



The Messenger

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I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. (Amos 5:21-24)

The season of Lent is a time when we have the opportunity to reflect upon who we are called to be in this world. Our 2024 Lenten series, Let Justice Roll, is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let

“justice roll down like waters.” Amos rebuked the Israelites telling them that worship without justice is not acceptable; prayers and songs are intended to move the gathered people to action on behalf of the oppressed.

As we journey through the 40 days of Lent, we will offer multiple opportunities for reflection and renewed inspiration to let our hearts become better tuned to the Gospel mission to proclaim God’s love for all people. Pastor Laura and I hope we will see you at the Wednesday Lenten Dinners or in the Tuesday Lenten book study. Every Sunday in Lent, we will preach about different ways that God calls for the waters of justice to roll.

Christians around the world often give up a favorite food, beverage, or activity during Lent. I wonder what prejudices or biases are we challenged to give up as a Lenten practice of abstinence? Perhaps we are called to dig a little deeper and to give of ourselves for the sake of the world. Whether you feel called to give up something or to act in a different way, we hope to see you often over the next forty days!

In Christ-

Pastor Lisa

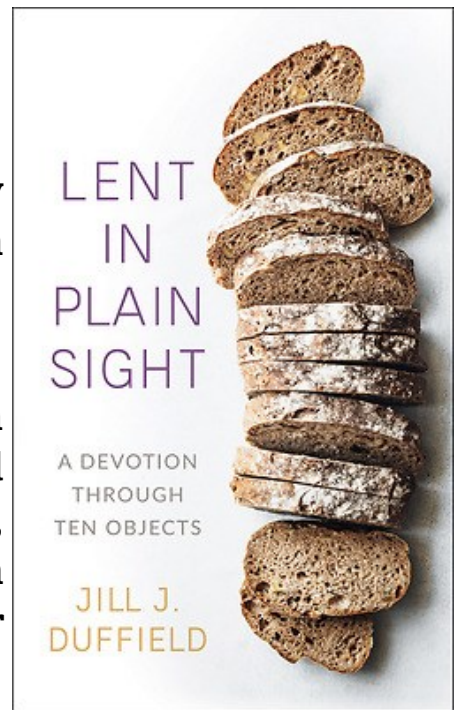
Let Justice Roll



LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

Join us as we explore the Lenten season through ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. Each week, we will encounter a new object to consider through scripture, prayer and reflection.



We will gather on Tuesdays, beginning on February 20th at 5:30pm in the Parlor.

LENTEN DINNERS

February 21 & 28

March 6, 13, & 20

5:30p.m. ★ Fellowship Hall

CHILDRENS MUSIC TIME

6:15 -6:40 P.M.

Laurel Heights Young Family News

Save
the
Date

Laurel Heights UMC
June 10-14 from
9am-12pm

Vacation Bible Camp

Sunday Worship Services

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent



9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Sermon

Child of God

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.com/LaurelHeightsUMC



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 14

ASHES-TO-GO

8-10AM

CORNER OF

BELKNAP & MISTLETOE

WORSHIP WITH

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

6:00PM

SANCTUARY

Church Calendar

Wednesday, February 14

Happy Valentines Day!

6:00 p.m. Worship With Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 18

8:00 a.m. South TX Blood & Tissue Blood Dr.

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*

Monday, February 19

2:00 p.m. Tom Heger Memorial & Reception

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Lenten Study - *Parlor*

Wednesday, February 21

5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, February 23

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

Sunday, February 25

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*

hello FEBRUARY 2024

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

10 CAM 9am
 13 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
 14 Ash Wednesday 5:30pm
 Lent dinners 5:30pm & Children's Music time 6:15pm to 6:40pm
 25 Lunch in the Gym

**Laurel Heights Young Family
Calendar of Events**



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@mhmm.org



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T-shirt
While supplies last.



Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Sonny Landers
Richard Parrigan
Natasha Garza
Gracie Huron
Elizabeth Jackson
Juan Arturo Gonzalez
Alice Gannon
Mary Howard
Ann Wheeler

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

2/15

Gary Jackson
Bobby Ojeda

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

2/16

Charles McAtee
Josheph Montano
Ellen Myers
Preston Rohlfs

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

2/18

Ashley Beuhler
Gabriel Davis

*We don't want to
miss anyone!*

2/19

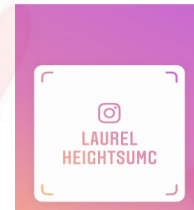
Carolyn Hierholzer
Lucian Smith

2/20

Kelsey Shaw



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Sanctuary Offering

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<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Text to give:
"LHUMC" 73256

Or use our QR code

MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC

<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Church Office Hours

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

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