



The Messenger

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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

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 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:

www.laurelheights.org/online-worship/

and on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC



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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 - *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - *Fellowship Hall*
10:00 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 312*
7:00 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

Altar Flower Request

AVAILABLE DATES

OCT. 8, 15, & 22

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

Save the Date

Laurel Heights UMC
presents

Trunk or Treat

October 31

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Laurel Heights UMC Mission Committee

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM)

110 MCCULLOUGH, 78215

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
SAT. OCTOBER 14

9:00 A.M.

Park between CAM & Grace Lutheran Church

Volunteers will gather at warehouse

For more information, please contact the
church at 210-733-7156.

Sign-up to volunteer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA49ABAC2AAA8-camsaturdays/117670810#/>



Fall Festival

The Weekday School Annual Fall Festival is coming up on October 27th. We are looking for friendly volunteers to run fun activity booths and make sure the festival goes smoothly for the WDS families and staff.

Volunteer shifts are just one hour long
between 5:30-8pm.

Help us make this year's Fall Festival the best one yet!

27 OCT
2023

CONTACT LAURA HEALY
TO SIGN UP!



Prayer Requests

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

Happy Birthday

9/21

Joaquin Castro
Beth Furber

9/22

Ted Bailey

9/24

Alexis Berain
Marjorie Hagy
Brooke Rivas

9/25

James Aderhold

9/26

Carrie Holloway
Birdie Landers

9/27

Billie Arredondo
Jay Greathouse
Scott Swain

*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

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/>

Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm

Monday through Friday

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