



The Messenger

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Stewardship **by Nick Campbell**

When I was asked to give the stewardship talk, I began to think about what to say...let me clarify that a bit...I began to obsess about what to say, the reasons that Genny and I have for giving...I mean people are depending on me to come up with something profound! Something deep yet engaging! This is a lot of responsibility! ... (I tend to be a little obsessive compulsive!) ... But more about that later...

I thought first about duty and the practical aspect of giving...There are bills to pay, and if Genny and I truly believe in the mission of this institution and want to see these traditions of love, charity, fellowship and support for our community continue, then it makes sense to put our money where our mouth is and support the church financially. The quote that I think may fit with this thought is from Martin Luther:

“God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does”

Next, I thought about Gratitude / Appreciation... This church helped raise me, gave me confidence, showed me love. I met my love here, we raised our children, buried our fathers, my mother and brother here. Good grief! To sit here some Sundays with four generations of my family sitting in these pews is an incredible blessing! Genny and I learned to share this love and support with others, maybe even helping to lift others out of a dark place on occasion, the way I was lifted and supported... Young married with an overwhelming sense of responsibility, two young boys, bills to pay, the real estate market crashing in the late 1980's, I felt the weight of the world on my shoulders... and I remember Dinah Tanner, a wise, wise cracking school counselor who had been a member here my entire life told Genny and me “you do the best you can, and then you move on” ...an early message of letting go and letting God.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer had this to say about gratitude:

“In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give and it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich”

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At this point in my journey, it is becoming clearer to me that God has placed within me and Genny, and I believe all of us, a need. It is a need to give in order to complete the continuum of love we have within us. It seems so simple, giving is like sharing love, “the more you give, the more you get”. I must confess that I still allow fear to control my thoughts at times ... but Genny and I have never been disappointed or gone hungry when sharing our gifts with the church, in fact, the opposite has proven true in our lives. So, I try, little by little to trust and allow myself to love and be loved, to give and receive. The quote I think helps capture this thought is from Billy Graham:

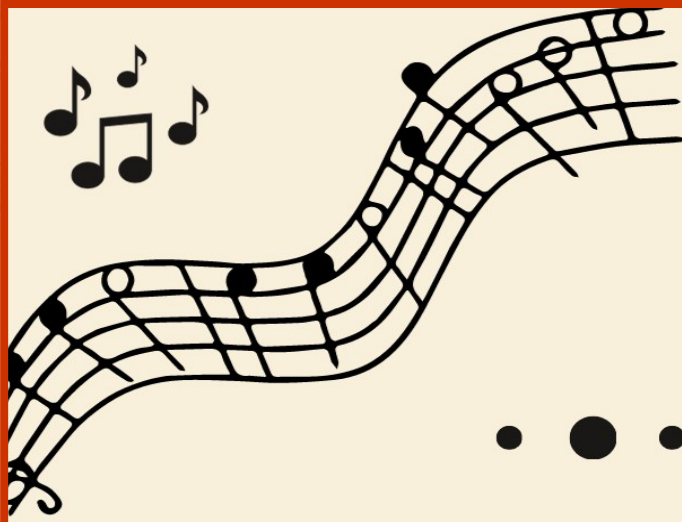
“We are not cistern made for storing, we are channels made for sharing”

As this began, I mentioned I was a little OCD, that I fight my need for control and security over trusting God. So, I was sitting on the back porch asking God for help with this talk. Of course, my prayer was “God give me a good joke or story to capture people’s attention” He sent me a gentle breeze and a hummingbird...on its way to Central America, and a message saying trust and let it be.

COMMITTMENT
SUNDAY

*Stewardship
Brunch*

Oct. 29 @ 10:00 AM * Rowe Plaza
Catered by Dave Saylor



Laurel Heights UMC is hosting the Alamo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for their Fall member recital.

Performers include LHUMC's current organist, Melanie Randall, and LHUMC's former music director Geoffrey Waite.

The recital is free and open to the public.

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Oct.

Laurel Heights UMC - Sanctuary

7:30 p.m.





Sunday Worship Services

Come and See...

October 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Rev. Lisa Straus

Liturgist & Song Leader:

Grace Magavern

Scripture - Mark 10:35-37,41-45

Fellowship Gathering

9:30am to 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments
Thank you to the Super Adults for
providing refreshments for Sunday,
October 22.

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



October 22, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Rev. Lisa Straus

Liturgist: Tom Morton

Scripture -Mark 10:35- 37, 41-45

Church Calendar

Wednesday, October 18

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

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

Thursday, October 19

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 22

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. All Church Meeting - *Fellowship Hall*

Administrative Council Mtg immediately following All Church Mtg.

Monday, October 23

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

7:30 p.m. Alamo Guild of Organists Recital

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

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

1:00 p.m. United Women in Faith Meeting - *Parlor*

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

Thursday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

10:00 a.m. H-E-B Immunization Clinic

10:30 Super Adult Day - Bingo - *Gym*

11:00 Super Adult Day - Lunch - *Gym*

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

Friday, October 27

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

5:30 p.m. Weekday School Fall Festival

Sunday, October 29-Commitment Sunday

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

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

10:00 a.m. Stewardship Brunch- *Rowe Plaza*

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

12:00 p.m. Youth Family Meeting - *Fellowship Hall*

Laurel Heights UMC
Super Adult Day

Immunization Clinic

October 26th

10-11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall



Flu Shots will be available.

For more information, contact our Wesley Nurse, Yvonne Garcia at 210.733.7156

Laurel Heights UMC
presents

Trunk

or

Treat

October 31

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Belknap Parking Lot



SAVE THE DATE
LHUMC
Blood Drive November 12



Super Adults News

October 26
Super Adults Day

H-E-B Immunization Clinic
10AM - Fellowship Hall

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

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

Lunch @ 11AM

Apple Salad

Baked Ham

Corn Pudding

Spiced Peaches

French Bread

Rhubarb Meringue Dessert

Cost for lunch \$7.00



Save the Dates

Thursday, November 9

Super Adults on the Go

Lost Maples State Natural Area

\$80.00 per person

Monday, November 13 - Book Talk

The Secret Life of Sunflowers by

Marta Molnar.

Thursday, November 16 -

SUPER ADULT THANKSGIVING &

LONG LIFE CELEBRATION

ALL 90-YEAR SUPERS get a free lunch

and a gift.



Laurel Heights WDS

presents

2023 annual

Fall Festival

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

LHUMC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO
ASSIST THE LAUREL HEIGHTS WDS
DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL.

SHIFTS ARE JUST ONE HOUR LONG
BETWEEN 5:30-8PM.

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
Mark Grantham

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

10/20

Scotty Barrows
Mary Epstein
Alexandra Phillips
Laverge Washington

10/21

Arthur Emerson
Andrew Gannon

10/22

Edward Adams
Laura Beuhler
Hannah Campen

10/24

Tony Guerrero
Evelyn Oleson

10/25

Webb Myers
Karon O'Ferrall

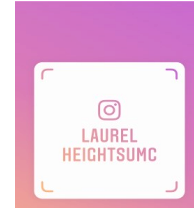
*Are we missing
your name
on the birthday list?*

*Please notify the
church office
at 210-733-7156
so we can update our
records.*

We don't want to miss



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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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