



The Messenger

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Witness

By Mark Doty

During the mid-1980's, I pastored Jefferson United Methodist Church, not far from here. In high summer, I used to think that the hottest place in San Antonio was that church sanctuary, when the air conditioning was turned off. I thought that because every day I had to pass through that very beautiful but very warm space to get to my office, which was in the far corner.

And so one broiling July day, I was startled when I stepped out of my office to see a faithful member of the altar guild, Juanita Krause, up on the altar. She appeared to be ironing! lord, have mercy! I called out to her: "Juanita, what are you doing?" "I'm ironing these communion linens. they're wrinkled." as I moved closer, I could see the bandana on her head was soaked, her blouse was damp and she was mopping her face repeatedly. My only thought was you, need to get this woman out of here!

When I reached her I said, "Juanita, this altar is so high up, there is no way the congregation can even see there are communion linens, much less that they are wrinkled!" She glanced up at me but did not stop ironing: "but I'll know they're wrinkled."

As I walked away, I thought, "you have just been given Juanita Krause's faith witness: that nothing in this world would ever prevent her from delivering her very best to her god."

That was almost 40 years ago. The other day I was shopping at my neighborhood H-E-B. As I came up an aisle, there were half a dozen employees stocking the shelves. I spotted a bright, vivacious young woman whom I had often seen working there.

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As I drew even with the group, the young woman was speaking in a loud voice to her co-worker. I heard her say, “my girlfriend and I live together. We want to get a house together, and then we want to get married. But it can hard to find someone to marry us.” I turned toward her and said, “I will be glad to marry you!” I won't forget the look of surprise and gratitude that crossed her face! I introduced myself and gave her my telephone number.

Sometimes you and I are witnessed unto; at other times, we have the opportunity to share our faith witness with others.

Recently I called Juanita Krause. We had not spoken in some time. after Jefferson days, she and her husband felt led to embrace the Greek orthodox faith, which is not for sissies! Later as a widow, Juanita moved to Oklahoma to be close to one of her daughters. Juanita Krause will be 100 years old in June!

“Juanita, how'd you get to be 100?!”

“Nothin' to it!”

Feisty as ever! It was clear that my friend's witnessing days are not over. Her daughter has joined her in the Greek orthodox faith. And now both women are active in their church's altar guild. Before we hung up, Juanita and her daughter told me this: “our main job in the altar guild is ironing!”

Lord, have mercy!



Out-of-Office Hours with Pastor Lisa

November 7
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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Philo Coffee
606 W. French Pl., 78212

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!



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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@mhmm.org
210-272-7921



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Visit us at
SouthTexasBlood.org

Altar Guild News

What do the banners mean?

Epiphany begins January 6th and continues until Transfiguration Sunday and Ash Wednesday. It proclaims the manifestation of the Son of God incarnate in human flesh. Three primary mysteries of the Christian faith are brought together: the star leading the magi to the cradle, the presence of Jesus at the marriage feast and the miraculous water-turned-wine and the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.

White is used for Epiphany Day and through one week. Green, starting the second Sunday after Epiphany, signifies new life and the growing Church and the spreading of the Gospel. A traditional emphasis of this season is missions.

The Banner contains: a five-point Epiphany star centered in the cross crosslet. The center represents the cross on which our Lord died and the four crosses grow outward to the four corners of the world.



The color for Holy Week continues as purple. The symbols are the Latin Cross, the palms for Palm Sunday, bread and wine for the Last Supper, and the nails for the crucifixion. The vine of laurel leaves represents the Laurel Heights congregation.



Love One Another is another banner that can be used during Kingdom tide. To love one another was Jesus' command to his disciples and to us. The hearts represent love, the star of Bethlehem Jesus' birth and the laurel leave Laurel Heights congregation.

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NOVEMBER

Laurel Heights
United Methodist Church
2024

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- 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)



Young Family Calendar of Events

For 6th - 12th graders
Monthly Gatherings

Volunteer @ CAM

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

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

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

September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14



Questions? Katie (210)587-5498

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



“Quilts for the Soul”

By Ann Wheeler

Quilts for the Soul has been the prayer quilt ministry of the former Jefferson United Methodist church and Jefferson Community church. Comprising people who want to use their skills to help others, the group quilts for those in need of God’s love and comfort. To date, 525 lap-sized quilts have been made and distributed. Recipients include any parishioners, nursing home, children’s agencies, Wounded Warriors, Veterans and any child or adult that needs God’s love.

Interspersed among each quilt are strands of thread to be tied into knots. (You don’t have to be able to know how to sew. There are plenty of jobs that need doing for the finished quilt.) Before the quilts are donated that are prayed over. If possible, the quilts are placed on pews and congregants can “tie” and “pray” for the person receiving the quilt. Each quilt is delivered with a brochure and label with comforting words from the scriptures.

The group founded “Quilts for the Soul” in 2008. Since then, many from other denominations have joined the ministry -- all united by the desire to help others.

We are now meeting at Laurel Heights, Room 306 once a month on the second Monday except during the summer. We hope you can join us on Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. We usually bring a sack lunch and leave before 2. Because of Veterans Day we will meet the following week.

Any questions, call Ann Wheeler at 210-416-6302.



Church Calendar

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 (CAM) - 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*

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, November 12

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

1:00 p.m. United Women in Faith Meeting - *Parlor*

Wednesday, November 13

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

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

Thursday, November 14

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

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

Friday, November 15

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

Saturday, November 16

5:30 p.m. Organist Melanie Randall, Organ Recital

Sunday, November 17

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*

12:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering - *Fellowship Hall*

12:00 p.m. Young Family Gathering

12:00 p.m. Youth Gathering - *Youth Lounge*



United
Women
in Faith

November 12, 2024
1:00 p.m. Parlor Room

Program

“Favorite Dish Potluck &
World Thank Offering”

Food, Faith, and Fellowship

Discussion:

Bake Sale Planning - 11/24/24

Save the Date

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

Doors open at 5:00.

All are welcome!



Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing

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

For those who mourn

Ann McGlone on the death of her brother, Jay Benson.



**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.



11/8
Evonne Chalk
Sonny Landers

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

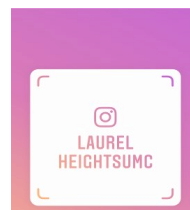
11/11
Katie Myers
Sam Nicewander

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

11/3
Kelly Baker Wiese
Richie Chalk

*We don't want to miss
anyone!*

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Sanctuary Offering

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

Text to give:
"LHUMC" 73256

Or use our QR code

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

Church Office Hours

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



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