



The Messenger

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Giving By Rachel Goeres

Good morning. My name is Rachel Goeres. I was asked to talk about giving and the relationship between money and my faith journey. Faith and giving are deeply rooted in lessons I learned from my parents.

I'm a member of this church. I'm also a Lutheran. And a preacher's kid. My father was a Lutheran minister. My brother is a retired Lutheran minister. His son, my nephew, is a pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Kind of runs in the family.

I was taught from my earliest days to put something in the offering plate at church and Sunday School. Willingly. Gladly. Joyfully. In thankfulness for all God had already given to me. To help spread Christ's message of love and salvation, and to help people in need. Even from my allowance. You put something in the plate. Giving is a concept I learned at an early age.

My mother was the quintessential example of a Christian woman. Her birthday was last Sunday. She would have been 96 years old. She taught me so much and also taught me about making a giving plan, in an unexpected way.

The house telephone was mounted on the wall in the kitchen with a long cord attaching the receiver to the phone. There was no caller ID. Mom always answered the phone. When people called asking for a donation, she had a hard time telling people no. She finally figured out how she could do it. She wrote out a statement on the 3 x 5 card that she tucked in between the phone and the wall. When someone called asking for money, she pulled out the card and read her prepared statement. "Thank you for calling. I have my list of designated charities. I wish you all the best. Goodbye." And then hang up the phone.

Designated charities. She had decided to whom she would give donations. She had a giving plan. What an idea! Instead of leaving things to chance, responding to solicitations for donations in a haphazard fashion, my mother had a giving plan. Of course she did.

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Think about it. Pray about it. Plan it. Do it. I learned that from my mother.

I joined this church six years ago after Pastor Paul Escamilla asked why I wasn't a member. I attended with my wife, Lydia, who was a longtime member. I told him I was a Lutheran and would never give that up. It is my family faith tradition. Pastor Paul said I could join as an associate member and not have to renounce my Lutheranism or 'convert' to Methodism. The Lutherans and Methodists had enjoyed full communion since 2009. That made me very happy.

My favorite thing that I learned about John Wesley, was his philosophy and financial practice as a Christian. Gain all you can. Save all you can. And most importantly, give all you can. That practical approach and spirit of generosity appealed to me.

I have a giving plan. It frees me up. The amount has been decided. The money is set aside. It comes off the top each month and it's automatically, electronically, according to the plan, distributed. Each year, I review my plan and make adjustments.

Think about it. Pray about it. Plan it. Do it.

For me, giving is part of my continuing faith journey.

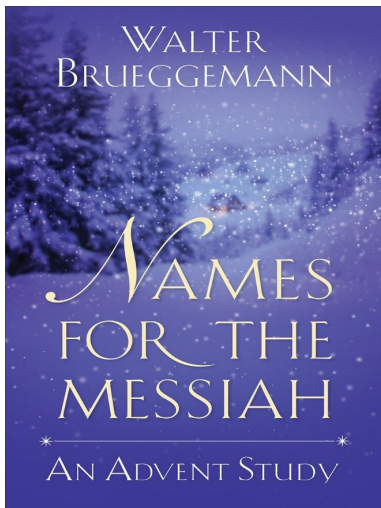
May God bless you in your journey.

Save the Date

On Saturday November 16, 2024 Laurel Heights UMC Organist, Melanie Randall, will be performing an organ recital at 5:30 in the Sanctuary. Doors open at 5:00.



All are welcome!



Join us on Sunday morning
@ 10am in Mann Chapel.

December 1

December 8

December 15

December 22

Or Tuesday @ 5:30pm

November 26

December 3

December 10

December 17

Please contact Pastor Laura to register.

Trinity University
Parker Chapel

2024 CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dr. Fred Brock
September 1st

Dr. Eunbee Ham
October 6th

Pastor Laura Healy
November 3rd

First Sundays | 1 PM | Parker Chapel

1@1 IS AN ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN
WORSHIP SERVICE OPEN TO ALL
WHO CALL TRINITY HOME.

1@
101 Chapel Service

Super Adult Day & Immunization Clinic

All Are Welcome

October 24th
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Flu Shots will be available.

For more information, contact our Wesley Nurse, Yvonne Garcia at 210.733.7156

TRUNK OR TREAT BOOK GIVEAWAY

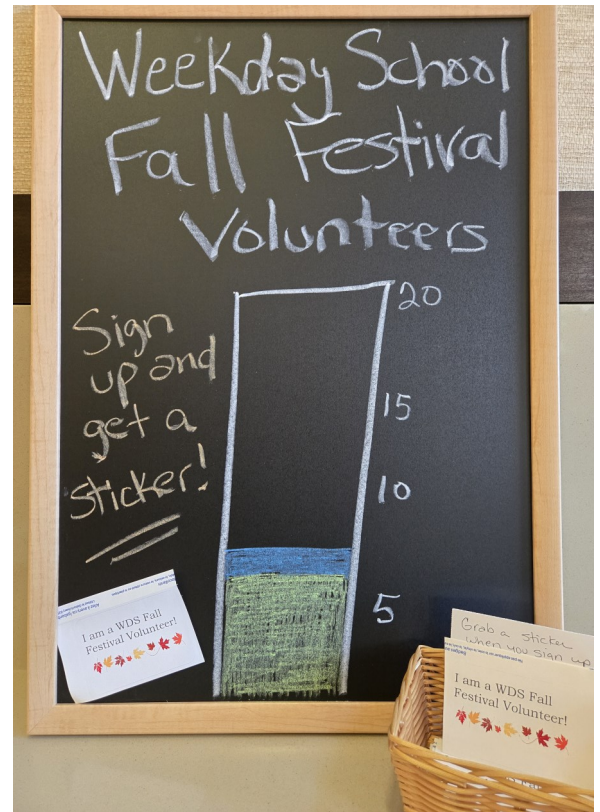
The Library Committee is accepting donations of new and gently-used children's books to give away at our annual Trunk or Treat event on October 31st. You may leave your book donations at the reception desk or in the workroom of the office suite. Help us make sure that every child receives a book to go along with their Halloween treats! Please contact Laura Healy if you have questions.

Weekday School Fall Festival

Will you help us make our goal of 20 volunteers for the Weekday School Fall Festival?

Shifts are in one hour increments between 5:30 and 8pm Friday, October 25th.

Look for the sign up sheet near the coffeepot on Sunday or contact Laura Healy in the church office.



Out-of-Office Hours with Pastor Lisa

October 24 & 31

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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Philo Coffee

606 W. French Pl., 78212

hello OCTOBER 2024

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

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- 11 Movie on Rowe Plaza
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 27 Trunk or Treat Decorating Lunch & Youth Gathering
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- 31 Trunk or Treat
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm



Young Family Calendar of Events

hello NOVEMBER 2024

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

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- 3 Unplug the Christmas Machine (Fall Back 1hr)
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 9 Christian Assistants Ministry
9 AM - 12 PM
- 17 Young Family Lunch & Youth Hangout
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- 24 LHUMC 115 year Anniversary



Young Family Calendar of Events

TRUNK OR treat

LAUREL HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

Sunday, October 27th at 12pm
Join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will craft and prepare for the Trunk or Treat festivities on Thursday in the Mistletoe parking lot.

NO TRICK Trunk or Treat JUST TREAT

Thursday, October 31st at 5pm
227 W. Woodlawn Ave.

For 6th - 12th graders

Monthly Gatherings

Sundays 12PM - 2PM @ LH
Lunch * Games * Conversation

September 15: Community
October 27: Justice
November 17: Friendship
December 8: Celebration

Volunteer @ CAM

2nd Saturdays 9AM - 12PM
Signup with the QR code

September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

Questions? Katie (210)587-5498

Church Calendar

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

9:30 a.m. H-E-B Immunization Clinic -
All Are Welcome - *Laurel Room*

10:00 a.m. Super Adult Day - *Fellowship Hall*

12:00 p.m. Out-of-Office Hours with Pastor Lisa -
Philo Coffee - 606 W. French Pl.

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

Friday, October 25

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

5:30 p.m. Weekday School Fall Festival - *Gym*

Sunday, October 27

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*

12:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Preparation & Lunch
Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Youth Monthly Gathering: Justice -
Youth Lounge

Monday, October 28

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

5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting - *Parlor*

Tuesday, October 29

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

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

Wednesday, October 30

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

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

Thursday, October 31

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat - Belknap & Mistletoe

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

Friday, November 1

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

Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

4:00 p.m. Unplug the Christmas Machine

Super Adult Day

October 24, 2024

10 a.m. Cookies, Coffee & Conversation

10:30 a.m. SUPER ADULT BINGO!

11 a.m. Lunch

Carrot Salad, Baked Ham, Corn Pudding,
Spiced Peaches, Biscuits & Pineapple Meringue

Cost for lunch \$8.00

Special Guest

Robert Reeves, Astrophotographer.

Deep Sky Colors Over San Antonio.

CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE

Closed

TUES. NOV. 5, 2024

LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC
ELECTION DAY POLLING SITE
VOTING HOURS 7AM-7PM

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester
Richard Parrigan
Gracie Huron
Juan Arturo Gonzalez
William Beuhler
Patrick Farmer
Pat Moss
Donna Semmes
Jay Benson
Jay Sconyers

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.



10/17

Oliver Gannon
Steven Marrone
Jo Mascorro
Traci Rush

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

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

10/21

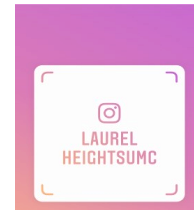
Andrew Gannon

10/22

Laura Beuhler
Hannah Campen

*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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Rev. Laura Healy, Associate Pastor

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Angie Taylor, Dir. of Young Family Ministries

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