



The Messenger

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Communion Rail Offering Creation Care and Renewable Energy

This month, we observe Earth Day on April 22nd as a time to appreciate God's great creation. God gave us the job to be good stewards of it, and this month's featured communion rail offering mission does just that.

Creation Care and Renewable Energy is part of the UMC's Global Ministries efforts. They support renewable energy projects in developing countries so that communities may have access to electricity while also considering the environment.

The funds go to providing resources such as solar arrays and wind turbines as well as providing education to United Methodists "in eco-theology, community organizing, anti-racism and project planning so that they can launch projects in their communities." Prayerfully consider leaving an extra donation at the communion rail this Sunday on behalf of those who lack such resources and for the beauty and prosperity of the world we live in.



"Creation Care and Renewable Energy." *Global Ministries*, 12 June 2023,

umcmmission.org/advance-project/3022499/

Blessed are...

Afflicted Minds, Sunday April 7
Broken Minds, Sunday April 14
Lost Minds, Sunday April 21
Healing Minds, Sunday April 28

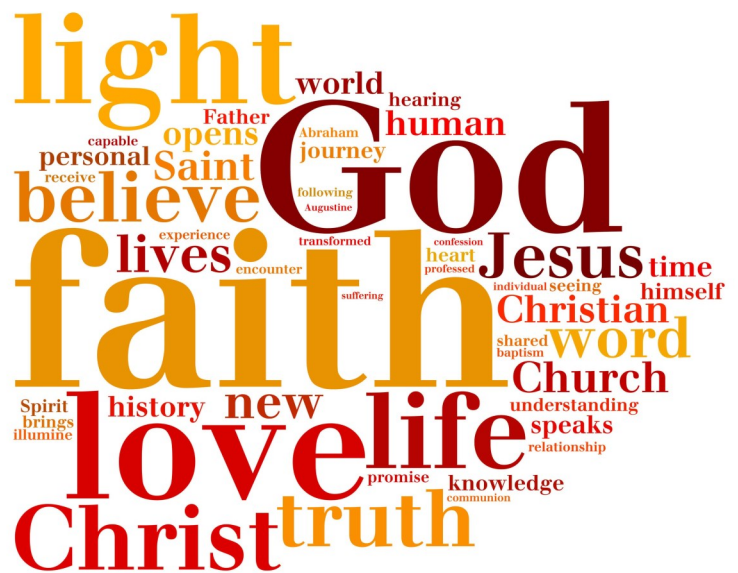
**Join us at Laurel Heights UMC
for a four-week sermon series
on mental health and wellness.**

CONFIRMATION IS COMING!!

Our 2024 Confirmation class will begin on April 7th! Any student in sixth grade or above is eligible to join as we learn what it means to be a United Methodist and a member of the church here at Laurel Heights.

We will meet after worship until 2pm for six weeks, April 7-May 12. Confirmation Sunday coincides with Pentecost on May 19th.

If you have questions, are interested or know someone who might be, please call the church or email Laura Healy lhealy@mylhumc.org



OUT-OF-OFFICE OFFICE HOURS

Drop-in Conversations with Pastor Lisa

Thursdays 12:00pm-2:00pm
Starting Thursday, April 11th

Philo Coffee
606 W French Pl

For questions or more info contact Pastor Lisa -
lstraus@mylhumc.org

Laurel Heights UMC Mission Committee

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM)

110 MCCULLOUGH, 78215

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SAT. APRIL 13, 2024

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/10COA49ABAC2AAA8-camsaturdays/117670810#/>



WALK TO
EMMAUS
THE UPPER ROOM®

Dear Friends,

The Walk to Emmaus Community is planning to return to active worship here at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church! We believe with the Lord's help and your participation; all things are possible. So, plan to join us as we lay the ground work for this loving, worshipping adventure!

If you have been on the three-day Walk to Emmaus (or are interested in learning about the Walk), you are cordially invited to join us Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 12:15 p.m., following worship in the LHUMC Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Lunch, fellowship, singing and worship to get acquainted with each other and share God's Love.

We have one or two members from Laurel Heights currently applying to participate in upcoming Walks and we can discuss opportunities to support them and enroll others.

Questions? Call or text me at: 210-844-4991 or email me at: smithde9@sbcglobal.net.

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David

David E. Smith

210-844-4991 cell

210-494-0022 home

Join the Laurel Heights Emmaus Community

Sunday April 14 at 12:15 p.m.

LHUMC Fellowship Hall

Potluck Lunch, Fellowship, Singing and Worship

All are Welcome so--Y'all Come!

Grief Fellowship Group

Wednesday Evenings 5:30-6:45 - *Parlor*

April 17th - May 8th

Facilitated by Pastor Lisa and Rev. Dr. Mark Doty

To register attendance and for further information please contact

Pastor Lisa

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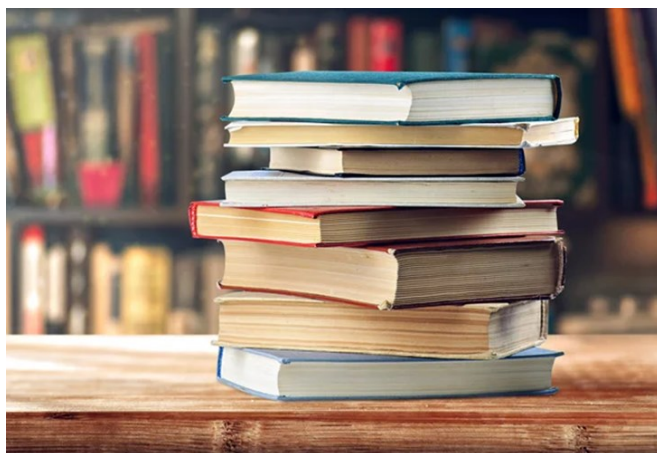
(210) 733 - 7156

CHURCH LIBRARY

3RD FLOOR

ABOVE FELLOWSHIP HALL

COME CHECK US OUT



Laurel Heights Young Family News

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR AN EVENING OF
GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACKS AND FUN!
DROP OFF IS AT 5:30 AND PICK UP IS AT 8PM**

FRIDAY, 19 APRIL

227 W. Woodlawn Ave.
Laurel Heights United Methodist Church
210-733-7156

Please bring a sack dinner.
Contact Angie Taylor for more information
ataylor@mylhmc.org

<https://form.jotform.com/ataylormailbox/lhumc-parents-night-out-registratio>

Church Calendar

Thursday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

3:00 p.m. Church Under the Bridge

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

Friday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 7

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. VBC Informational Lunch

12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class - *Room 317*

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

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - *Laurel Room*

Wednesday, April 10

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

1:00 p.m. United Women in Faith Meeting - *Parlor*

Thursday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

10:00 a.m. Super Adult Day - *Gym*

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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

Friday, April 12

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

Noon - 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service - *Sanctuary*

Saturday, April 13

9:30 a.m. Volunteer Opportunity at CAM

Sunday, April 14

7:15 a.m. Sunrise Service - *Rowe Plaza*

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. Walk to Emmaus - *Fellowship Hall*

12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class - *Room 317*

2024

hello APRIL

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7 VBC Informational Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

19 Parents Night Out 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

28 Lunch Meet at the Cove 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm

Laurel Heights Young Family
Calendar of Events



Laurel Heights United Women in Faith will meet Wednesday April 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

LAUREL HEIGHTS YOUTH UPDATES

District Youth & Youth Leader Gathering

Saturday, April 20th 12PM - 3PM

Lunch, worship, games/social time for students & community of support conversation for adult leaders @ Colonial Hills UMC. We'll gather at Laurel Heights at 11:30AM and take the van together. RSVP to Katie Myers (210)587-5498 or katiewmyers@yahoo.com

Summer Camps

All youth (rising 6th - rising 12th grade) are encouraged to consider taking Meadow, Madelyn, and Merrick's recommendation and going to one of the two Rio Texas Youth Summer Camps. The camp in Buda is smaller in size, so it is expected to fill up faster. The conference recommends registering quickly once registration opens in early April. Early bird registration is \$275.

SAVE THE DATE
SUMMER CAMPS 2024

JULY 7TH-12TH
**TWIN OAKS RANCH,
BUDA TX**

JULY 14TH-19TH
**TEXAS BAPTIST
ENCAMPMENT
PALACIOS TX**

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Sonny Landers
Richard Parrigan
Natasha Garza
Gracie Huron
Alice Gannon
Ann Wheeler
Laurie Miracle

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

4/4

David Bailey
David Gannon
Jim Hollerbach
Geri Hurst
Nixon Trainer

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

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

4/5

Tony Garcia
Natalie Pearson
Eunice Reardon

*We don't want to
miss anyone!*

4/7

Paul Kinnison

4/8

Gail Carnal
Sean Cowan



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Sanctuary Offering

Online Giving
Please visit our website:
<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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210-733-7156

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