

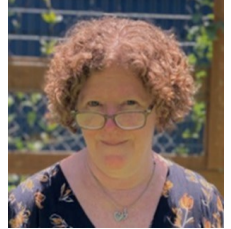


# The Messenger

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## *Prayer Requests*



Do you ever wonder what happens when you put a prayer request card into the offering plate or into the hands of one of your pastors on Sunday morning? Or maybe you call the church office with your prayer request – or submit it through our website? What happens next?

First, every prayer request that we receive goes onto Pastor Lisa and Pastor Laura's personal prayer list. What happens next depends on a few different things. We have been made aware recently of several occasions where individuals were unhappy or upset that their names had been shared without their permission.

It is important to remember that the prayer list in our Sunday bulletin and the prayer list in The Messenger, as well as the prayers spoken on our live-streamed worship service are published online on our website and are therefore public documents.

In order to protect the privacy of every individual and ensure we are doing no harm, we do not publish the name of an individual if the clergy cannot confirm, through them or their primary caretaker, that we have permission to do so. If we can confirm permission, the name goes on our published prayer list and is also forwarded to our Prayer Team. If we are unable to confirm permission to publish, the request is forwarded to the Prayer Team, where confidentiality is not only encouraged but expected, using the first name only.

Our Prayer Team prays for all the prayer requests we receive.

If you feel called to be a part of this powerful ministry at Laurel Heights, please reach out to Pastor Lisa or Pastor Laura. We will hold a training for Prayer Team members on September 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. We will share expectations and creative ways to pray. A light lunch will be provided.

### **Covenant Prayer Team Training**



**Join us Sunday, Sep. 10 at 12:15 in the parlor to learn how you can serve others through prayer. A light lunch will be served. Questions? Ask Pastor Laura for more information.**

# *Save* THE *Date*

## *New Sermon Series*

**GIFTED**



**Sermon Series  
begins Sunday, Sep. 3**

# Youth Families Ministry

Dear Laurel Heights UMC,

Thank you for providing an extremely entertaining and unique birthday party and delicious lunch for our residents. I was chatting with some of the residents who attended (and some who didn't) and they are still talking about it and how much fun they had.

Please share with all of the members from your church who made this possible.

Looking forward to the next one!

Have a great week!

**Anna Downey, EdD**

*Director of Community Outreach*



Preparation of the gift bags thanks to the generosity of LHUMC.



The Everybody's Birthday Party was a great success with 22 from LHUMC serving the Towne Twin Village community. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make these newly housed seniors feel loved.



A bus full of willing hearts and hands for service!

LHUMC YOUTH AND CHURCH FAMILY  
**LET'S PLAY!**

**PICKLEBALL & LUNCH  
INVITE YOUR  
FRIENDS!**

**AUGUST 26,  
11:00 AM-1 PM CHURCH  
LHUMC GYM**

**WANT TO HELP?  
CONTACT: WYNDEE HOLBROOK  
859-200-9880**



## LAUREL HEIGHTS FLAT JESUS ADVENTURES

Flat Jesus is on the move!!!!  
Flat Jesus recently traveled with Tom Kurtz and his daughter Beth and made a stop in New Orleans, LA while on their way to visit Tom's great-granddaughter in Florida.

Share your adventures with us online and use [#lhumcflatjesus](#). If you aren't on social media, check out the Flat Jesus Map on the bulletin board located next to Scott Chapel.

Remember to Keep Jesus in your heart and in your backpack this summer and share your adventures with us!



## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, August 16

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

5:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Group - *Laurel Rm*

### Thursday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

### Friday, August 18

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

### Sunday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days - *Zoom*

### Monday, August 21

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

10:30 a.m. Bible in 90 Days Group - *Laurel Rm.*

### Tuesday, August 22

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg.

### Wednesday, August 23

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

5:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Small Group - *Laurel Rm*

### Thursday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

### Friday, August 25

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

### Saturday, August 26

11:00 a.m. Pickleball Party - *Gym*

### Sunday, August 27

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:15p.m Administrative Council Mtg. - *Room 312*

6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days - *Zoom*



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

## Family Fun Events

Sat., Sep. 30 @ 5pm  
Game Night

Tues., Oct. 31 @ 5pm  
Trunk or Treat

Sat., Nov. 11 @ 5pm  
Movie Night

Sat., Dec. 9 @ 10am  
Letters to Santa

Sat., Jan. 27 @ 10am  
Valentine-Making



# Sunday Worship Services



## Fellowship Gathering

9:30am to 10:00am

## Fellowship Hall

Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments

Thank you Epworth Class  
for providing refreshments  
for Sunday, August 20.

## Sunday School

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 am.

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](http://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC)



# *Prayer Requests*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### *Healing:*

Lucien Manchester  
Sonny Landers  
Richard Parrigan  
Natasha Garza  
Stacey Halim  
Laurel Welch  
Ellen Evans  
Barbara Miller

### *God's Presence:*

For those affected by the COVID-19 virus and 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@mylhmc.org](mailto:prayers@mylhmc.org),  
through [Facebook Messenger](#),  
or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.

## Happy Birthday

8/15

Sue Hall  
Jeffrey Landers  
Valerie Morton  
Henry Taylor

8/17

Suzie Barrows  
Easton Halim

8/18

Jacob Guven

8/19

Selena Gonzales  
Janet James  
Gerald Lee  
Mary McCraine

8/20

Betty Beck  
Robbie Farmer  
Steve Hines

8/21

Willa Mayer-Oakes

8/22

Cynthia Hajmasy

8/23

Amber Lowery

*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!*

## Follow Us On Social Media



<https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC>

The infographic is a 2x2 grid with a central white circle. The top-left quadrant is titled 'Sanctuary Offering' and shows a hand placing a coin into a tray. The top-right quadrant is titled 'Online Giving' and includes the website URL <http://www.laurelheights.org/give/> and an icon of a person at a computer. The bottom-left quadrant is titled 'Text to give:' and shows the text 'LHUMC' 73256 next to a mobile phone icon. The bottom-right quadrant is titled 'Or use our QR code' and shows a QR code. The central white circle contains the text 'MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC'. At the bottom of the infographic is the URL <http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>.

## Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm

Monday through Friday

## Contact Us

210-733-7156

## Laurel Heights Staff

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