



# The Messenger

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Last week's sermon has generated really positive feedback. It also prompted some really powerful questions around discipleship, a relationship with the Living God, and faith practices that somehow manage to take the place of a relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The conversations have been very meaningful. So, how can I, how can Pastor Laura and I help you reignite your relationship with God?

What would encourage you into a deeper prayer life, a more intentional time of study and wrestling with God's Word? What opportunities are missing from our "church life" that might help you connect more deeply and actively to the Kingdom of God? These questions are for everyone. No matter how long you have been a Christian, no matter how long you have been a member or attender of church, no matter what ministry or serving the community you have already been a participant, there is ALWAYS more God invites us into. What could "a deeper relationship with God" look like for you this week?

There is no prescribed formula. The best approach is to ask questions and listen for the Lord. Ask questions and have conversations with your partners and family in the faith. I'd encourage you to start with these Wesleyan questions:

1. How have you seen God today?
2. How is it with your soul?

Any good, healthy relationship requires time, presence, honesty, clear communication, and personal accountability. These questions will prompt us into a great starting place for going deeper with God.

Much love and many blessings,  
Pastor Michelle

## Welcome Desk!

### Volunteers Needed!!

We will be reopening the welcome desk! As the scope of responsibilities increases for the staff, we need to be able to take other responsibilities from their daily list. Reopening the welcome desk, manned by volunteers will allow us to do that. These volunteers will be the first face of greeting and hospitality to visitors and members alike when they enter the building during the work week.

Responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Answering phones
- Receiving packages
- Directing visitors to appropriate desired locations
- Helping assemble visitor welcome bags
- Helping scan in church files to create digital records
- Have a great time serving the Lord by blessing the church and so much more!

Training will be provided, a lot of blessings will be received, contact Heather at [heatherw@mylhumc.org](mailto:heatherw@mylhumc.org) or 210.733.7156 to sign up!



Volunteers  
needed



## YOU'RE INVITED

San Antonio College will mark its 100th anniversary this September, and we're excited to join in the celebration! The Laurel Heights Super Adults are delighted to welcome SAC President, Dr. Francisco Solis, as our special guest at the August meeting.

We especially invite all former SAC students and faculty from Laurel Heights to join us for lunch at 11:00 a.m., followed by an inspiring presentation on the future of this outstanding college that has served our community for a century.

To help us plan for plenty of food, please call 210-872-8031 to reserve your spot.

Lunch is our gift to you—so come, celebrate, and be part of this special occasion!

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

**LUNCH AT 11:00 AM \* FELLOWSHIP HALL**



# FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

**August 31**  
**12:00 PM**

**Fellowship**  
**Hall**



## BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH!



# 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.**

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

## Follow Us On Social Media



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[www.instagram.com/laurelheightsumc](http://www.instagram.com/laurelheightsumc)



[www.youtube.com/@LaurelHeightsUMC](http://www.youtube.com/@LaurelHeightsUMC)

Your donation to C.A.M. matters! They are currently in need of 1 pound bags of rice. Drop them off at our C.A.M. collection spots in the church.



## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, August 27

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

### Thursday, August 28

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

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

### Friday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - Room

### Sunday, August 31

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Fall Season Sunday School Begins

12:00 p.m. Acolyte & Usher Training - Sanctuary

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

1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits - Laurel Room

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith Planning (Parlor)

### Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, September 3

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

### Thursday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

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

### Friday, September 5

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

### Sunday, September 7

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary



# Chancel Flowers

The following dates are available:  
September 21 & 28  
October 5, 12, 19, 26

To reserve a date please contact  
**Heather**  
210.733.7156



## 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.



# Happy LABOR DAY

## 09/01/2025

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## Prayer Requests

Lucien Manchester  
Richard Parrigan  
Bert Clayton  
Elizabeth Diaz  
Kay Craig  
Ahmed Halim  
Claire Riley  
Lindsay Pease  
Elmer Boone  
Mary Helm  
Kahlia Langram  
Richard Jackson