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Spiritual Gift of Healing

by Melinda Hartson

Pastor Lisa asked me to talk today about the spiritual gift of healing, specifically, when did I realize that God gave me that gift. I don't remember the exact moment that I decided I wanted to be a doctor, but by God's grace, I became one, end of story, right? But being a doctor isn't really being a healer.

Most of us go into medicine because we're fixers. We like it when someone comes in with a problem, we can figure it out, and fix it. And in our enthusiasm to do so, we tend to talk a lot. In fact, The average length of time it takes for a doctor to interrupt their patient is 15 seconds. So we tend to do a lot of talking and attempted fixing.

But is that healing? Jesus says in Matthew 9, Which is easier—to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? So Jesus turns the concept of healing on its head. You're cured, but are you healed? In my specialty, taking care of women with complicated pregnancies, often the problems aren't that simple. We have to deliver your baby early because you're very sick. Your baby has a problem. Your baby isn't going to make it. There's nothing we can do, there's no way to fix the problem, and there are no words. So what to do? I can show up, I can listen, I can walk with you.

Sometimes, all I can do is make what may be one of the worst times in someone's life a little less horrible and sometimes, that's no small thing. And ultimately, I'm not the healer. God is the healer.

Thirty years into my career, I've learned that most often, my gift is being able to step back, to be quiet, and to create space for God to do the healing, and that is a sacred and holy space, and a gift and blessing I'm very grateful to have, thanks be to God.

United Women in Faith

presents

Courageous "Women of the Bible" Fashion Show and Lunch

September 24, 2023 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP through Realm or by phone to 210.733.7156 by Sept. 22

Super Adults News

9/28 Super Adults Day

Join us starting at 10AM for coffee, tea & cookies.

Bingo @ 10:30AM Bring "White Elephants" for prizes.

Lunch @ 11AM. Marinated Green Bean Salad Crunchy Buttermilk Chicken Parsley Rice & Dinner Roll Chocolate Ice Box Pie Save the Dates

10/9 @ 10AM Book Talk "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave

10/11 Steering Committee Meets

> 10/26 Super Adults Day

11/9 Super Adults on the Go Lost Maples State Natural Area \$80.00 per person





Sunday Worship Services

Come and See... September 24, 2023 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Rev. Laura Healy Liturgist & Song Leader: Tom & Jeanette Morton

Scripture - 1 Peter 4:7-10

Fellowship Gathering

9:30am to 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments Thank you to Everywoman's and The New Sunday School Class for providing refreshments for Sunday, September 24.

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

Worship/11am/Sanctuary

The 11 am service is live-streamed at: <u>www.laurelheights.org/online-</u> <u>worship/</u>

and on our Facebook page

www.facebook.comLaurelHeightsUMC



Church Calendar

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - Room 312
10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting - Parlor
5:30 p.m. 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 - Sanctuary9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*12:00p.m UWF Fashion Show & Lunch - *Fellowship*12:15 Administrative Council Meeting - Room 312
Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting Wednesday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - Room 3127:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, September 28

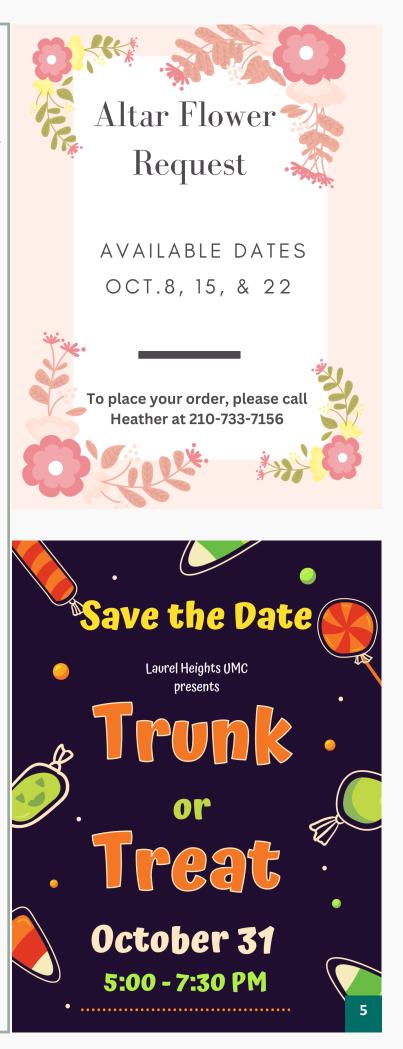
9:00 a.m. Church Mice
10:30 a.m. Super Adult Day
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Tai Chai Class - Room 312

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

6:00 p.m. Family Fun Game Night - Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 1
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. Covenant Prayer Team - Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Monte Vista Annual Meeting







JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

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

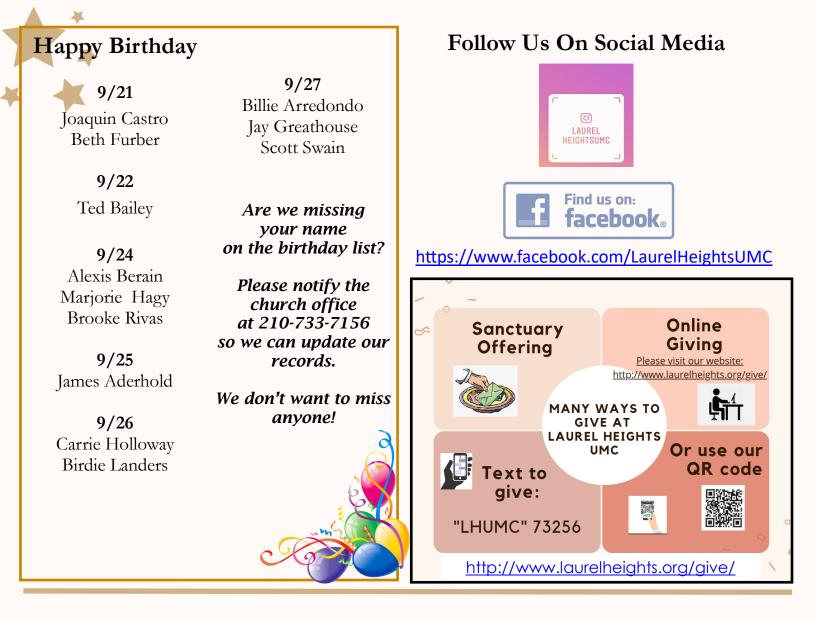
God's Presence:

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 <u>prayers@mylhumc.org</u>, through <u>Facebook Messenger</u>, or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.



Church Office Hours 9:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday

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