



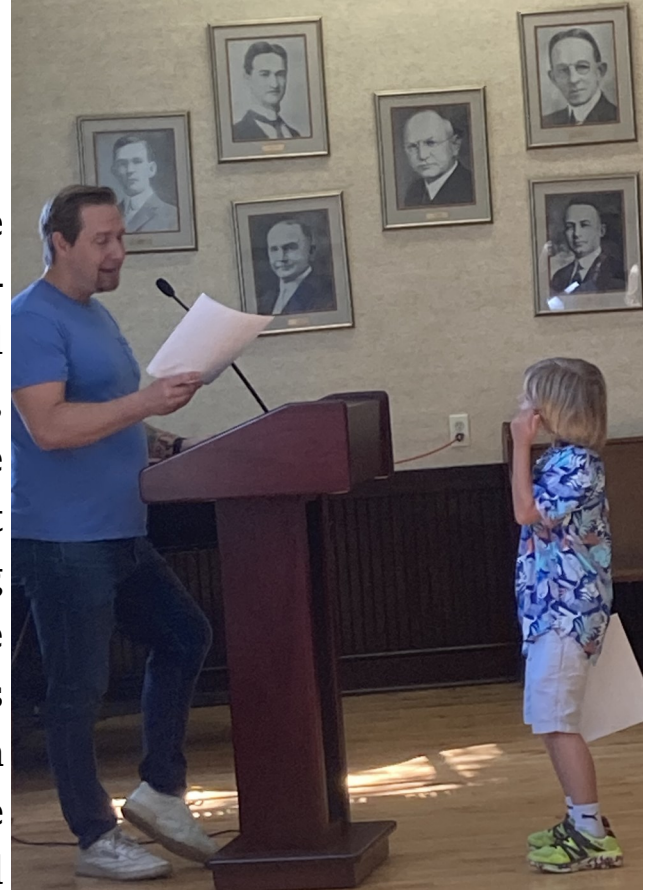
# The Messenger

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## Messy Church

This summer, from May 26-August 11, we are embarking on an intergenerational and outreach-minded Sunday School program called Messy Church. During the Sunday School hour, the entire Laurel Heights Family will have the opportunity to gather and learn about Christ through games, crafts, music, and storytelling from the Bible. Those who wish to participate will remain together in the Fellowship Hall as we work through a two-segment series, “I am the Light of the World” followed by “I am the Good Shepherd”. This provides a more relaxed approach where we can intentionally share the message of God. It is also a wonderful opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to check out our church. We will gather around a table for a snack and build relationships with each other, God, and the world.



*Messy Church cont.*

In the children and youth Sunday School classes, we have found this intergenerational approach gives the teachers a much-needed break from weekly preparation. This also provides adult Sunday School leaders with a chance to take a break from lesson planning. It will definitely give all of us the chance to connect with other church members while we learn about the great stories of the Bible!

If you attend Sunday School weekly, or if you have never attended before, I pray you will give Messy Church a chance!



## Camp Firelight Registration Open!

<https://forms.gle/j47MpHpniXU6JeSw5>



# 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.**

## Grief Fellowship Group

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

April 17th - May 8th

Facilitated by Pastor Lisa and Rev. Dr. Mark Doty

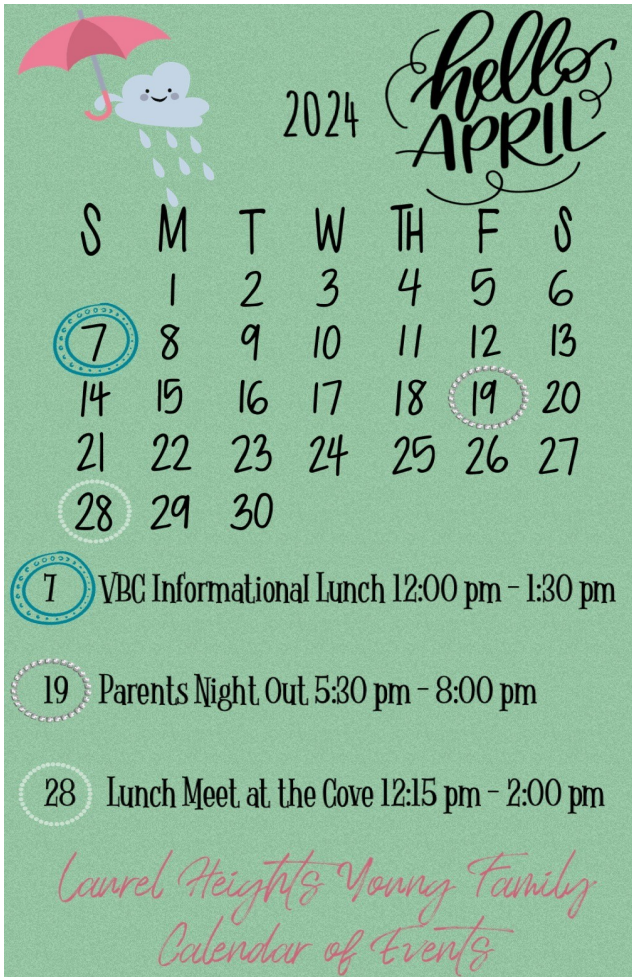
To register attendance and for further information please contact

Pastor Lisa

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(210) 733 - 7156

# Laurel Heights Young Family News



2024 *hello APRIL*

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	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				

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*



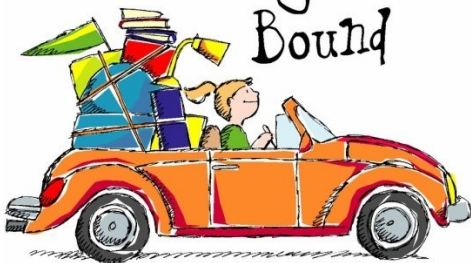
**MOVIE MATINEE**

Laurel Heights UMC Presents  
227 W. Woodlawn Ave. 78212

Disney PIXAR **INSIDE OUT**

Saturday May 4  
10am - 12pm

## College Bound



## Mary Blackford Scholarship

The United Methodist Women invite you to apply for the Mary Blackford Academic Scholarship. We award these funds to full time students (12 credit hours) who maintain a 2.0 GPA.

To receive an application, please contact us at [maryblackfordfund@gmail.com](mailto:maryblackfordfund@gmail.com).

The final date to request an application is May 15, 2024.

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, April 24

- 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Fellowship Group - *Parlor*
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

### Thursday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. Church Mice
- 10:00 a.m. Super Adult Day - *Gym*
- 12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Office Hours w/Pastor Lisa @ Philo Coffee 606 W. French Pl.
- 5:30 p.m. Health Cabinet Meeting - *Zoom*
- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

### Friday, April 26 - Battle of Flowers

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - *Fellowship Hall*
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:15 p.m. Young Families Gathering @ *The Cove*
- 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class - *Room 317*

### Monday, April 29

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

### Tuesday, April 30

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

### Wednesday, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Group - *Parlor*
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

### Thursday, May 2

- 9:00 a.m. Church Mice
- 12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Office Hours w/Pastor Lisa @ Greenhouse 223 E. Hildebrand #101b
- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

### Friday, May 3

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

### Saturday, May 4

- 10:00 a.m. Movie Matinee - *Fellowship Hall*

### Sunday, May 5

- 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. Confirmation Class - *Room 317*
- 1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits - *Parlor*



# LAUREL HEIGHTS YOUTH UPDATES

## Summer Camp

Youth Summer Camp registration now is open.

<https://forms.gle/Wvx3rCUkeLLd8Brk7> (<https://forms.gle/Wvx3rCUkeLLd8Brk7>)

### **Dates: July 7th-12th**

(Arrival will be between 6-7:00 p.m. on Sunday and departure is noon on Friday)

Cost: \$275 until June 16th.  
\$350 until the end of June

(PAYMENT IS NOT DUE UNTIL ARRIVAL AT CAMP).

**Laurel Heights will cover the registration cost for any of our students who wish to attend. Contact Pastor Lisa for more information.**



Laurel Heights United Methodist Church	
Finance Committee Update	
Y-T-D March 2024	
	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$165,904.00
Other Receipts	\$31,495.94
Total Receipts:	\$197,399.94
Total Expenses:	\$232,588.00
Ahead ( <b>Behind</b> ):	<b>-\$35,188.06</b>

# Prayer Requests

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### *Healing:*

Lucien Manchester  
Sonny Landers  
Richard Parrigan  
Gracie Huron  
Alice Gannon  
Laurie Miracle  
Jane Manning  
Tony Stewart  
Juan Arturo Gonzalez  
Mark Marty  
William Beuhler

### *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](mailto:prayers@mylhmc.org),  
through [Facebook Messenger](#),  
or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.

## Happy Birthday

4/26

Rudy Sandoval

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

4/27

Kathleen Gekiere

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

4/28

Norma Balderas  
Jerry Yarbrough

4/29

Laurie Morton  
Alexander Padgett

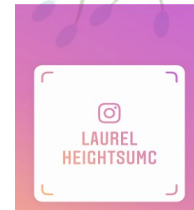
*We don't want to  
miss anyone!*

4/30

Bennett Campbell  
Patricia Wright



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

**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

Rev. Laura Healy, Associate Pastor

Laura Marty, Music Director

Dr. Melanie Randall, Organist

Angie Taylor, Dir. of Young Family Ministries

Heather Weidenbach, Administrative Manager

Debbie Cormier, Administrative Assistant (PT)

Paloma Holub, Director of Communications

Susan Holloway, Super Adults Director

Yvonne Garcia, Wesley Nurse

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