



The Messenger

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CAMP FIRELIGHT SATURDAY 7-27-24 10AM

DID YOU MISS OUT ON VBC THIS YEAR?
WERE YOU TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO ATTEND?
DID YOU COME TO VBC BUT WEREN'T READY FOR IT TO END?
THEN JOIN US ON JULY 27TH FOR A FUN MORNING OF
SONGS, SNACKS, CRAFTS, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, AND
BIBLICAL STORIES! IT'S SURE TO BE A BLAST!



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4 letter words.

We tend to refer to 4 letter words as bad words, but there are many great 4 letter words like hope, gift, heal, and love, just to name a few.

Hope. Hope is one of my favorite words. There is so much power packed in those four letters. For me, faith and hope go hand in hand. Faith has helped me realize that I have a choice in the 4 letters I put my thoughts and energy into. I can sit in the 4 letters of pain and fear, or I can choose hope.

When Jeffrey and I learned about Sonny's heart abnormality, my immediate response was fear. I was overwhelmed by the risks and the uncertainty.

For the first few weeks while we were trying to understand the severity of Sonny's condition, I didn't want to tell anyone because I felt like it was my burden to bear. Or maybe I thought that if I didn't speak about it, it wouldn't be real. Ultimately, I reached a point where the fear became debilitating. I knew I couldn't carry it by myself any longer, I needed to know that others were helping me hold Sonny up. So I turned to the prayer request list at church.

Gift. Before joining Laurel Heights, I'm not sure I fully understood the gift of an intergenerational church community. But Church, believe me when I say you have been one of the greatest gifts in our family's life. And in so many ways. I've been so grateful for Sonny's name being called every Sunday and having him on the healing list in the Messenger for this long. There is no way for me to express the gratitude I feel knowing you have continued to help us pray for Sonny to heal.

Heal. Long story short, Sonny hasn't made as much progress as we need just yet but we continue to monitor him by echocardiography every 6 months with his pediatric cardiologist. We are still praying for internal healing to avoid surgery but our timeline remains long – we'll probably have to make that decision in the next year or two.

That said, we feel like we're at a place where we are at peace with taking him off the healing list until we have more of an update to share with you. We know the list isn't meant to be long term but your prayers and questions of concern have shown us the grace we needed until we could make it well with our souls. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you Church. We still welcome all your prayers, and hope you always know how much we appreciate and love you.

Love. The Landers - Jeffrey, Ashley, Jake, Birdie and Sonny

Summer @ Laurel Heights
9:00 AM

July: The Greatest Faith

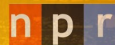
July 7: You are Loved

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...

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

will resume on July 18
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

at

Summer Moon Coffee

3233 N. St. Mary's #102, 78212

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

July 24 - 5:30pm in person
&

July 28 - 5:30 pm on Zoom



Christian Assistance Ministry

Volunteer Opportunity

Adopt/Sponsor a Backpack 2024

Christian Assistance Ministry is preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. They are seeking “adopters” to purchase a backpack and school supplies for a child’s school supply list.



If you choose to adopt a student, CAM will provide the child’s name, grade, gender, and school. Adopters look up the exact supply list online and the shopping begins.

For more information or to sign up, please visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CAEAB28A7FB6-49381492-adoptsponsor# Backpack and supplies are due July 22—July 31 at CAM 110 McCullough Ave.

Super Adult Day

July 25, 2024

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

10:30 a.m. BINGO!

(Bring wrapped white elephants for prizes)

11:00 a.m. Lunch - \$8.00 per person

Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich w/Lettuce, Tomato, Onion & Pickle
Baked Beans, Chips and Yellow Cake w/Chocolate Icing

Presentation by Larry Luckett from the San Antonio Genealogical Society



A new way of exploring
faith as a child

Join us Sunday July 28th at
12:15 for a Godly Play
experience

hello JULY 2024
Laurel Heights UMC

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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

Back TO SCHOOL!

Sunday
8-11-24

Laurel Heights would like to pray a blessing over all who are returning to school this fall during our 9:00 am & 11:00 am services.

227 W. Woodlawn Ave. 78212

Church Calendar

Thursday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Hours with Pastor Lisa -
Summer Moon Coffee - 3233 N. St. Mary's #102

Friday, July 19

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

Sunday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Blood Drive - *Gym*

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, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg. - *Parlor*

Wednesday, July 24

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

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

Thursday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Hours with Pastor Lisa -
Summer Moon Coffee - 3233 N. St. Mary's #102

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

Friday, July 26

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

Saturday, July 27

10:00 a.m. Camp Firelight Camp - *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, July 28

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*

12:15 p.m. Godly Play Experience - *Fellowship Hall*

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

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

Acolyte Sign Up

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

Usher Sign Up

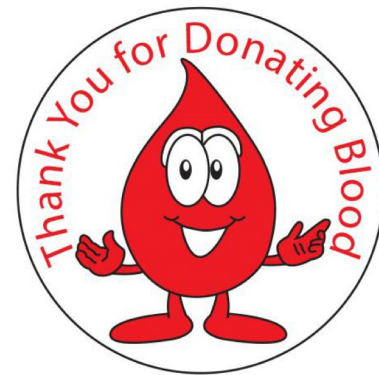
[Laurel Heights UMC: Laurel Heights Usher Schedule \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/Laurel%20Heights%20UMC%20Laurel%20Heights%20Usher%20Schedule)

Camp Firelight Recap Sign Up

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

Christian Assistance Ministries

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ABAC2AAA8-camsaturdays/117670810#/>



We collected 17 units of blood on Sunday, July 20!

We impacted 51 lives with our collection! Thanks to all who gave, assisted and promoted our blood drive!

Our next blood drive will be Sun. November 10th!

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
Carolyn West

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

7/11

Kay Craig

7/13

Charlotte Rush-Morton

7/18

Carrie Clemens

7/20

Clay Campbell
Delores Carson
Shelly Kennerdel
Bill Myers
Victoria Salazar

7/21

Patrice Law

7/22

Drayton Bodner
Aria Marty

7/24

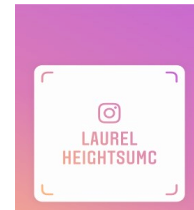
Enzo Marrone
James Moss

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

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


*We don't want to miss
anyone!*

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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.

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