



The Messenger

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Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Many of you have participated in Laurel Height's 2024 Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Tenebrae service. We appreciate your attendance in these meaningful events and are grateful to share the success of them.

The stations of the cross, held Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, invited both families and individuals to reflect intentionally on the days and events leading up to Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection. Stations included a scripture reading and an activity to help further our understanding of what really happened on those days.

Participants were able to wash each other's feet in the same selfless act of service that Jesus did the night before He was betrayed.

Hammering a nail into a wooden cross reminded us of the pain inflicted on Him for the sake of us and our freedom. And painting our names on a rock encouraged us that when that stone was rolled away, He had our name in His mind.

As one astute child put it, "it's all about the love." Children and adults alike could feel the gentle yet strong love and the presence of God as we all navigated through these stations and Holy Week together as a church community. We hope to see you again in attendance next year as we continue to grow in love and in Christ. Happy Easter everyone.



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.**

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

PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH
5:30

THE WAY WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER IS AT THE HEART OF WHO WE ARE HERE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THAT SOMEONE WAS SICK OR RECOVERING FROM AN ILLNESS OR HOSPITAL STAY OR SUFFERING FROM A PERSONAL LOSS AND YOU WANTED TO REACH OUT TO THEM, BUT YOU WEREN'T SURE WHAT TO SAY? WE HAVE ALL FELT THAT WAY AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

LEND YOUR HEART AND HANDS IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK OF THE CHURCH!

CONTACT PASTOR LISA OR PASTOR LAURA FOR MORE INFO

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/10C0A49ABAC2AAA8-camsaturdays/117670810#/>

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

lstraus@mylhumc.org

(210) 733 - 7156

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Sunday, April 21st

12:15pm - *Fellowship Hall*
Lunch provided

Learn how to serve at Laurel Heights in one or multiple of these church roles:

- Usher
- Communion Server
- Liturgist
- Acolyte

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@mylhumc.org

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

Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Thursday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Office Hours w/Pastor Lisa @ Philo Coffee 606 W. French Pl.

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

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

9:30 a.m. Volunteer Opportunity at CAM

Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

12:15 p.m. Walk to Emmaus - *Fellowship Hall*

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class - *Room 317*

Monday, April 15

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

6:30 p.m. Safety Task Force Meeting - *Zoom*

Tuesday, April 16

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

5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting - *Parlor*

Wednesday, April 17

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Thursday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

Friday, April 19

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

5:30 p.m. Parents Night Out - *Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, April 20

12:00 p.m. District Youth & Youth Leader @ Colonial Hills UMC

Sunday, April 21

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. Worship Workshop - *Fellowship Hall*

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class - *Room 317*

Walk to Emmaus

Info Meeting

Sunday, April 14th

12:15pm

Join us for a Potluck Lunch, fellowship, singing and worship to get acquainted with each other and share God's Love as we prepare for this journey!

For questions contact David Smith
smithde9@sbcglobal.net
(210) 844-4991

2024

hello APRIL

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28	29	30				

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 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
Jane Manning
Tony Stewart

For those who mourn:

The family of Roger Gary.

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

4/11
Olivia Seay

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

4/13
Linda Coffey
Susan Craig
Debra Dawson

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

4/14
Heather Weidenbach

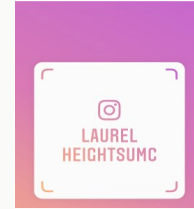
*We don't want to
miss anyone!*

4/16
Elizabeth Bailey
Michael Largent

4/17
Randy Pollock



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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

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

Laurel Heights Staff

210-733-7156

Rev. Lisa Straus, Senior Pastor

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