



The Messenger

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Godly Play

Imagine a place where everyone is not just welcome, but they feel welcomed.

A place where people can gather together and feel safe, comfortable, equal. Where adults and children weigh on equal ground. Where gender, race, and social status are never factored in? A place where we all hold equal space simultaneously. Now imagine that in this place God held the center and nothing obstructed God's view of each person, or God's love for each person. Where each person had the exact view and invitation to God. I wonder what this place looks like to you? I wonder if you have ever been in a place like this? I wonder how this place makes you feel?

What I have described to you is a Godly Play space. Godly play is not a classroom. There is no right or wrong answer in a Godly Play space. Godly Play will not teach you anything. I know that is bold, so let me rephrase this, Godly Play is not here to teach you. Instead, Godly Play is a space for you to experience God through a tangible story. Experience it with your eyes, your ears, your hands, and all of your senses. Godly Play invites all participants to contemplate each biblical story told and process it with their own uniqueness. The rhythm of the story invites you to slow down and focus on the mystery of God, the mystery of the bible, and the mystery of oneself. It creates a safe space where one can accept or reject a story without consequence. It models healthy boundaries while allowing personal freedom. So Godly Play will not teach you anything, but it will allow you to learn and grow in God's presence.

We at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church have a space devoted to Godly Play. It is in room 105 and hosts our Kinder through Second graders on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. If you are interested in experiencing Godly Play (no matter your age) please contact Angie Taylor (ataylor@mylhumc.org) or Laura Healy (lhealy@mylhumc.org) and we will find a time for you to step into the wonder of Godly Play and experience the mystery of God along side our younger parishioners.

Laurel Heights Young Family News

GOD IS LOVE

Laurel Heights
Young Family Event

Join us Saturday January 27 at 10am

VALENTINE

We will make cards for loved ones,
and for those who reside at
Heritage Place
of Boerne

Donuts & Coffee
provided



Pizza Time


Sunday January 28th
following 11am service
Join us in the gym for
pizza and games



Laurel Heights
Young Family Event

F A T T U E S D A Y

P ANCAKE DINNER



FEBRUARY 13 AT 5:30 PM

Sunday Worship Services

January 28, 2024



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00a.m. Worship

Song Leader/Liturgist:

The Morton's

Scripture Reading

Acts 3:1-11

Romans 5:1-15

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: Rev. Wes Cain

Fellowship Gathering

at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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.comLaurelHeightsUMC](https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC)

Church Calendar

Wednesday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Library Committee Meeting - *Library*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

10:30 a.m. Super Adult Day - *Gym*

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

Friday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Saturday, January 27

10:00 a.m. Valentine Card Making - *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, January 28

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*

12:15 p.m. Young Family Pizza Party - *Gym*

1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits - *Parlor*

Monday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Tuesday, January 30

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Sunday, February 4

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*

12:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 14

ASHES-TO-GO
8-10AM
CORNER OF
BELKNAP & MISTLETOE

WORSHIP WITH
IMPOSITION OF ASHES
6:00PM
SANCTUARY



Blood Drive

Laurel Heights
United Methodist

Sunday, February 18
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In the Gymnasium

For further information, please contact
Yvonne Garcia at ygarcia@mhm.org



Scan the QR Code
To schedule
Your donation

All donors receive a
Commit4Compassion
T-shirt
While supplies last.



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@mylhumc.org,
through [Facebook Messenger](#),
or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.

Happy Birthday

1/22
Sarah Bodner
Jim Moffett
Ron Rardin

1/24
Natalie Smith

1/25
Melinda Hartson

1/26
Laura Healy

1/27
Janice Clayton
Georgia Ferguson
Tom Grossett

1/28
Thomas Salazar

1/29
Ashley Gannon
Ilda Gennero
Nan Shelden

1/30
Peter Bowman
Ryley Garza
Anthony Mercado

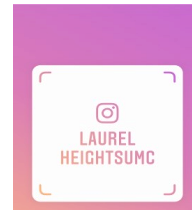
1/31
Omar Medina

*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!*

Follow Us On Social Media



<https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC>

The infographic is a square with rounded corners, divided into four quadrants around a central white circle. The central circle contains the text "MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC".

- Top Left:** "Sanctuary Offering" with an icon of a hand placing a coin into a tray.
- Top Right:** "Online Giving" with the text "Please visit our website: <http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>" and an icon of a person at a computer.
- Bottom Left:** "Text to give:" with the text "LHUMC" 73256 and an icon of a hand holding a smartphone.
- Bottom Right:** "Or use our QR code" with a QR code and an icon of a hand holding a smartphone.

At the bottom of the infographic is the URL <http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Us at 210-733-7156

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