



# The Messenger

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Laurel Heights UMC  
**FESTIVAL**  
OF LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 18  
PRELUDE @ 6:40PM  
HANDBELL, STRINGS & HARP

7:00PM SERVICE

LESSONS AND CAROLS IS A SERVICE  
THAT INCLUDES ANTHEMS, CAROLS,  
AND SCRIPTURE READINGS BASED ON  
AN EARLY 20TH CENTURY ENGLISH  
TRADITION .



# Midweek Dinner, Worship & Activity

Fellowship Hall - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

December 14 - Blue Christmas

Menu: Baked Pasta, Salad, & Dessert

December 21 - Advent Spiral

Menu: Macaroni & Cheese, Ham, Salad, & Dessert

Please RSVP through Realm or by contacting Heather  
at [heatherw@mylhmc.org](mailto:heatherw@mylhmc.org) or 210.733.7156

## Calling All Shepherds!



As we've journeyed through Advent we've shared our Mary's and our Josephs. This Sunday, we will share our shepherds!

Bring your favorite shepherd to share as we remember the shepherds and their own angelic visitor who declared "good news of great joy for all the people."



# Reverse Advent Calendar

Find a box and add an item each day. Bring your completed box with you on Christmas Eve. We will be delivering our boxes to the San Antonio Food Bank.

- December 1 - Breakfast cereal
- December 2 - Peanut butter
- December 3 - Stuffing mix
- December 4 - Instant potatoes
- December 5 - Macaroni & cheese
- December 6 - Canned fruit
- December 7 - Canned tomatoes
- December 8 - Canned tuna/chicken
- December 9 - Dried beans
- December 10 - Applesauce cups
- December 11 - Canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - Cranberry sauce
- December 13 - Canned beans
- December 14 - Crackers
- December 15 - Rice
- December 16 - Oatmeal
- December 17 - Pasta
- December 18 - Pasta sauce
- December 19 - Soup
- December 20 - Canned pinto beans
- December 21 - Canned corn
- December 22 - Canned green beans
- December 23 - Canned carrots
- December 24 - Cookies

# Christmas Eve & Beyond

**December 24**

Three Christmas Eve Services.

Each service will have carols, communion, and candlelight:

**5:00pm**

An Interactive Service that is both family friendly and intergenerational.

**7:00pm and 11:00pm**

A retelling of the Christmas story through scripture and songs.

**Sunday, December 25**

Worship over brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11am.

Children in PJ's are most welcome!

**Sunday, January 1**

Worship in the Fellowship Hall at **11:00am** and proceed to the Sanctuary. we will start the year with a Wesley Covenant Renewal Service.

**January 4**

Epiphany celebration from **5:15-6:30pm** called the **Feast of the Three Kings** in the gym that will include a feast!

LHUMC Young Adult  
Advent Gathering

December  
**16<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Charcuterie &  
Conversation  
Friends are Welcome!

RSVP to Wyndee  
by 12/14



CONFIRMATION IS COMING!

INFORMATION MEETING  
JAN. 15, AFTER WORSHIP  
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

We will be gathering our 2023 Confirmation class soon. Any student in sixth grade or above is eligible to join as we learn what it means to be a United Methodist and a member of the church here at Laurel Heights.

We will meet after worship on the first Sunday February through May from noon to 3pm. (February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7)

If you have questions or are interested, please email Laura Healy [lhealy@mylhumc.org](mailto:lhealy@mylhumc.org)

# Poinsettias in December



## Poinsettias in December



You are invited to help purchase poinsettia plants to decorate and beautify the sanctuary in December.

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 each

*in honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

*in memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by check made payable to Laurel Heights UMC, Poinsettia in memo line and mail to LHUMC,  
Attn: Bookkeeper, 227 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio, TX 78212.  
Or pay online at: <https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>



**Deadline: Thursday, December 15, 2022**



## Super Adult News

Dec. 12 @ 10am - Book Talk

"Christmas By the Book" by Anne Marie Ryan

Dec. 15 Super Adult Christmas

10:30am - Bingo 11:00am - Lunch

\$8.00 per person

Dec. 19 Lights of San Antonio Tour



# Sunday Worship Services



## Fellowship Gathering

9:30am to 10am

## Fellowship Hall

Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments

Thank you to the Kairos/Shalom class for providing snacks & refreshments for Fellowship Gathering on Sunday, Dec. 11.

**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>

Beginning at 11am.



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Healing:** 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 (*Ann Wheeler*),  
Lee Davis, Leanna Turbeville, Don Clark,  
Hannah Marina Campen  
Gail Sims (*Kitty Grantham*)  
JohnDavid Griffin  
Shelly Kennerdell  
Stacey Halim  
Laura Semmes  
Lillian Hoting

**Joys:** Jamie & Robert Chalk are expecting  
a baby girl, Dec. 2022.

**God's Presence:** For those affected by the COVID-  
19 virus; 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.

## NOTICE

LHUMC 2022 Annual Charge Conference  
**Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 @ 2pm**  
Oxford UMC  
9739 Huebner Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78240

### 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/>

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - **Room 305**
- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Dinner, Worship & Activity
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m. Church Mice
- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - **Room 312**
- 7:00 p.m. Pancake Study Break - *Fellowship Hall*

### Friday, December 9

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

### Saturday, December 10

- 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference - *Oxford UMC*
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Cooking - *Dining Hall*

### Sunday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Dining Rm.*
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *Various Rooms*
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*
- 12:15 p.m. SPRC Meeting

### Monday, December 12

- 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*
- 10:00 a.m. Super Adults Book Discussion *Zoom*

### Tuesday, December 13

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Meeting - *Zoom*
- 6:30 p.m. Health Cabinet Meeting - *Zoom*

### Wednesday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*
- 1:00 p.m. United Woman in Faith Mtg—*Parlor*
- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Dinner, Worship & Activity
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



**Laurel Heights  
United Women in Faith  
Christmas Meeting.**

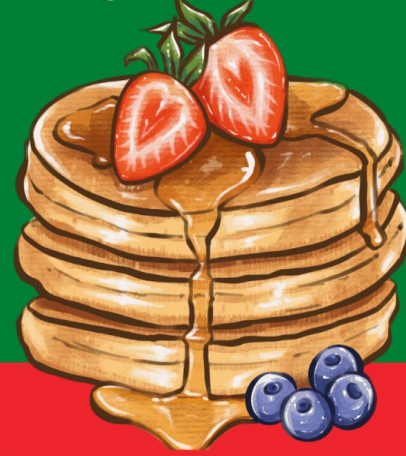
**Wednesday, Dec 14 @ 1pm in the Parlor.**

## PANCAKE STUDY BREAK

Students - come for the carb load!

Dec. 8, 7-9:30 p.m.

@ Laurel Heights United Methodist Church



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



**December 10:  
4-7 pm  
LHUMC Kitchen  
Christmas Cooking  
Come and  
cook up some  
tasty fun!**

RSVP: Text  
Wyndee  
859-200-9880



## Church Mice News

After two years of patiently waiting for the new banner hanging & storage device, the Property Committee now has a much better way to take care of our banner collection. John Tenison of the Church Mice helped wrap that project up on Thursday, December 1. The Church Mice meet each Thursday morning from 9:30ish to 11:45ish to work on numerous projects to keep our church facilities in tip-top shape. There is always time for one more project, so if you see something that needs taking care of around the church, please let the church staff or the Church Mice Chair, Dennis Davis (210-884-5611) know about it. And, if you have some spare time on Thursdays and want to help make things better, join with us on any Thursday morning. All skill levels are needed--from novice to expert. It's also a good time to socialize and enjoy coffee and treats with members of the group.



John Tenison, Church Mice Member



## Library News

ALL

Christmas  
Books are  
now available  
in the library.

## Wesley Nurse News



UT Health is conducting a pop up clinic at  
St John's UMC  
2002 Bandera Rd, SA TX 78228  
for the following:

Flu vaccines available for 12 months and above.

Covid vaccine is Pfizer bivalent booster only for 12 years and above.

Please bring insurance information.

Blessings,  
Yvonne



# Happy Birthday

December 12– December 18

12/12

Donald Redmond

Jed Dorsey

12/14

Elaina Taylor

Ginnie Herrera

Hallie Saylor

Refugio Campos

12/15

Kenneth Henry

12/18

Eleanor Rodriguez

*Are we missing your name  
on the birthday list?*

*Please notify the church office  
at 210-733-7156 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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