

Church Happenings

Sunday, March 19

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Dining Room*
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *Various Rooms*
11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*
1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits - *Parlor*

Monday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting - *Zoom*
7:00 p.m. Olmos Ensemble Concert - *Sanctuary*
7:00 p.m. Safety Task Force Meeting - *Laurel*

Tuesday, March 21

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study - *Parlor*

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*
4:30 p.m. Pickleball - *Gym*
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner - *Dining Room*
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Church Mice
6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, March 24

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

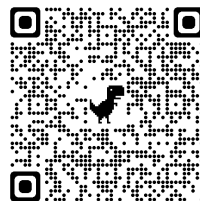
Saturday, March 25

10:00 a.m. Pickleball - *Gym*

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Dining Room*
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *Various Rooms*
11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

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Easter Lilies

Now taking orders for Easter Lilies.
Call the church or email heatherw@mylhumc.org
Orders must be received by April 2, 2023.

Lenten Church Dinner

Wednesday, March 22 @ 6:00 p.m.

Menu: Fried Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans
Please contact Heather at 210-733-7156 or email
heatherw@mylhumc.org to RSVP.

Welcome to Laurel Heights!

If you are a newcomer to this congregation,
you might find some of the following information helpful:

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

Sunday morning groups meet from 10-10:45 a.m.

For more information contact Laura Healy at

lhealy@mylhumc.org.

More about Laurel Heights

For other questions you might have about Laurel Heights,
ask around! You can also visit our website at
www.laurelheights.org.

Our pastoral staff would welcome a visit with you as well.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Lucien Manchester

Jerry Geerdes, Spencer Fuller (*Kay Carter*)

Sonny Landers (*Landers Family*)

Hannah Marina Campen

Richard Parrigan

Natasha Garza

Pat Moss; Irene Vaca (*Friend*)

Christine Garcia; Joseph Arredondo
(*Billie Arredondo*)

Mary Sandoval (*Ellen Berky*)

Harper Shaw

Prayers for Director of Young Family Ministries
applicants and search team.

For those who mourn:

Kaci Boylan on the death of her father.

God's Presence: For those affected by the COVID-19 virus and home-
bound members; the incarcerated; and women and men in our military.

Staff Contacts

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LAUREL HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2023 ■ 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Imperfect Believers in the Gospel of John

Welcome to Sunday Worship

As we gather, we celebrate the unique gifts God has given to all,
believing that our many backgrounds and identities are essential
to the shared offering we bring to God through
worship, study, friendship, and serving.



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

Gather to Worship

WELCOME

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Life is This* arr. Melanie Randell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Vicki Crockett

As darkness gives way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,
we come today to be reminded of God's love for us.
Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,
we welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.
In this time of reflection and repentance,
we affirm our identity as children of God.

***OPENING HYMN** *Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart* UMH #160

***OPENING PRAYER** Vicki Crockett

Holy God, Creator of Life,
you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.
**When we see nothing but hopelessness,
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.**
Call us out of our complacency and routines,
set us free from our self-imposed bonds.
Fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace.
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Wyndee Holbrook

PSALTER Psalm 130 UMH #848

Bold print invites the congregation to read along.

**Asterisk means we're invited to stand in body or spirit.*

***SCRIPTURE** John 9:1-41 Vicki Crockett

SERMON Religious Leaders Rev. Laura Healy

Response to the Word

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*
FWS #2050

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING *Without Seeing You* by David Haas

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye, heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sending Forth

***CLOSING HYMN** *Grace Greater than Our Sin* UMH #365

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* by Andrew Lloyd

USHERS

Rachael Goeres
Max Healy
Jane Manning



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