



# The Messenger

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## The Tradition of the Church Potluck: A Feast of Fellowship

From the earliest days of the church, meals have been central to Christian community. In Acts 2:42, we read that the first believers “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Throughout history, gathering around a shared meal has been a sacred way to strengthen relationships, nurture faith, and extend hospitality.

Church potlucks carry on this tradition in a uniquely personal way. Each dish represents the care and generosity of the hands that prepared it, coming together to create a feast that is greater than the sum of its parts. Whether it’s a cherished family recipe, a simple side dish, or a store-bought favorite, every contribution is welcome and appreciated. Potlucks remind us that God provides abundantly when we bring what we have in a spirit of gratitude and sharing.

We invite you to continue this rich tradition by joining us for a church potluck after the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, March 30. This is a time to gather, enjoy good food, and connect with one another as a church family. Whether you bring a dish to share or simply come as you are, there will be plenty for all.

Let’s break bread together in the spirit of fellowship and love. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, March 26

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

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

### Thursday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

### Friday, March 28

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

### Sunday, March 30

9:30 a.m. Finance Committee Budget Presentation

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Fifth Sunday Potluck - *Fellowship Hall*

1:00 p.m. Newcomer's Gathering - *Parlor*

## Finance Committee

2025 Budget Presentation

March 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

### Monday, March 31

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

### Tuesday, April 1

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 2

9:30 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

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

### Thursday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

### Friday, April 4

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

### Sunday, April 6

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*

## Welcome Committee

A Newcomer's Gathering will take place immediately following the 5th Sunday Potluck in the Parlor adjacent to the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. During this event, you will be able to meet the pastors and the Welcome Committee, learn more about what is happening here at Laurel Heights, and perhaps take a tour of our beautiful building. If you have been considering membership at Laurel Heights or just enjoy visiting, you will not want to miss this event.

## Library & Records Committee

The Library and Records Committee will be hosting a FREE book giveaway during the Potluck on Sunday, March 30.



# Lenten Study Group

Join us as we journey through the season of Lent focusing on the practice of spiritual disciplines. We will discuss and explore these disciplines and commit to a practice (of your choice) for the following week. Come and experience the support and accountability of Lenten practices in community!



## TUESDAY, APRIL 1 – PATIENCE

What is the difference between patience and contentment? In what situations is patience hard for us? How can we relate to frustration and impatience in a new way?

## TUESDAY, APRIL 8 - REST/STILLNESS

What does rest look like? How might we rest in God's presence?

We meet at 5:30pm on Tuesdays in the Parlor.

If you have questions please contact Laura Healy.

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## 2025 Easter Lily Order Form

We invite you to purchase Easter lily plant(s) to decorate and beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Lily Plant(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$15.00 each** **Total Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay by check made payable to Laurel Heights UMC, "Lily" in the memo line.

Mail this form along with your check to

Laurel Heights UMC, Attn: Bookkeeper, 227 W. Woodlawn, SA, TX, 78212.

Or pay online at <https://onrealm.org/LaurelHeightsUn/-/form/give/default>



# What Do The Banners Represent?

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 .



The color for Lent is purple for penitence. Black is the color for the death of Jesus on Good Friday. The three shades of purple represent the gradual darkening of the season until we reach Maundy Thursday and then Good Friday. The laurel leaves are for the Laurel Heights congregation.



Long ago, people believed that, in time of famine, a mother pelican would pierce her breast so that her young could drink her life's blood and live. This has become a symbol of the atonement our Savior made for us. It also suggests the Last Supper. "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin." (Matthew 26: 27-28). The cross used in this banner is the passion cross.



# *Prayer Requests*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### *Healing*

Lucien Manchester

Richard Parrigan

Gracie Huron

Juan Arturo Gonzalez

Jay Sconyers

Bert Clayton

Norman Roe

Elizabeth Diaz

Kay Craig

Cliff Henry

Joe Palafos

Ahmed Halim

Claire Riley



# HAPPY Birthday

3/29  
Jackson Hedgepeth

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

3/31  
Mike McGlone

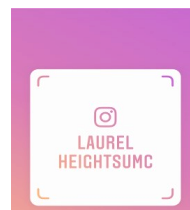
*Please notify the  
church office  
at 210-733-7156  
so we can update our  
records.*

4/2  
Larry Aguilar

*We don't want to miss  
anyone!*



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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



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