



The Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

Can you believe it? Advent begins on **Sunday, December 1**, the very weekend after Thanksgiving. It's amazing how quickly this year has flown by!

As we enter this sacred season, we often see more visitors joining us for worship, and this year, we are blessed to celebrate **32 new members** who have joined our church family. With that in mind, I'd like to kindly ask you to wear a **nametag** to help our new members and visitors feel welcome and learn your names.



We've also worked to simplify the process for getting a nametag, as we know some of you found it a bit challenging before. If you need a nametag—for any reason—just sign up on the sheets located to the **right of the nametag stand**. We'll have your new nametag ready for pick-up from the board by the following Sunday.

You are welcome to keep your nametag in your purse or car. However, if you're worried about forgetting it, feel free to return it to the board after worship each week, and it will be there waiting for you the next Sunday.

Thank you for embodying kindness and hospitality as we welcome new faces into our midst.

With gratitude and love,
Pastor Lisa



Hanging of the Greens LAUREL HEIGHTS *Festival*

**Saturday, December 7th
from 2pm-4pm**

Christmas is such a special time of year – a time of **celebration, family, and the birth of Jesus**. With this in mind, you are invited to join us as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. There will be jobs for every skill level. Children will be in the fellowship hall decorating cookies, writing letters to Santa, making ornaments, and decorating a Christmas tree. Adults will be decorating the sanctuary and creche. Please contact the church office for more information 210-733-7156

**Mr. and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance &
Parents Night out will follow this event (4pm-7pm)**

To sign up please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAEAA23A6F5C43-52664619-hanging> or scan the QR code.





Christmas Poinsettias

We hope you will consider purchasing a poinsettia in memory of honor of someone special this year.

By purchasing a poinsettia for \$15 each, you will help fill our sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias on Sunday, December 15 as we start the holiday season with Lessons and Carols at 6:00pm.

To place your order, please fill out the order and submit with payment to the church office, via mail or in-person. You can order online <https://onrealm.org/LaurelHeightsUN/-/form/give> or scan the QR code below.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

In honor of:

In memory of:

Number of Poinsettias _____ \$15.00 each

Please pay by check made payable to Laurel Heights UMC, Poinsettia in memo line

Mail to: Laurel Heights UMC

Attn: Bookkeeper, 227 W. Woodlawn Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212



Laurel Heights UMC



United
Women
in Faith

Bake Sale

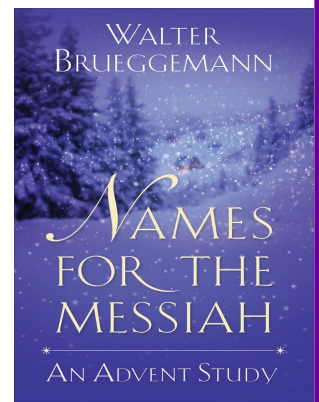
Nov. 24 @ 8:00a.m.
Fellowship Hall

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.



Happy Thanksgiving

Church Office Hours

November 27

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Closed November 28 & 29
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

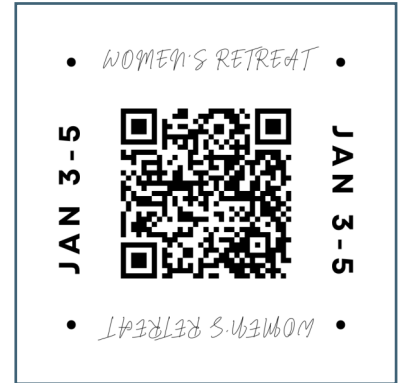


Women's Retreat
 Mustang Island Retreat Center
 Jan 3-5, 2025
 \$200 per person

Register at [Women's Retreat 2025 - Laurel Heights United Methodist Church](#) or scan the QR Code.

After the holidays, time for YOU! Rest, relax, & re-new at the 2025 Women's Retreat!

Contact Laura Healy for more information
 (210)733-7156.



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 Laurel Heights United Methodist Church
 2024

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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)



What's Next?
 Youth Group: 11/17 & 12/8 12PM - 2PM

CAM: 12/14

MidWinter Retreat
 2/21-2/23

For more information
 contact Katie Myers
 (210)587-5498

Church Calendar

Wednesday, November 20

10:00 a.m. Property, Building & Grounds Mtg

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

Thursday, November 21

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

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

Friday, November 22

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

Sunday, November 24

8:00 a.m. United Women in Faith Bake Sale

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*

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

5:30 p.m. Advent Study with Pastor Laura - *Parlor*

Wednesday, November 27

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Church Office Hours

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Day After Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 1

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*

5:00 p.m. LHUMC Zoom Church Conference

Finance Committee Update

Y-T-D October 2024

	Y-T-D
Contributions Received	\$635,703.33
Other Receipts	\$104,353.17
Total Receipts:	\$740,056.50
Total Expenses:	\$773,716.87
	Behind: -\$33,660.37



Laurel Heights UMC

ZOOM Church Conference

(To receive the estate of Aleene Block)

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024 @ 5pm

Immediately followed by a Church Meeting to review reports for 2024 Charge Conference

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86935166684?pwd=lcl9ootjBIpgOaahKU9Fx2wU08wzqq.1>

Meeting ID: 869 3516 6684

Passcode: 255561

Laurel Heights UMC

Cluster Charge Conference

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 @ 2pm

St. Matthew's UMC

2738 MacArthur View
San Antonio, TX 78217

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing

Lucien Manchester

Richard Parrigan

Gracie Huron

Juan Arturo Gonzalez

William Beuhler

Pat Moss

Jay Sconyers

Brooke Herron

Glenda Sams

Bert Clayton



**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.



11/21
Hailey Beuhler
Stevie Kinnison

11/29
Tom Morton

11/22
Anna Lowry

11/30
Janice Davis
Darla Peek

11/23
Lawson Lange

11/24
Roseann Dixon

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

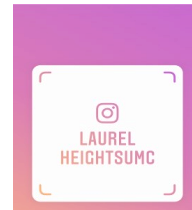
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*Please notify the
church office
at 210-733-7156
so we can update our
records.*

11/28
Stacey Halim

*We don't want to miss
anyone!*

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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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