



The Messenger

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“Simply Generous”

“I am no longer my own, but thine.” Attributed to John Wesley in his Covenant Prayer, the words are at once poetic and archaic. But they pack a punch in any day. We, as humans and certainly as Americans, get bound up in our wants. Often seeing them as needs or ‘must haves’, we can constantly feel tied to our cars, our phones, our electronics, our sports teams, our politics, our recipes, our media of choice. The concept of simplicity seems more and more out of reach in our increasingly complicated world. The stewardship season theme at Laurel Heights UMC of *Simply Generous* also packs a punch when examined. At first glance “Simply” can be understood as *merely* or *only*, when a closer look opens the ways that these two words are intertwined.



My granddaughters are fascinated by a rotary dial candlestick phone from my youth. In today’s world of iPhones and Androids they don’t even understand fully that the device was used for communication. Even its plug is obsolete. It has gone the way of so many constant upgrades in our lives. Children’s fascinations seem simple indeed. For me, it is more likely wanting something newer, faster, bigger, snazzier.

Last week Clyta Coder beautifully wrote of being taught to give of *first fruits*. But often my needs to accommodate my own comfort and that of my family cloud my understanding of first fruits. When we give of what’s left or our residue, I think we are saying to God, “I am mine.” In other words, we prioritize our own fullness above the opportunity to know God fully. Making my gift to Laurel Heights as the very first item I pay each month is a way to say “I am thine” or, in today’s words, “I am God’s”. The simple prayer that Pastor Lisa distributed on cards on October 9th in worship troubles me in the best of ways. In it we ask God to take away desires we shouldn’t have and to replace them with God. I am all for devotion to God. But please don’t mess with my chocolate, my french fries, or my love of live theatre. Ouch! But, yes, those can be idolatries too.

As we move toward Commitment Sunday on October 30, let me take a close look at places in my life where I say “I am MINE.” Perhaps, even if a bit archaic, I can instead try “I am thine”. Join Me?

-Byrd Bonner

Lord, help me to be the person you want me to be today. Take away the desire that shouldn’t be there; help me fill that desire with you. Amen.



**Laurel Heights United Methodist Church
Finance Committee Update
Y-T-D 2022**

Budget Receipts:	August	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$56,166.81	\$513,441.92
Other Receipts	\$16,211.74	\$182,505.59
Total Budget Receipts:	\$72,378.55	\$695,947.51
Total Budget Expenses:	\$75,625.44	\$700,051.94
Ahead (Behind):	(\$3,246.89)	(\$4,104.43)
Round 2 PPP Loan Forgiveness	(\$8,953.91)	(\$80,585.19)
Ahead (Behind) minus PPP	(\$12,200.80)	(\$84,689.62)



Sunday Worship Services



Fellowship Gathering

9:30am to 10am

Fellowship Hall

Coffee, Tea & Light
Refreshments

Thank you to the Believers class for
providing snacks & refreshments
for Fellowship Gathering
on Oct. 23rd.

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

Sunday School for all ages

10am to 10:45am

Look for signs to various classrooms

9:30am to 10:30am

Certain Adult Groups

Worship / 11am / Sanctuary

The 11 am service is live-streamed at:

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

and on our Facebook page

[https://
www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC](https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC)

Beginning at 11am.



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*)

Nora L. Winkler (*Teresa Garces*)

Michael McEnery (*Anne Wheeler*)

Justin Davis & Children (*Irene & Bobby Ojeda*)

James Moss (*Pat Moss*)

Cristina Geist (*Teresa Garces*)

Yvonne Ludwig (*Annalynn Jackson*)

Campan Family

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, 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

Sanctuary
Offering



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Giving

Please visit our website:
<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>



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"LHUMC" 73256

Or use our
QR code



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Church Happenings

Wednesday, October 19

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Gathering—*Zoom*

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir—*Music Room*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*

7:00 p.m. AA Monte Vista Group—*Rm. 312*

Thursday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Church Mice - *Fellowship Hall*

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - *Room 312*

Friday, October 21

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

Sunday, October 23

9:00 a.m. Come and 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 Classes

11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

12:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.—*Rm. 211*

1:00 p.m. Monte Vista Annual Mtg. Rm—*214*

Monday, October 24

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class—*Rm. 312*

10:00 a.m. Super Adults Book Talk *Zoom*

7:00 p.m. AA Big Bo5k Study - *Room 312*

Tuesday, October 25

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg

Save the Date

Super Adults

Super Adult Day 10/227

Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.

Lunch and Program @ 11:00 a.m.

Youth Event

Weekday School Fall Festival

Friday, Oct. 28th @ 5:00 p.m.

Stewardship

Sunday, Oct. 30th @ 9:30 a.m.

Jazz Brunch—Rowe Plaza

Library Committee

Monday, Oct. 31st @ 5:00 p.m.

Tricks or Treats from the Trunk

CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY NOTICE!



**BEGINNING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH,
THE WOODLAWN DOOR
WILL BE BLOCKED DUE TO
REPAIRS OF THE PORTE
COCHERE ROOF!**

**ALL FOOT TRAFFIC WILL
NEED TO ENTER AT THE
WEEKDAY SCHOOL
ENTRANCE ON THE
BELKNAP SIDE.
THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF
ALL!**



Thank you,
LHUMC Staff



On Sunday, October 30th we will be presenting bibles to our third graders during Children's Time. We hope that each child will develop a special relationship with God's word as they get to know their very own bible.

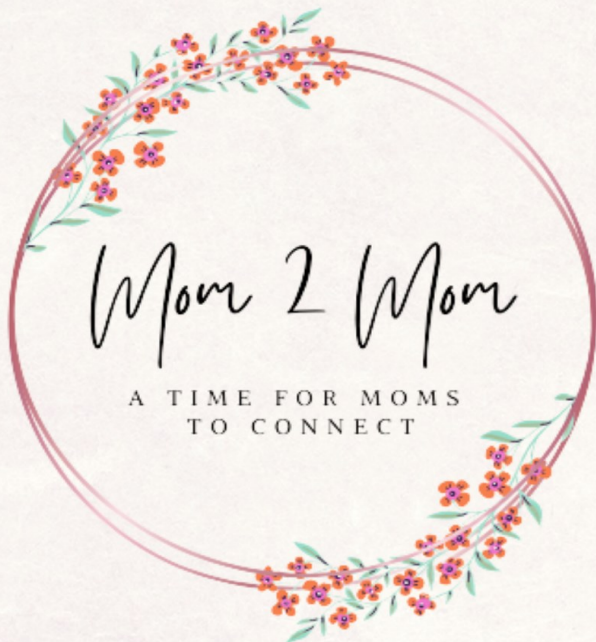
If your child missed this landmark in the life of the church because of the pandemic please let me know and we will include them on the 30th.

Laura Healy

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Thank you

TODAY, OCTOBER 19TH IS MY FINAL DAY
AT LAUREL HEIGHTS!
ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR BEING AN
IMPORTANT PART OF MY STORY!
I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING AND
WORSHIPPING ALONGSIDE YOU AS A
MEMBER!
MUCH LOVE,
SHELLY KENNERDELL



NOVEMBER

5

SAT | 2022 | 12 PM

LHUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND TIPS ON HOW TO STAY GROUNDED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH LUNCH & CAREGIVERS
FOR CHILDREN, PLEASE CONTACT HEATHER
AT 210.733.7156 OR HEATHERW@MYLHUMC.ORG TO RSVP.

SUPER ADULTS

25 OCT | 8:30AM-4:00PM
RAMBLE THROUGH THE HILL COUNTRY
\$94.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, COFFEE,
WILDSEED FARMS, LUNCH & DESSERT,
DRIVER TIP & GUIDES.

SUPER ADULT OKTOBERFEST DAY

OCT 27TH | 10:30AM BINGO
11:00 AM LUNCH \$7 PER PERSON
GERMAN POTATO SALAD, SAUSAGE, BAKED BEANS,
RYE BREAD & APPLE CAKE
FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL 210.872.8031

OCTOBER YOUTH EVENT

October 28:
5-7 pm
Weekday School
Fall Festival Helpers ;
7-9 pm Youth
After Party!

RSVP: Text
Wyndee
859-200-9880



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

NOV. YOUTH FAMILY EVENT



November 12:
4-6 pm
Black History
River Tour
RSVP by Oct. 17
for \$10 tickets

RSVP: Text
Wyndee
859-200-9880

BLACK
History
MATTERS

DECEMBER YOUTH EVENT



December 10:
4-7 pm
Christmas Cooking
Join Katie Myers and
Laura Glick to cook up
a delicious meal
together!


RSVP: Text
Wyndee
859-200-9880





OCTOBER

Mission of the Month




The Magdalena House is a neighborhood of transitional homes in San Antonio that serves mothers and their children who have fled dangerous and abusive lives. Utilizing a dual-generation approach, we provide safe shelter, basic needs, educational programming, and therapeutic services.

The Magdalena House is in need of brand **NEW twin and crib size mattress protectors, pillows, pillow protectors, pillow cases, twin bed sheets, towel sets, bath rugs.**

For anyone who would like to support Magdalena House's mission, you can do so by giving in-kind donations. The best and easiest in-kind donations are gift cards in low denominations (\$10) for Walmart and HEB. These gift cards allow us to meet specific resident needs and obtain items as we have need and space. **You can deliver your donated items to Heather Weidenbach, Administrative Manager** in the church office #207. We will deliver all donations received at the end of October.

You can also purchase items through the Magdalena's House Amazon Wishlist. **These items will be delivered directly to Magdalena House.** Amazon Wishlist https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/160RDRPo35KEK?ref=wl_share

With Halloween right around the corner, the Magdalena will be holding a Trick or Treat event. We are also collecting candy and small trinkets like pencils, toy spiders, etc., for them.



Library Committee

We are still accepting donations of new and gently used children's books. Books will be distributed during the "Tricks or Treats from the Trunks" event on Monday, October 31st in the Belknap parking lot from 5pm-7pm.

If you have gently used children's books you no longer need, please drop them off in the alcove inside Fellowship Hall for the Committee to distribute.

Thank you,
Your LHUMC Library Committee



LHUMC LIBRARY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

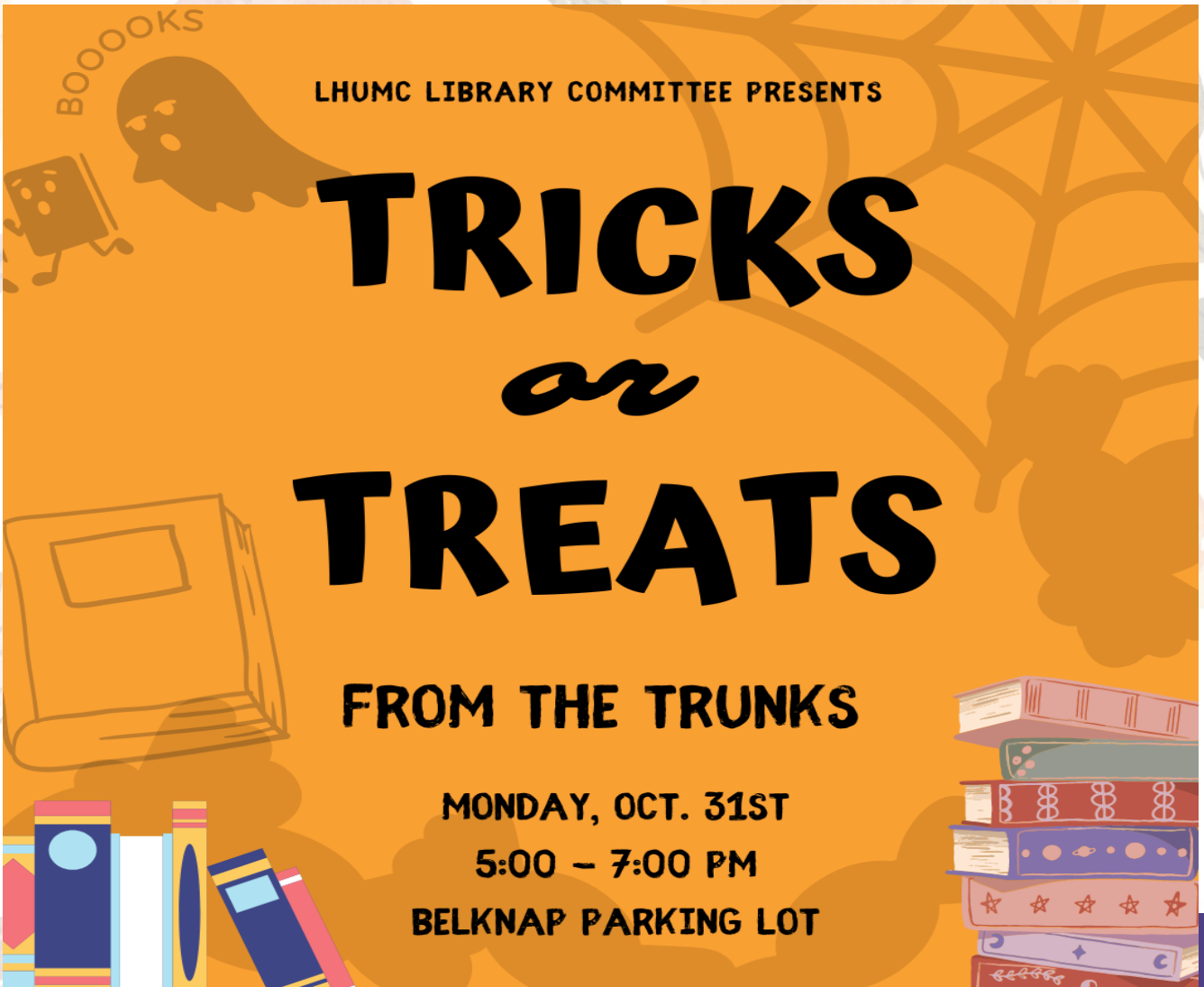
TRICKS *or* TREATS

FROM THE TRUNKS

MONDAY, OCT. 31ST

5:00 – 7:00 PM

BELKNAP PARKING LOT





Happy Birthday

October 24th - 30th

10/24

**Tony Guerrero
Evelyn Oleson**

10/25

**Webb Myers
Karon O'Ferrall**

10/26

**Ford Gannon
Harvey Gannon**

10/27

**Cheryl Crowsey
Emma Rodriguez**

10/28

Tristan Jones

10/30

**Betty Hughbanks
Bonnie Scott**

*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

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