

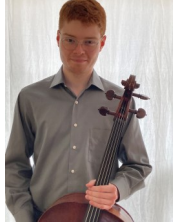


# The Messenger

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**Come & See Reflection on Luke 11:1-13 July 24, 2022**



This past week, I worked at the Youth Orchestras of San Antonio summer camp. The students are split into three different orchestras based on their playing ability, and they see the music for the first time on Monday morning, and will perform it in a concert Friday afternoon. For middle schoolers, this is an incredibly fast turnaround. Most middle school orchestras give a maximum of 4 concerts during a school year, the preparation for which is measured in months and not days. My job was to work with just the cellos and help them learn the music in this short period of time. One of the many things I learned during this week is that I lack the physical and mental fortitude necessary to be a middle school orchestra director!

There was one piece in particular that the students struggled with. It was relatively fast, and playing fast is often challenging for musicians early on in their development. These kiddos were no exception. There were frequent string crossings, which could be avoided by playing the notes in a different position. However, the kids weren't comfortable enough with shifting between different positions to play it this way. Monday through Wednesday, every sectional I did with this cello section had half the time dedicated to this trouble piece, *Dragon Dances*, and I focused mostly on the challenging string crossing sections. It improved, but at a slow pace, and the students still couldn't get through the piece playing at the tempo the conductor wanted. As I went into Thursday, the last day of sectionals before the concert, my optimism was at its lowest so far. My mother, in her infinite wisdom, said "leave room for divine inspiration throughout your day". In other words, *search and you will find*. I found a second wind of hope—no, not hope, *faith*,—in the kids, brought my biggest and loudest metronome from home, taught the alternate fingering, and the Thursday afternoon rehearsal went well. So did the concert on Friday. Have faith, pray, persist—and you will be rewarded, as Jesus tells us.

Just 5 months ago, in February, I walked into the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center downtown and fell in love with a 200 year-old cello. In a matter of days, I decided that it was perfect for me and I arranged to buy it, right before it was scheduled to be shown to a potential buyer in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. For context, I have spent the past **4 years** being told that I needed a better instrument (some told me more pointedly than others), and sometimes borrowing a better instrument to perform with. My whole family had been saving money for a long time, knowing that the upgrade to a true professional instrument was both inevitable and expensive. We expected to spend multiple months making multiple trips across the country to find cellos and then try cellos and have my teachers play cellos. This would all result in a professional-quality instrument that would be perfect for me and our budget. As some of you may know, this was not how my cello search went. At all.

Returning to our scripture reading, the New International Version describes this passage slightly differently; that it is not persistence that compels the friend to open the door and share bread, but **boldness**. Is there not a bit of hubris, a bit of conceit, in thinking that I could truly find my potentially lifelong wooden friend in less than 48 hours in my hometown? I don't think so. Maybe God is just that good. Maybe God is **more** than that good.

The end of our passage says that if we, in our flawed humanness, can take of our own children, God's care for us—God's children—is greater than this, greater beyond our imagination. This is a form of persistence too—I'm not a music education major; and yet I boldly believed that I had something to share and teach those cello students this week. I did all that I could with the love and knowledge I have gathered up from my own teachers. And the concerts were great! Nobody played in the rests! God provided.

If we try, if we ask, if we show up, if we persist with love and faith in our hearts and believe that God will provide for us, it will be so. Amen.

Max Healy



# Sunday Worship Services

*Come  
and See...*

Sunday, July 31st

Sermon: Rev. Wyndee Holbrook

Song Leader: Byrd Bonner

Worship Sunday @ 9 a.m.



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

July 31, 2022  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
**11am Worship/Sanctuary**

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

*Why we mask in Come  
and See...*

Why are we still masking during Come and See,  
when masks aren't required elsewhere?

I asked for input recently and want to share with you  
the heartfelt appreciation shared by parents with  
critical concern for their young children.

Parents want their children to interact with their  
church family, but the very young still need  
protection. Little ones recognize our smiles behind  
our masks, and Come and See parents are grateful  
for the gathering that provides the greatest  
protection with an abundance of loving interaction.

Thank you, one and all, for your gracious care for  
"the least of these" by continuing to wear a mask  
during Come and See.

Blessings, Rev. Wyndee

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

Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments

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

Look for signs to various classrooms

Certain Adult Groups 9:30am to 10:30am

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 .

## Masks Recommended

Self-select for symptoms or health risks.

Wash hands and sanitize often.

Practice social distancing as appropriate.



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Healing:** Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),

Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes,

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

Esther Chalk, Jerry Geerdes,

Phil Hall; Dimity and Stephen Hall (*Sue Hall*),

Spencer Fuller (*Kay Carter*), Mary Sandoval

Sonny Landers (*Landers Family*)

Shelley McMullen (*Clyta Coder*), Tom Morton

Gail Sims (*Blanche Birdsong*)

Lynn Oakley (*Annalynn Jackson*)

Rebekah Garcia (*Leticia Vasquez*), Roger Gary

**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.

pray

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.

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



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

# Wednesday

## Weekly Prayer Gathering

Every Wednesday from 5:30PM to 6:00PM

To join the Weekly Prayer Gathering via Zoom simply click on the link to join

<https://zoom.us/j/130214408>

or call 346-248-7799  
Meeting ID: 130-214-409

Be Joyful  
IN HOPE,  
Patient  
IN AFFLICTION,  
Faithful  
IN PRAYER.

- ROMANS 12:12



## Our Life Together

### Wednesday, July 27

8:45 a.m. Weekday School Mtg *Parlor*  
 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class *Rm. 312*  
 10:15 Weekday School Chapel *Sanctuary*  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Gathering  
*Zoom*  
 7:00 p.m. AA Monte Vista Group  
*Room 305*

### Thursday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Church Mice - *Fellowship Hall*  
 10:00 a.m. Super Adult Day - *Gym*  
 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - *Room 312*

### Friday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

### Saturday, July 30

10:00 a.m. Custer Rd UMC Revelation  
 Choir Concert - *Sanctuary*

### Sunday, July 31

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship  
*Sanctuary*  
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time *Fellowship Hall*  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *various rooms -*  
*look for signs*  
 10:00 Children's One-Room School  
 House - *Gym*  
 11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

### Monday, August 1

9:00 a.m. *Exercise Class - Rm.312*

### Tuesday, August 2

10:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. *Rm. 312 & Zoom*

The Pathfinders are making their way to Family Camp at Tejas Camp and Retreat Center in Giddings, Texas on Labor Day Weekend, September 2-5, 2022!



Each room must register individually and pay online.

<https://www.mytejas.org/labor-day-family-weekend/>

The cost for a private room for up to 4 people, 7 meals and all recreational activities is \$500. Bigger family? No problem, \$75 additional per person cost for up to 6 in the room. Children 3 and under are free.

On the registration form request lodging in the "Meadows-4 Seasons" section.

You can see pictures of the individual rooms on their website.

Please let Kiley Lange know once you've registered. All rooms are first come first selected, so register asap to get one of the 12 rooms in the 4 Seasons!

Questions? Ask Kiley Lange [kileyshipley@yahoo.com](mailto:kileyshipley@yahoo.com), or Wyndee Holbrook [wyndee@interfaithsaa.org](mailto:wyndee@interfaithsaa.org)

# Summer Sunday School

Children's Sunday School  
 One-Room Schoolhouse  
 in the Gym from 10:00 to 10:45!

JULY 27TH & AUGUST 7TH

# WELCOME to LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC

## Custer Road UMC Revelation Choir

The middle school Revelation Choir from Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano has been performing on tours every summer since 1992. The choir performs everything from traditional hymns to modern contemporary worship songs. These youth (Ages 11-14) devote a lot of their time and energy in order to share the Gospel. They have witnessed to many different types of audiences: churches, nursing homes, prisons, and every other type of venue! Their program lasts approximately 1 hour and is sure to both entertain and make the Word of Jesus come alive.

PRESENTED BY CUSTER ROAD UMC REVELATION CHOIR - PLANO, TEXAS



**JH REV TOUR '22**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30 @ 10AM  
LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC  
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

# Youth Family News

Let's meet, eat and greet one another!

What a great time to come together as we enter a new school year and another year of Laurel Heights MYF.

Parents, Wyndee and I invite you to join us for dinner and discussion around the programming for the upcoming year and our preliminary calendar of events.

We will also have dinner and recreational time in the gym for the youth and their siblings.

Following dinner, we will head over to Cool Create Miniature Golf for 18 holes of fun! If you haven't been to Cool Crest, you are missing out. It is the coolest putt-putt place in town. We look forward to seeing you!

Best Regards, Marissa Parker



**LET'S GET  
TOGETHER SAT.  
AUGUST 20!**

**YOUTH FAMILY DINNER  
AND MINI-GOLF**

**Dinner Meeting @ LHUMC 5:30-7:15 pm  
Cool Crest Mini-Golf 7:30 pm**

**RSVP: WYNDEE 859.200.9880,  
WYNDEE@INTERFAITHSAA.ORG  
YOU'LL NEED \$ FOR GOLF**



LHUMC JULY  
MISSION OF THE  
MONTH



**Project  
Transformation**<sup>®</sup>  
Rio Texas

To learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to get involved with Project Transformation, please visit <https://projecttransformation.org/rio-texas/get-involved/volunteer>



LAUREL HEIGHT UMC IS COLLECTING



# MEN'S ATHLETIC SHOES

FOR CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY



**SIZES 8, 9, & 10 ONLY**

Donation Basket is located at the Woodlawn Entrance

LHUMC AUGUST  
MISSION OF THE MONTH

COLLECTING

*Back to*  
SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES

For Agnes Cotton Academy  
More information to come.





# Happy Birthday

## August 1st to August 7th

8/2

**Nicole Marrone**

8/4

**Tom Kurtz  
Zachary Medellin**

8/6

**Rosalie Gennero  
Emil Jones  
Kara Lee**

8/7

**Jordan Jopling  
Muriel Manchester**

*Are we missing your name on the birthday list?  
Please notify the church office  
at 210-733-5156 so we can update our records.  
We don't want to miss anyone!*

## Follow Us On:



### Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm

Monday through Friday

### Contact Us

To reach the office staff  
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