



Rev. Jon D. Lowry
Senior Pastor

Letter of Jon

“Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Savior.” (*Titus 1:4b*)

A recent Gallup poll revealed that, while most Americans revere the Bible, they don’t read it, much less understand it.

As United Methodists, we say that the Bible is the primary source of our understanding of God, along with Christian Traditions, Reason and Personal Experience.

We continuously have Bible studies going on here at Laurel Heights, but I want to encourage you to consider participating in two new studies I will lead.

First, we’ve been planning a three-year-study of the entire Bible, using the “Genesis to Revelation” Bible study. Several people have expressed interest in this study, but we’re having a hard time deciding when to do it: weekday or Sunday, daytime or evening? So, we have decided to postpone this study until later in the spring. Please let me or Cherie know of your interest and time preference.

But, second, I will be leading a study on the Book of Revelation in the Sunday School hour beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, February 21. It will run for 15 weeks, covering in detail the whole book. This is a video and discussion program with Dr. Mickey Efir, professor of Biblical Studies at United Methodist related Duke Divinity School, presenting the lectures on tape. Then I will lead our discussion of the topics he presents.

The Book of Revelation (no “s”) is probably the most misunderstood book in the Bible, and I’m looking forward to learning more about it, too.

We need to order the participant workbook for each member of the class. These cost \$12 each, and need to be ordered by Feb. 1 so you can have yours in hand for the first session (Feb. 21 at 9:45 am). We’ll decide which room to use when we get a better idea of the number of participants.

So, just who was this “John”? What do those seven seals represent? What does this book mean for us and our faith? I hope you’ll be part of this study so we can all better understand God’s Word as revealed in Holy Writ.

God bless,

Jon (without the “h”)

Efir Bible Study Series

Beginning Feb. 21, Rev. Jon Lowry will lead a 15-week study Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Parlor. This series of teachings by Dr. Mickey Efir will help you gain a greater understanding of the Bible. Space is limited. Sign up today using this form.

Be sure to include your check for \$12 (for the workbook) and write “Workbook” in the note field of your check. Mail to: LHUMC, 227 W. Woodlawn, SAT 78212, Attn: Bookkeeper. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2010 or when the class is full, whichever occurs first.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My check for \$12 made payable to LHUMC is enclosed.

CLIP & MAIL

Churchwide Valentine’s Day Party celebrates our newest members

Those who have joined Laurel Heights since August 2009 will be our guests at a congregational Valentine’s Day Party following the 11 o’clock service on Sunday, Feb. 14. The meal will be catered by our youth for a donation of \$6. (*No charge to our newest members.*)

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a fun time together as we welcome these members and get to know them better. Reservations are needed. Call the Church Receptionist, 733-7156, or sign up Sunday using your attendance registration form.

“Roses” is both prickly and fragrant



Join the Super Adults at 10:30 am on Monday, Feb. 8 in Scott Chapel as Susan Holloway reviews

“Roses” by San Antonio author Leila Meacham. Spanning three generations of Texans in the 20th century, “Roses” is a dynastic saga about love, loss, deceit, secrets and tragedies in an East Texas town where the powerful cotton and timber industries are controlled by the scions of the town’s founding families. Come at 10:00 for coffee and snacks in the choir room at 10:00. Admission to the book review is still just \$3 or by season ticket.

Calling all Telephone Angels



by Cherie Burt

Are you beginning this new year thinking about what you might do to keep action in your faith? Are you wondering about the health or needs of those you haven’t seen at church lately or of members who can no longer attend services? The Stephen Ministers have found a way for you to take action and spread Christian love and care to those with whom we have temporarily lost contact. Become a Telephone Angel and help us give a call just to say “Hi, how are you? Is there anything we can do for you?”

Watch the Sunday bulletins for details or call 733-7156.

Weekday School Registration begins in February

Registration for the 2010 / 2011 school year at the Weekday School begins in February. If you are interested in sending your 3-month-old through pre-kindergarten part- or full-time, or know someone who is, please stop by the Weekday School office to get on the waiting list. Children currently attending get priority followed by siblings of currently attending children and children of LHUMC members, who are arranged by the date they get on the waiting list. For more information and to set up a tour, call the Weekday School Office, 732-6979.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *Children's Chapel*
9:30 Joyful Noise - *313-A*
9:45 Sunday School
3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
4:00 UMYF - *319*
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 *Worship: Connection - *DR*

Monday, January 25

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
9:00-4:00 Clergy Women's Mtg. (Mon.-Thu.) - *322*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
5:00 Learning Center Advisory Council - *Parlor*
5:30 Stewardship - *Laurel Room*
6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
7:00 Emmaus Reunion - *313-A*

Tuesday, January 26

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
5:45 Missions - *Laurel Room*
7:15 Neighborhood Ministries - *Parlor*

Wednesday, January 27

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 Supper - *Gym*
6:00 Learning Center Parents' Mtg. - *312*

6:15 *Service of Healing (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells - *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*
7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, January 28

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
9:00 Super Adult Day - *Gym, DR*
5:30 SPRC - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, January 29

Saturday, January 30
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
9:00-6:00 Human Sexuality Seminar - *Dining Room*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *Children's Chapel*
9:30 Joyful Noise - *313-A*
9:45 Sunday School
9:45 Fifth Sunday Children's Story Time - *Library*
9:45 Fifth Sunday Parlor Book Review - *Parlor*
3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
4:00 UMYF - *319*
4:30 Children's Ministry Team - *Parlor*
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 *Worship: Connection - *312*

Monday, February 1

7:30-5:30 Weekday School Registration (Mon.-Fri.) - *WDS*

9:00-4:00 Clergy Women's Meeting (Mon.-Thu.) - *322*

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
7:00 Emmaus Reunion - *313-A*

Tuesday, February 2

9:30 UMW Executive Committee - *Laurel Room*
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, February 3

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:15 Handbells - *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*
7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, February 4

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
5:45 Education Committee - *Parlor*
6:00 Church under the Bridge - *Depart from Woodlawn lot*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
7:00 Worship Comm. - *Laurel Room*

Friday, February 5

6:30 Parents' Night Out - *WDS*

Saturday, February 6

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
9:00-3:00 Professional Tour Guide Association - *312*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship / Holy Communion (Rev. Raquel C. Feagins) - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *Children's Chapel*
9:30 Joyful Noise - *313-A*
9:45 Sunday School
3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
4:00 UMYF - *319*
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 *Worship: Connection - *DR*

February Mission: Border Ministries

by Ted Bailey

Over the last year Laurel Heights youth and adults have participated in week long and weekend mission trips in Piedras Negras, Mexico, which lies across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, Texas. Our mission goers have helped on service and construction projects at several churches, a medical clinic, an orphanage, and in the construction of a Christian primary school. If you want to serve on a medical mission trip, let me know. We plan on the same type of opportunities this year.

This year, in addition to mission trips, we want to help open in August a Christian kindergarten at the Methodist Church, Templo Aleluya.

There are weekend opportunities to help fix up the classrooms and bathrooms to pass state inspection for the opening. Books in Spanish for the library for the kindergarten are always welcome.

For travel to Piedras Negras you will need a current passport if you want to accompany us on this trip. If you are interested in participating, contact Ted Bailey or Colleen Bailey at 804-1626 or tmbailey@baileylaw.biz or colleenbailey@sbcglobal.net.

Your Wednesday night table offerings and communion rail offerings in February will go to help support our mission work in the Piedras Negras area.

Monday, February 8

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
10:00 Book Review Social - *Choir Room*
10:30 Super Adult Book Review - *Scott Chapel*

1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*

3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
7:00 Emmaus Reunion - *313-A*

Tuesday, February 9

9:30 UMW General Mtg. - *Parlor*
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
11:30 Executive Committee - *Luby's*
2:00 Tuesday Musical Club Concert - *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, February 10

Time TBD Child / Youth Safety Policy Training - *Parlor*
10:00 Stephen Leaders - *313-B*
10:00 Super Adult Steering Committee - *Parlor*
11:30 L.E.O. - *Church Bus*
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:00 Property Comm. - *Laurel Rm.*
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*
6:15 *Worship & Communion - *Scott Chapel*

6:15 Handbells - *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*
7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, February 11

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
5:30 SPRC - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, February 12

10:00 Church Women United Board Meeting - *Parlor*
6:30 Parents' Night Out - *WDS*

Saturday, February 13

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
10:00 MOPS (Mothers of Pre schoolers) - *105*

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

General Memorials

WILLIAM C. DICKMAN
by
Joe G. Street

Laurel Heights

Learning Center

ROY R. CAMPBELL, JR.
by
Dr. & Mrs. Franklin Redmond

Music Fund

NEYSA SOMMERVILLE
by
Dr. & Mrs. Franklin Redmond

Christmas Offering

ROSEMARY ALTGELT
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz
NEYSA SOMMERVILLE
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

Blood Drive

Feb. 21
8 AM - 1 PM
Room 312

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Christmas Offering

SEAN COWAN
by
Henrietta Hopper
RAQUEL FEAGINS
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz
LESTER KOERLIN
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

JON LOWRY

by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

Mexico Missions

TED & COLLEEN
BAILEY
by
Elizabeth Hughes

Pastor's

Discretionary Fund

TOM & JEANETTE
MORTON
by
Dinah Tanner
MRS. DICK THIESEN
by
Adam & Kelley,
Amy & Jason,
Geneva & Rick



Healing: Cora Nell Fournier; Connie Aguilar; Roxane Darnell; Emily Cavazos; Fred Vaca; Nancy Fassnidge; Mindy Lanoux; Harold Souder; Betty Japhet; Shelley McMullen and Vicki Moler.

Those Who Mourn: Family of Willoben Stock-Smith who passed away Jan. 7.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.

UMCOR's Haiti Emergency Relief

After the devastating 7.0 earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12, UMCOR responded with funding, volunteers, materials and prayer. To give to the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund, please make your check payable to LHUMC and write "Advance # 418325" in the memo line. 100% of your gift will go to help the people of Haiti. Mail to LHUMC, 227 W. Woodlawn, SAT 78212.



JANUARY

24 Michael Enright; Beeper Smith; Bethany Williams
25 Melinda Hartson
26 Laura Healy
27 Janice Clayton; Tom Grossett
28 May O'Neal

FEBRUARY

1 Glenn Quick
3 Andrew Edeler; Murphy Thomas Grossett; Dale Stehle
4 Chrys Hecox; Susan Holloway
5 Karen Hogan; Richard Parrigan; Fred Vaca
7 Clyta Coder
10 Reid Hartson; Hazel Nelle Spillman
13 Tammy Valentine

The issue date of this bi-weekly publication is the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Deadline for submitting news is 5:00 pm on 1st & 3rd Thursdays. Mail to: Messenger Editor, 227 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio, TX 78212 or send an email to: cathy@mylhumc.org.