



The Messenger

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Back-to-School Fall Kick-Off Sunday

Dear Church-

When I was growing up in Vermont, towards the end of August, I could sense that school was about to start because the mornings would feel cooler and the sun would start to set earlier. These signs would remind me that things were about to change. That has not been my experience since moving to Texas. Here, the school year starts in mid-August when it is blazing hot. The sun doesn't set until 8:30! But soon we will hear those lumbering, yellow school buses and we will see children wake up early in the morning, waiting for those buses, or walking or riding their bicycles to school. I spoke with one parent this week who said her family has started "practicing" to make sure they are ready to wake up next week! Here, at the church, there are signs of a new season about to start as well. Classrooms are being prepared and furnished, curriculum has been ordered and is ready to be implemented, and the staff is eagerly waiting to see your faces on Sunday!

We have a lot prepared for you for this coming week. We will have worship at 9 and 11 as usual. Pastor Laura will enter week two of her series: *The Gospel According to NPR* at early worship. I will continue with *What Does the Bible Really Say About... Science* at 11am! In between worship, we will have a more robust Fellowship Time. Through the Fellowship and Sunday School time, you will have the opportunity to update your contact information in the church database and add a picture. You will be able to download the church directory app so you can find people's names and pictures on your mobile devices (PLEASE BRING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE WITH YOU!) The children and youth will head to the gym with Angie and friends for some fun and Pastors Lisa and Laura will meet with parents in Scott Chapel to complete Sunday School enrollment paperwork and to talk about the opportunities for children and youth this school year.

In both worship services, we will bless teachers and children with backpacks! What a blessing it will be to see everyone again! Until then, know you are in our prayers!

In Christ-

Pastor Lisa

Get

Connected!

REALM CONNECT

Join us Sunday 8-11-24 during fellowship time to get connected through **REALM** -our church directory app. Download the app while we answer any questions you may have and update your directory information.

SUNDAY
8-11-24



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

Origin Stories
A Study of Methodist History

SUNDAYS 10AM
AUGUST 18 – SEPTEMBER 29

Are you new to Laurel Heights or new to United Methodism?

Origin Stories: A Study of Methodist History
Sundays 10AM
August 18 - September 29
Leader: Katie Myers

Origin Stories is a discussion-oriented class that will weave our personal origin stories with those of the Methodist movement. The class will offer an opportunity to learn more about the history of Methodism, explore our own faith stories, and form connections with others.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura Healy at 210-733-7156 or lhealy@mylhumc.org.

Summer @ Laurel Heights 9:00 AM

August: The Gospel According to **npr**

August 11: Live

August 18: Pray

August: 25 Believe

**Summer @ Laurel Heights
11:00 AM**

**What Does the Bible Really Say
About...**

August 11: Science

August 18: Slavery

August 25: Politics

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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

**BISHOP
ROBERT SCHNASE**

Join us as we honor the faithful leadership of our beloved brother in Christ as we celebrate the legacy of his ministry!

➤ **Thursday, August 8th, 2024**

➤ **3-5PM at Northern Hills UMC**

hello AUGUST 2024 Laurel Heights UMC

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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

- 10 Christian Assistance Ministry 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 11 Backpack Blessing & Back to School Fellowship Youth pool party 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 18 Sunday School Classes Start

Young Family Calendar of events

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/10C0A49ABAC2AAA8-camsaturdays/117670810#/)

Christian Assistance Ministries

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

Laurel Heights UMC Mission Committee

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM)

110 MCCULLOUGH, 78215

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SAT. AUGUST 10, 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#/>

Church Calendar

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Hours with Pastor Lisa
at Panera Bread - 999 E. Basse Rd. #192

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

Friday, August 9

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

Saturday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Volunteer Opportunity @ C.A.M.

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Worship Service/Backpack Blessing -
Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Realm Connect -
Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Backpack Blessing-
Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party— Straus House

Monday, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Hours at Panera Bread -
999 E. Basse Rd. #192

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

Friday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 18

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

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

12:15 p.m. Emmaus Meeting - *Fellowship Hall*



Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

Finance Committee Update
Y-T-D June 2024

| | Y-T-D |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Contributions Received | \$393,264.61 |
| Other Receipts | \$65,429.84 |
| Total Receipts: | \$458,694.45 |
| Total Expenses: | \$456,281.28 |
| Ahead: | \$2,413.17 |

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

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

For those who mourn:

The family of Jane Manning.

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@mylhumc.org,
through [Facebook Messenger](#),
or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.



8/11

Sydney Davis
Drew Jackson
Sandra Ojeda-Medina

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

8/12

Abigail Sanders
Nancy Shelden

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

8/13

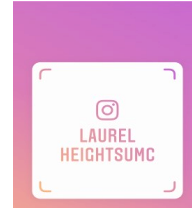
Pat Moss

*We don't want to miss
anyone!*

8/14

Alice Nicewander

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Sanctuary Offering

Online Giving
Please visit our website:
<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Text to give:
"LHUMC" 73256

Or use our QR code

MANY WAYS TO GIVE AT LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC

<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Church Office Hours

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



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