



The Messenger

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Summer 2024 Sermon Series

Dear Church-

This summer, the Holy Spirit has led the worship team to plan what we are calling: Choose Your Own Adventure! The 9:00 and 11:00 services will be very different in every way – theme, music, and liturgy! You get to choose whichever path you wish to attend!

At 9:00, we will have three, four-week sermon series: *Frozen Faith*, *The Greatest Faith*, and *the Gospel According to NPR* based upon the musical *Frozen*, the movie *The Greatest Showman*, and various, beloved NPR programs. Each sermon will stand by itself and you will not need to be familiar with the movies and programs from which their theme arose. However, should you want to see the two movies with your church family, we will show *Frozen* in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 1 from 10-12. We will show *The Greatest Showman* in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 29 from 10-12. Our hope is that you will be so intrigued by these sermons that you will want to return each week for more! But if you are traveling this summer, never fear! We will begin livestreaming the 9:00 service beginning on Sunday, June 9.

At 11:00, we will have a summer series called *What Does the Bible Really Say About...* each week, we will complete this sentence with different topics: doubt, suffering, the church, women in church leadership... We intend on drilling down into some topics that challenge our faith and challenge what we have traditionally been told that the Bible says. At 11, we will also hold a time at the beginning of each service when you will be able to request a hymn for everyone to sing. While I think it will be virtually impossible to do so, let's see if we can stump Melanie! Grab your hymnal and choose your favorite!

While summer is sometimes considered to be a slow time in the life of the church, we hope our sermon series, intergenerational Sunday School, Pastor's Out-of-Office Hours, and Banned Book Club will prompt you to stay engaged with your church family!

In faith-

Pastor Lisa

BANNED BOOK CLUB

Did you know that in the state of Texas, school districts have banned more books than any other state in the country? Have you ever wondered why? This summer, Pastor Lisa will gather a group interested in reading some of the banned material and discuss in what we find.

Contact Pastor Lisa for more information!
lstraus@mylhumc.org

June 26 - 5:30pm in Person

June 30 - 5:30pm on Zoom

AND

July 24 - 5:30pm in person

July 28 - 5:30 pm on Zoom



Summer @ Laurel Heights

9:00 AM

June: Frozen Faith

June 9: Love is Patient

June 16: Fixer-Upper

June 23: Forgiveness Heals

June 30: Evil Never Wins

July: The Greatest Faith

July 7: You are Loved

July 14: You are Forgiven

July 21: You Have Purpose

July 28: You Belong

August: The Gospel According to

August 4: Speak

August 11: Live

August 18: Pray

August 25: Believe

Summer @ Laurel Heights

11:00 AM

What Does the Bible Really Say About...

June 9: Doubt

June 16: Suffering

June 23: Church

June 30: Women in Church Leadership

July 7: Other Religions

July 14: Life after Death

July 21: Marriage and Divorce

July 28: Sex

August 4: Sexuality

August 11: Sin

August 18: Slavery

August 25: Politics

Out-of-Office Hours

DROP-IN CONVERSATIONS

Greenhouse Coffee

223 E. Hildebrand Ave.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 30 - Pastor Lisa

For questions or more information, contact
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JUNE

Laurel Heights
United Methodist Church
2024

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1 MOVIE MATINEE 10AM - 12PM

10-14 VBC CAMP FIRELIGHT 9AM - 12PM

12 VBC DINNER 5:30PM

29 MOVIE MATINEE 10AM - 12PM

30 CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK 12:15PM

Young Family Calendar of Events

MOVIE MATINEE

LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC
227 W. Woodlawn Ave. 78212
PRESENTS



Disney
FROZEN



Saturday June 1
10am - 12pm



Camp
Firelight
A SUMMER CAMP Psalm 56:3
LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC

Register Here



June 10th - 14th 9:00am - 12:00pm
227 W. Woodlawn Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212
Kindergarten to rising 6th Graders

Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 30

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 @ Greenhouse Coffee

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

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

10:00 a.m. Movie Matinee - "Frozen"-
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 2

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

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

10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School -
Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

Monday, June 3

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

10:30 a.m. Jefferson Quilting Group - *Room 306*

Tuesday, June 4

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

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6

8:00 a.m. Rio Texas Annual Conference -
Corpus Christi

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Office Hours

3:00 p.m. Church Under the Bridge

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

Friday, June 7

8:00 a.m. Rio Texas Annual Conference -
Corpus Christi

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

Saturday, June 8

8:00 a.m. Rio Texas Annual Conference -
Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 9

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

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

10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

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



LAUREL HEIGHTS

YOUTH UPDATES

Summer Camp

Youth Summer Camp registration now is open.

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

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Richard Parrigan
Gracie Huron
Alice Gannon
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,
through [Facebook Messenger](#),
or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.

Happy Birthday

5/31

Jason Bodner
Jeanne Redmond

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

6/1

James Verette

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

6/2

Will Campbell
Mark Phillips

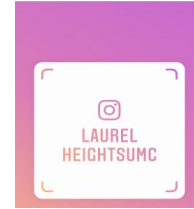
*We don't want to
miss anyone!*

6/3

Paul Kinnison



Follow Us On Social Media



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

An infographic titled "MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC". It features four main sections: "Sanctuary Offering" with an icon of a hand putting money into a tray; "Online Giving" with the website URL "http://www.laurelheights.org/give/" and an icon of a person at a computer; "Text to give:" with the code "LHUMC" 73256 and an icon of a hand holding a phone; and "Or use our QR code" with a QR code icon. A central white circle contains the text "MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC". At the bottom, the URL "http://www.laurelheights.org/give/" is repeated.

Church Office Hours

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

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