



The Messenger

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City-Wide Interfaith Worship Service

Participate in MLK's beloved community and join us for an inspiring interfaith service with dancing, singing and prayers from representatives of many different faith groups. Rev. Beth Knowlton, rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church will welcome us, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller will offer the invocation and the dynamic Dr. Melva K. Wallace, President and CEO of Huston-Tillotson University will be the feature speaker.



“WE ARE THE DREAM . . .
IT TAKES ALL OF US.”

**38TH ANNUAL
CITY-WIDE
INTERFAITH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, JAN 19, 2025
AT 4:30 PM**

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
315 E. PECAN STREET**

Hosted by:
The MLK Commission of San Antonio





Meal Train for Straus Family

A **Meal Train** has been set up for Jim and Lisa Straus as Jim recovers from heart surgery. If you'd like to participate, please visit the link to select a date <https://mealtrain.com/4764g8>

Feed a hungry teen! Lunch Providers Wanted!

Meals are an important part of Youth Group events, and a great way to support this important ministry. We're looking for individuals or groups to volunteer to provide a meal for an upcoming youth event this spring and summer. Volunteers bring the meal (home-cooked or store-bought are both welcome), set it up, and then are free to go about their day. We'll take care of the paper products, serving and clean-up. Most of the time, we need food for about 12-15 people. Please check in with Katie a week or so before the date to finalize the numbers and discuss any dietary issues.

Things the youth enjoy: sandwiches, pizza, burgers, tacos, lasagna, fruit, cookies/cake, chips, Caesar salad, etc.

If you save your receipts, we can file for reimbursement from the Youth Group budget.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ABAC2AAA8-54405544-youth>

For more info: Katie Myers (210)587-5498 or katiemyers@yahoo.com

<p>For 6th - 12th graders</p> <p>Youth Group</p> <p>Sundays 12PM - 2PM @ LH Lunch * Games * Conversation</p> <p>January 26: Games Day March 23: Forgiveness April 27: Mystery Outing May 18: The Future</p>	<p>Mid-Winter Retreat Feb 21-23 Twin Oaks Ranch (Buda, TX)</p> <p>End of the Year Pool Party May 17 Pastor Lisa's</p> <p>Special Events</p>
<p>Service Opportunities</p> <p>2nd Saturdays 9AM - 12PM @CAM Signup with the QR code</p> <p>January 11 February 8 March 8 April 12 May 10</p>  <p>Questions about Youth Events? Katie (210)587-5498</p>	<p>Road Trip 2025 Vacation Bible Camp 6/23-6/27</p> <p>9AM - 12PM 15+ service hours & leadership opportunity as a center or group leader</p> <p>12PM - 2PM VBC Youth Volunteer Lunch & Hang-Out Daily + special Thursday excursion</p>

Church Calendar

Wednesday, January 15

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

10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting - *Parlor*

Thursday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

Friday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, January 20

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

Wednesday, January 22

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

10:00 Super Adult Day - *Fellowship Hall*

Friday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 26

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. Youth Gathering - *Youth Lounge/
Fellowship Hall/Gym*



Mary Blackford Academic
Award Recipients

Please make sure to email your
current transcript to us by 1/15/2025.

maryblackfordfund@gmail.com

Finance Committee
Meeting

Jan. 21 @ 5:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees
Meeting

Jan. 30 @ 5:30 p.m.

Parlor Room

A graphic of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes, with a dark blue background at the bottom.

In observance of
Martin Luther King Jr Day,
the Church Office
will be closed on Monday,
January 20, 2025.

Super Adult Day
50th Anniversary
January 23, 2025



10 a.m. Join your Super Adult friends for Cookies, Coffee and Conversation.

10:30 a.m. SUPER ADULT BINGO!
Please bring wrapped white elephants for prizes.

11 a.m. Lunch—Cost for lunch \$8.00
Cole Slaw, Deluxe Chicken Pot Pie, Broiled Tomato, Biscuit & Honey and Super Adult Birthday Cake.

Program will be presented by Dottie Randall, an internationally known Music Director and Voice Coach. A former music educator and accompanist, Dottie has a wealth of experience in the field of music. Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a voice teacher and a voice coach? Ask Dottie. As an extra treat she will demonstrate by working with 2 singers that you know. Dottie is a delightful person. You will enjoy the program greatly.

Chancel Flowers

We are now accepting requests for chancel flowers for the year 2025.

To reserve your preferred date, please contact Heather at the church office.



Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing

Lucien Manchester

Richard Parrigan

Gracie Huron

Juan Arturo Gonzalez

William Beuhler

Pat Moss

Jay Sconyers

Bert Clayton

Ahmed Halim

Norman Roe

Elizabeth Diaz

Jim Straus

Abby Halim

Kay Craig



Happy Birthday

1/15
Marisa Parker
Mixon Oleson

1/22
Jim Moffett
Sarah Bodner

1/16
Logan Deras
Lois Heger

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

1/17
Josh Mills

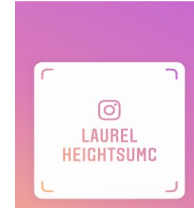
*Please notify the
church office
at 210-733-7156
so we can update our
records.*

1/18
Joy Nicewander
Roman Valerio

*We don't want to miss
anyone!*

1/21
Frank Healy

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Sanctuary Offering

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

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Text to give:
"LHUMC" 73256

Or use our QR code

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

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4pm

We will be closed January 20, 2025



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