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**PALM
SUNDAY**
Rejoice in the lord



Holy Week at Laurel Heights UMC

Join us as we journey through Holy Week, remembering the final days of Jesus' life and preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Palm Sunday

Worship at 11am with palms and songs of praise as we recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Afterwards we will share a meal from the Slider Provider Food Truck and host an Easter Egg hunt for all ages.



LAUREL HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

JOIN US FOR AN
EASTER
Egg Hunt

ROWE PLAZA 12:45 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Slider Provider
Food Truck

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

227 W. Woodlawn Ave.

The poster features a light blue sky with white clouds and several birds flying. At the bottom, there is a green grassy field with a few colorful Easter eggs (pink, blue, yellow, and green) and small white flowers. The church logo is in the top left corner.

Maundy Thursday

We will gather for a simple meal and worship around the table.

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a **baked potato bar**, followed by a **service of table communion and reflection** as we remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples.



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

APRIL 17

BAKED POTATO BAR & TABLE WORSHIP
6PM

The poster has a black background. On the left, there is a wooden chalice filled with red wine. On the right, there is a green plate with a sliced baked potato. The text is in white, with the main title in a large, bold, serif font.

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Good Friday

The sanctuary will be open for a lay-led **Tre Ore** service from 12:00-3:00 p.m., a time of prayer, Scripture, and silence. You are encouraged to come and go as you are able.



Then return at 6:00 p.m. for a **Good Friday Service of the Seven Last Words**, with Scripture and reflections and choir-led hymns and anthems including G. F. Handel's *Behold the Lamb of God* from *Messiah*.

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Experience the Seven Last Words of Christ: Good Friday at Laurel Heights UMC

Join us on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for a deeply moving worship service at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church as we reflect on the *Seven Last Words of Christ*. This solemn and sacred service invites us into the final moments of Jesus' earthly life, meditating on his last words spoken from the cross.

A Tradition of Reflection and Reverence

The *Seven Last Words of Christ* is a time-honored tradition that dates back centuries, providing an opportunity to contemplate the depth of Jesus' sacrifice and love. Each of the seven statements he uttered from the cross carries profound meaning, guiding us through themes of forgiveness, salvation, compassion, suffering, fulfillment, and ultimate trust in God.

The Structure of the Service

Throughout the evening, we will journey through these final words of Christ, each accompanied by Scripture readings, brief reflections, and musical responses as we consider Christ's suffering and its significance for our lives today.

A Time to Prepare Our Hearts

This Good Friday service will be a time of deep spiritual reflection, helping us prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter morning. Whether you have experienced this service before or are new to this tradition, we invite you to come and be part of this powerful time of worship.

We encourage you to bring family, friends, and members of the community as we gather to remember Christ's sacrifice and await the hope of resurrection. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact the church office or visit our website. We look forward to sharing this meaningful evening with you.

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Easter Sunday

Celebrate the resurrection with joyful worship, music, and the good news of new life at 9 & 11am! Our choir will sing Dan Forrest's To the Lamb on the Throne and G. F. Handel's *Halleluia Chorus* from *Messiah*.



LAUREL HEIGHTS YOUTH NEWS

APRIL YOUTH GROUP: MYSTERY TRIP



April 27 12PM - 2PM

Join us for a mystery outing! Bring a friend! We'll enjoy a sack lunch on our adventure.

MAY YOUTH GROUP

The Future

May 18 12PM - 2PM

Meet in the Youth Lounge after the 11AM service. Lunch provided. Games, relaxing, and planning for the future.

SAVE THE DATE

Pool Party @ Pastor Lisa's

May 17 4PM - 7PM
9712 Mandalay Way

Come celebrate the end of the school year! Family & friends welcome! Dinner provided.

Wear your bathing suit & bring a towel.



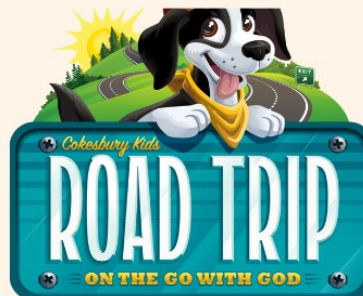
Vacation Bible Camp: Road Trip!

June 23-27

9AM - 12PM: Rising 7th graders & up earn 15+ volunteer hours.

12PM - 2PM: Then stay for lunch & youth time daily.

**Register
Here:**



Youth Summer Camp

July 6-11
Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville, TX

Rising 6th graders - graduated seniors

Cost \$275

Registration coming soon



Need More Info?

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youth@mylhumc.org or (210)587-5498

Prayer Requests

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing

Lucien Manchester

Richard Parrigan

Jay Sconyers

Bert Clayton

Norman Roe

Elizabeth Diaz

Kay Craig

Joe Palafos

Ahmed Halim

Claire Riley

Lily Campbell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/13

Linda Coffey
Susan Craig

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

4/14

Heather Weidenbach

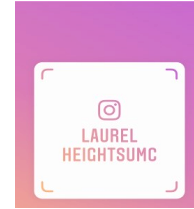
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church office
at 210-733-7156
so we can update
our records.*

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Elizabeth Baily

*We don't want to
miss anyone!*

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Text to give:
"LHUMC" 73256

Or use our QR code

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Monday - Friday 9am-4pm



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