We prayed for our needs to be met and they were!*

We prayed for the health of our elderly moms and wisdom for our adult children.

It’s a wonderful ministry!

The Prayer Wall has been a portal through which countless people have experienced God—some for whom this was perhaps their first invitation to pray in this way; and during Covid possibly their only avenue for shared prayer. Did you realize that Laurel Heights was in ministry with our community in such an expansive and quietly sustaining way? Much water goeth by the mill . . .

Grace and peace.



Sunday Worship February 20th

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

*Come
and See...*

Sunday February 20
Sermon: Wyndee Holbrook
Song Leader: Vicki Ferguson

Worship Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Worship

11am Sanctuary

Sermon: Rev. Paul Escamilla

**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, tea and light
refreshments served.





Wednesday Prayer Gathering

FEBRUARY 16TH 5:30PM TO 6:00PM
USE THIS LINK TO JOIN:

<https://www.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*



welcome!

MARIA ROBLES AND CYNTHIA DUVALL JOIN THE
LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC STAFF!

This week Laurel Heights welcomes two new staff members. Maria Robles begins her work as our bookkeeper, training with Amy Caldwell for that role until Amy leaves the office at the end of this month to relocate to Ft. Worth.

Cynthia Duvall, who has volunteered at Laurel Heights for the last three years, will provide administrative support in an interim contract position as we approach Elizabeth Jackson's retirement at the beginning of April.

Welcome, Maria and Cynthia!



**LAUREL HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

**YOUNG ADULT
STUDENT LUNCH**

Sunday February 20

Book & Bible Discussion 10 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

Lunch 12 p.m.

Volunteers needed and welcome!

Contact Wyndee Holbrook : wyndee@interfaithsaa.org



STAFF APPRECIATION DAY A BIG SUCESS!!

A note of thanks from
the Laurel Heights Staff. . .

What a wonderful outpouring of love and appreciation we enjoyed yesterday, courtesy of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Fresh muffins, gift bags, a delicious box lunch, and a festive table of decorations and balloons was a day-long reminder of the church's kindness and affirmation. Thanks to the Committee, and to the congregation they represent. We are honored and grateful to share in the gospel work with the people of Laurel Heights. Thank you, church!

Laurel Heights Staff



**Give Blood,
Give LOVE!
February 27
9am to 2pm
Gym
Laurel Heights**

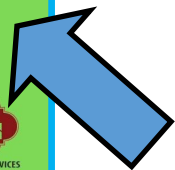


SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITIES OF WELCOME FOR AFGHANS
SPORTS DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2:00-5:00
 Raymond Rimkus Park
 6440 Evers Rd, Leon Valley, TX 78238

Soccer, Cricket, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Racing & more!
FAMILIES & NEIGHBORS ACROSS BEXAR COUNTY ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS FUN COMMUNITY SPORTS DAY
 Covid Vaccinations & Food Distribution will be available

ORGANIZERS
 Culturingua, INTERFAITH SAN ANTONIO ALLIANCE


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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPORTS DAY!

If you're ready to join in the fun please contact organizer Nader Mahdawi nader@culturingua.com. Nader works closely with LH's Pastor in Residence Wyndee Holbrook. Expertise is not required, just a big smile and an open heart.

Nader will assign volunteers to different activities, and he needs to know your gender because the games will be segregated by gender. With soccer, cricket, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and foot races it promises to be a wonderful and energetic event!



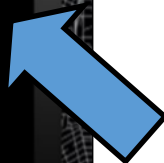
SPURS FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT
WITH DAVID ROBINSON
 FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH | 7:30PM

Spurs vs. Utah Jazz

Purchase includes:

- Spurs vs Jazz game ticket
- T-Shirt
- Postgame Speaker Series with David Robinson

Includes an image of a basketball and a t-shirt with the event logo.



Ready for fun and inspiration?
 We'll enjoy both at the Spurs Game on Friday March 11. Tickets are only \$15 payable to LHUMC.

Please make your reservation with Elizabeth Jackson at EJackson@mylhumc.org by February 28.

Youth Families and College Student visit Temple Beth-El



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!

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



*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.



March 7 to March 14

3/7

Marvin Huth

3/8

Mary Hawkins

3/9

Penny Souder
John Williams

3/10

Hunter Lee

3/11

Luke Bowman
Ellen Evans
Allen Myers

3/14

Yadiél Montaña

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!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),

Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes,

Bryan Allen Myers (*Bill Myers*)

Douglas Robinson (*Ginnie and Henry Herrera*),

Peggy Wiggins (*Blanche Birdsong*),

Frankie & Justin Lindstrom (*Wyndee Holbrook*)

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*),

Daniel "Stump" Sowada (*Nancy Jones*),

Danny Garza (*Wyndee Holbrook*)

Elaine Finch (*Kitty Grantham*)

Joys: Proud parents, David and Jaclyn Lozano
announce the birth of a son, Hank Lozano!

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;

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.

