



# The Messenger

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## Serve

By Austin, Kelly, & Milo Baker Wiese

Austin: Good morning, everyone. My wife, Kelly, our son, Milo, and I are grateful to share a bit today about one of the essential Christian practices, as outlined in *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton – the practice of *servicing*. Hamilton reminds us that as we follow Jesus, we're called to not just believe but to *do*. Serving isn't only something we *give* to others; it's a response to God's love for us and a way we honor our faith.

Kelly: For us, serving is as a way to connect with our community and church family. As a family of 5, with small children, Austin and I have learned we need to be creative and intentional when it comes to service. We don't always get it right—and in fact, we often get it wrong—but thankfully, we have 3 small people in our lives who keep us very humble. Last summer, I had the joy of volunteering at Vacation Bible Camp, and what a blessing it was! There's something truly special about helping young hearts experience God's love. From helping with crafts to singing songs of worship, serving these little ones with so many of you deepened my own faith. Their energy and questions remind me of the simplicity and beauty of our walk with Christ.

Austin: This past spring, I started teaching youth Sunday School. I wasn't sure at first – and as a former High School teacher, I know teenagers can be tough critics – but it's become a time I look forward to every week. It's both humbling and fulfilling to share stories of faith and watch as these young people connect with the stories in their own ways. Hamilton talks about serving as a way to bear witness to our faith, and I can say that serving in this capacity here has shown me God's grace through the eyes of our youth.

Kelly: It's also the little things – thinking critically about how we engage our own children in service—and how we talk about what service means. Sometimes, we are the person giving what we have—and our 5 year old Theo is our best reminder that we always have snacks in the car that we can share when we see a smiling face at an intersection. OR something more pre-planned—volunteering at the SAFB alongside other families from our kids' school or helping to host a fundraiser for non-profit on the East side that supports asylees. We find that when we give of ourselves, it opens us up to experience God in ways we couldn't have expected. Each small act of service is like a step closer in our walk with Him.

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Austin: Another special experience has been volunteering with Milo at Christian Assistance Ministry, alongside other church members. Whether sorting donations or making sandwiches, it's meaningful to serve together and show Milo how giving back can bring us closer to God and our community.

Milo: It makes me happy to help in worship. I also like volunteering at Christian Assistance Ministry and seeing everyone work together to help people.”

Kelly: We have also been on the receiving end of acts of service—when my mom was really sick last winter, we had people praying, people sitting at the hospital overnight and people helping us with our kids so we could figure out how to be there for my mom. It's moments like all of these that remind us how acts of service—even simple ones can draw us closer to God. As Hamilton says, each act of service reflects the love of Christ and brings us into a deeper connection with Him. Thank you for all of the ways you serve our community -no matter how big or small – and we hope you will continue to see how it strengthens your walk with God.

Milo: Thank you for letting us share today. May we all continue walking with Christ, letting our acts of service reflect His love to the world around us.

## **John Wesley's Covenant Prayer**

**“I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

**Let me be full, let me be empty.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God,**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,**

**thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”**

# BLOOD DRIVE



Join us for a Lucky Draw Blood drive where every donation is a win! Whether you score a \$10, \$150, or somewhere in between H-E-B gift card, you walk away with the satisfaction of saving lives. Everyone leaves a winner!



You'll have a chance to draw an H-E-B Gift card valued between \$10 - \$150.

## Laurel Heights United Methodist

227 West Woodlawn  
San Antonio, TX 78212

**In the Gymnasium**  
**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Every donation makes a difference.

**FREE** one (1) CAFE Ole by H-E-B Ground or Whole Bean, 12 oz., or Single Serve, 12 ct., assorted varieties



### Blood Drive Coordinator

**Yvonne Garcia**  
[ygarcia@mhm.org](mailto:ygarcia@mhm.org)  
210-272-7921



**SCAN** the QR code to book an appointment.

For questions regarding blood donations, call South Texas Blood & Tissue at 210-731-5590. Individuals who are 16 years old may be eligible to donate with parental consent.

 **South Texas  
Blood & Tissue**

Visit us at  
[SouthTexasBlood.org](http://SouthTexasBlood.org)

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 | 1PM | Parker Chapel

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

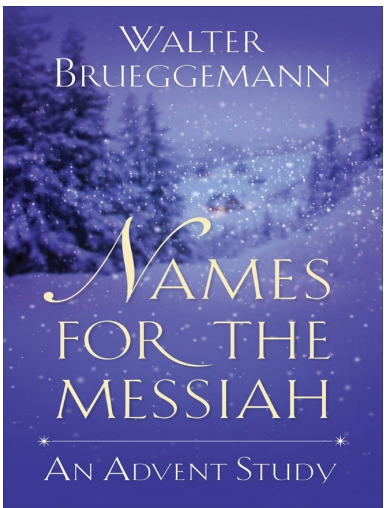


1@1 Chapel Service

# Out-of-Office Hours

with Pastor Lisa

October 24 & 31  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
@  
Philo Coffee  
606 W. French Pl., 78212

**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.*

## Save the Date

On Saturday November 16, 2024  
Laurel Heights UMC Organist,  
Melanie Randall, will be perform-  
ing an organ recital at 5:30 in the  
Sanctuary.

Doors open at 5:00.

**All are welcome!**



**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 JUST TREAT**

**Trunk or Treat**

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

*hello NOVEMBER*

Laurel Heights  
United Methodist Church  
2024

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 3 Daylight Savings Ends (Fall Back 1hr)
- 9 Christian Assistance Ministry 9 AM - 12 PM
- 17 Young Family Lunch & Youth Hangout 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- 28 Thanksgiving Day (office closed)

**HAPPY Thanksgiving**

Young Family Calendar of Events

Laurel Heights UMC Mission Committee

**CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY  
(CAM)**

110 MCCULLOUGH, 78215

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**SAT. NOVEMBER 9, 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.

Scan the QR to volunteer

## Church Calendar

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

**Daylight Saving Time End - Fall Back 1 Hour**

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*

### Monday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*  
 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting - *Parlor*

### Tuesday, November 5 - Church Office Closed

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Election Day Voting Hours  
 Laurel Heights UMC Choir Room

### Wednesday, November 6

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

### Thursday, November 7

9:00 a.m. Church Mice  
 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, November 8

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

### Saturday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Volunteer Day at Christian Assistance Ministry - 110 McCullough Ave.

### Sunday, November 10

8:00 a.m. S. Tx Blood Drive - Gymnasium  
 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*  
 1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits - *Parlor*

## Laurel Heights United Methodist

### Finance Committee Update

#### Y-T-D September 2024

	Y-T-D
<b>Contributions Received</b>	<b>\$569,497.84</b>
<b>Other Receipts</b>	<b>\$92,988.96</b>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$662,486.80</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$691,227.86</b>
<b>Behind:</b>	<b>-\$28,741.06</b>



# *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  
Brooke Herron

### *God's Presence:*

For those affected by the COVID-19 virus and homebound members;  
the incarcerated; and women and men in our military.

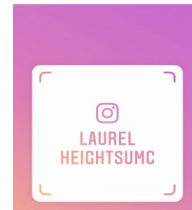


**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our PRAYER**

You can offer a prayer of gratitude  
or concern by emailing [prayers@mylhumc.org](mailto:prayers@mylhumc.org),  
through [Facebook Messenger](#),  
or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.



## Follow Us On Social Media



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

**10/30**  
Paloma Holub  
Betty Hughbanks  
Bonnie Scott

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

**10/31**  
Luke Campbell  
Jim Carr

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

**11/1**  
Spencer Furber

*We don't want to miss  
anyone!*

**11/3**  
Bonnie Henry

**11/4**  
Adriana Dennis

**11/6**  
Janie Reyna

**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.



## Laurel Heights Staff

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Rev. Laura Healy, Associate Pastor

Laura Marty, Music Director

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Angie Taylor, Dir. of Young Family Ministries

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