



# The Messenger

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Dear Church -



Believe it or not, summer is ALMOST here! I can feel it! Can you? Lemonade stands are popping up! The temperatures are climbing. Rain showers are interrupting spring athletics and other outdoor events. Students are taking exams and finishing up final projects. People are arranging to wear graduation gowns and mortar board hats! Summer is ALMOST here! I wonder how will you fill your time this summer? I know summer is a popular time to travel. My spouse and I are in the process of rescheduling our walk on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. You may remember that last year, COVID inconveniently postponed our plans! One of my favorite things to do when I travel is to locate a United Methodist Church near where I will be staying. I research their schedule and the types of services they offer. I choose one and then I go on Sunday. I sit in the pews and worship. I see what other churches are doing and I take note of our similarities and differences. My love of worship is one of the reasons why I became a pastor. I love getting the opportunity to sit in the pew and worship and not lead worship. This is how I stay connected to God and all of you on Sundays when I am away. I think about everyone here at LHUMC who is sitting in the pews. Miles apart, we are worshipping together.

What are you going to do to stay connected to God this summer? My hope and prayer is that you will be in worship whenever you are in town, but I know this congregation! I know you! You all like to travel in the summer! So, stay tuned! Next week Pastor Laura and I will introduce two opportunities for you to consider that will help you stay connected wherever you go this summer!

Watch this space for exciting announcements!

Blessings on your week ahead!

In faith -

Pastor Lisa

# Super Adult Day

APRIL 27

10:30 a.m. Bingo

11:00 a.m. Lunch

Menu:

Easter Salad

Baked Ham

Butter Beans Spiced Peaches

Dinner Roll

Strawberry Delight

Cost \$7.00 per person



Laurel Heights UMC

**SAVE THE DATE**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 26-30, 2023

**HERO**  
HOTLINE  
Called Together to Serve God!



Stayed tuned to  
The Messenger for  
more information  
regarding  
Vacation Bible Camp  
registration.

# YOUTH NEWS

A dark blue background with white and red line-art illustrations of bowling pins and balls scattered around the text.

Laurel Heights &  
Travis Park Youth

## LET'S STRIKE UP SOME FUN!

Sunday April 30 | 1 to 3 PM  
Eat lunch and be ready to play at 1

RSVP Wyndee (859) 200 9880

### BOWLING & AMUSEMENT ROUND 1

in Northstar Mall

A photograph of a stack of pancakes on a white plate, topped with raspberries and blueberries, with a knife and fork nearby.

MAY THE  
FOURTH BE  
WITH YOU...

## PANCAKE STUDY BREAK

MAY 4TH, 7-9:00 P.M.  
LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC  
STUDENTS WELCOME! WORKERS  
NEEDED!

CONTACT: [WYNDEE@INTERFAITHSAA.ORG](mailto:WYNDEE@INTERFAITHSAA.ORG)

A photograph of a young child with blue eyes looking through a blue telescope.Stylized illustrations of light sabers in white and blue, positioned around the bottom corners of the text area.



# Mary Blackford Scholarship Grant

The United Women in Faith of Laurel Heights United Methodist Church invite you to apply for the Mary Blackford Scholarship grant. These awards are given to students who maintain a 2.0 GPA while attending institutions of higher learning.

Mary Blackford was a missionary for the Methodist church serving 41 years in China. Upon her return to the United States in 1957, she joined the congregation of Laurel Heights United Methodist Church. In 1978 an endowment was created in her name to help further the education of all people.

Since that time the fund has awarded in excess of \$120,000 to help students with books and supplies.

Our current grant is \$500.00. It is awarded twice during the academic year for the fall and spring semesters.

*If you wish to apply for the gift for the upcoming academic semester, please contact us at*

[maryblackfordfund@gmail.com](mailto:maryblackfordfund@gmail.com)

*Please contact us by May 15, 2023*



## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, April 26

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

5:30 p.m. Creation Care Dinner - *Fellowship*

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

### Thursday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

10:30 a.m. Super Adult Day Bingo - *Gym*

11:00 a.m. Super Adult Day Lunch - *Gym*

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

### Friday, April 28 Battle of Flowers

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

### Sunday, April 30

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*

12:30 p.m. Youth Bowling w/Travis Park - *Offsite*

1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits - *Parlor*

### Monday, May 1

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

7:00 p.m. Safety Task Force - *Parlor*

### Tuesday, May 2

10:00 a.m. Staff Mtg.

### Wednesday, May 3

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

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



**United Women in Faith Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 10 at 1:00 PM - Parlor**

Thank you  
for your Altar  
Flower Orders!

AVAILABLE DATES  
JULY 30  
MONTH OF AUGUST  
& SEPTEMBER

To place your order, please call  
Heather at 210-733-7156



SAVE THE DATE  
LHUMC BLOOD DRIVE  
SUNDAY, JULY 9

Stay tuned for more details.



# Sunday Worship Services

**Come and See...**

**April 30, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 a.m. Worship Experience

**Sermon: Rev. Laura Healy**  
**Song Leader/Liturgist: Jeanette Morton**

**Fellowship Gathering**  
9:30am to 10am

**Fellowship Hall**  
Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments

Thank you Super Adults for providing snacks & refreshments for fellowship time on Sunday, April 30.

**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:  
[www.laurelheights.org/online-worship/](http://www.laurelheights.org/online-worship/)  
and on our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC](https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC)  
Beginning at 11am.

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

**April 30, 2023**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**  
**Sermon: Rev. Laura Healy**  
**Liturgist: Melinda Hartson**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Healing:** Lucien Manchester  
Sonny Landers (*Landers Family*)  
Hannah Marina Campen  
Richard Parrigan  
Natasha Garza  
Jill Caldwell

Elizabeth & Richard Jackson  
Annalynn Jackson  
Harper Shaw & Family  
Gracie Huron (*Genny Campbell*)  
Leah Engle (*Shelly & Toby Kennerdell*)  
Elaine Finch (*Kitty Grantham*)  
Byrd Bonner & Family  
Mike & Mary Davis (*The Morton Family*)  
Donna Semmes  
Elizabeth Parillo (*Leticia Vasquez*)

### **For those who mourn:**

Billie Arredondo on the passing of her uncle,  
John Toth.

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

**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.

### 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/>

# Happy Birthday

4/27

Kathleen Gekiere

4/28

Norma Balderas

Jerry Yarbrough

4/29

Laurie Morton

4/30

Elizabeth Kernahan

Patricia Wright

5/2

Lauren Bishop

Henry Girdley

Lillie Horky

Audie Scott

*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!*

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## Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm

Monday through Friday

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