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Mom' Church Speech

by Laura Glick

When Pastor Lisa asked me to share with you all about my gift, I really didn't want to because this isn't my gift. But, God doesn't ask us to do only those things which are comfortable for us does He? So here we are....many of you probably already know or at least suspect what my gift is, but for those of you who don't, my gift is numbers.

My earliest memory of numbers is my sister coming home from kindergarten and playing school with me so she could teach me everything she learned that day. From that time on, math was always my favorite subject. I loved the 1 minute addition and multiplication quizzes my teachers gave and I always prided myself on finishing first. Somewhere I have a shoebox full of UIL ribbons and medals from the various math competitions I was in. I liked math so much that I planned to be a math teacher...until my senior year of high school. Since all of my classes were Honors, AP, or College courses, I wanted something easy for my required elective. The counselor suggested accounting since I liked math so much so I signed up for the class, and I loved it. It was so satisfying to me to fill out my little ledger books and use the adding machine to make sure all my numbers tied out. It was something that felt so right for me. So, I gave up on my dream of being a teacher (which was for the best because I would have been horrible at that!) and decided to be an accountant.

When I graduated from college, I went to work for a local CPA firm. At the time, I was sporadically attending University Methodist, but it was just too big for me and I never felt at home there. After I got married, I started looking for a church where I could be more involved and that was more like my home church. I visited several Methodist churches near my home and office and just couldn't find one that fit. During this period of discernment, I got a promotion and got more involved with clients. One client in particular was very dear to me. She was well up there in years, and was one of the most gracious, nice, intelligent women I knew.

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I was working on her tax return and saw Laurel Heights in her list of charitable contributions. This was a Methodist church I hadn't visited yet and she was the kind of person I wanted to go to church with. So, I showed up one Sunday to visit and, it was only after I settled into my pew in the back and saw her sitting down front that I realized this mixing of business and personal life might be awkward. But it wasn't. Hazel Nelson was so happy that I had found my way here and not only welcomed me with open arms, but encouraged me to get involved. I gradually did so and about a year later Reverend Lowry asked me to join the Finance Committee. I immediately said yes, because that was something I felt super comfortable with...numbers. I still don't know how joining the Finance Committee turned into chairing the committee, but it did and I found that I enjoyed that as well. When I realized that I also had to attend the monthly Admin Council meetings I really didn't know how I would manage that too, but, somehow, I did. Keep in mind this was 17 or 18 years ago and I was a new CPA, a new mom, and my marriage was in serious trouble, but I showed up month after month, meeting after meeting, many times lugging Sasha along in her baby carrier.

Why in the world would I take all of this on with everything else I had on my plate?

I don't know.

Maybe because I was crazy.

Maybe because I just didn't know how to say no.

Maybe because I loved being able to help others.

Maybe because I grew up watching my parents serve the church... seeing my dad take his employees to the church to build the gym, and my mom coordinating and teaching VBS, being annoyed because we had to go to church EVERY Sunday so my parents could teach Sunday school and my dad could sing in the choir.

Maybe because I wanted my children to be thoroughly woven into the fabric of the church.

Maybe because I just really love numbers.

Or maybe, just maybe, because God planted this tiny, little math seed in me before I was even born so that I could use my gift to help this church.

Whatever the reason, what I do know for certain is that God gave me the gift of understanding numbers. And He expects me to use that gift to further His work here on Earth; and in so doing I am blessed beyond measure.

Guests & Visitors we invite you to **DISCOVER** **Laurel Heights UMC!!!**

Join Pastors Lisa & Laura
Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 5:30pm
LHUMC's Fellowship Hall
Light refreshments will be served.
Please RSVP by Sept. 19 to Heather 210-733-7156
or by email heatherw@mylhumc.org

Save the Date

September 24, 2023

12:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith

presents

Courageous "Women of the Bible"
Fashion Show

Stay tuned for more information.

LHUMC Presents

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday, September 30
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of fun!



Bring your favorite snack and family board game.



Sunday Worship Services

Come and See...

September 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Sixteenth
Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon: Rev. Lisa Straus

Liturgist & Song Leader: Byrd Bonner

Scripture - Romans 12:1-8

Fellowship Gathering

9:30am to 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments

Thank you to the Epworth Class

for providing refreshments

for Sunday, September 10.

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/

and on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC



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

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Liturgist: Steven Haney

Scripture - Romans 12:1-8

Church Calendar

Wednesday, September 13

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

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

Thursday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16 - CHURCH CLOSED

CPS Energy Transformer Replacement.

Sunday, September 17

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 Service - *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. Safety Task Force Training

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

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg. Zoom

Wednesday, September 20

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

10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting - *Parlor*

5:30 p.m. Discover LHUMC Guest &
Visitor Reception - *Fellowship Hall*

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

Thursday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 24

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 Service - *Sanctuary*

12:00 p.m. UWF Fashion Show & Lunch - *Fellowship*

12:15 Administrative Council Meeting - *Room 312*

PLANNED OUTAGE NOTICE

Sat, Sept. 16

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CPS Energy is scheduled to replace
a transformer and riser pole

LHUMC will be without power
during this time and all

communications could be delayed.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

We will re-open on Sun. Sept. 17.



Safety Task Force Training & Information Session

September 17 at 12:15

Fellowship Hall

Join us for a light lunch and a training
session on how we can all participate
in the safety of LHUMC and those
who use the building.

Pastor Lisa will present information on
“The Power of Hello.”

John Tenison will present
“If you see something, say something.”

And John Shaw will present some final
thoughts from the Safety Task Force.

RSVP by September 15 to Heather

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Sonny Landers
Richard Parrigan
Natasha Garza
Ellen Evans
Barbara Miller
Kaylyn LeFevre
Benny Souder
Donna Semmes

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,
through [Facebook Messenger](#),
or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.

Happy Birthday

9/14

Annie Garcia
Aubrey Reichman
Pastor Lisa Straus

9/15

Jack Sadler
Evelyn Williams

9/16

Cheryl Crews
Doss McDavid

9/17

Barbara Geerdes
Mary Tennant
Beth Thomas

9/18

Morgan Heldt
Alexis Jones

9/19

Rayda Porter

9/20

Willa Jo Beuhler
Jake Landers

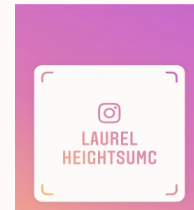
*Are we missing
your name
on the birthday list?*

*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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Sanctuary Offering

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

Text to give:
"LHUMC" 73256

Or use our QR code

MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC

<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm

Monday through Friday

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