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ADVENT ON THE HORIZON

The season of Advent is almost upon us! I love the built-in getting ready times that precede the great mysteries of our faith. Walking intentionally through the season of Advent is especially important as we face the hurry-up and make-it-perfect-ness of the culture around us.

While we are surrounded by messages of rush and bustle and bigger and more, Advent reminds us to slow down. Sometimes getting ready looks like slowing down, finding some quiet and stillness and making room for our hearts to get ready.

Now, I am all for decorations and gifts and big holiday meals, but I appreciate the season of Advent and its reminder to make sure my heart is ready for the mystery of Christmas as well.

Here at Laurel Heights, we will be offering several opportunities to help you get your heart ready. As we did last year, we will be gathering for Advent Dinners and table worship on Wednesdays starting at 5:30 p.m. during Advent. Dinner will be provided and hosted by members of our church family. Perhaps your family or your Sunday School class or you and a group of friends would like to sign up to provide one of these four meals? Please contact me, if you would like to share the gift of hospitality on one of these four Wednesdays!

Each Wednesday evening gathering will feature activities to get our hearts and spirits ready for Christmas.

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November 29th will feature family-friendly holiday crafts.

On December 6th we will experience the Godly Play story, “The Mystery of Christmas” featuring the medieval frescoes of Giotto from the Scrovegni Chapel in Italy. The story is based on Madeleine L’Engle’s book, *The Glorious Impossible*.

December 13th will find us leaning into the grief and sadness that can be present even amidst the merry and bright of the holiday season. Whatever sadness we might carry, this will be an opportunity to name and mark the sorrow that may accompany us during this season.

December 20th marks the return of the Advent Spiral as we once again sing and walk and prepare a space in our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Pastor Lisa will be leading an Advent study as well, *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam*. The dates and times have yet to be decided.

I will be leading a “chapter a day” read through of the Gospel of Luke from Dec 1st through the 24th. We will gather in a Facebook group to share our observations and comments.

I hope you will join us in all of these opportunities to prepare our hearts and minds for the great mystery of Christmas!

Laura Healy



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 ygarcia@mhm.org



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.





Sunday Worship Services

Come and See...

November 12, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Rev. Lisa Straus

Liturgist & Song Leader: Karen Angelini

Scripture - Psalm 78:1-7

Fellowship Gathering

Sunday, November 12

9:30am to 10:00am

Fellowship Hall.

Thank you Pathfinders and
Fighting Lions classes for
providing snacks and
refreshments.

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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OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

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Church Calendar

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

3:00 p.m. Church Under the Bridge

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

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11 –Veterans Day

9:00 a.m. Volunteer Opportunity @ C.A.M.

5:00 p.m. Family Movie Night on the Lawn

Sunday, November 12

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

9:00 a.m. S. TX Tissue & Blood Drive - *Gym*

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. Lively Spirits Meeting - *Parlor*

Monday, November 13

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

10:00 a.m. Super Adult Book Discussion - *Zoom*

Tuesday, November 14

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Mtg - *Parlor*

Wednesday, November 15

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

10:00 a.m. Building & Property Comm. Mtg.

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



Laurel Heights
United Methodist Church
Charge Conference
will be held on
December 3, 2023
at 12:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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Laurel Heights UMC Mission Committee

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM)

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SAT. NOVEMBER 11

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/10C0A49ABAC2AAA8-camsaturdays/117670810#/>

Super Adults News

Thursday, November 9

Super Adults on the Go
Lost Maples State Natural Area
\$80.00 per person.
8am-4pm

Sunday, November 12

South Texas Tissue & Blood Drive
9am-1pm

Monday, November 13 @ 10am

Book Talk
The Secret Life of Sunflowers
by Marta Molnar.

Thursday, November 16

Super Adult Thanksgiving & Long Life Celebration. Today, all Supers 90 and over will be honored with a free Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner and a special gift.

10am - Come Early for Cookies

10:30am - Bingo

11am - Lunch

Green Pea Salad

Turkey & Dressing w/Gravy

Sweet Potato Souffle

Cranberry Sauce

Dinner Roll

Pecan Pie Bar.

RSVP 210-872-8031

\$8.00 per person

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Sonny Landers
Richard Parrigan
Natasha Garza
Barbara Miller
Kaylyn LeFevre
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

11/8

Sonny Landers

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

11/10

Eddie Madrigal

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

11/11

Katie Myers
Taylor Ockenfels

*We don't want to miss
anyone!*

11/13

James Aderhold

11/14

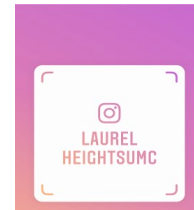
Magen Shearrer

11/15

Celina Montoya



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An infographic titled 'MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC'. It is divided into four quadrants: 'Sanctuary Offering' (with an icon of a hand putting money into a tray), 'Online Giving' (with a website URL and an icon of a person at a computer), 'Text to give' (with a phone icon and the number 'LHUMC' 73256), and 'Or use our QR code' (with a QR code icon). A central white circle contains the text 'MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC'. At the bottom, there is a URL: <http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>.

Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm

Monday through Friday

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