



# The Messenger

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Ask, Seek, Knock...

July has been a whirl wind trying to learn the Laurel Heights UMC community, meeting people, jumping into meetings, beginning to get to know the staff and individuals, and all that goes along with each committee and ministry. I've been spending a lot of time in prayer. Laurel Heights UMC has a deep and rich history. I'm curious and eager to learn who we will be together. I'm curious and eager to learn what purpose and dream God has been planning for such a time as this for us. A new season for each of us. A new season together.



I'm asking you to pray and seek God's heart for Laurel Heights UMC with me as we move forward together. What is the new thing God is stirring within us? Standing on the foundation of the good work that has come before, what are the new dreams God has for LHUMC? What ministry opportunities stir up passion in you? Providing care for the underserved? The elderly? The single parent? How might we extend Jesus' Table to others? How do you see LHUMC becoming a brighter beacon in the community? How might we dig deeply into being a source of hospitality? How might we continue to ensure that God's name is being "kept holy?"

As you pray, seek, and knock in prayer, I invite you to free yourself from past experiences (both beautiful and difficult) of how LHUMC has done ministry in the past. I invite you to look with fresh eyes to see what God wants to do now. I invite you to look at yourself with fresh eyes as well! How is God growing you, equipping you, and strengthening you for the work that is to come?

I am grateful to be here with you. I am eager for all there is to learn and discover. I am blessed beyond measure to be called to this role of pastor.

May His Name Be Kept Holy

Pastor Michelle.

## Flood Buckets

A huge thank you to the Laurel Heights congregation! With your support, we have assembled 66 flood buckets to send to the UMCOR warehouse in Kerrville, TX. A special thank you to the Missions Committee, Super Adults, and the Church Mice for your help in purchasing supplies and setting up for the event.



Katie Myers & The Laurel Heights Youth



# Goodbye SUMMER

YOUTH (RISING 7<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>) JOIN US TO SAY  
GOODBYE TO SUMMER

LUNCH AT PIZZA PATRON

ARCADE, BUMPERS CARS, ROPES COURSE,  
LASER TAG, AND ROCK WALL AT PINSTACK  
(PARK NORTH)

**SUNDAY AUGUST 3**  
**12PM - 3PM**

PROVIDED:  
TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM LHUMC  
LUNCH  
100 POINT PNSTACK PLAY CARD

STUDENTS CAN BRING ADDITIONAL CASH IF  
THEY WISH.





WALK TO  
**EMMAUS**  
THE UPPER ROOM®

Dear Friends,

The Laurel Heights United Methodist Church Emmaus Community cordially invites all who have been on the three-day Walk to Emmaus (or are interested in learning about the Walk), to join us Sunday, August 17th, at 12:15 p.m., following worship in the LHUMC Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Lunch, fellowship, singing and worship to get acquainted with each other and sharing God's Love!

We believe with the Lord's help and your participation; all things are possible. So, plan to join us as we continue our Fourth Days of this loving, worshipping adventure following our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

Questions? Call or text David Smith at: 210-844-4991 or email at: [smithde9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smithde9@sbcglobal.net).

De Colores!

*David*

David E. Smith

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*Join the Laurel Heights Emmaus Community*

*Sunday August 17th at 12:15 p.m.*

*LHUMC Fellowship Hall*

*Potluck Lunch, Fellowship, Singing and Worship*

*All are Welcome so--Y'all Come!*

## Church Calendar

### Thursday, July 31

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

### Friday, August 1

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - Room

### Sunday, August 3

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

10:00 a.m. All-Ages Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

### Monday, August 4

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

### Wednesday, August 6

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

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

### Thursday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

### Friday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Volunteer Saturday @ Christian Assistance Ministry

### Sunday, August 10

9:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social- *Fellowship Hall*

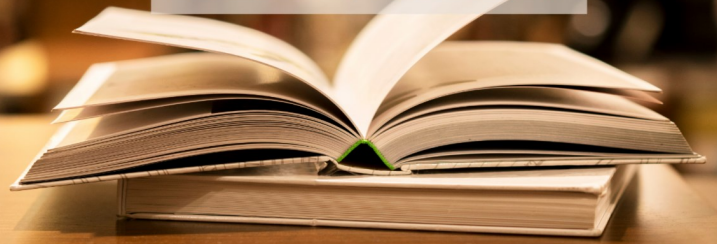
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## Come Visit Our Library!

located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

The library is regularly open on Sunday mornings and accessible by request during normal church office hours.



## Chancel Flowers

The following dates/months are available:

July 31, August 3 & 10, November 16 & 30

September & October

To reserve a date please contact

**Heather** ♥

210.733.7156

## Prayer Requests

Lucien Manchester

Richard Parrigan

Bert Clayton

Elizabeth Diaz

Kay Craig

Ahmed Halim

Claire Riley

Lindsay Pease

Elmer Boone

Belia Taylor

Mary Helm



# BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for our neighborhood public school, Agnes Cotton Academy. They have specifically requested these items.



## Items Needed

Pencils

Pencil top erasers

Colored pencils

Glue sticks

Dry Erase markers

Highlighters

Composition Books (wide and narrow/college ruled)

Grid paper spiral journals (4x4 quad ruled)

**You may leave your donations on the reception desk  
on the first floor.**

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Laurel Heights  
BACK TO SCHOOL

# Ice Cream Social

Sunday Aug. 10th

9:30AM-10:45AM

227 W. Woodlawn Ave.

Fellowship Hall

BRING A FRIEND

STUDENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS,  
JOIN US AT THE TIAM SERVICE FOR A BLESSING.

Laurel Heights United  
Methodist Church

hello AUGUST 2025

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9 CAM 9:00AM - 11:00AM  
CAM Sign up

10 ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
9:30AM - 10:45AM

**BACKPACK BLESSING 11:00AM**

17 SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS  
10:00AM

31 ACOLYTE & USHER 12:00PM  
TRAINING & POTLUCK

Young Family Calendar of Events

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

# BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

May the new school year be filled with good things.  
May you learn with your heart and with your head.  
May you discover new ideas and make new friends.  
May your every day be blessed by God.

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