



The Messenger

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2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WE ARE CONNECTED!



The United Methodist Church is a connectional church. So we at Laurel Heights are connected to all United Methodist Churches throughout the world in order to support one another and more effectively carry out the mission of the church. The “business” of the church is conducted at Annual Conference where individual churches are represented by clergy and laity. In the first week of June, Laurel Heights participated in the Rio Texas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi. Laurel Heights participants were:

Rev. Lisa Straus, Rev. Laura Healy, Rev. Wesley Craig, Rev. William Brown, Rev. Tanya Campen, Jason Davis, Byrd Bonner, Melinda Hartson, Kaci Boylan, Ann McGlone, Karen Angelini, and Mary Howard.

This year’s Annual Conference was a smaller gathering than in years past due to a number of churches choosing to leave the Conference. Nevertheless, it was a spirited gathering! We worshiped, sang, prayed and shared in Holy Communion. There were reports of ongoing ministries happening throughout the Conference. We listened to excellent preachers and teachers. One of those was Laurel Heights member Rev. Tanya Campen, Director of Intergenerational Ministries for the Rio Texas Conference. She challenged us to be intentional in ministry to young children so they know the love of God and their church community.

There was a beautiful Service of Remembrance during which all clergy and their spouses who passed away in the last year, including our own Diaconal Minister of Music Henry Holloway, were remembered. There was a time to recognize and honor clergy who have been faithful in serving the church but who are retiring this year. And there was a joyful celebration of ordination in which we welcomed, commissioned, and recognized clergy, including elders, deacons and local pastors. And I’m happy to say that Laurel Heights is richly blessed by the Bishop’s reappointment of Pastor Lisa and Pastor Laura!



All in all Annual Conference was a reminder of the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church. It was a time to rejoice in the shared ministries of all United Methodist Churches. It was a time to rekindle, revive and renew our commitment to spread the Gospel throughout the world, our communities, and in our churches. And it was a time to remember and celebrate that we are members of the connectional United Methodist Church.

Karen Angelini, Delegate to 2024 Annual Conference

Photos from Texas Rio Annual Conference 2024



YOU Give THEY Live

Give the gift of life - donate blood July 14th in the church gym. Donating blood is an easy process and is SO very important!

Donors get a “mini physical” when they donate. Your temperature, blood pressure and iron levels will be checked, but more importantly you will leave knowing you made a difference in someone’s life.

You see, there is no substitute for blood. So why is it so important to donate? Your donation helps cancer patients, trauma victims, newborns & moms as well as other patients in our area hospitals.

So please make time on Sunday July 14th to come by the gym and roll up your sleeves.

By sharing your good health YOU can make a difference, YOU can save a life!

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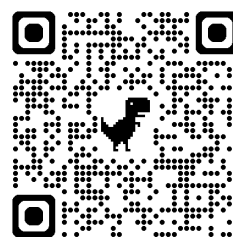
07/14/24 (08:00 am - 01:00 pm)

227 West Woodlawn

San Antonio, TX 78212

In the Gymnasium

← **Click here to schedule appt!**



Summer @ Laurel Heights

9:00 AM

June: Frozen Faith

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 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
with Pastor Lisa**

Merritt Coffee

5903 Broadway - San Antonio, 78209

June 27

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

Super Adult Day

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June 27

10:00 a.m. Cookies, Coffee & Conversation

10:30 a.m. BINGO!
Bring wrapped white elephants for prizes.

11:00 a.m. Lunch
Hamburger Steak, Grilled Onions, Oven Fried Potatoes, Cole Slaw and Pineapple Meringue

★
\$8.00 per person



• JOIN US FOR THE •

Fifth Sunday Potluck

JUNE

30

2024

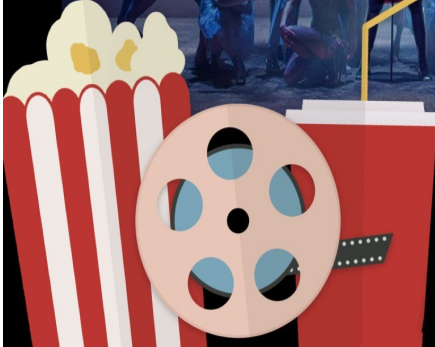
LHUMC Fellowship Hall
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

MOVIE MATINEE

227 W. Woodlawn Ave. 78212

LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC PRESENTS

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN



Saturday June 29
10am-12pm

hello
JULY

2024

Laurel Heights
UMC

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	31			

- 13 Christian Assistants Ministry
·9am to 12pm
- 21 Meet at the Cove
·12:15pm
- 27 Camp Firelight recap
·10am to 12pm

Young Families Calendar of Events



CAMP FIRELIGHT

JOIN US ON JULY 27TH
AT 10AM FOR A CAMP
FIRELIGHT RECAP.
SCIENCE, MUSIC,
STORIES AND SNACK



Acolyte Sign Up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAEAA23A6F5C43-47291643-childrens>

Usher Sign Up

[Laurel Heights UMC: Laurel Heights Usher Schedule \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAEAA23A6F5C43-50157622-camp)

Camp Firelight Recap Sign Up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAEAA23A6F5C43-50157622-camp>

Church Calendar

Wednesday, June 26

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

5:30 p.m. Banned Book Club - *Parlor*

Thursday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Hours w/Pastor Lisa
at Merrit Coffee - 5903 Broadway

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

Friday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 29

10:00 a.m. Movie Matinee -

“The Greatest Showman” - *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, June 30

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*

12:00 p.m. Fifth Sunday Potluck - *Fellowship Hall*

5:30 p.m. Banned Book Club - *Zoom*

Monday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 2

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting - *Parlor*

Wednesday, June 3

9:00 Exercise Class - *Room 305*

5:30 p.m. Banned Book Club - *Parlor*

Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 7

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*

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



HAPPY

4TH
of

July

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Richard Parrigan
Gracie Huron
Alice Gannon
Jane Manning
Tony Stewart
Juan Arturo Gonzalez
William Beuhler
Patrick Farmer
Pat Moss
Donna Semmes
Blanche Birdsong

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.



6/27

Hal Guggolz
Ashley Landers

7/3

Shelley McMullen
Larhesa Moon

6/28

Nick Campbell
Jennie Largent
Ann Wheeler

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

6/30

Christian Morales

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

7/1

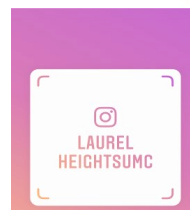
Austin Baker Wiese

*We don't want to miss
anyone!*

7/2

Maire Lanoux

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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

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Rev. Lisa Straus, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Healy, Associate Pastor

Laura Marty, Music Director

Dr. Melanie Randall, Organist

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