



The Messenger

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RELIANCE: WORDS WE LIVE BY



In the scripture we shared in worship Sunday, the voice of temptation has a lot to say. The temptations as they are presented to Jesus are couched in flattery and enticements, complete with hallucinatory visions of all the kingdoms of all the earth and the very pinnacle of the temple.

Each of Jesus' responses are one single sentence.

Jesus does not need a lot of words to confront the temptations he is faced with. In fact, it almost seems that he could be speaking the words to himself. Drawing strength from his faith, the echoes of scripture he has memorized, the words that have been tattooed on his heart, words that sustain him in this desert ordeal.

Sunday we reflected on words or phrases that sustain us over time, that give us hope or courage or joy.

I wonder what words you have tattooed on your heart?

Maybe it's just one word?

Peace Kindness Grace Mercy

Maybe it's a phrase?

God loves me. I belong to God. God is good all the time.

What words of faith do you carry with you for the ins and outs of daily life – the everyday temptations we all face? Perhaps you have so many you'd be hard pressed to choose just one. Or maybe your soul is desert-parched, so weary of the journey that you can barely come up with one word?

And, my friends, if that's the case, let me give you one word to carry you through this season, the one that always, always gets me through.

Love.

Laura Healy

Sunday Worship March 13



Second Sunday in Lent

Come and See... A Lenten Journey



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

Sunday, March 13
9:00am Sanctuary
Second Sunday in Lent
Sermon:
Rev. Wyndee Holbrook
Song Leader: Katie Myers

Full
to the
Brim
An expansive lent

Join us for Fellowship!

9:30am to 10am

Fellowship Hall

Coffee, tea and light
refreshments served.

**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.

Worship

11am Sanctuary

Sermon: Mark Doty

Masks recommended

Self-select for symptoms or health risks.

Wash hands and sanitize often.

Practice social distancing

as appropriate.

Sunday, March 13th 2am

DON'T FORGET!



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.

BASKET OF BLESSINGS AND LOVE OFFERING
FOR ELIZABETH JACKSON

Our beloved administrative secretary, Elizabeth Jackson, is retiring after 17 years of service on the Laurel Heights staff.

Her last day of work will be Friday, April 8th.

Let's express our deep appreciation for her devoted service to Laurel Heights with cards, notes, and a special love offering.

Cards and letters can be brought to the church's office workroom during weekdays or on Sundays.

The United Methodist Women have prepared a "Basket of Blessings" for that purpose. Love offering gifts can be made through the mail or online, or placed in the sanctuary offering baskets.

Join us in celebrating Elizabeth's remarkable service to Laurel Heights and in blessing her for the next season in her life.

Are you interested?

Laurel Heights UMC is seeking an administrative manager to oversee administrative and management functions within the church, as well as provide clerical support for the senior pastor and various program ministries.

Familiarity with church administrative systems preferred. Reports to the senior pastor, working closely with other staff and lay leadership. Full-time, with benefits.

For further inquiries, use this email address: info@mylhumc.org



Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

Finance Committee Update

Y-T-D 2022

Budget Receipts:	February	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$50,334.86	\$94,698.22
Other Receipts	\$27,312.55	\$45,680.14
Total Budget Receipts:	\$77,647.41	\$140,378.36
Total Budget Expenses:	\$72,316.84	\$135,269.30
Ahead (Behind):	\$5,330.57	\$5,109.06
Round 2 PPP Loan Forgiveness	-\$8,953.91	-\$17,907.82
Ahead (Behind) minus PPP	-\$3,623.34	-\$12,798.76



*Many ways to give at
Laurel Heights*

*Text to give:
"LHUMC" to 73256*

*Online giving:
Please visit our website,*

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

Or use our church QR code:



Mission of the Month

March 2022

DONATE YOUR NEW OR “GENTLY” USED SHOES!



When you donate new or gently used shoes, you help people get back on their feet, literally!

Baskets available at the Woodlawn Entrance.

Men's, Women's & Children's casual & athletic shoes (No dress shoes or high heels)

What is a Labyrinth?

The Labyrinth is an ancient tool that can be useful in prayer and in focusing on God. During Lent, our 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.



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

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://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450/> (Click on link)

Lenten Exploration of Spiritual Disciplines

During the Season of Lent, join us as we gather for an Exploration of Spiritual Disciplines as presented in Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*

Each week, beginning Wednesday, March 9th through Wednesday, April 6th, we will explore one of the disciplines with a reflection from one who is experienced in that discipline and suggestions for our own spiritual practice.

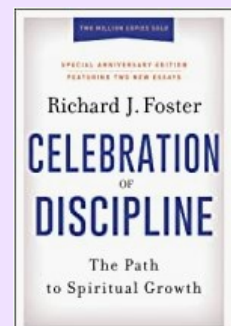
No book is needed, nor reading required.

We will gather

Wednesday evenings

March 9th through April 6th

5:15-6:00pm in the Parlor and on Zoom.



(Wednesday Prayer Gathering will join this study for the season.)

For more information contact Laura Healy (lhealy@mylhumc.org)

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

*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!

March 31 to April 7

3/31

Mike McGlone

4/1

Judy Geerdes
Eric Ramirez

4/2

Larry Aguilar
Cynthia Cowles

4/3

Gemma Pearson
Olivia Pearson

4/4

David Bailey
David Gannon
Jim Hollerbach
Nixon Trainer

4/5

Tony Arredondo
Natalie Pearson

4/7

Paul Kinnison

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),

Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes, Bryan Allen Myers
(*Bill Myers*) Douglas Robinson (*Ginnie and Henry Herrera*),

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

Mitzie and Ron Roberts (*Kitty Grantham*),

Alex Padgett, Paul Exon (*Yvonne Garcia*) Mark Medley;

Rafael Marquez; Varuni Kumara (*Sue Hall*),

Kristin Kemper (*Susan Craig*)

Esther Chalk, Teresa Garces

Kathy Blackburn; Carol Davidson (*Janice Clayton*)

Danny Garza; John Schweers (*Wyndee Holbrook*)

Shirley Carter, Leona Coker

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
so we can 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.

