



The Messenger

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On behalf of the entire LHUMC Congregation, I would like to thank the out-going church leaders who have faithfully served on Administrative Council and/or on Committees, Task Forces, and Work Areas. In particular, I would like to thank:

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Library & Records Committee

You led us through the pandemic and beyond! Well done, good and faithful servants! May you find good rest and more ways to connect with God in the year ahead.

Blessings upon you!

The Staff & Members of LHUMC

You are invited to the Laurel Heights Women's Retreat!

January 5th - 7th

A weekend of rest and renewal in a beautiful setting with a wonderful community of women...

Accommodations are hotel-style rooms with all bedding and towels included.

Single room \$260

Double room \$200

Register here: <https://www.laurelheights.org/event/womens-retreat-2024/> or scan the QR code below.

To pay please drop off a check (payable to LHUMC) at the church or visit our [Online Giving portal](#). Scholarships are available. Contact Laura Healy for information.

In the interest of keeping each other healthy, we ask that participants be fully vaccinated and stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness.

The retreat begins Friday evening with dinner and concludes with Holy Communion and worship on Sunday morning.

Meals are included and are provided by members of the group. More information about meals and opportunities to volunteer to prepare one of the meals will be included in additional information shared after you register.

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Mustang Island Retreat Center

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Port Aransas, Texas 78373





Super Adult News

Dec. 14 Super Adult Christmas
10:30am - Bingo 11:00am - Lunch
\$8.00 per person

Merry Christmas



Thursday
12 - 21 - 23
5 PM

The Polar Express

ROUND TRIP

FREE
Hot Coco
Popcorn

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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San Antonio, TX 78212

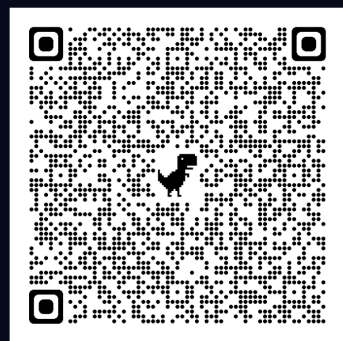


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SHARE YOUR ANGEL WING PHOTOS #lhumcadvent2023



JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE



Join us Dec. 24 for Christmas Eve
at Laurel Heights UMC

11am - Intergenerational
7pm & 11pm - Nativity Retelling
in Scripture & Song

All services will include communion and candlelight





REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

1 Peanut Butter	2 Rice	3 Dried Beans	4 Mac & Cheese	5 Canned Chili
6 Canned Tuna/ Chicken	7 Breakfast Cereal	8 Canned Fruit	9 Crackers	10 Oatmeal
11 Pasta	12 Pasta Sauce	13 Stuffing Mix	14 Instant Potatoes	15 Soup
16 Apple Sauce Cups	17 Canned Pinto Beans	18 Crackers	19 Canned Tomatoes	20 Cookies
21 Canned Green Beans	22 Canned Carrots/ Corn	25 Please bring your completed box to the church on or before December 24.		
23 Cranberry Sauce	24 Canned Sweet Potatoes	Our boxes will be going to the San Antonio Food Bank.		



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Sunday Worship Services



December 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Advent 4

Sermon: Rev. Lisa Straus

Liturgist & Song Leader:

Byrd Bonner

Scripture - Luke 2:1-20

Fellowship Gathering

Sunday, December 17

9:30am to 10:00am

Fellowship Hall.

Thank you Epworth class for providing snacks and refreshments to our church family.

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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11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Advent 4

Sermon: Rev. Lisa Straus

Liturgist: Marissa Parker

Scripture - Luke 2:1-20

Church Calendar

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - Room 312
5:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Dinner & Worship

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Church Mice
6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - Room 312

Friday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. 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. Youth Lunch & Gift Exchange
5:00 p.m. Advent Study by Zoom

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - Room 312
5:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Dinner & Worship

Thursday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Church Mice
5:00 p.m. Movie Night "The Polar Express"
6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - Room 312

Friday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

11:00 a.m. Intergenerational Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26 - Friday, December 29

Church Offices Closed

Monday, January 1, 2024 Happy New Year

Church Office Closed

Advent

Join us Wednesday,
December 20 at 5:30 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall for our
Midweek Advent
Dinner & Worship.

hello
DECEMBER

2023



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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

○ Advent Dinner 5:30pm

⑨ Letters to Santa 10am Santa will be here!

⑳ Movie night Polar Express 5pm

㉔ Christmas Eve Services
11am 7pm 11pm No Bible Class on
Christmas Eve

⑩ Epiphany Dinner 5:30pm





**New Year's EVE
Worship Service
11:00 A.M.**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO TED LASSO

BELIEVE

**NEW Sermon Series
Jan 7 - Jan 28**

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Sonny Landers
Richard Parrigan
Natasha Garza
Barbara Miller
Kaylyn LeFevre
Donna Semmes
Gracie Huron
Diane Halim
Elizabeth Jackson
Juan Arturo Gonzalez
Annalynn Jackson

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

12/14

Refugio Campos
Ginnie Herrera
Hallie Saylor
Elaina Taylor

12/15

Kenneth Henry
Sandee Johns
Doris Pennington

12/18

Eleanor Rodriguez

12/19

Andrew Bowerman
Frank Galindo
Laura Glick

12/20

Jill Sanders

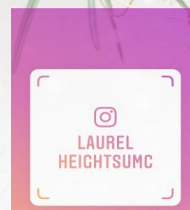
*Are we missing
your name
on the birthday list?*

*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

Contact Us
210-733-7156

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