



The Messenger

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Congregation,

The renovation of the Weekday School Playground and the church's Mistletoe parking Lot will begin on **Tuesday, January 2nd**.

The project includes significant improvements to the drainage around the east and north sides of the building, an expansion of the playground for safety, installation of new "outside learning environment" teaching areas, complete renovation of the Mistletoe parking lot and construction of a new fence and landscaping along the property lines with our Mistletoe neighbor.

For the estimated 4-month duration, the Mistletoe parking lot will be closed and the entire area secured with temporary construction fencing. During the workweek the Weekday School teachers, staff and church staff will park in the Overflow/VIP lot to the east of the yellow house. Visitors and the congregation will use the Woodlawn lot, and the Belknap lot will continue to be used by the WDS and the church. On Sundays the church will use all three areas. As with any construction project, there will be inevitable issues that arise but Pastor Lisa and WDS director Laurie Miracle are prepared to work through any coordination challenge presented by special events like funerals, memorial services or special worship services. And please stay tuned to the messenger for updates and other information.

On behalf of the Trustees and the WDS Board of Directors I thank you in advance for your patience and support for this great project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

Mike McGlone

Chair, Board of Trustees

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Join us for Christmas Eve

11:00 a.m.

Intergenerational

Church doors will open at 9:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Nativity Retelling in Scripture & Song

Church doors will open at 6:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m..

All services will include communion and candlelight

Sunday, December 31

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

Church doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

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 or Double room \$200

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

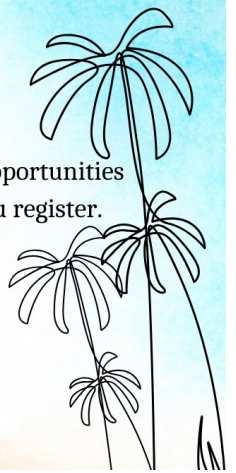
To pay please drop off a check (payable to LHUMC) at the church or visit our [Online Giving](#) portal.
Scholarships are available. Contact Laura Healy for information.

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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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO TED LASSO

BELIEVE

NEW Sermon Series

Jan 7 - Jan 28

Merry Christmas

The Polar Express

ROUND TRIP

Thursday 12-21-23 5 PM

FREE Hot Coco Popcorn

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 OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.
 227 W Woodlawn Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212

No. 0110001

GLORY to GOD in the highest, AND ON EARTH PEACE, good will toward men.

WEDNESDAY 20
 ADVENT DINNER 5:30 PM

THURSDAY 21
 Movie Night Polar Express Five PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 SUNDAY 25 11 AM 7 PM 11 PM

hello JANUARY 2024

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
31	1	2	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			

31 We will only have 11 AM service

10 Epiphany Dinner 5:30 PM

27 Valentine Making 10 AM

Laurel Heights Young Family Calendar of Events



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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227 W. Woodlawn Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212



Church Calendar

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

Tuesday, January 2

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 3

1:00 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting - Parlor

Thursday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, January 5 - Sunday, January 7

Women's Retreat - Mustang Island

Sunday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Merry
CHRISTMAS

Sunday School News

The Epworth Sunday School Class, which meets at 9:45 each Sunday, would like to invite any church member (or interested individual) to join with the class on Zoom. If you, or someone you know, would like to join with the class, please contact Bill Myers at bill_ellen@yahoo.com, so he can add your name and email address to the weekly invitation that will contain a "link" to join with the group. Using the link takes only one click of your computer, iPad or cell phone and you are in.

Looking forward to having you join us!!

Fellowship Gathering

Will resume

Sunday, January 7, 2024

at 9:30 a.m. in

Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all who participated in Fellowship Time in 2023.

Sunday School

Children & Youth

Will resume

Sunday, January 7, 2024

starting at 10 a.m.

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Sonny Landers
Richard Parrigan
Natasha Garza
Kaylyn LeFevre
Gracie Huron
Elizabeth Jackson
Juan Arturo Gonzalez
Annalynn Jackson
Alice Gannon

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

12/22

Kim Christensen
Wendell Davis
Rosemarie Mortola

12/24

Nany Jones
Holly Rodriguez

12/27

Max Healy
Ashley Soli

12/28

Liz Hughes

12/29

Harper Shaw

12/30

Sam McGlone

12/31

Charles Baily
Patricia Morin
John Shaw

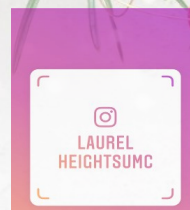
*Are we missing
your name
on the birthday list?*

*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

We will be closed December 25 through January 1, 2024.

Contact Us at 210-733-7156

Happy New Year
2024

Laurel Heights Staff

Rev. Lisa Straus, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Healy, Associate Pastor

Laura Marty, Music Director

Dr. Melanie Randall, Organist

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