



Rev. Jon D. Lowry Senior Pastor

Letter of Jon

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (II Thessalonians 1: 2) And, Happy New Year!

Whew! All that beautiful business is over, and now it’s time to get started with the 2010 programs and ministries.

The New Year brings not only a new calendar and a new month, it also brings new leadership, new plans and visions and new church programs, ministries and activities. In order to plan and coordinate these, we will have our annual Leadership Planning and Orientation session.

Sunday, January 10, the newly elected church officers and board and committee members will meet for a “covered dish lunch” followed by our time for planning and coordinating the church programs and calendar for 2010. We will go over our “organization chart” and church goals, coordinate meeting times and dates and talk about the responsibilities of the chairpersons. We also plan to have “break-out” sessions for the individual committees to organize. Program Council Chair Wendell Davis and I will put all this together.

I’m personally excited about two Bible studies I will be leading. The “Genesis to Revelation” study will begin in early February, and we need to know when will be the best time and day for this three-year study. And, beginning the First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 21, I will be teaching a Sunday School class on “The Revelation to John.” There will be an opportunity to sign up for these classes throughout this month.

This church season of Epiphany is known as “the Season of Light,” so it’s an appropriate time for us to learn more about the Word. I hope to see you there.

We’ve just finished another wonderful year of ministry at Laurel Heights, and I’m excited about what’s coming next.

God bless,

Jon

Leadership Orientation and Lunch on Jan. 10

Committee chairs, gather your troops and make sure everyone on your committee brings a ready-to-serve dish to the Leadership Orientation on Sunday, Jan. 10. Register using the attendance registration form on Sunday or by calling the Church Receptionist, 733-7156. (We need a head count for set-up.)

Spouses are welcome to attend for lunch.

Sacred Saturday, Jan. 23 at St. Matthew’s UMC

New San Antonio District Superintendent The Rev. Carl Rohlf will lead the first Equipping the Saints Sacred Saturday workshop for 2010 on Jan. 23 at St. Matthew’s UMC, 2738 Bitters Road. This training workshop is for all pastors, SPRC chairs and committee members and anyone interested in the “who,” “what,” “when,” “where” and “how” of the SPRC. Sign-in begins at 8:30 am; the workshop runs 9:00 am to noon.

Equipping the Saints is a leadership development opportunity of the San Antonio District through the Council on Ministries. There is no charge to attend, but to ensure that there are adequate materials on-hand, please register with Terry McCandless by phone, 408-4533, by fax, 408-4521, or by email at tmccand@umcswtx.org. You will need to give your name, phone number, email address and church name.

Tuesday Musical Club Concert JAN. 12 - 2:00 PM LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC Claire Huangci piano For more information 545-5303 or 344-5929

Our mission ...is to offer Christ to those we encounter and to nurture, equip, and enable persons to become committed Christians in our community and the world beyond.

Human Relations Sunday, January 17

On the Sunday before the observance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, United Methodist congregations observe Human Relations Day. The special offering supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. Your offering strengthens outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you.

Rev. Lynn Barton to conduct human sexuality workshop

- Space is limited!

Laurel Heights UMC is sponsoring a human sexuality workshop for middle school youth and their parents on Saturday, Jan. 30 in the dining room. Leading the workshop is Rev. Lynn Barton who has been teaching human sexuality workshops for 20 years. This workshop is only for youth currently in sixth through eighth grades. Parental involvement is REQUIRED. No youth will be allowed to register without accompanying parent registration. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes lunch, snacks, and handouts. This workshop is limited to 50 persons. Hurry! Registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010. For more information and to register, please contact Sandra Jones, 733-7156 or sjones@mylhumc.org.

Review of 1960’s “The Help”

On Monday, Jan. 11 at 10:30 am in Scott Chapel, Susan Holloway will review The Help. This debut novel by Kathryn Stockett is an amazing account of three ordinary women who take an extraordinary step. Set in Jackson, Mississippi in the 1960’s, The Help is the story of women and their domestic help. Seemingly as different as night and day, these women come together for a clandestine project that puts them all at risk. The story is humorous, maddening and inspiring.

Admission is \$3 at the door or by season ticket. Come a half-hour early at 10:00 and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Choir Room.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*

9:30 Dedication of the Centennial Plaque - *Foyer*

9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*

9:30 Tiny Tones - *Children's Chapel*

9:30 Joyful Noise - *313-A*

9:45 Sunday School

12:00 Leadership Orientation and Lunch - *Dining Room*

3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*

4:00 UMYF - *319*

4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- *313-B*

5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*

6:00 *Worship: Connection - *312*

Monday, January 11

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*

10:00 Altar Guild - *Parlor*

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, January 12

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, January 13

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, January 14

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, January 15

6:30 Parents' Night Out - *WDS*

Saturday, January 16

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

9:00 Program Council - *312*

10:30 Board of Stewards - *312*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

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

12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*

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, January 18

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Weekday School Closed

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

9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *DR*

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*

1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*

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

5:30 Trustees - *Parlor*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

7:00 Emmaus Reunion - *313-A*

Tuesday, January 19

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*

5:30 Finance - *Parlor*

6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, January 20

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*

5:00 Evangelism Ministry Team - *Parlor*

5:00 Book Club - *Library*

5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*

6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*

7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, January 21

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)

5:30 Library Committee - *Library*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

Friday, January 22

6:30 Parents' Night Out - *WDS*

Saturday, January 23

8:00-10:00 Angel Food Distribution - *Woodlawn Entry*

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*



"Is anyone listening?"

Did you know there are hurting people all around you... and they sometimes wonder... "Is anyone listening?"

Allow God to use you to help others as a trained "listener" through Stephen Ministry at Laurel Heights. The next training series begins in February 2010.

For information, contact Ellen Evans, Barb Kurtz or Anna Lowry.



JANUARY

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Thad Dorsey

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Christian Campbell; William Northway

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Jane Jacobs

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Paul Beuhler

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Marisa Medina

16

Linda Salazar

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Kathy Chandler; Nancy Diseker

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Wesley Nye; Abby Sadler

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Paul Young

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Frank Healy

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James Moffett; Yvonne Stehle

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William Dugger; Sherry Smith

Christmas

Poinsettias

Given in Honor

The Christmas Poinsettias insert in the Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009 bulletin omitted the following honoraria. We apologize for the omissions.

Given by

Paul & Luke Campbell

in honor of

**their grandparents
Juanita & Harold Souder
and Marie Campbell**

Given by

Genny & Nick Campbell

in honor of

Anna & Jon Lowry

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

General Budget

ALEENE BLOCK

by

Members of
Believer's Bible Class

Heifer Project

TUESDAY MORNING

EMMAUS

REUNION GROUP

by

Molly Walden

December 20, 2009



Thanks
be to God,
I am now
home

recover-

ing from a dangerous spinal operation. My neurosurgeon described my procedure as a "textbook operation where everything was perfect." I do believe my surgeon had divine intervention in guiding his hands during the 7½ hour operation.

I want to thank my church family and friends for all the prayers and thoughts on my behalf. I am grateful for all the many visits I had. They meant so much to me.

Thank you also to those of you who sent me cards, candy and who called me. Thanks to the special lady for her famous brownies!

I am looking forward to returning to church in the near future. I still have a few weeks of therapy at home. With God's help and grace, everything is possible. I am convinced of this.

Peace and joy to all of you during this Season of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Fred Vaca

Ephiphany event with Dr. Abraham, Jan. 22

The Foundation Board of San Antonio United Methodist Campus Ministry cordially invites you to a 2010 Epiphany Event, featuring Rev. Dr. William Abraham, at 6:30 pm, Friday, Jan. 22 at University UMC, 5084 DeZavala.

The event includes a catered meal, music and testimonies, and Dr. Abraham's insights on Christian formation and leadership development.

Proceeds go toward eliminating the remaining debt on recent renovations at the Methodist Student Center at San Antonio College.

Attire is casual; seating is limited. Reservations and payment of \$25 per person must be received by Friday, Jan. 15. Payment should be sent to the Methodist Student Center, 102 Belknap Place, SAT 78212 with a list of those attending.

For more information, call Brenda Meneses, 733-1441.



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

Those Who Mourn: Rodney & Beeper Smith in the loss of his sister, Betty Gene Haile; Jill, Jacquelynn & Jordan Jopling in the loss of their father, Gene Jopling.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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