# The Messenger

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Did you know that the largest United Methodist Church in the world is in Leawood, KS? Did you know that the stated purpose of this church is to: equip other church leaders with practical ideas to move their ministry forward; to strengthen the local church by investing in leadership growth and development; and to inspire church leaders to rediscover their passion and become emboldened to turn their vision into reality? Church of the Resurrection, led by Rev. Adam Hamilton, hosts an annual conference called Leadership Institute where Hamilton's church teaches their best practices and shares their resources and ideas with everyone who attends.

Next week, Pastor Laura, Pastor Wyndee, and I will attend Leadership Institute. We hope and expect to return to you with our cups filled with ideas and experiences that we can't wait to share. We ask that you pray for us for safe travel, open minds, and fun-filled days. We also ask that you pray for our spouses – Frank, Mitch, and Jim – that our time away will be easy for them. We ask that you pray for LHUMC staff who remain in San Antonio – that the days will pass with no surprises. And finally, please pray for Rev. Dr. Mark Doty who has agreed to answer any pastoral needs – that any needs that spring up will be mild.

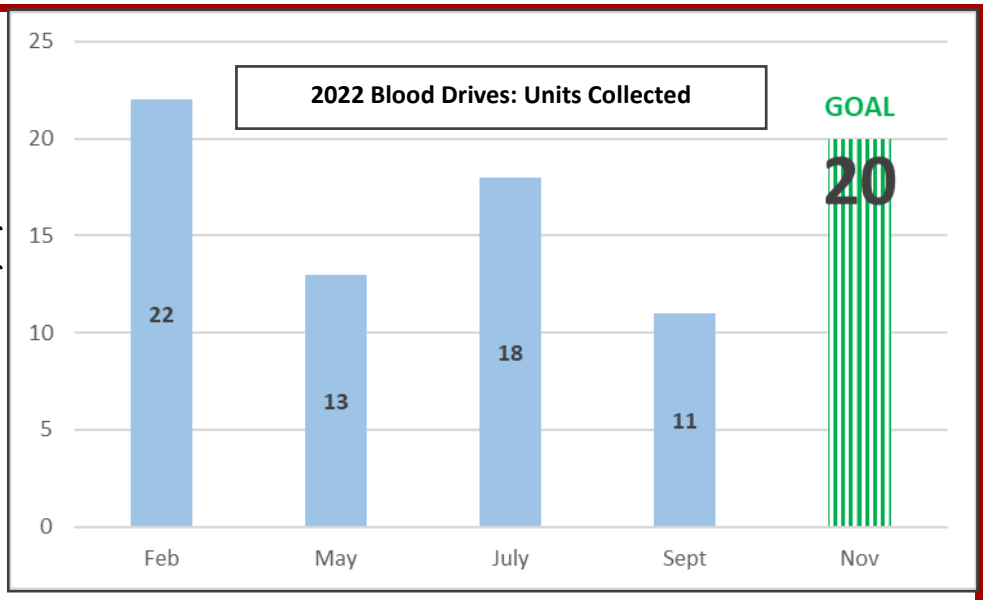
Laura, Wyndee, and I look forward to sharing with you all that we learn while we are away. I invite you to learn more about the church on their web site: https://cor.org/.

Blessings!

Pastor Lisa

# Health Cabinet Corner

This month, 14 people came to donate blood and 11 units were collected. We are setting a goal of 20 units for our final Blood Drive of 2022 on November 13th. Please consider donating AND invite your friends and neighbors to participate. Blood Drives at our church are open to the public. Registration information will be available closer to Nov 13th.




Thank you to everyone who donated so far this year. I want to especially acknowledge Tom Kurtz. Tom started giving blood in 1945 and has lost track of how many gallons he has donated, one pint at a time. Tom, who is 97 years old, continues to donate at each of our blood drives. Thank you, Tom for your DECADES of giving. You are an inspiration!

If you have any questions call Yvonne Garcia R.N. Wesley Nurse at 210.733.7156 ext. 202

## Library Committee News

# Children's Books

The LHUMC Library Committee is now accepting donations
of your gently used children's books.
The Library Committee disposition will be:
Selected books for the church library selection according to Library Policy;
Distribution to Halloween Trick or Treaters at "Trick or Treat from the Trunk"
in the Belknap parking lot on October 31.
Placement in the "Little Free Library" located near the corner
of Belknap and Mistletoe streets.

If you have gently used children's books you no longer need, please bring them to the alcove in the church dining room for the Committee to distribute.

Thank you,
Your LHUMC Library Committee

# *Ode to a Potluck Picnic*

by *Juliet Pierson*

Oh a Potluck Picnic in the Southern summertime!
Casserole laden tables, warm breezes wafting scents sublime.

Oh a Potluck Picnic my dear Heavens what to bring!
Grandma's Tater Salad or Aunties Lime Pineapple Ring?

Have another bite dear?
I don't know if I should.
There's one last piece of pie, Hon...?
I just don't think I could.

Oh a Potluck Picnic where's the Spiral Cut Glazed ham?
Between our Nana's meatballs and your Uncle's Deviled Spam.

Oh a Potluck Picnic with 6 kinds of Mac n Cheese....
I like mine topped with bacon and two spoons full if you please.

Have another bite dear?
I don't know if I should.
There's one last piece of pie, Hon...?
I just don't think I could.

Oh a Potluck Picnic is there Ambrosia, do you know?
Mandarin Orange Marshmallow Jell-o was the very first to go.

Oh a Potluck Picnic here's your dish, dear. Did you hear?
The Council has decided to have a Potluck TWICE this year!

Have another bite, dear?
I don't know if I should.
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I just don't think I could.

# Sunday Worship Services

## Come and See...

Worship Experience
Sunday, 9-9:30 a.m.

September 25, 2022
Reflection: Rev. Wyndee Holbrook
Song Leader: Anaiah Lupton Montaño

## LAUREL HEIGHTS
### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**11am Worship/Sanctuary**

**Rev. Lisa Straus**

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 you 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,
Daniel "Stump" Sowada and Nancy Jones,
Jerry Geerdes,
Spencer Fuller (*Kay Carter),*
Sonny Landers *(Landers Family)*
Othon Garces, Nora L. Winkler *(Teresa Garces)*
Michael McEnery *(Anne Wheeler)*
Greg Geerdes *(Irene & Bobby Ojeda)*
Gail Sims *(Kitty Grantham)*
Randal Bigelow & Family *(Janice & Bert Clayton)*
Jimmy & Christine Matheson
Gina Bernal, Maria Bustos *(Leticia Vasquez)*
"Gia" Julia Glick *(Greyson Mitchell)*
Veronica Pulido & Family, Stephanie Rosack & Family
*(Janice & Bert Clayton),* Jeff & Twila Green
Kay Jinks *(Ginnie Herrera)*, Juliet Pierson
Logan Deras *(Abby & Stacey Halim)*
Margot Schueler *(Margot Duque)*

***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.

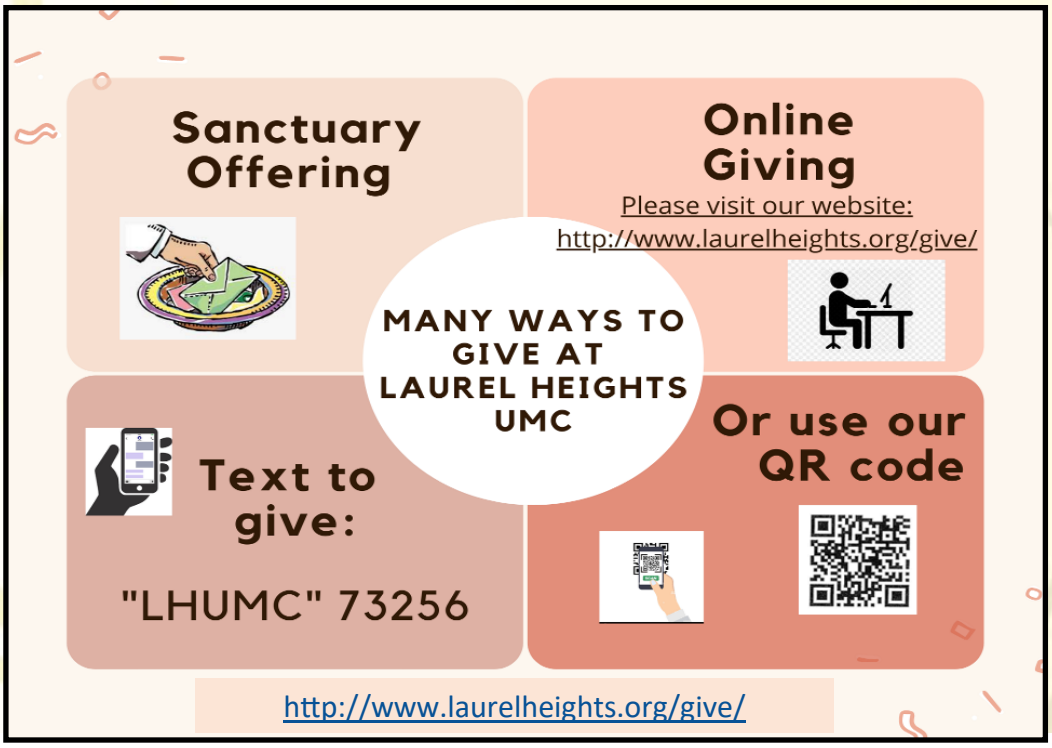
## Wednesday

### 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



## Our Life Together

**Wednesday, September 21**
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Gathering - *Zoom*
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
**Thursday, September 22**
9:00 a.m. Church Mice - *Fellowship Hall*
6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - *Room 312*
**Friday, September 23**
9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*
**Sunday, September 25**
9:00 a.m. Come & See Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Sunday Fellowship *Fellowship Hall*
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*
**Monday, September 26**
7:30 a.m. Weekday School Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustee's Mtg. *Rm 312*
5:45 p.m. Children's Choir of San Antonio - *Fellowship Hall*
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book study - *Room 312 and Zoom*
**Tuesday, September 27**
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - *Parlor and Zoom*

# Save the Date

## Property & Building Committee

Property & Building Comm. Mtg. 9/21 @ 10 a.m.

## Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Meeting 9/26 @ 5:30 p.m.

## Super Adults

Super Adult Day 9/29
Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.
Lunch and Program @ 11:00 a.m.

# Super Adult's

**September 29th | SUPER ADULT DAY**

**9.30-11.30AM**

**Flu Shots**

Walgreens will be in attendance to provide flu shots.

**10.30AM - BINGO**

Bring "White Elephants" for prizes.

**11.00AM - Lunch**

Quinoa Salad, Roast Beef Sandwich, Relishes,
Cream Puffs w/Chocolate Sauce & Whipped Cream.
Reservations Necessary. Call 210.872.8031 $7.00 per person.

# Chancel Choir

September is
"Come & Sing" month !
Anyone, whether you already sing or play an instrument or just to to love, is invited to join us every Wednesday night in the Choir Room from 7–8:30p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. to warm up for service.
For questions, regarding the Choir, please contact Laura Marty, Music director at lmarty@mylhumc.org
This is a great time to try Choir! Plus you will have fun, learn about signing, reading music and praising God through Song!

Laura Marty, Music Director

**Laurel Height UMC**

# Get a Flu Shot Sept 29th

**9:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**

For more information, please contact Yvonne Garcia, Wesley Nurse at 210-272-7921

# SEPTEMBER
# Mission of the Month

Habitat for Humanity®
of San Antonio

Laurel Heights...Come build with Habitat for Humanity of SA!

Join us this **Saturday, September 24th** as we team up with Habitat for Humanity for a Habitat Build in Von Ormy!

Anyone 14 and up can help; no tools or experience necessary.

If you have questions, please contact Jane Manning at 210-859-1639 or Jason Davis at 210-414-7625.

It's NOT to late to sign up! All you need to do is simply click on the link.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A8AB29A5F94-laurel

To learn more about Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, check out their website and Facebook page.

www.HabitatSA.org

https://www.facebook.com/HabitatforHumanityofSanAntonio/

# Happy Birthday

## September 26th –October 2nd

**9/26**
**Carrie Holloway**
**Birdie Landers**

**9/27**
**Jay Greathouse**

**9/28**
**Gracie Huron**
**Lauren Kramer**
**Karen Michaelson**

**9/29**
**Arianna Galan**
**Dyego Madrigal**
**Paul Oleson**
**Nancy Richter**

**9/30**
**Carmen Hughes**
**Ryan Lopez**
**Mary Myers**

**10/1**
**James Anderson**

**10/2**
**Charles Beuhler**
**Abby Halim**
**Mary Verette**

*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!*

**Church Office Hours**
9:00am to 4:30pm
Monday through Friday

**Contact Us**
To reach the office staff
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