



The Messenger

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Prayer Wall through a Pandemic

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 early that morning. Since that Easter Sunday on which we brought the church outdoors in such a beautiful way, countless people 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. 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.

On Holy Saturday, April 16th at 3:00 p.m. the Prayer Wall will be decommissioned. Ribbons from the wall will be gathered and arranged into a display for the bulletin board outside Scott Chapel. We have commissioned Karon O’Ferrall for this project. The display, which will be installed in late spring, will serve as a reflection piece, representing one specific dimension of our life together during the pandemic.

We give thanks for the Prayer Wall, and those who tended it; for the many who found their way to it during a difficult time; and for the prayers of lament and hope, gratitude and mercy, fear and assurance, remembrance and longing, intercession and celebration represented across two years by the ribbons tied to its latticework. May God continue to hold these prayers, and those who offered them, in mercy, love, and grace.



Paul



Sunday Worship April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Come and See... A Lenten Journey



Masks required
Wash hands or sanitize frequently
Practice social distancing
as appropriate.

Sunday, April 3
9:00am Sanctuary
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sermon: Rev. Paul Escamilla
Song Leader:
Anaiah Lupton Montano

**Full
to the Brim**
An expansive lent

Fellowship Gathering / 9:30am to 10am / Fellowship Hall

coffee, tea and light refreshments

Sunday School for all ages / 10am to 10:45am

Look for signs to various classrooms

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

Worship / 11am / Sanctuary

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

The 11 am service will be live-streamed at:

<https://www.laurelheights.org/online-worship/>

and on our Facebook page at 11am.

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

Masks recommended

Self-select for symptoms or health risks.

Wash hands and sanitize often.

Practice social distancing

as appropriate.

Easter Lily Order Form

I/We wish to make a donation of \$15 to help purchase an Easter lily plant to decorate and beautify the sanctuary.

This gift is given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Payments accepted online or by check. To purchase online, go to www.onrealm.org/LaurelHeightsUn/give/now

Use the Fund dropdown box to select "Easter Lilies" and write your dedication in the memo line.

To purchase by check, make your check made payable to Laurel Heights UMC and write "Lily" in the memo line.

Mail this form together with your check to LHUMC, Attn: Bookkeeper, 227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212.

Please submit by April 10.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),

Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes, Bryan Allen Myers

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

Kristin Kemper (*Susan Craig*) Esther Chalk,

Kathy Blackburn; Carol Davidson (*Janice Clayton*)

Shirley Carter, Leona Coker, Jerry Geerdes, Don Redmond

Brenda Stewart (*Annalynn Jackson*), Gary Meszaros:

Rafael Marquez: Varuni Kumara: Mark Medley (Sue Hall),

Jack Woods (*The Arredondo's*), Kim Douglas (*The Shelden's*)

Peggy Wiggins (*Blanche Birdsong*)

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.

*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.

Contact Us

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

Church Office Hours:

9am to 3pm

See our website:

www.LaurelHeights.org

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

Holy Week

Laurel Heights UMC

Palm Sunday



Come and See 9am/sanctuary
Worship 11am/sanctuary

Maunday Thursday

April 14, 2022

6:15pm / Scott Chapel
Foot washing

7:00pm / Sanctuary
Communion
Stripping of the sanctuary

Good Friday



Friday, 15
April 2022
7:00pm Service
Sanctuary

EASTER SERVICES AT LAUREL HEIGHTS



REDEEMED & REJOICING

Sunrise Service

7am
Rooftop

Come and See

9am
Sanctuary

Easter Service

11am
Sanctuary

CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP WITH US AS WE
WAKE TO A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!

LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

Tre Ore Service (Three Hours)

Noon - 3:00 pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place 78212

Many at Laurel Heights have found this form of service meaningful. You are invited to join our neighbors down the street for this meditative and reflective service featuring the Christ Episcopal church adult choir and a 21 piece string orchestra.

(The actual service length will be approximately 1.5 hours)

"Le Chemin de la Croix "(Stations of the Cross)

3:00 pm, Chapel of the Incarnate Word, 4503 Broadway 78209

Fourteen organists of the Alamo chapter of the American Guild of Organists will perform Marcel Dupré's "Le Chemin de la Croix "(Stations of the Cross). Laurel Heights Organist and Director of Music, Geoffrey Waite, will be among the performers. This will be a time to reflect upon and consider the Passion of our Lord in one of the most beautiful and holy spaces in our city.

From The United Women of Faith for LHUMC

The Mary Blackford Scholarship Committee

invites graduating seniors to apply for scholarships
for the upcoming semesters!

We also welcome applications from students seeking church related
work training, and persons in a career transition that would require
additional training or education as well.

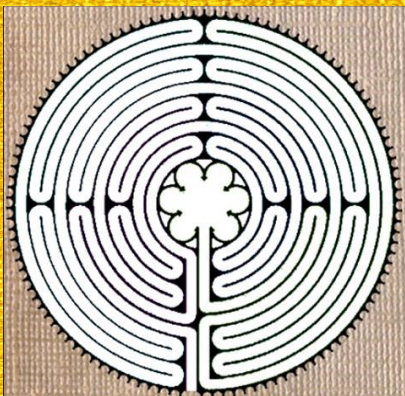
The scholarship awards are \$250.00 per semester.

To request an application please contact:
Patrice Law mariepatrice.law@gmail.com.

The application deadline is May 1, 2022.

Completed applications are to be submitted to Patrice Law
via her email address:

mariepatrice.law@gmail.com



Lenten Labyrinth at Laurel Heights

During Lent, the Labyrinth is available in
Room 312 Monday-Friday 9 am to 3 pm
and Sunday morning 8 am to Noon.

You are invited to walk the Labyrinth
during this season, bringing joys and concerns with
you for praying as you focus on
walking the path.



Young Adults and Friends Lunch Fun!



A spontaneous lunch date is the perfect recipe for fun! Our Young Adults and friends shared food and fellowship at The Cove after church on March 27th!

**Next Sunday, April 3rd,
Young Adults begin
“The Conversation Space”
in Mann Chapel at 10am on
Sunday mornings,
A guided conversation with
no homework.**

Mission of the Month April 2022

Afghan Family Welcome!

As we learn more, our LHUMC Mission Committee we will be sharing the details of our welcoming an Afghan family here at Laurel Heights!

Afghan children's artwork:



Sanctuary Offering



Online Giving

Please visit our website:

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



**MANY WAYS TO
GIVE AT
LAUREL HEIGHTS
UMC**



**Text to
give:**

"LHUMC" 73256

**Or use our
QR code**



Support the humanitarian response in Ukraine

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR),
the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries,
is in communication with partners in the region and actively
exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine.
Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to:
Advance #982450.

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/> (Click on link)





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**LAUREL
HEIGHTSUMC**



April 3 to April 10

4/3

Gemma Pearson
Oliver Pearson

4/4

David Bailey
David Gannon
Jim Hollerbach
Nixon Trainer

4/5

Tony Arredondo
Natalie Pearson

4/7

Paul Kinnison

Church Office Hours

9:00am to 3:00pm

Monday through Friday

210-733-7156



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