



# The Messenger

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## ***Putting Your House in Order***

Australian writer Thomas W. Shapcott's novel *Hotel Bellevue* opens with a child asking his grandmother, "When you die, what will you leave me?" She answers, "I will leave you sole heir of my hopes."



How would we leave someone our hopes when we are gone? Surely there are many ways, but among them is through the legacy we leave by means of our planned giving. Across my years of ministry, I have deeply appreciated the wisdom and forethought of church members who make planned gifts to the church they love that will be used far beyond their lifetimes to encourage the church's vital ministry and mission.

Laurel Heights has a strong tradition of cultivating and carefully stewarding such gifts and bequests in ways that have blessed the congregation immeasurably through extending the values and vision of those who made these gifts to their beloved church.

On Monday the Laurel Heights Stewardship Committee will host two brief seminars called "Putting Your House in Order" in which a representative from Texas Methodist Foundation will spend an hour or so with us on subjects related to estate planning. Included in that discussion will be an exploration of possible long-term gifts to Laurel Heights. The two identical workshops are scheduled for **Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, with a Zoom option available, please see below. A helpful handbook will be provided as a part of the presentation, and refreshments will be served.

All of us would agree that we want to pass our values along, to leave our hopes in the hands of others who will help to bring them to fruition in future generations. The seminar provided by TMF is an excellent resource in getting started with such considerations. I hope you'll make plans to join me and others at one of these gatherings.

Grace and Peace,

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89172313109?pwd=NVLRL21UQ0dhdzhTRzI5aUc5UzRpUT09>



# Sunday Worship May 1

Third Sunday of Easter

*Come  
and See...*

Sunday, May 1

Sermon: Rev. Paul Escamilla

Song Leader: Beth Thomas

Worship Sunday @ 9 a.m.



**LAUREL HEIGHTS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.**

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

11am worship/sanctuary

## **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.

# *Putting Your House in Order*



**Conversations about  
planned giving  
through Laurel Heights  
Monday, May 2nd  
10:00am to 11:30am  
or  
7:00pm to 8:30pm  
Fellowship Hall**

Hosted by Stewardship Committee

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Healing:** Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),  
Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes, Bryan Allen Myers  
(*Bill Myers*), Daniel "Stump" Sowada (*Nancy Jones*),  
Esther Chalk, Leona Coker, Jerry Geerdes,  
Don Redmond, Mark Medley (*Sue Hall*),  
Trish Moss (*Nick and Genny Campbell*),  
Cheryl Fulcher (*Kay Carter*),  
Nathan Vasquez (*Patricia Vasquez*),  
Hallie Saylor (*Jo Mascorro*)  
Gerry & Joshua (*Roxane Darnell*)  
Sonny Landers (Jake Landers)  
Mary Sandoval, Peggy Wiggins (Blanche Birdsong),  
Grandchild; Rob and Anne Sanchez (Clyta Coder)  
Blakely (Landers Family)

### **Bereavement:**

*The Family of Al Groves on the  
occasion of his death.*

**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](mailto:prayers@mylhumc.org),  
through [Facebook](#)  
[Messenger](#),  
or calling the church office  
(210) 733-7156.

The infographic is titled "MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC". It features four main sections: "Sanctuary Offering" with an icon of a hand dropping coins into a tray; "Online Giving" with a website URL <http://www.laurelheights.org/give/> and a person at a computer icon; "Or use our give:" with a phone icon and the number "73256"; and a QR code. The background is light blue with decorative elements.

## Weekly Wednesday Prayer Gathering

APRIL 27TH 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*

**GIVING IS  
★ BIGGER  
IN TEXAS**

**BE A BLOOD DONOR**  
Get A \$10 **H-E-B** Gift Card



**DONATE BLOOD**

**Laurel Heights United  
Methodist Church**

Sunday, May 1  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**In the Gymnasium**




Scan QR Code to Schedule Your Appointment

For further information, please contact  
Yvonne Garcia at 210-733-7156

All donors will receive a  
**\$10 H-E-B** gift card.



 **South Texas  
Blood & Tissue**  
A Division of HCA Healthcare

SouthTexasBlood.org  


## Meet and Greet

*Join us Sunday, May 1st  
9:30am Fellowship Hall  
as we welcome*

*Laurel Heights newest staff members*

Laura Marty, Music and Choir Director

Melanie Randall, Organist

Maria Robles, Bookkeeper

Heather Weidenbach, Administrative Manager

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mariepatrice.law@gmail.com)

## Project Transformation This Summer

The Laurel Heights community will proudly serve as a PT Partner Church this summer!



Project Transformation works hard to make sure they are in neighborhoods of high need. In years past, we have been adjacent to a high need area, but as gentrification progresses in the neighborhood, that high need has shifted farther south and west. The need has not decreased, it is arguably greater than ever, it has moved.

Laurel Height's commitment to meeting the needs of children and college students hasn't decreased either. We are now being asked to venture a little further out of the church's neighborhood to meet that need.

This summer we have the opportunity to serve children and college students at two new locations in San Antonio, Impacto Community Center on the southwest side and Emanuel UMC on the west side. Northern Hills Ministry is also a site this year in the industrial area of Perrin Beitel.

Project Transformation needs our support as a partner church more than ever so let's stretch and serve our neighbors of San Antonio!





**Join us this summer at Vacation Bible School!**

**We are diving into Matthew 6:11 -**

**"Give us this day our daily bread."**

**June 27th - July 1st**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Rising Kinder thru 6th Grade**

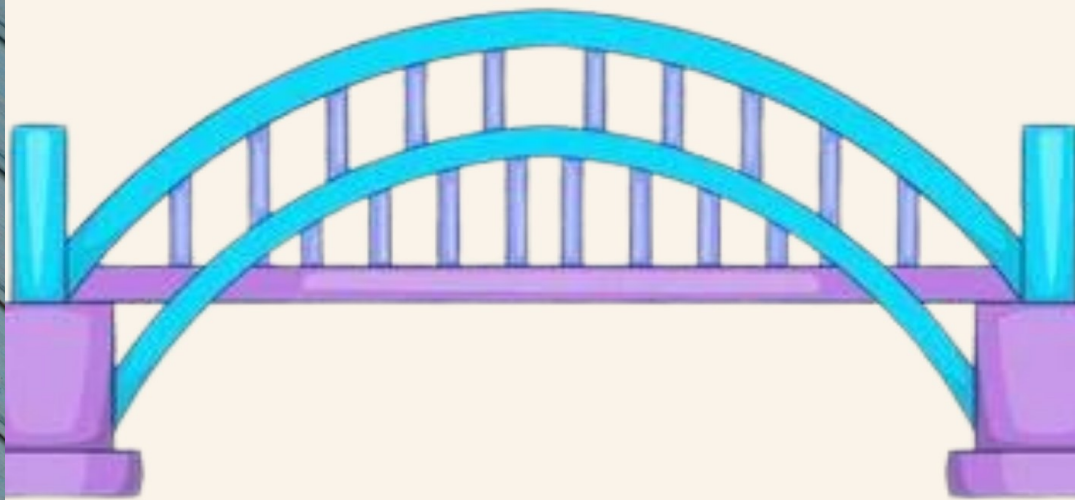


*Register  
Here!*



# Mission of the Month May 2022

## CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE



Stay tuned to "The Messenger" for more information regarding our Mission of the Month



**UMCOR**

• Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

### Support the humanitarian response in Ukraine

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to Advance #982450.

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/>

# THANK YOU LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC



100 pairs of shoes were donated to Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) during their Soles 4 Souls Campaign!!!

## PANCAKE STUDY BREAK

Students - come for the carb load!

May 11, 7-9:30 p.m.

@ Laurel Heights United Methodist Church



Workers needed, contact Wyndee!  
[wyndee@interfaithsaa.org](mailto:wyndee@interfaithsaa.org)



LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC

# Potluck Picnic

Food  
Fellowship  
Fun

Rowe Plaza &  
adjacent parking lot



**Sunday, May 15th**

**9:30-10:15am**

**Potluck  
Brunch and  
Outdoor  
Games**

*Bring a  
dish or  
activity to  
share!*





### May 3 to May 7

**5/3**

Diane Halim

Jenn Vasquez

**5/4**

Shannon McFarland

Ronnie Watson

**5/5**

Sheila Sims

Brian Trodden

**5/7**

Alice Gannon

## Church Office Hours

9:00am to 3:00pm

Monday through Friday

210-733-7156

### Contact Us

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

[www.laurelheights.org](http://www.laurelheights.org)

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

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!**

## Follow Us On



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