

The Messenger

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Serving

by Mike & Ann McGlone

We are Mike and Ann McGlone and we have been members of Laurel Heights for a long time. We joined as young adults when we were pregnant with our first child. We have had the opportunity to serve in many ways over the years.

Why do we serve? We consider serving a blessing. Serving is part of the vows we made when we joined the church. We promised to uphold the church by our presence, our prayers, our gifts, our witness and <u>our service</u>.

When we serve it can be meaningful in a very personal way. Our experiences on Youth Mission Trips have been transformative in ways we didn't expect. We helped change lives, both for those we served and for those of us on the trip.

Sometimes when we serve - it's more mundane and not so much fun. No one ever says that being on a finance committee can be called fun. But it is very necessary.

Sometimes we serve because we can. We have the skills the church needs. Like teaching Sunday School, or cooking meals, or in our case exterior masonry restoration.

Some people serve just because it just needs to get done. Like serving as a liturgist, or the Church Mice who fix things, or clean landscape beds, or fill the pew backs.

Sometimes we serve because we like the people or being part of a group. The choir is a good example of being with people you like. Or we think of all the camaraderie at VBS – especially during the decorating extravaganzas.

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We are called to serve. In Mark 10: 41-47. But we are not only called to serve but in John 15 we are called to serve "joyfully." It is the work of the church to serve. As the church we become a Community of Servers. A Community of "I can help with that."

This is Stewardship month (not volunteer recruiting month) and the theme today is "How do you measure up by Serving." There is a direct link between serving and generosity. Studies show that people are more likely to give if they believe in the work of the church. And that when you are involved by serving – it's easy to make the connection.

It not only takes a lot of volunteers to serve a church, but the work of the church also takes money. Serving and generosity go hand in hand.



BEING A HERO is as easy as pie! Donate Blood

Laurel Heights United Methodist

Sunday, November 12 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In the Gymnasium

For further information, please contact Yvonne Garcia at <u>ygarcia@mhm.org</u>



Scan the QR Code for further information

All donors will get an **H-E-B** coupon for a pie

and a **Lucky Draw H-E-B**Gift Card!

While supplies last.





SouthTexasBlood.org



Sunday Worship Services

Come and See...

October 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

> Sermon: Rev. Kendall Waller Liturgist & Song Leader: Tom & Jeanette Morton

Scripture -Galatians 5:16-26

Fellowship Gathering
Sunday, November 45
9:30am to 10:00am
Fellowship Hall

No Sunday School on October 29

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

Worship/11am/Sanctuary

The 11 am service is live-streamed at:

www.laurelheights.org/onlineworship/

and on our Facebook page

www.facebook.comLaurelHeightsUMC



Church Calendar

Wednesday, October 25

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

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Parlor

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

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Night

Wednesday, November 1

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

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

Thursday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, November 3

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

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time Ends Turn your clock back one hour.

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

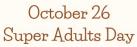
1:00 p.m. Monte Vista 50th Anniversary Lecture







Super Adults News



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 @ llAM Apple Salad Baked Ham Corn Pudding Spiced Peaches French Bread hubarb 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

2027 annual



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.

2023 TO SIGN UP!

CONTACT LAURA HEALY





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

Happy Birthday

10/25

Webb Myers Karon O'Ferrall

10/26

Juanita Felder Ford Gannon Harvey Gannon

10/27

Cheryl Crowsey Emma Rodriguez

10/28

Tristan Jones

10/29

Andrea Puentes

10/30

Betty Hughbanks Bonnie Scott

10/31

Luke Campbell James Carr

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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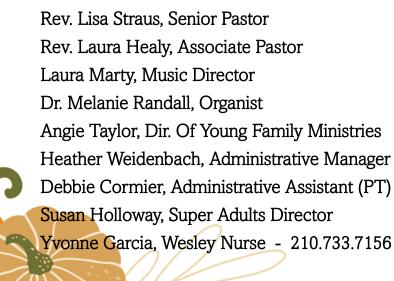


Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday

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